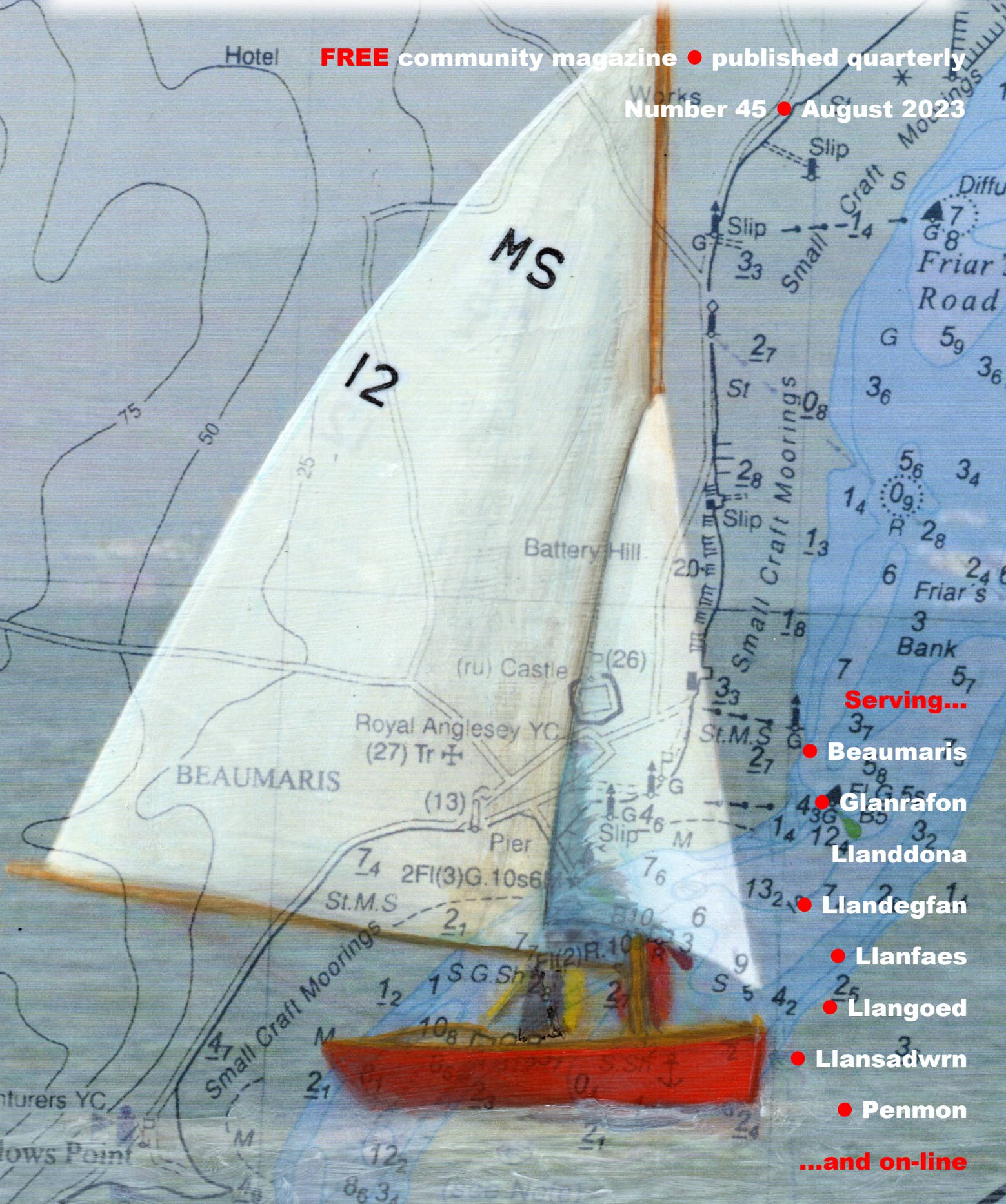


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EQUINOXES, SOLSTICES AND THE SEASONS...OR NOT!

John Nunn

I'm writing this at around the summer solstice, and at the time of writing we've had a lengthy dry spell with loads of sunshine.

I recall we had a similar spell of warm weather and bright sunshine earlier in the year when one could stroll on a warm spring day here on Anglesey whilst being able to see the tops of the mountains covered in snow. This sort of stunning juxtaposition of sun and snow is one of the many reasons I never regret having moved to this gorgeous corner of Anglesey some seven years ago. Having the sort of mind which goes off at a tangent, however, it got me thinking about the seasons.

I've mentioned the summer solstice already, and by the time you read this we will be approaching the autumn equinox when we have equal hours of daylight and darkness. This is on or about 21 September and is followed by the winter solstice (21 December) and the spring equinox. Search *start of summer* on-line and you'll see that the Met (short for Meteorological) Office says that summer started on 21 June, which is strange since the meteorological seasons are measured in whole months, starting on 1 June, 1 September, 1 December and 1 March. To be fair, they do refer to these as well. However you look at it, if summer starts on 1 June, 21 June is a bit early to be celebrating midsummer. The Met Office does mention the astronomical seasons as well; these are based on the solstices and equinoxes, so according to the astronomical calendar summer would start on or around 21 June and autumn would start on or around 21 September...so Midsummer's Day is also the first day of summer. Odd?

To muddy the waters even more the Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG) also refer to another way of defining the seasons based on biological and ecological factors, such as when leaves start falling. These are the phrenological seasons, and you're very welcome to explore these yourself...search *RMG phrenology* on-line...because this article is already long enough!

By now you'll have twigged that the definitions of when the seasons start and end is fairly fluid. Perhaps there may be some clues as to when the seasons start from the world of literature. Well...possibly the most famous reference to midsummer in literature is William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Although the dates around which the action in the play revolves are not identified, apparently some of the pre-Christian sources of which Shakespeare would

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have been aware, involving the wedding of supernatural beings (fairies, if you like) occurred at the time of the summer solstice. On the basis of this information, therefore, Midsummer's Day falls around 21 June, so it follows that autumn begins on or around 21 September, whenever the autumn equinox falls this year.

Whether we go for the astronomical autumn equinox or the meteorological 1 September, on the basis of the weather at the time of writing we are virtually bound to be hoping for some decent rain this autumn following on from the dry spell...very good for seaside resorts, perhaps, but not so great for farmers.

So...does any of this matter? Not in the slightest: we get what we get! This is just a rather long-winded way of wishing all of you, our readers, some suitably wet and seasonal autumn weather...hosepipe ban, anyone?...unless, of course, you are our readers in Beaumaris, Australia, in which case we hope that your spring is all you would want it to be.



AUGUST'S FRONT COVER

Adele Kettlewell

The Menai Strait is remarkable for the variety of classic yachts that are resident or regular visitors, many gathering for the annual regatta fortnight. The lovely Menai Strait One Design sloop (a design dating from 1937) is just one of them.

The Puffin's front cover this month features a Menai Strait One Design sloop, MS 12 *Flying Cloud*, sailing off Beaumaris pier on 1 May 2021, a day of picture-book blues, small white-crested waves and a lot of Fifes busy racing.

A brief history of the MSOD is given in the next article, *The Marks & Spencer boats*...



Says Adele: I'm Adele Williamson (Kettlewell), and I live in Beaumaris.

I've always had a passion for art, gaining a BA in Design at Coleg Menai. I work with multimedia in 2D and 3D, encasing items in resin relating to the stories of Plas Bodfa at Llangoed.

I grew up in Beaumaris, and spent many hours watching the yachts racing and learning about their different classes.

I used one of Andrew Perrott's photographs as the basis for the cover illustration, generating an image from the photograph and incorporating detail from an old chart of the area from which the yachts hail to tell a visual story. You'll see Gallows Point, where the MSODs were built, in the bottom left-hand corner.

You'll find examples of my work at Stiwdio Bwmares, 17 Margaret Street, Beaumaris LL58 8DN.

THE MARKS & SPENCER BOATS...

Thanks to Henry Chesterton and the Menai Strait One Design owners for this interesting history, which was published in *Classic Boat* magazine (adapted by Andrew Perrott)

There's quite a number of classic yachts that are resident or regular visitors to Beaumaris and the Menai Strait: the lovely Menai Strait One Design sloops (1937), the graceful Fifes (1926) and the Mersey Mylnes (1935), to mention just a few.

Plans for the Menai Strait One Design sloop (MSOD) were prepared in the early 1930s, for a boat capable of being raced and sailed in the Menai Strait, a stretch of water that is subject to significant tidal conditions, with a wide expanse of water at high tide to the narrow channel at low water. It's characterised by vast expanses of sandbanks, rocky coves and the infamous Swellies at Menai Bridge, described by Horatio Nelson as the 'most treacherous waters in the world'.

17 MSODs were built between 1937 and 1952. Most have remained in the North Wales area throughout their life, with five being used for many years by HMS Conway as training yachts and one used likewise by the Beaumaris Sea Scouts.

In 1939 it was decided to add the letters MS to the sail to aid in identifying them; this led to their being called Marks & Spencer boats.

The class had a set of two basic values: first, that they must be prepared and sailed with no modifications from their original condition, and second, that none ought to be sold to an owner who showed an intention to take the boat out of the area or adapt it for alternative use. The latter value was adhered to less strictly, unfortunately, which caused the class to weaken, boats to be adapted and some to be sold away. By the mid-1970s the demise in the fleet resulted in few still sailing and, on occasions, only one or two seen racing.

In 1948 MS 1 *Britannia* was sold to be a launch on the Thames where she had an engine installed; MS 2 *Spindrift* had an engine installed in 1948 and removed in 1952; MS 5 *Aderyn* was believed to have been destroyed following irreparable storm damage; MS 11 *Ceris* was lost at sea and MS 14 *Sudy* had disappeared. Attempts to halt the class's demise probably started in the late 1970s when *Britannia* was purchased and returned to Anglesey nearly 30 years after she left. The engine was removed and she was soon racing again. Buoyed by this success, owners of the time encouraged others to join the fleet and refurbish the boats that required work on them. As enthusiasm increased the history of the fleet improved. The framework of a sloop was found submerged, having cleared

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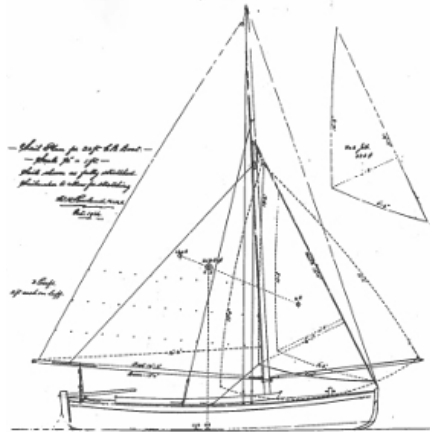
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herself of the mud that had engulfed her, and was identified as *Ceris*. Around this time and after much sleuthing work it was established that *Sudy* had last been seen in the early 1960s in a boatyard in mid-Wales. Investigation established that, apart from briefly being a hen-house, a cabin had been fitted in 1964 and twin bilge keels fitted in 1977.

Sudy was eventually found in west Wales in 1985, returned to Anglesey, completely renovated over a three-year period and relaunched in 1989 to her original specification. Work began on rebuilding *Ceris*; most of the hull planking had survived despite her ordeal. She was rebuilt and relaunched in the 1990s. This meant that, by the mid-1980s the whereabouts of all but one of the class were known.

What had happened to *Aderyn*? Now follows a classic sleuthing story, with just the ending that one would like... The stories of *Aderyn* were varied; the last reliable reports dated from the late 1950s/early 1960s: she had been variously 'stolen', been 'lost in a storm in '58', or 'smashed to pieces' against the sea wall and subsequently burnt due to being beyond repair.

It was a shame because, as far as was known, the class was just one boat short of being the only 'complete class' from that era in the world. In 1985, though, a seaman travelling through Beaumaris was talking casually to a town resident about the MSOD boats he'd seen in the Strait when he mentioned that he'd seen a similar boat being used with an outboard motor off Lindisfarne in Northumberland. This news came to the attention of fleet members, so another bout of sleuthing commenced.



MENAI STRAIT ONE DESIGN
DESIGNED BY W.H. ROWLAND M.M.E. 1936
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MESSRS MORRIS & LEAVETT
BOAT BUILDERS
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BEAUMARIS
SEVENTEEN BUILT BETWEEN 1937 & 1952

An early 1950s outline of the Menai Strait One design sloop (via Classic Boat)



1 May 2021: MS 12 *Flying Cloud* off Beaumaris pier, showing her neat and simple lines to advantage

After several calls the owner of the boat was identified and he was contacted. He'd bought the boat as a small fishing vessel about three years before, but didn't know what sort of boat she was. While he had a mast, he'd never had cause to put it up, so had never sailed her.

After much description of the MSOD's characteristics, the excitement increased during the call as the more the dimensions and details of *Aderyn* were explained to him the more likely it seemed that this was indeed the 'lost yacht'. Remarkably, her owner even had a set of sails. He retrieved the bag, emptied it and found a mainsail with the MS 5 on it... The search was finally complete, a most satisfactory end to the quest to complete the class.

In the years that followed all 17 boats have been on the water, and all have raced within the last 12 years.

On one occasion 14 of the class gathered for a race where, magically, the first and second boats were accompanied for the final two miles of the race by a family of visiting blue-nosed dolphins.

📖 The Story of The Menai Straits One Design Yacht
www.classicboat.co.uk/articles/the-story-of-the-menai-straits-one-design-yacht/

📖 Menai Strait's heritage sailing
www.menaistraitsheritagesailing.com

📖 List of keelboat classes designed before 1970
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_keelboat_classes_designed_before_1970



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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 with us.

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 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.

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

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- **Mobile library:** the mobile library visits communities which are more than ¼ 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:**
The Shop
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 Llangejni 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:

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, and makes the following weekly local stops at Llanddona and Llandegfan:
 - **Llanddona:**
Neuadd Bentref Llanddona
Village Hall
LL58 8TS
Tuesday 2.30pm-3.00pm
Maes Gwyn
LL58 8TP
Tuesday 3.05pm-3.30pm
 - **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/



Beaumaris

- **Beaumaris Lifeboat Day:** Saturday 19 August, 11.00am-4.00pm. Among the attractions will be:
 - Stalls: Beaumaris Makers Market, Ambulance Response, the

Coastguard and the Welsh Guards

- o Food outlets: refreshments, an ice cream van, cakes and hot drinks provided by the Fundraising Team, a burger tent
 - o A bouncy castle
 - o A tombola/lucky dip
 - o Possibly a cocktail stall
- ...and much more besides!

If the weather and operational needs permit, the crew will be launching the lifeboat, hopefully three times during the day. There will be water safety talks and a raffle, and Stormy Stan, the Lifeboat mascot, will be there as well.

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.

Please come along and support Beaumaris lifeboat!



Lifeboats

- **Beaumaris Rotary's Autumn Arts 2023:** Wednesday 4 October-Sunday 8 October.

You'll find more information further on:

- o There's a full-page advertisement on page 12
- o More detailed information in *Beaumaris Rotary news* on page 11,
- o An article on page 27 about the moving art show, *Art from the unseen*, inspired by plankton shapes
- o A leaflet enclosed which gives a complete listing of the Autumn Arts 2023 programme.

Don't miss it!

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

📄 Beaumaris Rotary
www.facebook.com/beaumarisrotary/



- **Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club:** Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club will be fielding eight teams again 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.

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Read more about the Club's recent activities on page 24.

- **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 Longboat.

It doesn't matter if you've never rowed before; we'll show you the ropes.

Please contact Rachael Robins, Recruitment Officer, if you are interested.

✉ robins.rach@gmail.com



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

Go to page 7 to read about the workshops that Anne runs.

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

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

3 August: *Afternoon*, an emotional father-daughter drama set in Turkey in the 1990s, starring Paul Mescal and Frankie Corio.



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.

A very successful meeting was held on Monday 26 June at which we were entertained by Chris and Sue, then had a strawberry tea with home-made scones. A questionnaire was given out and the responses were all generally positive.

Put these dates in your diary!

- o **Gorffnaf, Awst/July, August:** cyfnod gwyliau/ holiday period
- o **25 Medi/25 September:** sgwrs

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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.

There are lots of exciting new things planned for the Summer season 2023.

There will be lots of activities for children and adults with a selection of new creative 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.

Restarts 19 September.

Wednesdays
1.00pm-3.00pm

Watercolours for beginners & Intermediate 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 accordingly. Places still available.

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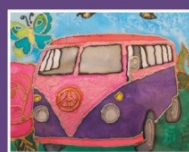
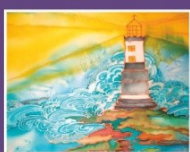


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If you are late joining the course, fees will be adjusted.

Places are still available.

Restarts 21 September.

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.

Restarts 21 September.

Fridays
1.00pm onwards

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

Please look out for updates on the Facebook page, there will be more details nearer the time.

For more information...

Look out for information 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

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🌐 www.facebook.com/anne.snaith.1

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Jones, Air Ambulance
representative

- **30 Hydref/30 October:** Fiona Braithwaite, siaradwr o Erddi Bodnant/Fiona Braithwaite, speaker from Bodnant Gardens

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

☎ 01248 812157, 07483 827069

✉ dmikedmail@gmail.com

We are running two trips:

- **14 September:** to the Golf Club, Caernarfon
- **26 September:** to the Llangollen Canal

Please contact the Chair for details
and bookings.

- **Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris Leisure Centre:** There's so much

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happening at Canolfan Hamdden
Beaumaris!

See our centre-spread on pages 16-17 and the article on page 19 to find out what's going on, and keep up-to-date with everything via social media.

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transformation of Canolfan Hamdden

Beaumaris.

The National Lottery has awarded £50,000 to Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris and Cynghrair Seiriol Alliance to develop ambitious plans for a £5 million project for the transformation of Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris into a modern well-being community hub co-ordinating with Cynghrair Seiriol Alliance and other community facilities as part of a close Seiriol network.

Now go to page 10 to read more
about this exciting project.



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

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 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

Go to page 20 for more Seiriol Alliance news.



- **Menai Strait Regattas 2023:** Monday 31 July-Saturday 12 August.

The Menai Strait Regattas are raced over the fortnight in late July-early August.

Most of the boats racing are classic boats, such as the Fife, the Mersey Mylne and the Menai Strait One Design.

Cruisers and dinghies are also welcomed in handicap fleets.

The event is based mostly at Beaumaris, but other venues along the Strait are included, right up to Caernarfon.

The regattas include the iconic races from Beaumaris to Caernarfon through the Swellies and round Puffin Island.

The website should hold all the information necessary to give an idea of the regattas, but for more details please e-mail us.

📧 Menai Strait Regattas 2023
<https://menaistraitregattas.org.uk>

✉ secretary@menaistraitregattas.org.uk



- **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

Don't forget to 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's a list of the 2023 dates from August onwards; all times are 10.00am-4.00pm:

August: 5, 6, 12, 20, 26, 27

September: 3

October: 22

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 October, 10.00am-4.00pm.

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

✉ beaumariswelshartisanmarket@outlook.com

Llanddona

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! Read more about us on page 30.

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

📧 Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall
Llanddona
Anglesey
LL58 8TS

📧 Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall
www.facebook.com/llanddonavillagehall/

📧 Cymuned Llanddona Community
www.facebook.com/groups/llanddona/



- **Y Man Cyfarfod/The Meeting Place:** every Tuesday, 1.00pm-4.00pm, at Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall. It's the place to meet friends, enjoy a paned and biscuits, join in a hand of whist or something else.

- **Paned a Sgwrs:** every Tuesday, 1.00pm-4.00pm, 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 Gillian Vaughan.

☎ 07925 184476

- **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

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on the first Friday of every month.

All food is freshly prepared on the premises by volunteers.

Summer closure: please note that Caffi Ni is closed until 18 September, on which date it will reopen with a Special Roast Chicken Dinner.

Booking is advisable; please telephone Pat on 07768 018370.

- **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

- **Prize Bingo:** Thursday 11 August, Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall.

Prizes will include a cash prize. Entry is free and a bar and pizza will be available.

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 no problem; we have some available for use in the classes.

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Please contact Miriam Williams for more information.

☎ 07733 176004

- **Cwlb Ffermwyr 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.

For more information contact Meg Marsden.

☎ 07913 223435

- **Llanddona Tractor Rally 2023:** 19 August, starting at 10.00am at the Owain Glyndŵr.
- **The Owain Glyndŵr:** there's always a lot happening at the Owain Glyndŵr.

Contact us for information about what's on.

☎ 01248 810710

📍 The Owain Glyndŵr Llanddona Anglesey LL58 8UF

✉ contact@ogdillan-ddona.co.uk

📍 Cymuned Llanddona Community www.facebook.com/groups/Llanddona/

Llangoed

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

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

✉ llangoedvillagehall@gmail.com

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

📍 www.facebook.com/llangoedvillagehall

- **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
- Park and walk down the slope (a right-hand course if you're facing Haulfre) towards the gardens
- Our premises are very close; our large workshop is on the left, and our other premises are on the right.

PS: it's men only!...and please park

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SCAN ME

✉ 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!

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

See also page 15.



- **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.

- **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.



PROSIECT CYSYLLTU SEIRIOL CONNECT

Steve MacVicar

Mae'r Loteri Genedlaethol wedi dyfarnu £50,000 i Ganolfan Hamdden Biwmares a Chynghrair Seiriol Alliance i ddatblygu cynlluniau uchelgeisiol ar gyfer prosiect gwerth £5 miliwn!

Cynhaliodd Cynghrair Seiriol Alliance a Chanolfan Hamdden Biwmares ymgynghoriadau helaeth â chymunedau Seiriol yn 2016, 2021 a 2022 a nododd y gymuned y rhwystrau sylweddol canlynol i les yn yr ardal:

- Diffyg adnoddau a gweithgareddau addas
- Cyfathrebu gwael a rhannu gwybodaeth o fewn a rhwng cymunedau Seiriol

Fel canlyniad i'r ymgynghoriadau hyn, rydym wedi datblygu Prosiect Cysylltu Seiriol gyda'r bwriad o drawsnewid Canolfan Hamdden Biwmares yn ganolfan gymunedol llesiant modern sy'n cydlynu gyda'r Gynghrair a chyfleusterau cymunedol eraill fel rhan o rwydwaith agos Seiriol.

Mae Prosiect Cysylltu Seiriol yn cynnig darparu'r canlynol:

- 1 Ymestyn a gwella adeilad Canolfan Hamdden Biwmares a fydd yn cynnwys:
 - Cyfleusterau theatr wedi'u huwchraddio
 - Mannau gweithgareddau amlbwrpas
 - Cyfleusterau lles
 - Ymgorffori Llyfrgell Biwmares i brif adeilad Canolfan
 - Caffi/cyfleuster chwarae meddal
 - Cyfleuster 'Newid Lleodd'
- 2 Rhwydwaith mwy cysylltiedig o gyfleusterau cymunedol ar draws ardal Seiriol gyda:
 - Storfa ganolog ar gyfer offer cymunedol
 - Rhwydwaith e-feiciau a cherbydau EV cymunedol
 - Rhannu gwybodaeth integredig ac arbenigedd marchnata a gefnogir gan ddatblygiad cymunedol a staff ymgysylltu

Please contact

- Owen Williams: 01248 811260, 07902 093790
- Richard Gregson: 07917 094964

or anyone who is involved with CPD Llangoed FC the only club in Seiriol Ward to support grassroots football

- 3 Cynnal a chreu gwaith uniongyrchol ac anuniongyrchol, hyfforddiant a chyfluoedd gwirfoddoli yn cynnwys pum swydd newydd ar gyfer ardal Seiriol:
 - Rheolwr Cysylltu Seiriol
 - Dau Swyddog Datblygu Cymunedol
 - Un Swyddog TG a Gweinyddu
 - Swyddog Ymgysylltu â'r Gymuned, Swyddog Marchnata a Digwyddiadau

Yn ychwanegol, bydd y prosiect yn cefnogi'r Ganolfan i:

- Gadw y gweithlu presennol (4.5 SLIA)
- Cyflogi 2 brentisiaeth y flwyddyn
- Defnyddio'r caffi a chyfleusterau newydd eraill ar gyfer hyfforddiant



CYSYLLTU SEIRIOL CONNECT PROJECT

Steve MacVicar

The National Lottery has awarded £50,000 to Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris and Cynghrair Seiriol Alliance to develop ambitious plans for a

£5 million project!

Cynghrair Seiriol Alliance and Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris undertook extensive consultations with the Seiriol communities in 2016, 2021 and 2022, and the community identified the following significant barriers to wellbeing in the area:

- Lack of amenities, resources and suitable activities
- Poor communication and information-sharing within and between the Seiriol communities

Supported by our learning from these consultations we have developed the Cysylltu Seiriol Connect Project with the intention to transform Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris into a modern well-being community hub co-ordinating with Cynghrair Seiriol Alliance and other community facilities as part of a close Seiriol network.

The Cysylltu Seiriol Connect Project is proposing to deliver the following:

- 1 An extended and improved Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris building which will include:
 - Upgraded theatre facilities
 - Multipurpose activity spaces
 - Wellness facilities
 - Incorporation of Beaumaris Library into the main Canolfan building
 - A café/soft play facility
 - A 'Changing Places' facility
- 2 A more connected network of community facilities across the Seiriol area with:
 - A central storage for community equipment
 - An e-bike network and community EV vehicles
 - Integrated information sharing and marketing expertise supported by community development and engagement staff
- 3 Sustaining and creating direct and indirect employment, training and volunteering opportunities including five new jobs for the Seiriol area:
 - Cysylltu Seiriol Connect Manager
 - Two Community Development Officers
 - One IT and Administration Officer
 - One Community Engagement, Marketing and Events Officer

In addition the project will support the Canolfan to:

- Retain its existing workforce (4.5 full-time employees)

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Lluniad pensaer o ddatblygiad arfaethedig y Ganolfan
 Architect's drawing of the proposed Canolfan development
 (Owain Evans, Russell-Hughes Cyf)



- Employ 2 Apprenticeships per year
- Use the café and other new facilities for training

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BEAUMARIS ROTARY NEWS

Kevin Sivyer, Beaumaris Rotary Hub Lead

Annual Dog Show Our Annual Dog Show in support of Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs took place on Sunday 30 July. There'll be a full report and photographs in **The Puffin** 46.

Autumn Arts 2023 Our main activity during 4-8 October will be the annual autumn arts event, *Autumn Arts 2023*, again supporting Beaumaris RNLI and local charities. There's a full-page advert on page 12, and the enclosed leaflet gives full details of the programme.

This year will focus on the visual arts, starting with a fashion show, provided by Soulful Living in aid of Llangoed Guides, using local female and male models!

An innovation this year is an art competition on a *War on Waste* theme
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for pupils of Beaumaris and Llangoed schools, with local adult artists also able to submit any art form on the same theme. Local artists Sally Fairclough and Ian Walton will judge entries in Llanfaes Community Centre.

Running throughout the week will be a moving art show, *Art from the unseen*, inspired by plankton shapes...! Read more about it on page 27.

Youth will play a prominent role this year, with a showcase of talent from students of the Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias academy and Bodedern School Music club.

A variety of musical performances will be provided by guitar/flute duo, *Above the Cry of the Gulls*, the Newborough Ukelele group, Miv, Kev & Dave and a chance to sing favourite Welsh and English hymns in Capel y Drindod.

The highlight of the week will be a professional cabaret evening provided by *All that Malarkey*, a riotous musical act from four dangerously good singers and hilarious pianist/MC: don't miss it!

Tickets will be available from Beaumaris Rotary or the Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris. Most Autumn Arts events have free admission, with donations appreciated at each, all income being used to support Beaumaris RNLI and local charities. Appreciation is due to all participants who have given freely of their time and talent, as well as local businesses and individuals who have sponsored or supported Autumn Arts 2023.

Note Annual community service awards will be presented during this event to local individuals who have contributed significantly to Beaumaris organisations.

See you in October!



**ST MARY'S SERENITY GARDEN:
 COME AND MEET OUR NEW PUFFIN!**

Stephen Buckley

Supported by a generous grant from Menter Môn, a team of volunteers has been rejuvenating St Mary's Serenity Garden, next to the beautiful Church of

(go to page 13)



BEAUMARIS ROTARY
AUTUMN ARTS 2023
SUPPORTING RNLI & LOCAL CHARITIES

WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER

7 p.m. Fashion Show "SOULFUL LIVING" at the Bulkeley Hotel

THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER

8 p.m. "Above the cry of the gulls"
Guitar & Flute duo at The Bull Hotel.

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER

7 p.m. Musical Cabaret "All that Malarkey" at the Bulkeley Hotel

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

10.30 a.m. Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias Students Showcase
2-4 p.m. Art Competition "WAR ON WASTE" for young and adult
artists - judging at Llanfaes Community Centre
7-8 p.m. Young Performers from Bodedern School Music Club
at the Bulkeley Hotel
8.30 p.m. Newborough Ukulele Group at the Bulkeley Hotel

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER

2 p.m. Miv, Kev & Dave at the R.A.Y.C.
3 p.m. Hymn Singing Festival at Capel y Drindod

Moving Art Show "Art from the unseen"
inspired by Plankton shape and form at the Canolfan Gallery.
Static Art Displays in various venues.

Rotary



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(from page 11)

St Mary and St Nicholas in Beaumaris.

The six benches were refurbished in spring 2022 by the Seiriol Men's Shed team, using home-grown timber.

The paths have been re-established, a new path has been created, tree work undertaken, and a lot of new planting done, with much more to follow. The Garden features a willow and metal puffin sculpture made by local sculptor, Debbie Meziane-Joynson of Wispy Willow Creations. It is one of the few green spaces in the centre of the town, a small oasis of peace quiet in our bustling and busy community. Whilst visiting, people will be able follow a reflection trail which encourages the enjoyment of the peace and quiet of the surroundings.

St Mary's Serenity Garden reopened on Saturday 22 July by the Town Mayor, Councillor D T Evans. We hope that local residents and visitors will visit and enjoy it. You'll be able to read more about the opening in **The Puffin 46**, November 2023.

A team of local volunteers maintains the Garden. Please contact Chrissy Newsham on 07836 272488 or via chrissynewsham@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved.

RALI TRACTOR LLANDDONA 2023

Lucy Low

Mae'r digwyddiad hwn wedi dod yn osodyn cadarn yng nghalendr digwyddiadau yn Llanddona. Eleni bydd Rali Tractor Llanddona yn cael ei chynnal ddydd Sadwrn 19 Awst, gan ddechrau am 10.00am yn yr Owain Glyndŵr. Mae priodas yn y pentref ar yr un penwythnos ac mae'r cwpwl hapus yn priodi yn Eglwys Sant Iestyn ac yna penwythnos o ddathliadau yn Neuadd Bentref Llanddona. Rydym yn dymuno'n dda iddynt.

Mae bapiau bacwn a phaned ar gael o ddechrau'r bore, a bydd te a lluniaeth ar gael drwy'r dydd gyda chacennau blasus ar werth o stonidn cacennau'r Eglwys. Byd raffl wych gyda gwobrau gwyh, stonidn cynnyrch lleol a gêm sy'n addas ar gyfer pob oedran gyda gwobr wych arall o Docynnau Stadiwm Taith y Principality.

Bydd y tractorau'n gadael tua 11.00yb, eu llwybr yn mynd â nhw ar hyd rhai o'r lonydd gwledig hardd a geir yn y gornel hon o'r ynys, ac ar draws Parc y Ceirw ym Mhenmon trwy ganiatâd caredig Syr Richard Bulkeley. Nod y tractorau yw dychwelyd erbyn tua 4.00pm; bydd yr Owain Glyndŵr ar agor i'w croesawu yn ôl am luniaeth, a bydd rhost mochyn, Hogs Mon ac adloniant byw:

- 3.00yp-5.00yp: Miv, Kev & Dave, grŵp lleol adnabyddus sy'n canu'ch holl ffefrynnau

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'Our puffin'...before its flight from South Stack to Beaumaris...
(Debbie Meziane-Joynson)



...and after landing in St Mary's Serenity Garden
(Chrissy Newsham)



The garden before work started...
(Steve Buckley)



...and with works well under way
(Steve Buckley)

- 5.00yp-6.00yp: arwerthiant, raffl a lluniaeth
- 7.00yp: The Timetinkers, gyda cherddoriaeth fyw boblogaidd
- 9.00yp: cerddoriaeth gan ein bechgyn

Ileol gyda'u band gwyh Adelphi

Cawsom gefnogaeth mor wych i'r Eglwys; er bod angen cyllid bob amser i gynnal a chadw'r adeiladau, eleni rydym yn falch o godi arian ar gyfer Blaen y Coed, canolfan gofal dydd yn Llangoed ar gyfer oedolion ag anableddau dysgu, ac mae'r Owain Glyndŵr yn cefnogi Little Hearts Matter, elusen sy'n agos at eu teulu.

Rydym wrth ein bodd ein bod bellach yn gallu cefnogi elusennau lleol, ac rydym yn edrych ymlaen at groesawu pawb ar ddydd Sadwrn 19 Awst! Lledaenwch y gair a dewch i ymuno yn un o ddiwyddiadau arbennig pentref Llanddona.

Dyddiad arall ar gyfer eich dyddiadur

Bydd Castell Tywod ar Draeth Llanddona yn cael ei chynnal ddydd Llun 28 Awst, Gŵyl y Banc Awst, gyda'r amser i'w gadarnhau...yn amodol ar y llanw! Cadwch lygad am gyhoeddiadau er cyfryngau cymdeithasol.



LLANDDONA TRACTOR RALLY 2023

Lucy Low

This event has become a firm fixture in the calendar of events in Llanddona. This year Llanddona Tractor Rally will take place on Saturday 19 August, starting at 10.00am at the Owain Glyndŵr. There is a wedding in the village on the same weekend and the happy couple are getting married at the Church of St Iestyn followed by a weekend of celebrations in Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall. We wish them well.

Bacon baps and a paned are on offer from early morning, and there will be tea and refreshments served all day with delicious cakes on sale from the Church cake stall. There will be a great raffle with fantastic prizes, a local produce stall and a game suitable for all ages with yet another great prize of Principality Tour Stadium Tickets.

The tractors will leave at about 11.00am, their route taking them along some of the beautiful scenic country lanes found in this corner of the island, and across the Deer Park at Penmon by kind permission of Sir Richard Bulkeley. The tractors aim to return by about 4.00pm; the Owain Glyndŵr will be open to welcome them back for refreshments, and there will be are will be a Hogs Môn hog roast and live entertainment:

- 3.00pm-5.00pm: Miv, Kev & Dave, a well-known local group singing all your favourites
- 5.00pm-6.00pm: auction, raffle and refreshments

- 7.00pm: The Timetinkers, with popular live music
- 9.00pm: music from our local boys with their great band Adelphi

We have had such fantastic support for the Churches; although finances are always needed for the upkeep and running of the buildings, this year we are proud to be raising money for Blaen y Coed, a day care centre in Llangoed for adults with learning disabilities, and the Owain Glyndŵr is supporting Little Hearts Matter, a charity close to their family.

We are delighted that we can now support local charities, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone on 19 August! Spread the word and come and join in one of Llanddona village's special events.

Another date for your diary The Sandcastle Competition on Llanddona Beach will take place on Monday 28 August, August Bank Holiday, with the time to be confirmed...subject to tides! Keep a watch for announcements on social media.

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SIOE FLODAU LLANGOED 2023: AM DDIGWYDDIAD LLWYDDIANNUS!

Julie Upmeyer

Ail-lansiwyd Sioe Flodau Llangoed gyda chyfoeth o egni creadigol ar 8 Gorffennaf yn Neuadd Bentref Llangoed.

Gyda dros 500 o geisiadau gan fwy na 200 o wneuthurwyr a thyfwrwr brwdfrydig, roedd y Neuadd yn llawn cyffro o fore tan nos.

Llongyfarchiadau i fyfyrwyr Ysgol Llangoed, a wnaeth cyflwyniadau i'r categori 'Darlun Botanegol' am arddangosfa ysbrydoledig iawn.

Arweiniodd eu gweithdy yn gynharach yn y flwyddyn gyda'r bardd Siân Northey ac Elen Williams at doreth o gerddi a gweithiau celf Cymraeg a gafodd eu cynnwys yn y Sioe. Daeth y creadigaethau yn llyfr, un a roddwyd i bob myfyriwr, ac mae copïau ohono ar gael ar ein gwefan.

Diolch yn fawr i'r beirniaid gweithgar: Brenda Williams, Norman Evans, Medwyn Williams, Anita Malhotra, Audrey Jones, Mari Rose Pritchard, Jo Alexander, Ness Owen, Mike Linford a'r Rev Leslie Rendle.

Ac at y gwirfoddolwyr di-ofn a'r pwyllgor newydd: Julie Upmeyer, Kirsty Lindenbaum, Jonathan Lewis, Lucy Low a Clare Tewson.

Dyma ddetholiad o luniau.



(John Draper)

Mae mwy o luniau a rhestr o'r holl enillwyr ar ein gwefan.

Welwn ni chi flwyddyn nesaf!

📧 Sioe Flodau Llangoed Flower Show
www.llangoedflowershow.com

📧 Sioe Flodau Llangoed Flower Show
www.facebook.com/groups/1204789246940259



LLANGOED FLOWER SHOW 2023: WHAT A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

Julie Upmeyer

The Llangoed Flower Show was relaunched with a wealth of creative energies on 8 July at Llangoed Village Hall.

With over 500 entries from more than 200 enthusiastic makers and growers, the Hall was a flurry of action from morning until evening.

Congratulations to the students of Ysgol Llangoed, whose submissions to the 'Botanical Illustration' category made for a very inspirational display.

Their workshop earlier in the year with poet Siân Northey and Elen Williams resulted in a bounty of Welsh-language poems and artworks which were included in the Show. The creations became a book, one given to each student, copies of which are available on our website.

Many thanks to the hard-working judges: Brenda Williams, Norman Evans, Medwyn Williams, Anita Malhotra, Audrey Jones, Mari Rose Pritchard, Jo Alexander, Ness Owen, Mike Linford and Rev Leslie Rendle.

And hats off to the fearless volunteers and the new committee: Julie Upmeyer, Kirsty Lindenbaum, Jonathan Lewis, Lucy Low and Clare Tewson.

Here's a selection of pictures.

There are more pictures and a listing of all the winners on our website.

See you next year!

📧 Sioe Flodau Llangoed Flower Show
www.llangoedflowershow.com

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Still busy busy busy! We've been kept occupied with all sorts of things. Read more about it below...

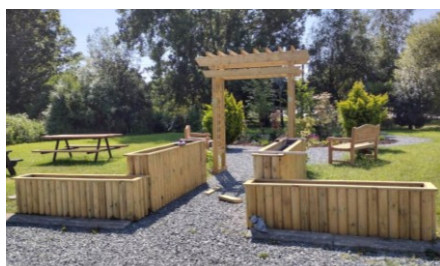
Llangoed Village Hall This job involved an arch and planters, and was 'quite a task'.

We knew about the planters; their size and specification came as a surprise. We had to look far and wide to find treated half-round timber, which was sourced eventually from Telford. The rest of the timber and hardware were supplied locally by Huws Gray. When they were finished they were heavy and unwieldy, but the Gardens Team tracted them down to the Village Hall gardens.



The Archers! The Japanese arch is ready for concreting in

Steve Jones masterminded the big Japanese arch, and we workers just cut, marked and drilled as we were told; like Topsy, it grew and grew. Towards the end someone said 'will it go through the door?' A quick measurement: 'no, it won't'. By taking off one component and manhandling it diagonally we got it through...just! Steve made a jig to locate the post-hole positions, temporary diagonals and crosspieces held it square, and installation followed.



The planters and Japanese arch in place (Steve Jones)

The next time I saw it was standing proud and magnificent, complete with our smart 'crafted by' roundel in place. Our small Team is pleased and proud to have been involved in this great project.

'Tools for Africa' We've had many things on the go: in the middle of all our busyness we were offered the chance to clear some sheds for an elderly gentleman. It was tools and equipment; our ethos is to help people, and the 'Tools for Africa' scheme would probably benefit. It was a bigger task than we

expected, with quite a few trailer-loads of this and that and a lot of really useful screws, bolts, brackets, knobs, handles, etc., all to be sorted, boxed and inventoried. Quite a lot for Africa: more work!



Mike Thomas at work in our well-equipped workshop (Steve Jones)

SEIRIOL MEN'S SHED

Mike Thomas



The gardens We've made good progress, with a wide variety of fruit and veg on the go. We've installed a watering system in the greenhouse, and have decided to use a fine-mesh cover on our polytunnel frame; polythene has a history of being shredded by the wind here.



Work under way refurbishing a bench in St Mary's Serenity Garden, Beaumaris, last year (Steve Jones)

Our workshop We were very pleased with our bench refurbishment last year in St Mary's Serenity Garden in Beaumaris; go to page 11 and read more about what's been happening there.

Our spacious and well-equipped workshop has a comprehensive range of machinery and equipment.

We can clean and sharpen garden tools. Repair and generally fettle wooden furniture and garden benches, and we make planters, bird boxes, bat boxes and wind fish (wind vanes) as well.



Two of the refurbished benches, looking very smart (Steve Jones)

Generally, though, we don't do off-site work, but we are versatile...

We have to charge for materials, and depend on a contribution to pay for jobs.



A set of gates, during refurbishment, above, and and back in place, work completed, below; L-R: Bob Bousfield, Steve Jones, Mike Thomas (Steve Jones)



Wanted We're looking for any unwanted timber for repurposing; we can collect it if necessary

More members, please! We're a small friendly group of men motivated by serving our Seiriol Community and enjoying the company that our group provides.

How to find us Our contact details, directions, etc., are in *What's happening where?* on page 9.

Visit us, have a cuppa and a biscuit with us and ask us any questions you like!



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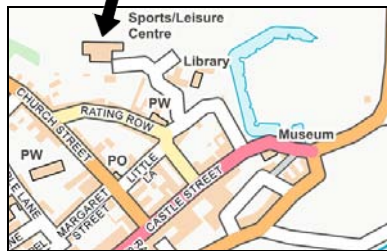
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Dydd Sul 17 Medi**

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Ar gyfer 2023

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- **Badminton plant** •
Dydd Iau
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- **Gymnasteg plant** •
Dydd Mawrth, dydd Mercher
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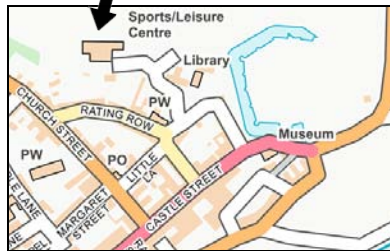
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**Saturday 16 September
Sunday 17 September**

All children and adults
need to enter in advance

See our poster
on page 20!

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The first Thursday of the month
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See the listing on page 3



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are given below**

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for 2023

- **Trampolining** •
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SKY-DWELLERS NEED A HAND...

Ben Stammers, Swyddog Bywyd Gwyllt a Phobl/Wildlife and People Officer, North Wales Wildlife Trust

Swifts are exceptional creatures.

Living up to their name, they're the fastest birds in level flight, and have adapted to sleep, eat, drink, preen and mate in the air. For millions of years, that extreme evolutionary gamble has paid off, but Anglesey-breeding swifts – like those across UK – are now struggling, and their fate is in our hands.

Swifts have long, scythe-shaped wings, whose aerodynamic profile (studied by NASA) maintains lift even against the wind. They may spend the first two years of their lives without touching the ground. They can live over 20 years, and may fly the equivalent of eight return trips to the moon in that time, traversing Africa in search of insects, and coming north to Europe each summer to nest.

Sadly, swifts in Wales have declined by one of the steepest margins of any species (-72% since 1995), earning them Red List status as Birds of Conservation Concern. Part of the reason is likely to do with nest sites, as they nest in holes in buildings, and these can be lost during building work or demolition; but there may be other factors.

According to local swift champion, Roz Hattey, the Beaumaris population has dwindled in recent times, a widely-seen pattern. Twenty years ago, she was seeing many more swifts wheeling and screaming around the town, but now it's a handful, just six adults arriving each May, mostly around Victoria Terrace; renovation work during that time may have blocked up some nest cavities.

Insect numbers are also known to have fallen landscape-wide, particularly in agricultural land, and it would be strange if swift decline over this period was unrelated, and as swifts spend three quarters of their year in Africa, changes to feeding habitats there may be having an impact as well. Pinpointing the cause is difficult.

On a positive note, thanks to Roz and Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris, North Wales Wildlife Trust (NWWT) was able to install swift nest-boxes on that building in 2019, and as of 2023, there's a speaker playing attraction calls there too, to tempt in first-time nesters. Roz is waiting to see if it generates interest from the latest crop of young swifts. We've



Three photos from a swift nest box (via Ben Stammers)



A swift in flight: so graceful, and so...swift! (via Ben Stammers)

seen nest-box success not far away at Bangor University's Craig Mair site in Menai Bridge, where at least eight out of nine boxes had swifts in them in 2022. We installed more boxes there this spring, as well as a nest camera, from which

we're now able to follow a swift pair raising their chicks. There are other boxes up around the town, and on Ysgol David Hughes, where at least two have been occupied.

To build a picture of swift distribution and help protect nest sites, NWWT also set up the Swift Recovery webpage, with the local record centre, Cofnod.

According to local recorders, Llangoed and Pentraeth still have small swift populations, but their status in other Anglesey villages isn't clear, so if you see swifts regularly, please use this system to let us know (the link to *A Swift Recovery* is given below) and if you'd like to help swifts in your area, please flag up potential threats to existing nests, or opportunities for installing boxes using scaffolding.

Alongside promoting more diverse, insect-rich landscapes, there's plenty we can do to give these awe-inspiring birds a helping hand.

NWWT has produced a handy guide to the identification of swifts, swallows, sand martins and house martins; the link is given below.

☞ **A Swift Recovery**
www.cofnod.org.uk/LinkInfo?ID=10

☞ **How to identify swifts, swallows, sand martins and house martins**
www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk/how-identify-swifts-swallows-sand-martins-and-house-martins

Y SIOE GŴN HWYL 2023: SON AM BRYNHAWN!

Lucy Low

Roedd Eglwysi Llanddona sef Eglwys Sant Iestyn ac Eglwys Sant Dona yn falch o gyflwyno'r cyntaf (ac nid yr olaf gobeithio!) o Sioe Gŵn Hwyl ar 27 Mai. Roedd yn ddiwrnod heulog hyfryd i'w rannu mewn digwyddiad cymunedol gwych ar y cyd â Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall.

Hoffem ddiolch i'r holl gystadleuwyr pedair coes a'u perchnogion ymroddedig am ymgymryd â'r her o gystadlu yn y cylch, rhai efallai am y tro cyntaf! popeth ymlaen i ffwrdd yn esmwyth iawn: dim brathu, ymladd na chfarth gan unrhyw un o'r perchnogion. Doedd ddim rhaid i ni boeni gan fod pawb ar eu hymddygiad gorau, ar wahân i Daisy, efallai: ar ôl cyrraedd brig ei gyrfa drwy ennill y dosbarth Hyn afyl penderfynodd yn amlwg fod y ras wyau a llwyau oddi tani ac aeth ar streic derwy eistedd i lawr yn brydlon.

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Diolch yn arbennig i'n beirniad hyfryd ddim yn waith hawdd! Cafodd Sam o Pet Pals, Dog Walking a Pet Sitting ei helpu gan Clare Whitehead, ein Prif Stiward. Fe wnaethant waith gwych o drefnu'r digwyddiad a'i helpu i redeg mor esmwyth.



Y swyddfa docynnau
The ticket office

Cofrestru oedd y cam cyntaf ar y ffordd i'w frwydro roedd 46 o gystadleuwyr a chystadleuaeth lem am y ysgwd y gynffon wag, y ci Bleraf neu'r ci y byddai'r barnwr yn hoffi ei fynd ag ef adref, i enwi dim ond ychydig o gategoriâu. Rhoddwyd gwobrau caredig gan Liz Pritchard o'r Caban, Traeth Llanddona, gyda thalebau hufen iâ cŵn blasus a rhoddion gan Siop Pet Pip o Benllech a Phorthaethwy.



Pobl a chŵn yn yr haul
People and dogs in the sun

Codwyd y swm mawr o £370.00 ar y diwrnod drwy y ffioedd mynediad a Raffl Doggy, a fydd i gyd yn cael ei roi tuag at adfer, a cynnal a chadw ein heglwysi hardd.

Diolch i bawb a gyfrannodd at wneud y prynhawn yn gymaint o lwyddiant: y trefnwyr, y cyfranogwyr, y gwylwyr, y beirniaid a'r tîm o Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village hall...ac, gwrs y cŵn!



THE FUN DOG SHOW 2023: WHAT AN AFTERNOON!

Lucy Low

Llanddona's Churches of St Iestyn and St Dona Churches were proud to present the first (and hopefully not the last!) Fun Dog Show on 27 May 2023. It was a lovely sunny day to share in a great community event in conjunction with Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall.

puffinpages@gmail.com

We would like to thank all the four-legged competitors and their devoted owners for taking up the challenge of competing in the ring, some maybe for the first time! It all went off very smoothly: no biting, fighting, or barking from any of the owners. We needn't



Daisy cyn ei streic eistedd i lawr
Daisy before her sit-down strike

have worried as everyone was on best behaviour, apart from Daisy, maybe: after having reached the top of her career by winning the Veterans class she obviously decided the egg and spoon race was beneath her and promptly went on a sit-down strike.



Enillydd gwobrau...
A prizewinner...



Mwy o enillwyr gwobrau...
More prizewinners...



Special thanks go to our lovely judges; not an easy job! Sam of Sholly's Pet Pals, Dog Walking and Pet Sitting was

helped by Clare Whitehead, our Head Steward. They did a great job of organising the judging of the event and helping it to run so smoothly.

Registration was the first step on the road to battling it out; there were 46 entrants and some stiff competition for the waggiest tail, the scruffiest dog or the dog that the judge would most like to take home, to name just a few categories. Prizes were kindly donated by Liz Pritchard of The Cabin, Llanddona Beach, with some delicious doggy ice cream vouchers and donations from Pip's Pet Store of Benllech and Menai Bridge.



Mae'r ras wyau a llwyau yn dechrau...
The egg and spoon race starts...

A great sum of £370.00 was raised on the day from entry fees and a Doggy Raffle, which will all be put towards the restoration and maintenance of our beautiful churches.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the afternoon such a success: the organisers, the participants, the spectators, the judges and the team from Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall...and, of course, the dogs!

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**CANOLFAN HAMDDEN
BEAUMARIS: NEWYDDION**
Steve MacVicar

Diolch am eich holl gefnogaeth!
Hoffem ddiolch i bawb sy'n cefnogi
Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris!



Chwith i'r dde: Steve MacVicar (Is-Gadeirydd, Canolfan Hamdden Biwmares), Maer Cyngor Tref Biwmares, David T Evans a Kevin Sivyer, Canolfan Rotari Biwmares
L-R: Steve MacVicar (Vice Chair, Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris), Beaumaris Town Council Mayor, David T Evans, and Kevin Sivyer, Beaumaris Rotary Hub
(via Steve MacVicar)

Diolch yn arbennig i:

- Cyngor Tref Biwmares am grant o £10,000

- Martin Dennis am brynu goleuadau theatr gwerth £1,500
- Hyb Rotari Biwmares am eu rhodd o dros £800
- Aelodau lleol Capel Goleudy Môn a roddodd £150

Mewn seremoni ddiweddar, Steve MacVicar (Is-Gadeirydd, Canolfan Hamdden Biwmares) yn diolch i Faer Cyngor Tref Biwmares David T Evans a Kevin Sivyver, Canolfan Rotari Biwmares, am eu cyfraniadau hael i Ganolfan Hamdden Beaumaris. Mae eu cefnogaeth wedi ein galluogi i ddatblygu cyfleuster sgrin gyffwrdd gwybodaeth gyhoeddus.

Gwyl Rhedeg Biwmares Midland Tapas 2023 Mae hon yn Wyl Redeg i blant (3-12 oed) ac oedolion! Bydd yr holl arian a gesglir yn mynd i elusennau lleol: dydd Sadwrn 16 Medi, dydd Sul 17 Medi.



CANOLFAN HAMDDEN

BEAUMARIS: NEWS

Steve MacVicar

Thank you for all your support!

We would like to thank everyone who supports Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris!

Special thanks to:

- Beaumaris Town Council for their grant of £10,000
- Martin Dennis for purchasing theatre lights worth £1,500
- Beaumaris Rotary Hub for their donation of over £800
- Local members of the Lighthouse Church, Anglesey for donating £150

In a recent ceremony, Steve MacVicar (Vice Chair, Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris) thanked Beaumaris Town Council, Mayor David T Evans, and Kevin Sivyver, Beaumaris Rotary Hub, for their generous contributions to Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris. Their support has allowed us to develop a public information touchscreen facility.

Midland Tapas Beaumaris Run

Fest 2023 This is a Running Festival for children (3-12 years old) and adults! All monies raised will go to local charities: Saturday 16 September, Sunday 17 September.

CYNGHRAIR SEIRIOL

ALLIANCE: NEWYDDION

Steve MacVicar

Cynllun Tro Da: Apêl Bws Mini

2023 Mae'r gywyr gwirfoddol sy'n

The Puffin 45 • August 2023

darparu cludiant ar gyfer Cynllun Tro Da Seiriol wedi ymgymryd â bron i 750 o deithiau (Ebrill 2022-Mawrth 2023) yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf, gydag ychydig dros 10% o'r teithiau'n cludo pobl sy'n ddibynnol ar gadair olwyn yn y cerbyd trydan (*llun 1, tudalen 21*). Defnyddir y bws mini cymunedol 17 sedd (*llun 2, tudalen 21*) ar gyfer teithiau grŵp ond nid oes ganddo'r cyfleuster i gludo pobl mewn cadeiriau olwyn.

- Cyfanswm y teithiau (Ebrill 2022-Mawrth 2023): 746
- Dibynnydd ar gadair olwyn: 79
- Teithiau bws mini: 81

Fel y gwelwch o'r graff (*tabl 1, tudalen 21*) mae'r gwasanaeth cludiant cymunedol yn prysuro.

Mae'r rhan fwyaf o deithiau yn golygu mynd â

chleientiaid i apwyntiadau proffesiynol iechyd. Fodd bynnag, yn gynyddol, rydym yn defnyddio'r bws mini 17 sedd i fynd â grwpiau o bobl ar deithiau dydd. Mae cyrchfannau wedi cynnwys Ynys Lawd, y Rheilffordd Ucheldir Cymru, a Zip World!

Mae'r bws mini yn fodel 2009 ac mae'n amlwg ei fod yn dangos arwyddion o'i oedran. Rydym yn ymwybodol iawn nad ydym yn gallu mynd â defnyddwyr cadeiriau olwyn ar y bws mini ar hyn o bryd ac maent yn colli allan ar lawer o'r triapiau hyn. Gallwn fynd ag un defnyddiwr cadair olwyn yn y Cerbyd Trydan ond mae ei amrediad mewn milltiroedd yn ffactor cyfyngol a hoffem gymryd mwy os yn bosibl.

Rydym felly newydd lansio ein Apêl Bws Mini i godi arian i brynu bws mini newydd neu ail law 17 sedd y gellir ei addasu i gludo hyd at 4 defnyddiwr cadair olwyn os oes angen.

Gweler ein postiad ar tudalen 21 am fwy o fanylion.

Prosiect Teils Cof Llanfaes a

Laird Mae Rhian Hughes, ein Swyddog Datblygu Cymunedol, a Lyn Gallagher, tiwtor crochenwaith lleol, wedi bod yn helpu plant ac oedolion o Lanfaes a Biwmares i gofnodi eu hatgofion o fyw yn Llanfaes a gweithio yn hen ffatri Laird.

Yn y lluniau yma gallwch chi eu gweld yn gweithio'n galed ar eu teils cof. Ar ôl eu cwblhau, bydd teils i gyd yn cael eu harddangos yng Nghanolfan Gymunedol Llanfaes.



Sesiwn yng Nghanolfan Hamdden Biwmares Session at Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris (via Steve MacVicar)

Sesiynau 'Paned a Sgwr's i

ddysgwyr Cymraeg yn ardal

Seiriol Dewch i ymuno â sesiwn 'paned a sgwr's' cyfeillgar a chroesawgar yn ardal Seiriol.

Mae o leiaf tri sesiwn yn cael eu cynnal bob wythnos. Mae'n gyfle gwyb i ddod i ymarfer eich Cymraeg gyda dysgwyr eraill a siaradwyr Cymraeg.

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Yn agored i bawb: croeso i bawb o ddechreuwr llwyr i ddysgwyr mwy datblygedig!

- Neuadd Bentref Llanddona: Dydd Mawrth, 1.30yp-3.00yp
- Neuadd y Plwyf Llandegfan: Dydd Iau, 10.00yb-11.30yb
- Canolfan Hamdden Biwmares: Dydd Gwener, 11.30yb-1.00yp



CYNGHRAIR SEIRIOL ALLIANCE: NEWS

Steve MacVicar

Good Turn Scheme: new Minibus Appeal 2023

The volunteer drivers providing transport for the Seiriol Good Turn Scheme have undertaken nearly 750 journeys (April 2022-March 2023) in the past 12 months, with just over 10% of the journeys transporting wheelchair-dependent people in the electric vehicle (photo 1). The 17-seater community minibus (photo 2) is used for group outings but does not have the facility to carry people in wheelchairs.

- Total journeys (April 2022-March 2023): 746
- Wheelchair-dependent journeys: 79
- Minibus journeys: 81

As you can see from the graph (table 1) the community transport service is getting busier.

The majority of journeys involve taking clients to health professional appointments. Increasingly, however, we are using the 17-seater minibus to take groups of people on day trips. Destinations have included South Stack, the Welsh Highland Railway, and Zip World.

The minibus is a 2009 model and is understandably showing signs of its age. We are very aware that we are currently unable to take wheelchair-users on the big minibus, and they miss out on many of these outings. We can take one wheelchair user in the electric vehicle, but its range is a limiting factor and we would like to take more people if possible.

Accordingly, we have just launched our Minibus Appeal to raise money to buy a new or good second-hand 17-seater minibus which can be adapted to carry up to four wheelchair-users if necessary.

Please see our poster for more details.

Llanfaes and Laird Memory Tiles Project

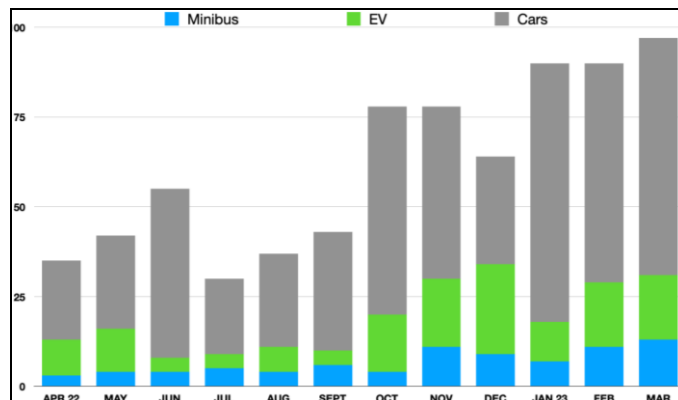
Rhian Hughes, our puffinpages@gmail.com



Llun 1: ein cerbyd trydan
Photo 1: our electric vehicle
(Steve MacVicar)



Llun 2: ein bws mini cymunedol 17 sedd
Photo 2: our 17-seater community minibus
(Steve MacVicar)



Tabl 1: defnyddio gwasanaeth cludiant cymunedol
Table 1: use of community transport service
(Steve MacVicar)

Community Development Officer, and Lyn Gallagher, local pottery tutor, have been helping children and adults from Llanfaes and Beaumaris to record their memories of living in Llanfaes and working in the old Laird factory.

In the photo on page 20 you can see them hard at work on their memory tiles. Once completed, the tiles will be displayed in Llanfaes Community Centre.

Cuppa and Chat sessions for Welsh learners in the Seiriol area Come and join a friendly and welcoming 'cuppa and chat' session in the Seiriol area.

There are at least three sessions held every week. It's a great chance to come and practice your Welsh with other learners and Welsh-speakers.

Open to all: everyone from complete beginners to more advanced learners welcome!

- Llanddona Village Hall: Tuesdays, 1.30pm-3.00pm
- Llandegfan Parish Hall: Thursdays, 10.00am-11.30am
- Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris: Fridays, 11.30am-1.00pm

NATURE NOTES: MARVELLOUS MEADOWS AND WILDER GARDENS
Roz Hattey

The joy of smelling the first rain (petrichor: what a lovely smell it is, too) as it falls on the parched garden after weeks of drought and cool, easterly winds! Hard to describe, but it has a musty, earthy character and brings renewed hope to gardeners and farmers alike. Mid-June has also brought very warm, humid air and dark veils of low, slow-moving cloud that threaten thunder.

This change also brings out more insects as they rapidly emerge and multiply. It's been a wonderful week for watching swifts, swallows and house-martins as they feed at low-level on the suddenly abundant flying insects in the sultry air. Blackbirds can now find worms more easily and slugs and snails become mobile again for thrushes and hedgehogs to eat. Read more about local swifts in the article by Ben Stammers, *Sky-dwellers need a hand...*, on page 18.

'No mow May' has been well promoted this year. More people are leaving areas of unmown lawn to see what wild flowers might appear. This year it's been so dry that the grass hasn't grown much anyway during late May and early June. This might be giving a further incentive to try 'Let it bloom June', too! It's so

encouraging to see how much more life there is amongst the mixed grasses and other flowering plants of an uncut patch of grass: all sorts of creepy-crawlies as well as bumble bees, hoverflies, butterflies and moths.



25 June 2023: self-seeded common spotted orchid, *Dactylorhiza fuchsia*, in a small patch of no-mow 'lawn' in Llanddona, appearing for the third year with a few darker orchids; there are plenty in evidence in the many areas of common land dotted about the village



Common banded hoverfly, *Syrphus ribesii*, Rutland Water, Eggleton Nature Reserve, June 2004 (David Nicholls, www.naturespot.org.uk/species/Syrphus-ribesii)

Patience is needed over some years before a richer, diverse display of flowers can develop unless your lawn has been well neglected with no weed-killer or fertilisers applied.

You could speed things up, of course, by planting genuine wild-flower 'plugs' into your grassland (available from good



Plantlife's neat and attractive signs are scattered throughout Llanddona to explain why the wildflower meadow are being left uncut; look closely and you'll see an astonishing variety of wild flowers and grasses which are being left to set seed for the future

suppliers), then once flowers have seeded and dried in late summer, your new 'meadow' area does need to be cut

down. Leave it a few days for the seeds to settle or disperse, then rake and remove all the cut stems and leaves.

In Llanddona, heath and rough grassland on fragments of remaining common land are managed by Menter Môn. These areas are now left uncut until later in the year and small signs indicate why this is being done.

The national organisation, Plantlife, is promoting this more sympathetic management and the signs refer to 'gweirgloddiau gwyech/marvellous meadows'. One local resident has noticed an abundance of common blue butterflies on and around one area this year.



Common blue butterfly male, *Polyommatus icarus*, Lowbury Hill, Oxfordshire (Charles J Sharp, www.sharpphotography.co.uk)

North Wales Wildlife Trust (NWWT) reports that more than a hundred new wildflower meadows have now been either created or restored under the UK-wide project known as 'Coronation Meadows'. This was launched ten years ago by the then Prince of Wales to mark the 60th year of the Queen's accession to the throne.

The Wildlife Trusts and Plantlife set out initially to select sixty species-rich meadows, one for each year of her reign. Seed is harvested from these special meadows and spread in suitable places nearby to expand the local character of the grassland.



A flower-rich meadow at Caeau Tan-y-Bwlch (www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/caeau-tan-y-bwlch)

The Coronation Meadow in North Wales is Caeau Tan-y-Bwlch Nature Reserve, near Clynnog Fawr. It is a mosaic of small, unimproved fields, where the drier areas have been managed as traditional hay-meadow for many years. In spring and early summer there is a beautiful array of wildflowers including the gold and scarlet of bird's foot trefoil, small white eyebrights, purple knapweed and

the tall, delicate white flowers of the greater butterfly orchid, *Platanthera chlorantha*.

This Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is now owned by Plantlife and managed by NWWT. The drier fields are left uncut until late summer when they are mown and a hay crop taken whenever possible. Light grazing by cattle follows during the autumn and winter. Last year, seed was collected and spread on roadside verges near the site of this year's National Eisteddfod at Boduan, so hopefully there will still be plenty of colourful wildflowers to greet people in early August!

Elsewhere across the country, farmers and other land-managers help to maintain the few long-established, species-rich meadows that still remain. Many of these are also designated as SSSIs. They are just the remnants of earlier, less intensive farming systems. It is estimated that, across the UK, 97% of traditionally managed hay-meadows have been lost since the 1930s.

Most grasslands have been improved for more intensive agriculture by ploughing and applying fertilisers and herbicides so that many more cattle and sheep can be reared. Livestock is kept out of many fields during spring and summer, but now this is so that the grass can be cut as often as possible to make green silage, needed as winter cattle feed.

On a much wider scale, farmers and land-managers have been encouraged to apply for schemes aimed at improving biodiversity, such as restoring or creating wildflower grasslands and hay meadows.

Various Government incentives have been available under schemes such as the Countryside Stewardship Scheme in England and the previous Tir Gofal scheme in Wales. Glastir replaced Tir Gofal in 2012 as Welsh Government's sustainable land management scheme which can pay for environmental goods and services.

Much uncertainty remains, however, about the details of and future levels of payment for the different types of management required.

Farming unions in Wales want to know what will bridge the gap between the end of this year, when present payments will come to an end, and the new proposed Sustainable Farming Scheme is not due to start until 2025.

On a very small scale, in my own garden on the hill in Llanddona, there has been a no-mow policy in spring and early summer on some patches for about fifteen years, partly to reduce the workload, but the grassland is still not very rich in species. This is probably due to the acid soil, but also we may not have been cutting the grass low enough in

late summer, either. We were reluctant too to remove all the 'under-thatch' of old tussocky grasses that builds up if you



Self-seeded cowslips and a neglected flower-bed in a Llanddona garden (Marilyn Seeckts)



don't cut and rake enough when, one year, we discovered an abundance of late-nesting field-voles, *Microtus agrestis*. Tiny, immature voles everywhere! So, in some places we manage the rough grassland for native small mammals. This should also benefit their predators, particularly kestrels, which I have seen hovering over the garden, and tawny owls.



Field vole (Stephen Dalton: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/animals/mammals/field-vole/)

After planting 'wild stock' primroses and cowslips (available from some good garden centres) on a couple of patches, we now keep the grass cut (or plucked manually) around these plants. A bit of a chore, but it is worth it, as they have been seeding prolifically, especially the primroses, into the adjoining lower-cut grassland. I also intend to introduce yellow or hay rattle, *Rhinanthus minor*, present in the next-door field, to help suppress the grasses.

Other areas of wildflower and insect interest in my garden are simply neglected flower-beds. I have a love-hate relationship with these as I watch my favourite garden plants like oriental

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poppies, Hattie's pincushion and the real geraniums (blues, pinks and purples) disappearing amongst a mass of wild 'weeds' or seeding native plants. Several grass species, red campion, foxgloves, vetches, meadow buttercup, yarrow, knapweed and ox-eye daisies (rampant seeders from wildflower seed-mix areas nearby) all thrive together, uninvited, and these native wild flowers do attract myriad insects. I watched several small moths feeding on red campion on warm evenings recently. These wild flowers also do very well without my watering them!

In damp places down by the ponds, native plants that I've introduced over the years are doing well, some now needing a bit of management. Hemp agrimony, *Eupatorium cannabinum*, in particular, is a very tall, strong plant which spreads, but it does attract insects to its large, dusty-pink flowers. Great hairy willow-herb and meadowsweet are also tall and handsome flowering plants naturally found in damp meadow or riverside habitats. Other species growing on the pond margins include early flowering kingcups (marsh marigolds), ragged robin, water forget-me-not, yellow flag or iris, purple loosestrife and water mint, which has a lovely fragrance on hot days. In the water itself there are two members of the buttercup family, lesser spearwort, *Ranunculus flammula*, and greater spearwort, *Ranunculus lingua*, with large golden flowers.

There's also the native white water-lily, *Nymphaea alba*, which has beautiful white flowers with prominent yellow stamens over many weeks. There's usually a hum of insect life around the ponds, and on still, sunny days breeding damselflies and dragonflies add excitement.



The native white water-lily, *Nymphaea alba*, Suffolk, June 2023

A semi-natural mix of scattered trees (oak, ash and birch) and scrub (willow and hawthorn), wetland, rough grassland and flower-beds (both tended and neglected) in my garden also helps to support a variety of visiting birds. A few nest in the garden but many others nest in trees and scrub beyond.

Residents, seen throughout the year on my bird-feeders, in surrounding trees or on the ground, include goldfinches, greenfinches (more common this year), chaffinches, siskins, house-sparrows,

blackbirds, thrushes, wrens, dunnocks, robins, blue-tits, great-tits and collared doves.

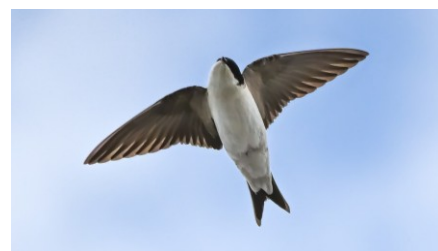


4 June 2023: a nesting wren about to return to its nest in a Llanddona cwt; this year there are two swallows' nests in the cwt instead of the usual singleton, and the wren's nest is a first

Occasional residents visiting the garden include great spotted woodpecker, long-tailed tit and, very rarely, yellowhammer which may breed on heath and grassland at Rhos Llaniestyn Local Nature Reserve on the other side of the village. Visiting migrants from Africa this year have been willow warbler, chiffchaff and whitethroat, heralding their presence with striking, distinctive songs. Swallows occasionally fly low outside my back door and have flitted in and out of the old stable where they used to breed. Occasional residents visiting the garden include great spotted woodpecker, long-tailed tit and, very rarely, yellowhammer which may breed on heath and grassland at Rhos Llaniestyn Local Nature Reserve on the other side of the village. Visiting migrants from Africa this year have been willow warbler, chiffchaff and whitethroat, heralding their presence with striking, distinctive songs.



13 June 2023: a swallow juvenile from a nest in the Llanddona cwt; note the lack of long tail feathers



House martin in flight over the Thames (<https://m.psecn.photoshelter.com/img-get2/I0000Ujh1Wrck5Bo/fit=1000x750/House-Martin-In-Flight-Over-The-River-Thames-In-London-Z50-8239.jpg>)

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Buzzards used to glide overhead quite often, or perch on nearby poles, but have been a rare sight this year and last. This may well be due to a scarcity of rabbits in the area now.

They have been decimated nationally by the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV), on top of continuing periodic outbreaks of myxomatosis. This may also account for the few fox scats in the garden this year.

Returning to the Coronation theme: a new initiative was launched on 24 June. 'Coronation Gardens for Food and Nature' pays tribute to King Charles III's life-long commitment to the natural environment and organic cultivation. The scheme is being organised by the Wildlife Trusts in partnership with Garden Organic, Incredible Edible and the National Federation of Women's Institutes. It 'will encourage people and communities across the UK to live sustainably and help wildlife recover by growing food and creating space for nature in gardens, on balconies and in shared greenspaces'. A National Lottery Fund grant of nearly £250,000 will kick-start the initiative.

It's widely recognised now that gardens can play an important role in supporting wildlife as well as helping people to enjoy watching it as they grow their own healthy food. People will be encouraged to plant pollinator-friendly blooms, to create a water-feature, however small, to leave a patch of long grass or a pile of logs and to avoid using weed-killers, pesticides and peat!

So, if you'd like to support and participate in the Coronation Garden scheme, just visit the Coronation Gardens for Food and Nature website and have a go!

✉ Petrichor

www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/learn-about/weather/types-of-weather/rain/petrichor

✉ Plantlife

www.plantlife.org.uk

✉ North Wales Wildlife Trust

www.northwaleswildlife.org.uk/

✉ Glastir Advanced

www.gov.wales/glastir-advanced

✉ Rabbit haemorrhagic disease

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rabbit_hemorrhagic_disease

✉ Coronation Meadows

<http://coronationmeadows.org.uk>

✉ Coronation Gardens for Food and Nature

<https://mycoronationgarden.org>

✉ Coronation Gardens for Food and Nature – a media briefing
www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/Coronation%20Gardens%20for%20Food%20and%20Nature%2C%20media%20briefing_0.pdf

CLWB BOWLIO BEAUMARIS BOWLING CLUB

David Mathias, Secretary

Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club is fielding eight teams again this year, in five different leagues, and would like to welcome new members, young or old, male or female.



7 June 2023: Barry Harris is presented with the 2023 Wales Veterans Mens Cup at the Argoed Bowling Club, near Mold; the person with him is the Immediate Past President of the Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association, Simon Walker (David Mathias)

Anyone wishing to take on the game of Crown Green Bowling this season should check out the Beaumaris Bowling Club website and Facebook page, or contact me.

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✉ Beaumaris Bowling Club

<https://beaumarisbowlingclub.yolasite.com/>

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



11 June 2023: the Welsh Junior Team about to play the Shropshire Junior Team at Benllech. The team included Beaumaris Bowling Club player, Daniel Owen, who went on to win his match 21/16; by doing so he helped Wales to beat Shropshire. Daniel is immediately behind the Dragon's wings (David Mathias)

LLANGOED: PARTI'R CORONI!

Julie Upmeyer

'Roedd Neuadd Bentref Llangoed yn falch iawn o gynnal Parti'r Coroni, yn heulwen braf y gwanwyn, ar 6 Fai 2023. 'Roedd yn un o'r diwrnodau arbennig hynny: ymlacio gyda theulu a chymdogion, rhannu bwyd a sgwrs, dathlu moment hanesyddol i gyd gyda'i gilydd fel cymuned.



Tair cenhedlaeth yn cwrdd â'r AS! O'r chwith i'r dde: Linda Hughes, Virginia Crosbie AS, trefnydd y digwyddiad Delyth Jones a Mair Slater
Three generations meet the MP! From left to right: Linda Hughes, Virginia Crosbie MP, event organiser Delyth Jones and Mair Slater (John Draper)

'Roedd y diwrnod yn bleserus i phob oedran, cafodd seremonïau'r coroni ei ffrydio'n fyw ar sgrin fawr ar y llwyfan, gwledd o fwyd i ddathlu, cestyll neidio, paentio wyneb, crefftiau a llawer o deganau a gemau i'r plant.



Coronau i lawer o frenhinoedd
Crowns for many kings
(John Draper)

Pleser cael croesawu trigolion Haulfre a Plas Penmon. Llawer ohonynt yn cofio coroni'r Frenhines Elizabeth, felly adrodd straeon hynod o ddiddorol ganddynt am eu profiad fel pobl ifanc yn y 1950au.

Ymwelwyd â'n dathliad gan ein AS Ynys Môn, Virginia Crosby, a Maer Biwmares y Cynghorydd D T Evans, y ddau wedi mwynhau'r achlysur ac yn gallu llongyfarch sawl aelod o Bwyllgor y Neuadd Bentref a threfnwyr y digwyddiad.

Diolch yn fawr i'r lluo o drefnwyr ac i'r dwsinau o bobl o Llangoed a ddaeth ynghyd i wneud y diwrnod yn llwyddiant ysgubol. A diolch i

Across

- 1 Unsuccessful person (2-5)
- 5 Fruit (5)
- 8 US television comedy (3,4,6)
- 9 Knot (3)
- 10 More well (9)
- 12 Type of fruit (6)
- 13 Old drink quantity (6)
- 15 Punish severely (9)
- 16 Regret (3)
- 18 Lodgings (8,5)
- 20 Insignificant (5)
- 21 Quickly (7)

John Draper am y lluniau!

Mae gennym lawer mwy o ddigwyddiadau a chynulliadau ar y gweill yn Neuadd Bentref Llangoed.

Ewch i'n gwefan am y newyddion a'r digwyddiadau diweddaraf.

📧 Llangoed Village Hall
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LLANGOED: CORONATION PARTY!

Julie Upmeyer

Llangoed Village Hall was very pleased to host a Coronation Party in the glorious spring sunshine on 6 May 2023. It was one of those special days: relaxing with family and neighbours, sharing food and



Gweithgareddau Coroni awyr agored yn Neuadd Bentref Llangoed
 Outdoor Coronation activities at Llangoed Village Hall
 (John Draper)



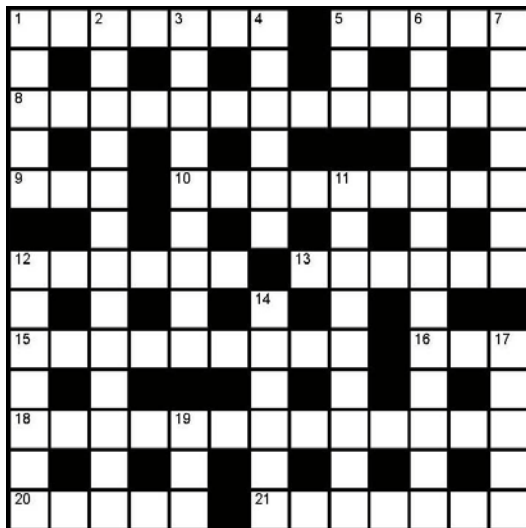
Dathlu'r Coroni gyda theulu, ffrindiau a bwyd

Celebrating the Coronation with family, friends and food
 (John Draper)

conversation, celebrating a historic moment all together as a community.

The day was a treat for people of all
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ages, the coronation ceremonies streaming live on stage, a feast of celebratory food, bouncy castles, face painting, crafts and lots of toys and games for the children.

The residents of Haulfre and Plas Penmon were very welcomed guests. Many of them remembered the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, so had fascinating stories to pass on about their experience as young people in the 1950s.

Our celebration was visited by our Ynys Môn MP, Virginia Crosby, and the mayor of Beaumaris, Cllr D T Evans, both of whom enjoyed the festive occasion and were able to congratulate several members of the Village Hall Committee and the event organisers.

Many thanks to the many organisers and to the dozens of people from Llangoed who came together to make the day such a resounding success. And thanks to John Draper for the photo documentation!

We have lots more upcoming events and gatherings at the Llangoed Village Hall.

Please see our website for the latest news and events.

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HENLLYS GOLF CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

Sally Chawner, Lady Captain

Henlllys Golf Club has recently celebrated its 25th anniversary of the Club.

The Club has been welcoming local golfers and visitors to Beaumaris for 25 years. The founder members, some of whom are still playing, set out with great enthusiasm but battled in the early days with a muddy 9-hole course; then in 2003 the Holiday Property Bond (HPB) bought the site, which incorporates the historic Henlllys Hall and a large area of parkland and woods with beautiful views of the mountains of Eryri and the coast as far as the Great Orme. The HPB completely refurbished the Hall, built attractive cottages and

Down

- 1 Indian ruler (5)
- 2 High tide level (4-5,4)
- 3 Theatre (9)
- 4 Music style (6)
- 5 Type of tree (3)
- 6 Test area (7,6)
- 7 Insect wing case (7)
- 11 Military transport vessel (9)
- 12 Live together (7)
- 14 Black eye (6)
- 17 Poem for the dead (5)
- 19 University senior (3)

a swimming pool for their visitors, and constructed a proper 18-hole golf course with a new clubhouse. Since then, the Club has gone from strength to strength, benefitting from a good relationship with the HPB, which maintains the course to a high standard, providing a great facility for its bondholders and for local members.



The Celebration Cake and its cutting!
 (Maggie Hughes)



On 15 June the Club held a special event to celebrate its 25th anniversary, with a 9-hole competition and a barbecue and

drinks hosted by the HPB. The club has sections for men, ladies and seniors, and welcomes new members.

For more information, contact Peter Maton, Director of Golf, or David Gadsby, PGA Professional, at the clubhouse on 01248 811717.

HUMAN CHESS

Fianchetto 66

Human chess has always held a powerful fascination for us, bringing to life this ancient game whilst introducing elements of scale and drama that would simply not be possible on a static board.

This column is not the place for an exhaustive list of historic performances, but there are some that really stand out. Since 1923 a biennial game has been played in the Italian city of Marostica, with costumed players recreating a chess duel from the 15th century between two knights, to settle their rivalry over Lady Lionora Parisio. Later, in the inter-war period, the Soviet Union took it even more seriously, with a game in Leningrad's Palace Square using actual mounted horses to represent the knights and wheeled cannons for the rooks.

One of the best places to observe a live game these days is at Chess Fest in Trafalgar Square, when each summer a troupe of actors perform famous encounters from the past.

Much closer to home and arguably more nostalgic to those of us of a certain age, is the annual

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re-enactment in full dress of the game from the 1960s cult television series *The Prisoner*. Staged by the Prisoner Appreciation Society, this takes place in Portmeirion Village where the series was filmed. The creator and star of the series, Patrick McGoohan (no 6), is the Queen's Pawn in the episode *Checkmate*, which intriguingly is the same piece played by Alice in Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass* of 1871.

Both of these fictional games deviate somewhat from the rules of chess, but effectively serve as metaphors for the ability of the individual (the humble pawn) to transform itself into something more powerful. In *Through the Looking Glass* Alice reaches the end of the board and becomes a Queen, whilst at the culmination of *The Prisoner* series, Patrick McGoohan successfully undergoes a series of challenges and attains superiority over the institution that has been keeping him captive.

You'll see below a wonderfully colourful human chess game in progress. I took the photograph on 22 April as the game was unfolding in the equally colourful village of Portmeirion.

Chess no 4 is not an extract from a game, but is actually what is known as a composition, created from scratch to illustrate the latent power of the lowliest piece on the board.

White appears to be in trouble, being a queen down and facing the possibility of a nasty knight fork on black's next move leading to the loss of a rook.



Logic would dictate that this should be prevented without delay by taking the threatening knight with the c3 pawn. As tempting as this may seem however, white has a far better option, resulting in an elegant two move checkmate.

Can you spot it?

♣ ChessFest
www.chess-fest.com/events

♣ The Prisoner Appreciation Society
<https://sixofone.co>

BANGOR ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Pauline Kenyon, Bangor Rotary Service Team Leader

Bangor Rotary Club celebrated 90 years of service to the community at a Charter Dinner at the Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris, on Friday 23 June. There were many visiting Rotarians and District Officers, with the mayors of Beaumaris and Bangor present, at the very convivial event, and we were entertained



The top table at the 90th Charter celebrations at the Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris (Ian Thompson)

brilliantly by Rotarian Alan Davies who regaled us all with amusing stories of events, personalities and past happenings in the Club's long history.



Rotarian Alan Davies celebrates the Club's history (Ian Thompson)

The long service record of Bangor Rotary continues to grow even today as we are busy organising another 'Charity Fair on Beaumaris Green' which will be held on Bank Holiday Sunday 27 August, 10.00am-4.00pm. Please come along and bring the family to enjoy entertainment, refreshments, fun and many stalls at this lovely venue!

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DEBBIE'S ALPHANUMERICA NO 2

Example: **7 D in a W** is **7 Days in a Week**.

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- 1 14 L in a S (*Lit*)
- 2 2 W ≠ a R
- 3 13 = a BD
- 4 6 of O = HD of TO
- 5 1966 EW the WCF
- 6 4 and 20 B B in a P
- 7 50 Y in a GJ
- 8 21 GS for the Q
- 9 18 YO = MA to V
- 10 0 = SC in H
- 11 15 for F P in T (*Sport*)
- 12 78 RPM on a OR
- 13 1 GTDA
- 14 10 = PS in IS (*Sport*)
- 15 9 S by B (*Music*)
- 16 3 W on MW (BISRA)
- 17 6 W of HTE
- 18 SWAT 7 D
- 19 1024 B in a KB
- 20 2 G of V

We provide free pitches for a great range of charities and organisations so that they can set up their own displays and advertise their work. If your



Rotary 'mock interviewers' at David Hughes School (Ian Thompson)

organisation would be interested in joining the charity section please contact Steve Kennedy at stephenkennedy@btinternet.com.



New Rotary President Ian Thompson and immediate Past President Menna Gilbert (Ian Thompson)

With Rotarians from the Holyhead and Llangefni Rotary clubs, we organised another 'Mock Interview' session for around 90 David Hughes School sixth-form students to give them experience of

more formal interview processes, in a supportive and developmental way before they make their own real applications.

This is a highlight for Rotarians as we are thrilled to help young people in a practical way and it is so good to meet so many impressive students. We are delighted with the positive feedback we receive and hope that we can offer this service annually.

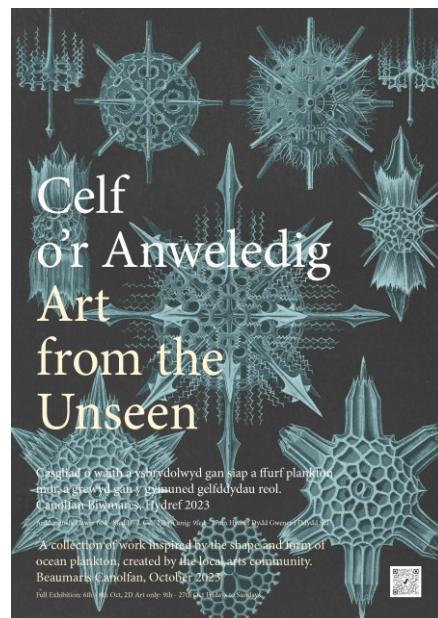
On 1 July our past President, Menna Gilbert, completed an outstanding year as President of Bangor Rotary Club and we welcomed Ian Thompson as our new President for 2023-2024; he will be on duty at the Beaumaris Charity Fair.

'ART FROM THE UNSEEN'

Janet Smith

You will have read already about Beaumaris Rotary's Autumn Arts 2023, an exciting event that will be taking place from Wednesday 4 October to Sunday 8 October.

A part of this event will be an exhibition of the talents of our local artists in an exclusive exhibition, 'Art from the Unseen'. This ground-breaking showcase aims to establish a connection between art and the enigmatic world of ocean plankton. Keep a lookout for our poster: despite their small size, ocean plankton are amazingly intricate and possess an awe-inspiring might.



Surprisingly, these predominantly microscopic organisms, accounting for just 1/500th of the biomass of their terrestrial counterparts, generate an equivalent amount of organic material and oxygen each year. In fact, every second breath we take owes its oxygen to these imperceptible wonders. With their extraordinary capabilities, plankton manage to surpass expectations and emerge as one of the two major

biological powerhouses on our planet.

Even experts in the ecological dynamics of plankton find it challenging to comprehend these organisms as individuals.

The minuscule size of plankton makes it difficult to grasp their intricacies but, through art, we can explore and truly appreciate their astonishing beauty and power, and the forthcoming exhibition marks the first step on this exploratory journey.

You'll see from the picture of our poster that plankton boast remarkable and exquisitely complex structures.

Plankton flourish in a tranquil realm, shielded from the stresses of strong winds, temperature fluctuations, and droughts. Their buoyancy liberates them from the constraints of gravity, while the ocean's turbulence suspends them in three-dimensional space, optimising their photosynthetic capacity.

Combined with their small size, these factors give rise to complex symmetries and intricate forms seldom seen among land-dwelling organisms.

Working closely with artists from the Anglesey/North Wales area, we have provided them with a comprehensive understanding of the role of plankton in the ocean's biological dynamics.

Additionally, we offered them an initial glimpse into the wonders of planktonic shape and form.

Thanks to the invaluable assistance of Bangor University's School of Ocean Sciences and a dedicated team of talented student volunteers, we gave the artists the opportunity to observe live plankton under a microscope. The event was met with great enthusiasm and excitement by all involved.

Don't miss the chance to witness the culmination of this remarkable collaboration. Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris will house a breathtaking collection of artwork produced by these exceptional artists.

The full exhibition will start on Friday 6 October, 6.00pm-8.00pm, and will continue through the weekend, 10.00am-6.00pm...then, starting on Monday 9 October, the exhibition will run on Fridays through Sundays, 10.00am-6.00pm, until it finishes on Friday 27 October.

Admission to this exhibition is free. Don't miss it!

For more information on sources of plankton images, please visit the Silent Plankton website.

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www.silentplankton.com

Please contact me, Janet Smith, at janetsmithjanet@gmail.com or on 07795 567689, if you have any queries.

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THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION AND ANGLESEY:

PART 4

Andrew Perrott

We started to tell the story of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in **The Puffin 41**, beginning with an account of the first lifeboats. In part 4, we move to the Great War and beyond.

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The Great War, 1914-1918 During the Great War (the First World War), lifeboats were launched 1,808 times and saved 5,332 lives.

With the majority of men being called away to join the war effort, the average age of lifeboat crew members increased to over 50.

The Rohilla The *Rohilla*, a hospital ship carrying medical staff, had left Scotland on 30 October 1914, bound for Dunkirk, in Belgium. By the early hours, though, violent storms had blown the passenger steamer off course, and she struck Saltwick Nab, a reef about a mile east of Whitby. She broke into three sections, the stern sinking first, killing most of the people on board that section of the ship; those left on the rest of the wreck were stranded as it broke up over the course of three days.

Rockets were launched from the shore, but it was impossible to secure a line to the ship. The raging storm hindered rescue attempts, and the RNLI at Whitby had to wait until dawn broke before sending out its first rowing boat.



Rescue attempts under way on the shore at Whitby (RNLI)

The crew members rescued 35 of the 229 on board in two trips. One of the five women rescued, Mary Roberts of Liverpool, was no stranger to luck. The stewardess had survived the sinking of the RMS *Titanic* just two years before.



Crowds formed a line on the beach to wade out to help survivors (British Pathé)

144 people were saved by lifeboats from Whitby, Scarborough and Tynemouth, the lifeboat crews working for over 50 hours in atrocious conditions.

The disaster was a turning point for the RNLI: four of the lifeboats involved in the rescue were rowing lifeboats, and it was only the motor lifeboat, the *Henry Vernon* of Tynemouth, that had been able to reach the remaining survivors.

The *Rohilla* disaster helped convince the crews that motor lifeboats really were the future of lifesaving at sea.

The Lusitania On 7 May 1915, RMS *Lusitania* was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, causing the deaths of 1,198 passengers and crew. She was 18km (11 miles) off the southern coast of Ireland, and had been on her way to Liverpool from New York.

The naval station at Queenstown received the *Lusitania*'s distress call and sent all available tugs and trawlers to the scene. Queenstown's motorless RNLI lifeboat, *James Stevens No 20*, caught a tow to the scene from one of the tugs. It was a grim scene, but they were able to help those who had been fortunate enough to make it into one of the ship's lifeboats, and to pull to safety those few still alive in the water.

14 volunteers from Courtmacsherry launched their lifeboat, *Kezia Gwilt*. Conditions were too calm to use the boat's sails so they rowed the entire 12-mile journey, a 3½-hour feat. They arrived to a appalling scene with no one left to save, so did the only thing they could do: recover bodies to bring back to shore.

Of the 1,962 passengers and crew aboard the *Lusitania* at the time of the sinking, 1,191 lost their lives. There were 761 survivors.

The first RNLI Bronze Medals for Gallantry The first RNLI Bronze Medals for Gallantry were awarded in 1917.

The award was created for Cromer crew members who fought fierce conditions for 14 hours to rescue 22 people from the Greek *Pyrin* and 11 people from the Swedish *Fernebo*.

During a terrible storm on 9 January 1917, Cromer's lifeboat was launched four times in 14 hours. Just as the crew arrived back on shore, triumphant and exhausted, they were alerted to the plight of the Swedish *Fernebo*, which had broken in two and grounded. The lifeboat made three brave attempts to reach the ship but the rough conditions smashed five of the lifeboat's oars and washed three more overboard. By the third attempt conditions had calmed and, armed with spare oars and a short rest, the crew rescued the 11 sailors on board.

The coxswain, Henry Blogg, was awarded his first Gold Medal for the rescue. The crew were praised for their 'courage and dogged tenacity', and the Bronze Medal for Gallantry was created to recognise their heroic contribution to the rescue.

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The Irish Free State When the RNLI was founded in 1824, the whole of Ireland was part of the 'United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland'. The first RNLI lifeboat station in Ireland was established in Arklow, Co Wicklow, in 1826. Over the next 100 years, more stations were established in Ireland, crewed, as is still the case, by local volunteers.

By the time the Irish Free State was established in 1922, there were 24 Irish RNLI lifeboat stations. British Government agencies, such as HM Coastguard, withdrew services from the Irish Free State, but the RNLI's independent, volunteer-driven services remained.

In the March 1926 issue of *The Lifeboat Journal*, an article on the roll out of motor lifeboats read: 'This work in Ireland has not been affected by the political changes and the setting up of an Irish Free State Government with the status of a Dominion. At the express wish of this Government the Institution is continuing to maintain the Service in the Free State as well as in Northern Ireland'. Lifeboat stations in the 26-county Free State (a fully-independent republic since 1949) and in Northern Ireland continue to save lives under the RNLI banner.

The first fast motor-powered lifeboat Based at Dover Lifeboat Station, the *Sir William Hillary* of 1930 was a response to the increasing number of aircraft flying over the Channel, and coming down at sea, and was designed to reach casualties rapidly.



Dover's 1930 fast motor lifeboat, the *Sir William Hillary* (RNLI/Thornycroft)

She was built by Thornycroft, powered by two 375hp petrol engines, and had a top speed of c.18 knots, making her nearly twice as fast as other motor lifeboats of her time. Her onboard electricity supply provided lighting for the crew, as well as powering a wireless radio, a searchlight, throwline night tracers and a Morse code signalling lamp. She was the first lifeboat to have a cabin, giving her crew some protection against the weather.

Her crew received gallantry awards and Thanks of the Institution Inscribed on Vellum for rescuing 16 puffinpages@gmail.com

THE GOVERNOR'S QUICK CROSSWORD NO 13: SOLUTION



FIANCHETTO 66'S CHESS NO 4: SOLUTION

Re8+ Qxe8 2. dxe8=Q (or R)#

In plain language, the white rook moves seven squares up the board, putting the black king in check.

Black has no alternative but to take the white rook with the queen, thus allowing the white pawn to recapture and simultaneously promote to a queen (or a rook), neatly delivering checkmate.

DEBBIE'S ALPHANUMERICA NO 2: SOLUTION

- 1 14 Lines in a Sonnet
- 2 2 Wrongs Don't Equal a Right
- 3 13 = a Baker's Dozen
- 4 6 of One = Half a Dozen of The Other
- 5 1966 England Win the World Cup Final
- 6 4 and 20 Blackbirds Baked in a Pie
- 7 50 Years in a Golden Jubilee
- 8 21 Gun Salute for the Queen
- 9 1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught A Fish Alive
- 10 0 = Snowball's Chance in Hell
- 11 15 for First Point in Tennis
- 12 78 Revolutions Per Minute on an Old Record
- 13 1 Good Turn Deserves Another
- 14 1 Good Turn Deserves Another
- 15 9 Symphonies by Beethoven
- 16 3 Wheels on My Wagon (But I'm Still Rolling Along)
- 17 6 Wives of Henry The Eighth
- 18 Snow White And The 7 Dwarves
- 19 1024 Bytes in a Kilobyte
- 20 2 Gentlemen of Verona

crew members from the stricken trawler *Blackburn Rovers*, which was on anti-submarine patrol in the Channel in November 1939. After suffering a fouled propeller, the trawler was being blown towards a minefield in a south-westerly gale.

The Daunt Rock rescue This was one of the most demanding rescues ever undertaken, Ballycotton's lifeboat volunteers enduring 49 hours at sea, 25 hours without food and only three hours sleep to save the lives of eight men on board a drifting lightship.

On 7 February 1936, a very strong south-easterly gale hit the village of Ballycotton, vast waves sweeping the harbour and spraying over the lighthouse, 59m/193' tall.

The next morning, the Lifeboat Station received an SOS: the *Comet*, a lightship stationed at Daunt Rock, had broken from her moorings and was drifting without engine power. She had eight men on board, and was so far from her position that she was a hazard to other shipping.

Ballycotton's lifeboat, the *Mary Stanford*, made repeated attempts to throw a steel cable to the *Comet* to tow her into port, but the waves pushed the ships apart and snapped the cable. She waited by until nightfall before travelling to Cobh to get stronger cables; her crew had gone all day without food, so slept for three hours and changed into dry clothes before returning. When they returned the storm was still strong and a thick fog had covered the area, making it impossible to complete the rescue, but the *Mary Stanford* remained at sea all day and night. When the Commissioners of Irish Lights vessel, *Isolda*, arrived to stand by, the lifeboat was able to refuel at Cobh and returned immediately.

The storm worsened that evening, the *Comet* drifting perilously close to Daunt Rock. The coxswain decided to get alongside the ship so that her crew could jump onto the lifeboat. After repeated attempts in appalling conditions their rescue succeeded.

The rescue has become an important part of the RNLI's history, one of the most demanding rescues ever undertaken, and a fantastic example of the endurance and hard work of the crews.

Seven Gold-, Silver- and Bronze medals were awarded to crew members in recognition of their heroic actions during the rescue.

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Lifeboats

(to be continued)

Croeso! Dyma ein tudalen wybodaeth newydd, sydd wedi'i chynllunio i'ch diweddarar gyda'r hyn sy'n digwydd yn eich Neuadd Bentref.

Caffi Ni Bydd Caffi Ni'n ail-agor ar ddydd Gwener 18 Medi rhwng 11.45yb a 2.00yp gyda Cinio Cyw Iâr Rhost Arbennig.

Y Man Cyfarfod/The Meeting Place

Daeth menter yr Hwb Cynnes cenedlaethol i ben ddiwedd mis Mawrth, ond parhaodd ein Canolfan Gynnes ar agor bob dydd Mawrth, 1.00yp-4.00yp, dan enw newydd: Y Man Cyfarfod/The Meeting Place.

Mae'n fan lle mae croeso i bobl o bob oed alw heibio am sgwrs, cwrdd â ffrindiau, cael paned a bisgedi neu ddau, a chymryd rhan mewn amrywiaeth o weithgareddau..

Os nad ydych wedi ymweld eisoes, beth am alw heibio i weld beth sy'n digwydd? Byddwch yn sicr o gael croeso cynnes!

Ffair Gwanwyn & Sioe Gŵn Hwyl, 27 Mai

Am ddigwyddiad dwbl llwyddiannus yr oedd hwn!

Ni allai'r tywydd fod wedi bod yn well, a daeth pobl o bell ac agos i ymweld â'r ddau ddigwyddiad. Roedd amrywiaeth eang o stondinau y tu mewn i'r Neuadd yn ogystal â bwyd a diodydd, a hyd yn oed hufen iâ ar werth y tu allan i'r Neuadd!



Rhai Pobl Bwysig Iawn!
Some Very Important People!

Trowch at dudalen 18 a darllen mwy am y Sioe Gŵn Hwyl.

Llogi'r Neuadd Mae'r adeilad yn un modern, ysgafn, llachar a chynnes, ac mae'n cynnig dewis o wahanol ystafelloedd sydd ar gael i'w llogi ar gyfer eich swyddogaeth neu'ch digwyddiad. Mae'n ddelfrydol ar gyfer partion pen-blwydd, dathliadau priodas, digwyddiadau codi arian, ac yn y blaen. Gallwn hyd yn oed drefnu trwydded diodydd i chi.

Dal i fyny gyda'r hyn sy' 'mlaen Yn ogystal â'n manylion cyswllt, fe welwch galendr o ddigwyddiadau o dan y pennawd Llanddona yn *What's happening where?* ar dudalen 8...a gwnewch yn siŵr eich bod yn cadw llygad ar Facebook hefyd.



Rwyf wir eisiau bod yn rhywle arall...
I really want to be somewhere else...

Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall



I gloi... Edrychwch ar y llun hyfryd o oen yn cael ei fwydo mewn potel mewn cyfarfod Caffi Cofio yn ddiweddar... Mae'n llun mor galonogol!



Mae oen yn cael ei fwydo mewn cyfarfod Caffi Cofio diweddar
A lamb being bottle-fed at a recent Caffi Cofio gathering
(via Steve MacVicar/Rhian Hughes)



Welcome! This is our new information page, designed to keep you up-to-date with what's happening at *your* Village Hall.

Caffi Ni Caffi Ni will reopen on Friday 18 September at 11.45am with a Special Roast Chicken Dinner.

Y Man Cyfarfod/The Meeting Place

The national Warm Hub initiative drew to a close at the end of March, but our Warm Hub remained open every Tuesday, 1.00pm-4.00pm, under a new name: Y Man Cyfarfod/The Meeting Place.

It's a place where people of all ages are welcome to drop in for a chat, meet friends, have a paned and a biscuit or two, and take part in a range of activities..

If you haven't visited already, why not drop in to see what's happening? You'll be sure of a warm welcome!

Spring Fair & Fun Dog Show, 27 May

What a successful double event the Spring Fair and Fun Dog Show were!



Roedd digon i ond yn y Ffair Gwanwyn
There was plenty to but at the Spring Fair



The weather couldn't have been better, and people came from far and wide to visit the two events. There was a wide variety of stalls inside the Hall as well as food and drinks, and even ice creams on sale outside!

Turn to page 18 and read more about the Fun Dog Show.

Hiring the Village Hall The building is modern, light, bright and warm, and offers a choice of different rooms available to hire for your function or event. It is ideal for birthday parties, wedding celebrations, fund-raising events, and so on. We can even arrange a drinks licence for you.

Keep up with what's on As well as our contact details, you'll find a calendar of events under the *Llanddona* heading in *What's happening where?* on page 8... and make sure that you keep an eye on Facebook as well.

Finally... Have a look at the lovely photograph of a lamb being bottle-fed at a recent Caffi Cofio gathering...it's such a heartwarming picture!

TAILPIECE: A WEARY WESTIE ON BEING MISSED OFF THAT LIST AND FALLING INTO TWO PONDS...

Dame Tilly Barker of Llanddona (dogtated to Andrew Perrott)

I didn't become a Dame in the last round of Parliamentary giveaways. The Boss doubled up with laughter when I grizzled to him about it. 'Does it matter?' he guffawed. 'Just pretend you're a Dame', he said. Pretend? What a thing. I should have thought of that! I can pretend...so now I'm a real pretend Dame!

Once again, the Boss didn't have to collar me to dogtate my quarterly selection of wise words to him. I was ready and waiting one morning as soon as he'd cleaned my eyes and put in the drops. *Come on, Boss, it's dogtation time*, I said, and a-dogtating we went.



My bezzie Edie was such a poser in the recent hot weather...I don't know who she thinks she is! (Nicola McDonough)

I've had a really busy time since May.

I went to Llanddona's Fun Dog Show with Daisy and my bezzie Edie. Daisy won a prize; she came first in the Veterans class. You'll have read all about it on page 18.

Edie and I didn't win a prize. I told the Boss that we need to butter up the judges next year with special bribe-sized boxes of Bonio. He wasn't convinced, but we've started saving...

Daisy was so kind; she treated us to a Special Consolation Meal the day after. Edie and Daisy are gluttons, though, and watched each other to see whether any bits would be missed... I just looked on.

In June the Boss and I went on holiday



I'm no good as a horse whisperer when the ponies come down to the garden wall of an evening, but my goodness, I'm a first-rate pony barker!



Prizewinner Daisy treated Edie and me to a Special Consolation Meal the day after the Fun Dog Show. Edie and I decided that the prizes were fixed, and think that we need to buy special bribed-sized boxes of Bonio next year...



I travel in comfort when the Boss and I go on holiday (Evelyn Costello)

We stayed with some of his friends, and I managed to fall into two ponds! I walked off some decking (I didn't see the edge) into a swimming pond, and the Boss had to fish me out by the collar; then the day after, I fell into a duck pond,



Yes...I knew that Norman was up there, but I couldn't reach him...I needed some Red Bull!



but I managed to pull myself out of that one. The Boss tells me that I really must be more careful because I don't see things very well. He's right, of course, but I don't always pay attention.



...and this is me after I fell into a duck pond...

I saw Norman the peacock on a car roof, but I couldn't reach him; and I chased his wife, Molly, but she flew off.

There. That's my dogtation over for the next three months. Who knows what more might happen in my eventful little life... you must wait and see!

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