

# The Puffin

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Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn  
Newydd Dda!

Merry Christmas  
and a Happy  
New Year!

**Serving...**

- **Llangoed**
  - **Glanrafon**
  - **Penmon**
  - **Beaumaris**
  - **Llanfaes**
  - **Llanddona**
  - **Llandegfan**
  - **Llansadwrn**
- ...and on-line**

## WHERE HAS 2022 GONE?

John Nunn

Autumn. Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, according to the poet. By the time you get to read this, however, most of this season will be behind us and we will be heading towards winter...but what sort of a winter? According to the weather experts climate change will result in our experiencing hotter, dryer summers and warmer, wetter winters. Is it too much to hope that those who run our water companies and (with the exception of Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water) benefit financially very nicely, thank you, might start considering how they can store that extra winter wetness so that it can be distributed in leak-free pipes during our summer dryness? Answers on a postcard, please.

I had just finished writing this article when the country was shocked by the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I look at Facebook fairly regularly, and saw a beautiful montage of the late Queen at various stages of her life.

It was posted by one Zane Lewis. I have no idea whether he was its creator, but I am sure that whoever its talented creator was will not mind our using it to mark the end of a remarkable and eventful reign.

In our last edition I mentioned that a large ash tree on the boundary between our property and fellow Editorial Team member John Briggs was ailing and I suspected its days might be numbered. It's gone! Sadly, it is one of many which will disappear over the next few years following many which have already been taken down. A friend of mine has just returned from a holiday in Cornwall where apparently the ash die-back problem is also widespread, with whole hedgerows being uprooted. As with the elm in the '70s, this will result in large gaps and holes in our countries landscapes which will be filled in time by other trees, like the sycamore, and even some disease-resistant ash trees. Inevitably, the countryside will look different and, coupled with the likely effects of increasing numbers of hot dry summers, our land might be fairly unrecognisable to our grandchildren in a few decades' time.

Unless there is such a major change in attitude in the corridors of power and some business boardrooms we will need to plant quite different vegetation to survive the year. My lawn (and probably yours) is brown and very dry and crunchy

underfoot. They say that it'll recover when it rains, but what if we have these droughts every year? I've no answers; these are just the abstract ramblings of someone commanded to create an opening article for **The Puffin**.

This leads me on to the main point. Regardless of the state of the countryside around us, **The Puffin** will



continue to reflect the life and times of our little corner of paradise.

If we are unable to print due to financial shortcomings **The Puffin** will still be available on-line, edited and overseen by the same small league of gentlemen of certain ages...did I mention that we need new Editorial Team members?!

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## OUR CHRISTMAS FRONT COVER

Andrew Perrott

Note that no Westies were harmed during the production of the no-expense-spared cover for **The Puffin** 42...

Yes, dear reader, I've been cheating again.

Tilly had had a much-needed shampoo and haircut just before Christmas 2021, and was sitting in front of the fire wearing her Christmas bandanna. I took a few photographs, aided by some bribery in the form of dog treats, and forgot all about them until I was looking for something a few days ago and found them again. I spent an entertaining few minutes playing with Akvis Pastel software on my computer, and the result was a masterpiece in oil pastel for the price of a few chews. What was in it for Tilly? More treats, of course!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE?

The last *What's happening where?* was our most comprehensive by far. Inevitably, we can't cover everything that's on, so if you think that an event is missing and should be mentioned, please make sure that you let us know in good time. Our 'submissions by' dates are always on the back page:

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

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!

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

We'll point out the obvious, just in case...

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

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

### Attention, voluntary groups!


Do you have opportunities to fill? You'll see that a couple of voluntary/charitable organisations have advertised in this number of **The Puffin**; see pages 7 and 17. If your organisation has opportunities to fill, think about placing an advertisement with us. Our contact details are always on the back page.

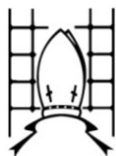
### Beaumaris

- **Beaumaris Over 50's Club:** Club meetings take place at Canolfan Iorwerth Rowlands Centre.

Put these dates in your diary:

- Monday 28 November: Christmas event, with Singing for Pleasure group.
- Monday 12 December: Christmas lunch at the Breeze Hill Hotel, Benllech.
- Wednesday 14 December: Pantomime in Llandudno.
- Monday 30 January 2023: Annual General Meeting.

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

☎ 01248 812157

☎ 07483 827069

✉ [dmikedmail@gmail.com](mailto:dmikedmail@gmail.com)

- **Christmas Tree Festival:** Church of St Mary and Nicholas, Friday 9 December - Thursday 15 December.

The theme this year is 'A Christmas Story'.

Trees will be set up in the Church on Thursday 8 December.



Please contact Rev Lesley Rendle to book a space for a tree.

☎ 07817 873080

See also page 10.

- **Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club:** Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club would like to welcome people of any age or gender to come along and have a go.

The Club is at Happy Valley, by the beautiful Beaumaris Castle.

The Club has eight teams playing in five different Leagues, two of the teams being the over 55s, playing in Gwynedd Veterans League Divisions 1 and 2.

For more information and/or a taster session please contact Dave Mathias.

✉ [davemathias49@gmail.com](mailto:davemathias49@gmail.com)

☎ 01248 490222, 07712 121147

☎ Mike Ormond 01248 810073

- **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](mailto:robins.rach@gmail.com)

Go to page 21 and read about our recent participation in the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Procession Row on the River Thames.

- **Beaumaris Rotary:** put these dates in your diary:
  - **Fireworks in the Pier:** Saturday 5 November, benefiting local charities.
  - **Victorian Christmas Fayre:** makes a welcome return over the weekend of Saturday 26/Sunday 27 November.

To keep up-to-date with what's happening follow social media, such as the *Friends of Beaumaris* Facebook page.

🌐 Friends of Beaumaris  
[www.facebook.com/groups/521368261344315/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/521368261344315/)

We are pleased to report that we have just received a substantial Rotary district grant to supply furniture and electronic information equipment for a drop-in centre at Beaumaris Library. You'll be able to read all about it in the next number of **The Puffin**.

- **H'Artworks:** Anne Snaith is 'Artist in Residence' at the Bulkeley Hotel, Castle Street, Beaumaris.  
Go to page 4 to read about the

workshops that Anne runs.

- **Beaumaris Film Night:** coming next at Beaumaris Film Night:
  - Thursday 3 November: *Belfast*, a 2021 BAFTA winner, starring Caitriona Balfe and Judi Dench: it's Kenneth Branagh's joyous tale of a youngster living through the Troubles).

### FILM NIGHT



Amidst an ethno-nationalist conflict, Buddy and his family find themselves in a catch-22 situation as their lives become increasingly unsafe in Belfast.

**7.30PM THURSDAY  
3RD NOVEMBER**



RUNNING TIME 1 HOUR 38M

**NOTE** This is a change of date. It'll be a popular showing, so be sure to book your seat!

Tickets are available in advance from reception, or telephone to book.

☎ 01248 811200

Volunteers are always welcome; please contact Stephen Marsden to find out more.

☎ 07774 699685

Beaumaris Film Night's spring programme will be out in December; keep up-to-date via social media.

- **Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris Leisure Centre:** There's so much happening at Canolfan Beaumaris that our centre-spread is too small! Do we diet? Of course not...we spread instead!

Go to our centre-spread on pages 14-15 to see what's going on; there's

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Thank you, Red Boat, for supporting **The Puffin**



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.

Workshops will be running on the lead up to Christmas, with various Christmassy activities for children and adults. Visit my Facebook page for up-to-date information and booking details.

**Tuesdays**  
4.30pm-5.30pm

**Children's Art Club for ages 7-12:** the cost is £12.50 per head, and includes professional tuition in a wide variety of media. Running now; contact me for more details.

**Thursdays**  
1.00pm-3.00pm

**Watercolours for beginners and intermediates:** it's fun and friendly, and a block of ten sessions costs £150. Each session is 'stand alone', so people can join later and create a picture each session. If you are late joining the course, fees will be adjusted accordingly. Places are still available.



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Restarted and currently running.

**NEW**  
January 2023

Look out for details about a new class that will be starting up on Wednesday afternoons in January 2023.

There will be updates on the Facebook page, with more details nearer the time.

**For more information...**

Look out for information on social media, such as Facebook and Instagram.

For more information or to book a place please contact me, Anne Snaith:

☎ 01248 810631  
☎ 07531 384434

✉ hartworks@btinternet.com

🌐 www.facebook.com/anne.snaith.1

more information on pages 16-17 and page 19 as well...and keep up-to-date via social media.

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- **Seiriol Alliance:** go to page 20 to read the latest news.

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

The services offered by the Scheme are delivered 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 be helpful for you please telephone us and we will arrange a home visit to discuss your needs.

☎ 01248 305014  
Monday-Friday  
9.00am-5.00pm

- **Beaumaris Makers Market:** Castle Square, Beaumaris LL58 8AP, Sundays, 10.00am-4.00pm:
  - November 6, 20, 27
  - December 11

On Sunday 27 November there will be a Sanctuary Quarter, with handcrafted work from refugees living locally.

To book a stall contact the Canolfan:

☎ 01248 811200

🌐 Beaumaris Makers Market  
www.facebook.com/  
beaumarismakersmarket

**Beaumaris Artisan Market:** Rating Row, Beaumaris LL58 8AP (in front of the David Hughes Community Centre), 10.00am-4.00pm.

🌐 Beaumaris Artisan Market  
www.beaumarisartisanmarket.blogspot.com

The information on this link was not complete at 4 October, so check social media before visiting.

- **Christmas in Beaumaris:** put Saturday 26/Sunday 27 November in your diary...that's when the Christmas in Beaumaris Nutcracker weekend takes place. We'll have Santa and face-painting for the kids (Saturday only), Christmas markets by the David Hughes Centre and charity stalls in the Market Square.

There will also be the turning on of the Christmas lights and the huge tree, late night shopping, the Seindorf Beaumaris Band, mulled wine and much more!

To keep up-to-date with what's happening keep an eye on social media, such as the *Friends of Beaumaris* Facebook page.

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www.facebook.com/groups/  
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- **Panto time's approaching!** Castle Players are back in Beaumaris after an absence of two years, so get out your diary!

www.facebook.com/groups/llanddona/

We'll be staging the pantomime, *Puss in Boots*, early next year in the Town Hall, Castle Street. There will be performances on 11, 12 and 13 January, and an afternoon performance on 14 January.

You'll be seeing some familiar faces, and some new ones as well.

It'll be a uproaring, funny and entertaining experience for one and all, a fantastic way to spend some quality time with the family and brighten up the post-Christmas blues!

Keep your eyes open for Castle Players banners in town, and look at the *Friends of Beaumaris* Facebook page for updates.

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### Llanddona

- **Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall:** our group of Committee Members and volunteers is small, and we'd would like to welcome more people on board!

Please contact us if you would like to become involved in one way or another, if you would like more information about Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall, or if you would like to make a booking.

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- **Caffi Ni:** Caffi Ni continues to be open every Friday, 11.45am-2.00pm, offering light lunches/refreshments. There is a new wholesome menu to take us through the autumn/winter months.

Thanks to all who continue to support Caffi Ni.

- **Village Knit Club:** the Village Knit Club is reconvening for the autumn season! It'll meet every Monday at the Owain Glyndŵr, Llanddona, at about 7.15pm-8.45pm.



Looking forward to seeing you all!

puffinpages@gmail.com

For more information contact Meg Marsden.

07913 223435

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

Please contact Kirsty Simpson if you're interested.

kirstyalisonsimpson@hotmail.com

- **Caffi Cofio:** Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall, the first and



third Wednesdays of the month, 2.00pm-4.00pm. Caffi Cofio is provided by Carers Trust North Wales Crossroads Care Services.

It's a friendly service for anybody who needs support; carers are welcome as well. Please telephone to book a place.

Put these dates in your diary:

- 2 November
- 16 November
- 7 December
- 21 December
- 18 January

Transport to and from the group can be arranged; it's organised by the Seiriol Good Turn Scheme, with a small fee.

01492 542212

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

The Group meets every three weeks on a Tuesday afternoon at 3.00pm. 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.

See also pages 6, 23 and 25.

- **Christmas Fair:** Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall, Saturday 3 December.

Contact us for more information or to book a stand:

07733 176004 or 07768 018370

- **The Owain Glyndŵr:** There's a lot happening at the Owain Glyndŵr; for information about what's on:

01248 810710

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 Llanddona  
 Anglesey  
 LL58 8UF

contact@ogdllanddona.co.uk

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### Llangoed

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



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

llangoedvillagehall@gmail.com

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- **Christmas Bingo Party:** Llangoed Village Hall, Friday 16 December.



Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

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**Across**

- 1 Stop (4)
- 3 Drapes (8)
- 9 Seawater lakes (7)
- 10 Two-legged animal (5)
- 11 Fish respiratory features (5)
- 12 Do more than necessary (6)
- 14 Naked interest (6)
- 16 Guitar maker (6)
- 19 Not at work (6)
- 21 Student (5)
- 24 Player (5)
- 25 Bending (7)
- 26 Deify (8)
- 27 Reinsert an erased mistake (4)

- **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 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 thoughtfully because the car park is used by others as well.

For more information please contact:

- ☎ Mike Thomas 07941 103386
- ☎ Steve Jones 07368 219048

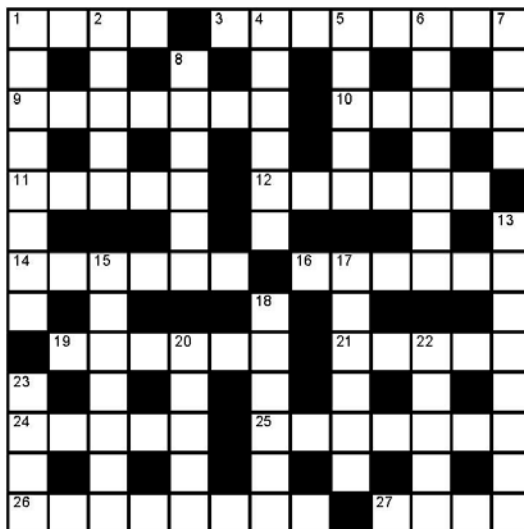
See also page 9.

- **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.  
See also page 13.
- **Llangoed Flower and Vegetable Show:** advance notice! It's set for 8 July 2023, Llangoed Village Hall.

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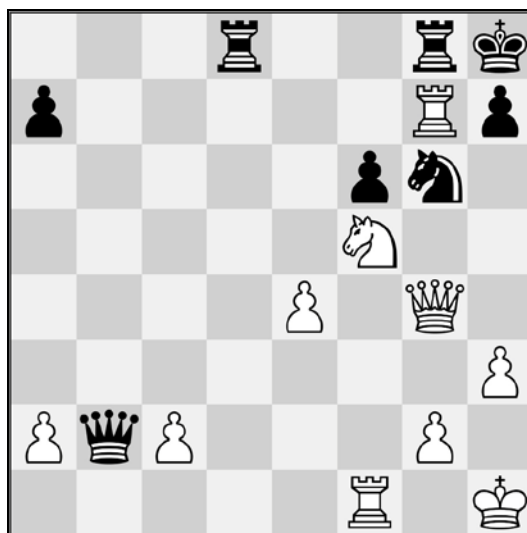
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**THE GOVERNOR'S QUICK CROSSWORD NO 10 (AGAIN)**



We must apologise for omitting the *down* clues in *The Puffin* 41; they were there in the first draft, but fell off the page when *The Puffin's* typesetter had to reset some of the text.

**FIANCHETTO 66'S CHESS NO 1**



**Solutions** From now on you won't have to wait until the next number of *The Puffin*; you'll find the solutions on page 26.

📅 Sioe Flodau Llangoed Flower Show  
[www.facebook.com/groups/sioeflodau](http://www.facebook.com/groups/sioeflodau)

See also page 10.

**A REGULAR CHESS COLUMN...**

*The Puffin* does crosswords, often with all of the clues. Now it's about to boldly go where no hand has set foot, and welcomes the first of a new regular feature, a chess column by Fianchetto 66. We know who Fianchetto 66 is, but we're not telling...

2022 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bobby Fischer's becoming world chess champion following his 1972 victory over Boris Spassky in Reykjavik.

**Down**

- 1 Monovalent non-metallic elements (8)
- 2 Allowed (5)
- 4 Result (6)
- 5 List (5)
- 6 Prevented movement (7)
- 7 Team (4)
- 8 Roof beams (6)
- 13 Bright illumination (3,5)
- 15 Argumental discussions (7)
- 17 Look forward to (6)
- 18 Stress (6)
- 20 Mistake (5)
- 22 Produce art (5)
- 23 Regain consciousness (4)

This 'Match of the Century' had a similar effect on the public as the Netflix series *Queen's Gambit*, inspiring soaring sales of chess sets at the same time as bringing to an end 24 years of Soviet chess domination.

Truth was stranger than fiction in Reykjavik that year, with Fischer failing to appear for the second game of the match, and returning only when his demands for the third game to be played away from the cameras in a small room were met. For *The Puffin's* inaugural chess column we travel even further back in time, to a match played by Fischer in 1964 in Cicero, Illinois, when he played several opponents at the same time and created a particularly splendid checkmate combination against Daniel Kumro.

It is Fischer as white to play and mate in two moves.

Good luck...Fianchetto 66

**IT ALL BEGAN...**

Tommy Miller, Llandona Writing Group

For me, it all began when I was a little girl in Belgium. We knew they were coming. My father was a captain in the army and the discussions my little ears overheard made it clear to me that he had his duties but wanted my mother and me to get out, back to England.

Eventually we did, but it was a close thing and we never saw my father again for six years.

I remember being bundled into the back of a car with my mother and our suitcases. We zoomed off through the panicked streets as gunfire and the grey puffs of explosions grew bigger and louder. I knelt on the back seat looking out the rear window, holding on as best I could as we raced and skidded our way out of town. As I looked back, I saw what I could only describe as beautiful big white mushrooms drifting gracefully down from the clear blue sky, hundreds of them. It was surreal, like something out of a

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fairytale to me. Much later the penny dropped, and I knew what I saw were enemy paratroopers.

We made it over the last bridge out of town and as we crossed that slim safety line, the base of a large factory chimney was blown out by the incoming shelling. It became alive, fluid, and in its death throes, collapsed onto the road we sped along. We raced from out under its darkening shadow as if we were escaping a collapsing tunnel and cleared it, just, the back of the car getting peppered in stones, rubble and dust. This was the same bridge that my father was tasked to stay behind and hold as long as possible to let people escape before destroying it. Which he did, and was later captured and sent to a prison for officers. It was an evil looking castle on top of a mountain called Colditz, as if the fairies had got him, too.



12 May 1940: British troops and Belgian refugees on the Brussels-Louvain road (photograph F4422 from the collections of the Imperial War Museums, by Lt Kessell, War Office official photographer)

The first place we stayed in London was a single room in the basement of a large Victorian house. It was always so dark, but when the docks burned across the river we could see the light of the flickering flames reflected on the walls for four whole nights. My father was from proud farming stock and we had always had animals. So when we moved to a house with a garden, my mother managed to get hold of a goat for milk and cheese, and it was my job to graze her every day on the common, park or any good grass I could find. I have a distinct memory of standing with Gertrude, holding her rope leash as she happily munched away on the common's fresh grass. Looking around, even I felt self-conscious, a girl out of time, as the industrialised mechanised machines of war rumbled all around me.

One day, we got a letter from my father; he was out of prison and said we could come home. It was all over. Instead of a long trip by rail, sea and road, we got a flight back to Belgium in an RAF Lancaster bomber. It was so big, it looked like it could never get off the ground. But it did and I will never forget that the first time I ever flew was in this terrifying machine of war. It was loud and so cold inside but to see the

## SESIYNNAU RHITHIOL BLAS YR WIRFODDOLI



**Ymunwch â ni i ddarganfod pa fath o rôl  
gwirfoddol sy'n addas i chi:**

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- gwaith achos •
- sioe/marchnad •

**22 Tachwedd, 6.00yh-7.30yh**

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07483 418673

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Delyth Owen  
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damaged world beneath our wings as we soared above untouched by it all was like magic.

My father was thin and looked ill, but he was my Papa and his eyes shone bright, he was so happy to see us. Some months later I helped him dig up some of the family things he had buried for safe keeping. His grandmother's dinner service and canteens of cutlery, ornaments and vases, pictures of art and photo albums. All survived unharmed but for a pair of statues. The unprotected white marble had become stained by the red clay it was hidden in. Marked by war, like all of us.

Home was, for me, sitting in the second floor window with my legs dangling out as I gorged on the summer-ripe greengages growing up the wall of the farmhouse and then throwing the stones as far as I could. Not school, where the other girls would say, "See. The Roast Beef is dumb, she will not make a sound." And I wouldn't make a sound, especially when they pinched me or stuck pins in me.

But things change, and I grew. I got my medical degree from a fine Scottish university and became a doctor. And I would get my own animals, small farm, husband and then children to pass on the things that had once been passed on to me.

## CATHY ROWLANDS: HONORARY BURGESS OF BEAUMARIS

Richard Adams

In a ceremony in Beaumaris Town Hall on 22 July Llangoed's Cathy Rowlands was made an Honorary Burgess of the town.

It's an honour equivalent to the Freedom of a Borough or City, and was instituted in the local government reforms of 1974, partly to fill a gap left by the removal of Aldermen.



(L-R: Chris Edge, Mayor Neil Gough, Cathy Rowlands, Ian Davies) (Richard Adams)

Cathy has been honoured mainly for her long service (45 years!) to Guides and Rangers, but also to the local church and the business community via her haberdashery shop, Nan's Place.

Since 1974 there have only been 16

Burgesses created here, and Cathy is the first woman to be honoured thus. It was a great event to witness, and a



Mayor Neil Gough presents Cathy with a beautiful citation (Delyth Jones)

much-deserved honour. Cathy now has the challenge of finding a place to hang the very large, beautifully-calligraphed citation!

## DEBT: ANOTHER USEFUL WEBSITE

Andrew Perrott

Readers will recall the long article, *Debt: what can you do about it? Some sources of information and help*, that we published in *The Puffin* 40 (May 2022). Much of its content will apply still, and the information below is by way of an add-on. If you don't have a copy to hand you'll find *The Puffin* on-line; visit the link at the foot of this article, or e-mail us at [puffinpages@gmail.com](mailto:puffinpages@gmail.com) and we'll send you a copy.

**Important note** We're not financial wizards, and are not attempting to give advice of any sort. We simply look into other sources of assistance that come our way, stuff that looks as if it might be useful for people who are facing financial hardship.

**Lightning Reach** With the cost of living crisis worsening, it is vital that those who are facing hardship can gain access to financial help quickly.

Lightning Reach was founded in 2020 during the COVID pandemic, and says that it has helped people get grants totalling more than £1 million so far.

It is a new one-stop on-line service that allows people in need to receive grants and other support from charities and local authorities.

Lightning Reach says that it is speeding up the process, in some cases cutting the time it can take from several weeks or even months to only a few days.

Rising energy bills will push millions of people into 'unmanageable' debt, and the cost of housing, food and many other essentials will push many people into hardship, including people who have never had to seek support before.

Some of the charitable organisations that give out grants have antiquated systems, with many still using paper application forms that have to be returned by post, and this can make the process long and laborious.

Instead of requiring people to complete forms and return them with some form of ID, Lightning Reach's grants portal allows people in financial distress to do it all on-line, including ID verification.

Lightning Reach aims to match people to personalised support for which they may be eligible based on their circumstances, and allows them also to use the information provided across more than one application to other organisations.

Lightning Reach has received funding from organisations that include Innovate UK, the national innovation agency, and Nesta, the UK innovation foundation for social good.

📄 Lightning Reach  
[www.lightningreach.org](http://www.lightningreach.org)

📄 What to do in a crisis  
<https://lightning.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/80000958349-what-to-do-in-a-crisis>

📄 Cost of living crisis: new website speeds up help for Britons facing hardship  
[www.theguardian.com/business/2022/jul/30/cost-of-living-crisis-help-grants-bills](http://www.theguardian.com/business/2022/jul/30/cost-of-living-crisis-help-grants-bills)

📄 Energy bills will push millions into unmanageable debt, MPs warn  
[www.theguardian.com/business/2022/jul/26/energy-bills-will-plunge-millions-into-unmanageable-debt-warn-mps-ofgem](http://www.theguardian.com/business/2022/jul/26/energy-bills-will-plunge-millions-into-unmanageable-debt-warn-mps-ofgem)

## CANOLFAN IECHID BIWMARES

Joanna Andreou

### Ffliw: gadewch i ni eich amddiffyn y Gaef hwn

- Unrhyw un sydd sydd yn drwm ei pwysau gyda BMI dros 40
- Unrhyw un sy'n coeliac
- Pob plentyn 2-3 oed: ar 31 Awst 2022
- Os oes gennych gyflwr iechyd hirdymor: diabetes, asthma, COPD, clefyd yr afu/iau, clefyd yr arennau, clefyd niwrolegol, clefyd y gallon
- Pawb yn troi'n 50 mlynedd erbyn 31 Mawrth 2023 (hyd yn oed os yw'n ffit ac yn iach)
- Os ydych chi'n feichiog
- Os ydych yn ofalwr

Os nad ydych wedi cael eich un chi eto,

atebwch i'ch testun gwahoddiad ffliw, archebwch yn hawdd ar-lein (gan ddefnyddio MyHealthOnline) neu ffoniwch ni.

📄 MyHealthOnline  
[www.myhealthonline-inps2.wales.nhs.uk/login](http://www.myhealthonline-inps2.wales.nhs.uk/login)

☎ 01248 810818

## BEAUMARIS HEALTH CENTRE

Joanna Andreou

### Flu: let us protect you this winter

- Anyone with a BMI above 40
- Anyone who is coeliac
- All children aged 2-3: at 31 August 2022
- If you have a long-term health condition: diabetes, asthma, COPD, liver disease, kidney disease, neurological disease, heart disease
- Everyone turning 50 years by 31 March 2023 (even if fit and healthy)
- If you are pregnant
- If you are a carer

By the time you read this we will have administered most of our vaccines.

If you haven't had yours yet, reply to your flu invitation text, book easily on-line (using MyHealthOnline) or telephone us.

📄 MyHealthOnline  
[www.myhealthonline-inps2.wales.nhs.uk/login](http://www.myhealthonline-inps2.wales.nhs.uk/login)

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## BEAUMARIS ROTARY HUB:

### AUTUMN UPDATE

Kevin Sivyrr

**'Tools for Africa'** Our corporate members, Seiriol Men's Shed, have been busy collecting 'Tools for Africa'.

**Equestrian museum at Haulfre** Seiriol Men's Shed has been selected to manage the development of an equestrian museum adjacent to Haulfre Residential Home, where they are based. Their well-equipped workshop couldn't be more convenient, being next-door to it!

This should be an interesting project as there are many classic equestrian and transport artefacts housed there which are being researched via Beaumaris Town and Isle of Anglesey CC records.

Read more about this exciting project on page 9.

**October's Autumn Arts event** you'll be able to read about the Autumn Arts event:

- 14 October: pop/folk concert with Kev, Miv and Dave and guests The Magee Brothers
- 15 October: Castle Players presentation of *An Autumn*



Miscellany and *The Eve of St Agnes*

- 15 October: Gala Charity Concert featuring the Goronwy Male Voice Choir and special guest artiste, soprano Ellen Williams, compered by Virginia Crosbie MP

that took place last month in the next number of *The Puffin*.

The Autumn Arts event was a major development for the hub and Beaumaris, and attracted much attention and sponsorship, including support from our MP, Virginia Crosbie, who compered the Gala Concert.

**Fireworks on the Pier** Members of the hub are also involved in preparations for fireworks on Beaumaris Pier on 5 November which will benefit local charities.

**Victorian Christmas Fayre** The Victorian Christmas Fayre will make a welcome return over the weekend of Saturday 26/Sunday 27 November.

**Beaumaris library grant** We are pleased to report that we have just received a substantial Rotary district grant to supply furniture and electronic information equipment for a drop-in centre at Beaumaris library. You'll be able to read all about it in the next number of *The Puffin*.

To keep up-to-date with what's happening, follow us on social media, such as Facebook.

Friends of Beaumaris  
[www.facebook.com/groups/521368261344315/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/521368261344315/)

### SEIRIOL MEN'S SHED: AN UPDATE

Mike Thomas

Our membership numbers are still lower than we hoped, but we're able to move steadily forward, doing tasks for our community whilst enjoying each other's company.



Part of our well-equipped workshop

Steve Jones has led the making of a smart new community notice board which is now attached to the Canolfan notice board in Beaumaris; it provides space for us and other community groups to announce activities.

Our well-equipped workshop enables us to undertake all manner of tasks, such as repairs to wooden tables, chairs and garden furniture. We have to charge for materials that we have to buy, obviously,

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but we offer our skills and knowhow free of charge.

All that we ask for is a small donation toward the running cost of our workshop.

We have many projects on the go, smaller and larger:

- The 'Tools for Africa' project is continuing.
- The polytunnel has been made ready at last for the addition of a polythene cover!



Hard at play over a cuppa and biscuits; Tilly visits occasionally in a supervisory capacity...

- Our workshop is better organised than ever, and has been readied for making planters and other items for the Llangloed Village Hall garden project.



Even in its present dormant state the museum is so interesting; the workmanship in the stables is beautiful...

- Our 'hobbies' room is ready for clay modelling, painting and drawing.
- We've adopted the iconic clock tower as our logo and heading.



When we're hard at work the result is some good stuff, like the recently-installed noticeboard at the Canolfan, Beaumaris (Steve Jones)

- We're making preparations to curate the small but amazing equestrian museum on the premises.

We'll be writing more about it as plans and work progress, so keep your eyes on *The Puffin*.

We've still not found time for darts and dominoes, but we have the kit...one day soon!

There is so much potential for us and for the community, and so much to do. We can move forward only within our capabilities, which are limited by our numbers and the time that we can spare. We welcome new members with new ideas and new energy.

We are a small friendly group of men motivated by serving our Seiriol Community and enjoying the company that our group provides.

If you are interested, here's the what, where and when of it:

- Seiriol Men's Shed is for men aged 18-108.
- Currently we meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00am-1.00pm.
- Times and days will expand to suit membership.

You'll find directions to Seiriol Men's Shed in *What's happening where?* on page 6.

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

For more information please contact:

☎ Mike Thomas 07941 103386

☎ Steve Jones 07368 219048

### A SUCCESSFUL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING...IN THE AFTERNOON!

Karen McNeil

The Beaumaris Christadelphians are a faith group who have been meeting in Beaumaris for over 50 years.

After meeting at the David Hughes Centre for many years, in 2021 we needed to find a new venue. Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall was where my three children went to school,



A lot of lovely cakes...

so I was delighted when the opportunity arose to hold our faith group there. This wonderfully refurbished building is so much more than bricks and mortar to many in the village.

As a group we wanted to do something to reflect the passion and generosity of the local community and decided to host a Macmillan coffee morning.

We advertised the event locally, on Facebook and with fliers posted around

the village, and held the event on Sunday afternoon, 2 October.

The cakes and sweet goodies were baked and donated by members of our faith group and the village. The tables looked spectacular, from the most impressive Victoria sponge I have ever seen to lemon drizzle, scones, brownies and flapjacks!

The turnout to the event was fantastic, and as the autumn sunshine poured in through the windows people kept coming into the hall. The Bible says that 'God loves a cheerful giver', and that is what happened in bucketloads.

The energy and joy in giving was overwhelming, and as people shared a favourite treat together the conversation flowed, and the room was filled with laughter. It was wonderful to see the room full and feel the fabulous atmosphere as people and pooches sat enjoying each other's company!

Thanks to everyone's kindness we raised £428.50 for Macmillan Cancer Care, and we would like to thank all who contributed to this sum. We hope to host further events in the future, so watch this space!



...being enjoyed by a full house!

☑ Donate to Macmillan  
[www.macmillan.org.uk/donate](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/donate)

Beumaris Christadelphians meet at 11.00am every Sunday at Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall.

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## LLANGOED FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW RETURNS NEXT YEAR

Julie Upmeyer

**Next summer!** We were pleased to announce in *The Puffin* 41 that the Llangoed Flower and Vegetable Show will be able to continue its annual celebration of local flowers, produce, cookery and artistic talent in Llangoed and beyond. You can plan your gardens and planting programmes with lots of time; we have agreed a date, 8 July 2023, for the show, to take place at Llangoed Village Hall.

There will be an array of categories in

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the show – flowers, vegetables, fruits, jams, preserves, cakes, photography, art and crafts – with specific categories for our younger members of the community as well.

The Show is believed to have been going for over 80 years now so I would also like to feature its history. Do you have any photos or memories of the show in years past? If you have, please share them with me.

If you have printed materials, such as brochures, newspaper articles, photos or slides, do let me know and I can organise scanning them. Memories and recollections of past Shows are so important, too, so please get in touch if you were involved with the show at any time.

I'll be announcing the exact categories in the competition very soon, so please contact with me by e-mail or post and we can include you in our future announcements. Please let me know if you would like to get involved in any way to help us organise (judging, grant applications or general support).

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

**Past winners at the Show** Do you have any trophies, medals or prizes that are meant to be passed on to the next competition? The last awards were made in 2019; they should be returned for the 2020 Show, but that was cancelled because of the COVID pandemic.

Please get in touch if you have any to return so that we can collect them for the 2023 show.

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## NATIONAL SUCCESS FOR BEAUMARIS ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

Jill Anker

Two Beumaris allotment holders have achieved success in the annual Wales National Allotment Society Photographic competition.

Keevan Anker won in the '30-second video of a plot' category with a video of his wife Jill's plot. This was the first time that he had entered the competition, so he was delighted to have had his video chosen.

Keevan said, "It wasn't easy managing to fit in all the different areas of Jill's plot in just 30 seconds. I ended up having to climb on top of her compost bin, which

gave an elevated view of the plot."

It was success second time in a row for Jasmine Hughes when she won the Wildlife category with a delightful photo of a robin on her plot. Jasmine's plot is a



The secret to attracting robins to feed from your hand is patience, consistently turning up for them and (if you can bear handling them) live mealworms! (Jasmine Hughes)

haven for wildlife, with bird feeders and wildlife areas ideal for attracting birds and insects. She hopes to make it third time lucky next year.

## EGLWYS BIWMARES: GŴYL GOED NADOLIG

Canon Robert Townsend

Rydym bron wedi cyrraedd adeg y flwyddyn, pan awn ni at ein cwpwrdd, to, garej neu sied i aildarganfod ein Coed Nadolig!

Mae wedi bod yn wych yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf fod grwpiau a sefydliadau lleol wedi canfod amser i gyfrannu amser, coed, addurniadau a dychymyg er mwyn i ni gael dathlu gogoniant y Nadolig fel cymuned.

Eleni bydd Gŵyl Goed Nadolig yn dechrau ddydd Gwener 9 Rhagfyr ac yn gorffen ddydd Iau 15 Rhagfyr. Thema'r ŵyl eleni yw 'Stori Nadolig'. Byddwn yn gosod y coed ddydd Iau 8 Rhagfyr.

Os nad yw eich grŵp neu sefydliad wedi trefnu lle ar gyfer coeden eto, yna cysylltwch â Lesley Rendle.

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Nodwch y dyddiadau ar eich calendr a dewch draw i weld yr holl goed bendigedig yn eglwys brydferth Santes Fair a Sant Nicholas, Biwmares.

## BEAUMARIS CHURCH: CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Canon Robert Townsend

It's almost that time of year again, when we go to our cupboards, lofts, garages and sheds to rediscover our Christmas trees!

It has been wonderful in recent years that local groups and organisations have found the time to contribute time, trees, decorations and imagination so that we

[www.seiriolalliance.co.uk/newsletters/](http://www.seiriolalliance.co.uk/newsletters/)

can celebrate the glory of Christmas as a community.

This year, the Christmas Tree Festival will begin on Friday 9 December and conclude on Thursday 15 December. The theme for the festival this year is 'A Christmas Story'. We will be setting up the trees on Thursday 8 December.

If your group or organisation has not yet booked a space for a tree, please contact Rev Lesley Rendle.

☎ 07817 873080

Please mark the dates on your calendar and come along to see all the wonderful trees in the beautiful church of St Mary and Nicholas, Beaumaris.

## BANGOR ROTARY NEWS

Pauline Kenyon, Bangor Rotary Service Team Leader

After a three-year gap due to COVID we were delighted to return to hold our annual Bangor Rotary Charity Fair on Beaumaris Green on August Bank Holiday Sunday.



Rainbow Jan in action (via Pauline Kenyon)

The focus for this event is to provide a free pitch for local charities and organisations to help them raise much needed funds for their own endeavours and project, so we were glad to fill the wonderful site with as many groups as we could possibly fit in. We were also thrilled with the positive feedback from these participants and to know that they had enjoyed the Fair, made good new contacts and raised significant funds for their own valuable work.



The tug of war (via Pauline Kenyon)

Bangor Rotary Club provided the entertainment for this really successful family day out, including music and dancing (led by the amazing dynamo Rainbow Jan) with live singing performed all day long by Rocking Ron from Llanpen (Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr) Rotary Club.

[www.facebook.com/groups/llangoed](https://www.facebook.com/groups/llangoed)

There was also a popular tug of war competition for family members of all ages which provided great amusement for spectators and a great opportunity for dads to show off their skills...and a bit of cheating, too.

Rotary also provided many children's games and activities, plus 'bargain buy' stalls selling good quality children's toys, 'bags and bling', with the money going to support other charities. The few items that were left were donated to CamauBach, a mother and toddler group, and Tenovus Cancer Care and the Red Cross charity shops.

The event was opened by Beaumaris Mayor, Councillor Neil Gough, who said how delighted he was to see The Green being used once more for this event. The sun shone brightly all day long and the attendance was high, with many families staying all day, enjoying the happy atmosphere.

After packing everything safely away at the end of a fabulous day all round, Rotarians and helpers enjoyed a fish and chip *al fresco* supper together on the green, ensuring that Bangor Rotary lived up to its reputation for fun and fellowship – as well as service!

## LLANDDONA: CESTYLL TYWOD GŴYL Y BANC AR Y TRAETH

Rev Lesley Rendle

**C** Beth sydd â chornet hufen iâ, tancer olew, draig a chrocodeil yn gyffredin?

**A** Mi fydddech chi wedi dod o hyd iddynt i gyd ar draeth Llanddona ddydd Llun Gŵyl y Banc fis Awst.

Na...doedd hi ddim yn rhyw ryfedd ddigwydd ond yn hytrach Cystadleuaeth y Castell Tywod, a drefnwyd eleni gan aelodau Eglwys Llanddona.

Daeth cyfanswm o 18 tîm i mewn. Dewiswyd nhw eu caeau, roedd y seiren yn swnio am 3.00pm a dechreuwyd cloddio. Roedd gan dimau awr a 15 munud i gwblhau eu dyluniadau, a chyflogwyd amrywiaeth eang o strategaethau a thechnegau. Roedd rhai timau'n ffafrio offer garddio o faint llawn, tra bod eraill yn dibynnu ar fwcledi a rhawiau glan môr mwy traddodiadol. Daeth un tîm hyd yn oed â digger John Deere bach i gynorthwyo.

Roedd gan rai timau ddyluniad a chynllun meddwl da ar gyfer eu hadeiladu – roedd un tîm wedi cael rhediad dummy y diwrnod cynt – tra bod rhai yn ffafrio'r dull mwy hyblyg a rhydd. Roedd y rhan fwyaf o dimau fel petaent yn dibynnu ar y plant i orchymyn arddull a dylunio, tra bod oedolion yn gweithredu'n ddyletswyddus fel llafurwyr ac yn synhwyrol fel y dywedwyd wrthynt!

Ni wyddai dychymyg y plant unrhyw rwydau wrth i ni glywed y straeon y tu ôl i'r cestyll: un yn bentref lle cynhaliwyd yr

holl lawenydd yn y castell canolog; roedd un yn gastell caerog iawn gyda thwneli, rhagfuriau a phontydd codi i ddelio ag unrhyw fyddinoedd goresgynnol; roedd gan un arall system gymhleth o ddyfrffyrdd a llynoedd i gyflenwi'r pentrefwyr â dŵr ac roedd grisiau wedi'u gwneud o gregyn rasel, pontydd, tyrau a waliau, heb sôn am y dref gyfan dan fygythiad o'r crocodeil!



O'r top: cyntaf, ail a thrydydd mewn cystadleuaeth gref iawn

From top: first, second and third in a very strong competition (iCloud: Shared by Robert Townsend; www.icloud.com/photos/#07327szv26g1xZ7ci6HjwrqZw)

Canon Robert Townsend a minnau oedd â'r dasg amhosib o farnu tri uchaf. Yn y diwedd y cerflun o ddraig enillodd, ond roedd gan bawb felltithion ac aethant adref gyda gwên ar eu hwyneb i a thywod yn eu hesgidiau.

Rydym yn bwriadu cynnal y digwyddiad eto ddydd Llun Gŵyl y Banc fis Awst nesaf, felly mae gennych flwyddyn i ymarfer eich dyluniadau...

## LLANDDONA: BANK HOLIDAY SANDCASTLES ON THE BEACH

Rev Lesley Rendle

**Q** What have an ice cream cornet, an oil tanker, a dragon and a crocodile got in common?

**A** You would have found them all on Llanddona beach on August Bank Holiday Monday.

No...it wasn't some strange happening but rather the Sandcastle Competition, organised this year by members of Llanddona Church.

In total 18 teams entered. They chose

their pitches, the siren sounded at 3.00pm and digging began. Teams had one hour and 15 minutes to complete their designs, and a wide variety of strategies and techniques were employed. Some teams favoured full-sized gardening tools, while others relied on more traditional seaside buckets and spades. One team even brought along a mini John Deere digger to assist.

Some teams had a well-thought out design and plan for their construction – one team had had a dummy run the day before – while some preferred the more flexible and freestyle approach. Most teams seemed to rely on the children to dictate style and design, while adults dutifully acted as labourers and sensibly did as they were told!

The imagination of the children knew no bounds as we heard the stories behind the castles: one was a village where all the joy was held in the central castle; one was a well-fortified castle with tunnels, ramparts and drawbridges to deal with any invading armies; another had a complex system of waterways and lakes to supply the villagers with water and there were staircases made from razor shells, bridges, towers and walls, not to mention the entire town under threat from the crocodile!

Canon Robert Townsend and I had the impossible task of judging a top three. In the end the dragon sculpture won, but everyone had sweets and went home with smiles on their faces and sand in their shoes.

We plan to hold the event again next August Bank Holiday Monday, so you have a year to practice your designs...

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## RALI TRACTOR LLANIESTYN 2022

Lucy Low

Cynhaliwyd ail Rali Tractor Llaniestyn ar 13 Awst 2022, diwrnod anhygoel o boeth.

Dyma gefndir byr i ddatblygiad y digwyddiad pentref gwych hwn. Daeth y syniad drwy lawer o drafodaethau dros ambell gwrw yn yr Owain Glyndŵr gyda Now Roberts, Hendre Boeth. Y catalydd oedd COVID, a'n gadawodd gydag amser sbâr ar ein dwylo i adnewyddu hen beiriannau annwyl ond rhydlyd yn yr ysgubor! Y pwrpas oedd y newyddion digalon bod y ddwy eglwys yn y pentref yn gofyn am waith adfer mawr; ynghyd â nifer sy'n lleihau o addolwyr rheolaidd, gallai hynny fod wedi golygu y byddai'r eglwysi'n cau.

Roedd ein tractor yn perthyn i Fferm Cefn ac roedd wedi gweithio'n galed i Mr Price Staples, ac yn ddiweddar ar gyfer Gwilym Price Staples a fu farw ym mis Awst eleni. Roedd Gwilym a'i deulu yn ymwneud â nifer o ddiwyddiadau pentref, fel y treialon carnifal a'r ci defaid, digwyddiadau nad ydynt, yn

anffodus, mewn bodolaeth bellach. Dwi'n siŵr y byddai Gwilym wedi bod wrth ei fodd yn gweld ei hen dractor yn teithio ar hyd lonydd y wlad ac yn stopio am hufen iâ!



Y tractor hynaf yn y Rali, David Brown Cropmaster, yn cael ei yrru gan Dafydd Humphries  
The oldest tractor at the Rally, a David Brown Cropmaster, driven by Dafydd Humphries

Yn wir, cawsom dractor arall hefyd, sef David Brown Case 1594, wedi'i yrru gan Mr David Lloyd. Roedd yn eiddo i ffermwr a elwid yn Gwyn Parciau yn y gorffennol, a chafodd hysbysrwydd yn 1988 ar ôl iddo fod yn rhan o ymgyrch heddlu i fynd i'r môr yn agos i Benmon. Gallai'r tractorau gweithgar hyn adrodd cymaint o hanesion am waith caled a bywyd ffermio!



Rhai o stondinau Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall  
Some of the stalls at Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall

Bellach am y diwrnod ei hun: dechrau disglair a cynnar yn yr Hen Ysgol, gyda chriwiau a lluniaeth bacwn, ac amrywiaeth helaeth o stondinau wrth geisio sefydlu yn yr haul: Llysiau Tom, cacennau eglwys, cynnyrch lleol, dillad Unique Kids a Tir Dewi tombola. Mae Tir Dewi yn elusen sy'n cynnig cefnogaeth i ffermwyr a'u teuluoedd drwy gyfnodau anodd.

Yn anffodus, bu'n rhaid gohirio'r Sioe Gŵn Hwyl a gynlluniwyd fel rhan o'r rali oherwydd y tywydd eithriadol o boeth. Gobeithiwn drefnu dyddiad newydd yn y dyfodol agos.

Roedd 45 o gerbydau anhygoel o bob rhan o Ynys Môn a thu hwnt yn cymryd rhan...o hen dractorau (yr hynaf, wedi'i yrru gan Dafydd Humphries, gan fod yn David Brown Cropmaster) i dractorau mawr newydd sgleiniog (a New Holland T6145 a yrrwyd gan Iwan Owen a'i deithiwr Chloe), a chyn-filwrol 1974 Land-Rover, trwy garedigrwydd Mr Simon Millichamp, y bu angen

ychydig o help ar y ffordd gyda digon o gerbydau parod i'w cynorthwyo. Fe wnaeth y gyrrwyr osod yn arfog gyda photeli o ddŵr, ond tua diwedd y rhediad dyma'r tractorau oedd angen dŵr i oeri eu peiriannau...

Roedd y llwybr eleni ym Miwmares, a Chartref Preswyl Haulfre yn Llangoed, lle'r oedd y trigolion oll yn troi allan i godi calonnau'r tractorau, gyda lluniaeth i'w groesawu gan Sioned, Hendre Boeth, a'i ffrindiau. Roedd yr adran golygfaol drwy'r Parc Ceirw ym Mhenmon drwy ganiatâd caredig Syr Richard Bulkeley; roedd y golygfeydd tuag at Ynys Seiriol yn anhygoel. Liz Pritchard o Gaban y Traeth, Llanddona, yn garedig iawn roes rew choc llawn gwerthfawrogi llawer i oeri'r gyrrwyr i lawr ar gymal olaf y daith.

Cafwyd croeso hyfryd i'r cerbydau gan y torfeydd yn yr Owain Glyndŵr, gyda bar awyr agored a cherdoriaeth fyw gan MônSŵn ac, yn hwyrach ymlaen, gig o'r Adelphi newydd a lleol iawn, a chafwyd rhost hogiau blasus yn cael ei ddarparu gan Hog's Môn. Roedd yn ddiweddglo perffaith i ddiwrnod gwych ar noson hyfryd o haf.

Faint godon ni?... dros £4,300! Mae hon yn swm gwych, ddylai sicrhau y broses o adfer Eglwys St Iestyn. Os ydych chi'n lleol i Llanddona mae'n debyg y byddwch chi'n gwybod bod Eglwys Champing St Dona wedi'i harchebu'n llawn drwy'r tymor, ac mae'n gadarn ar y map fel yr eglwys gyntaf yng Nghymru i ddarparu'r profiad unigryw hwn. Mae rhoddion hefyd yn mynd i elusen Little Hearts Matter, a gobeithiwn y byddwn yn gallu cefnogi elusennau lleol eraill os gallwn barhau i gynnal digwyddiadau o'r fath.

'Diolch' ar ran Eglwysi Bro Seiriol!

📧 Llanddona Fundraiser  
[www.llanddonafundraiser.com](http://www.llanddonafundraiser.com)

📧 Tir Dewi  
[www.tirdewi.co.uk/](http://www.tirdewi.co.uk/)

📧 Little Hearts Matter  
[www.lhm.org.uk/](http://www.lhm.org.uk/)



## LLANIESTYN TRACTOR RALLY 2022

Lucy Low

The second Llaniestyn Tractor Rally was held on 13 August 2022, a scorchingly hot day.

Here's a brief background to the development of this great village event. The idea came about through many discussions over a few beers at the Owain Glyndŵr with Now Roberts, Hendre Boeth. The catalyst was COVID, which left us with spare time on our hands to renovate much-loved but rusty old machines in the barn! The purpose

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was the depressing news that both churches in the village required major restoration works; combined with a dwindling number of regular worshippers, that could have meant that the churches would close.

Our tractor belonged to Cefn Farm and had worked hard for Mr Price Staples, and latterly for Gwilym Price Staples who sadly passed away in August. Gwilym and his family were involved in many village events, such as the carnival and sheepdog trials, events that are sadly no longer in existence. I'm sure Gwilym would have been delighted to see his old tractor travelling along the country lanes and stopping for an ice cream!



Maen nhw i ffwrdd! Dim ond rhan fach o Rali Tractor...  
They're off! Just a small part of the Tractor Rally...

Indeed, we also had another tractor, a David Brown Case 1594, driven by Mr David Lloyd. It was previously owned by a farmer known as Gwyn Parciau, and gained notoriety in 1988 after being involved in a police chase into the sea close to Penmon. These hard-working tractors could tell so many tales of hard work and farming life!

Now for the day itself: a bright and early start at yr Hen Ysgol, with bacon baps and refreshments, and a great variety of stalls setting up in the shade away from the sun: Tom's Veg, church cakes, local produce, Unique Kids clothing and a Tir Dewi tombola. Tir Dewi is a charity that offers support for farmers and their families through difficult times; see [The Puffin](#) 39, page 10.

Unfortunately, the Fun Dog Show that was planned as part of the rally had to be postponed due to the extremely hot weather. We hope to organise a new date in the near future.

45 amazing vehicles from all over Ynys Môn and beyond took part...from old tractors (the oldest, driven by Dafydd Humphries, being a David Brown Cropmaster) to big new shiny tractors (a New Holland T6145 driven by Iwan Owen and his passenger Chloe), and an ex-military 1974 Land-Rover, courtesy of Mr Simon Millichamp, which needed a little help *en route* with plenty of willing towing vehicles to assist. The drivers set off armed with bottles of water, but towards the end of the run it was the

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tractors that needed water to cool their engines...

This year's route took in Beaumaris, and Haulfre Residential Home at Llangoed, where the residents all turned out to cheer the tractors, with welcome refreshments provided by Sioned, Hendre Boeth, and friends. The scenic section was through the Deer Park at Penmon by kind permission of Sir Richard Bulkeley; the views towards Puffin Island were amazing. Liz Pritchard of the Beach Cabin, Llanddona, kindly provided much-appreciated choc ices to cool the drivers down on the last leg of the journey.



Roedd hi'n brysur yn yr Owain Glyndŵr y noson honno...

It was busy at the Owain Glyndŵr that evening...

The vehicles were met with a lovely welcome from the crowds at the Owain Glyndŵr, with an outdoor bar and live music from MônSŵn and, later on, a gig from the new and very local up-and-coming Adelphi, and there was a delicious hog roast provided by Hog's Môn. It was a perfect end to a great day on a lovely summer's evening.



... ac roedd MônSŵn ar fin barod i berfformio...  
...and MônSŵn were just about ready to perform...

How much did we raise?...over £4,300! This is a fantastic sum, which should secure the restoration of St Iestyn's Church. If you're local to Llanddona you'll probably know that the Champing Church of St Dona was fully booked through the season, and is firmly on the map as the first church in Wales to provide this unique experience. Donations are also going to the charity Little Hearts Matter, and we hope that we'll be able to support other local charities if we can continue to put on such events.

'Thank you' on behalf of Bro Seiriol Churches!

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## LLANGOED WI

Anne Lindley, Press Officer

**July** We had a very interesting illustrated talk by Delyth Philipps, Cwllwm Seiriol.

The winners of the competition, 'Leaf Display' were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Dummler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Alexander
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Furlong

The raffle was won by Margaret Charles.

**August** We had a guided tour of a Cwllwm Seiriol site, then a picnic at Traeth Lleiniog Beach, on a very hot day on the grassy area under a gazebo... just chillin'...

**September** 4 Crafty Ladies taught us about their craft with 'have a go' materials. It was very popular.

The winners of the competition were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Curvis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Thomas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Hughes

The raffle was won by Jane Curvis.

## ANGLESEY PIG'S SNOOT AND GOOSE'S ARSE

Andrew Perrott

Lest you think that I'm lowering the tone of [The Puffin](#), I'm referring to two varieties of Welsh apple. Now read on...

I learned about Anglesey Pig's Snout/Trwyn Mochyn late in August in one of those conversations with a neighbour that takes an odd turn and sets one to thinking.

I was admiring this neighbour's apple tree and its crop of large and chunky pink-blushed green apples. "It's called Anglesey Pig's Snout," he said...and my snouting on-line for information about it showed that he was correct. One lives and learns.

Anglesey Pig's Snout is a large green cooking apple, long grown on Anglesey, being recorded first in the 1600s. It's named thus because of its unique shape; when seen on the tree there's certainly a passing resemblance to a snout. It's a good cropper and is disease-resistant.

It cooks to a robustly flavoured, slightly perfumed purée, and needs a little additional sugar. Wrapped in pastry and baked, it was often eaten as dumplings



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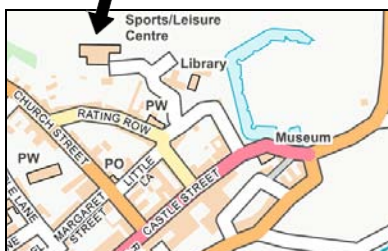
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in the field by agricultural labourers.

Wales has quite a variety of apples, including Pig's Snout/Trwyn Mochyn, Pigeon's Beak/Pig y Golomen, Nant Gwrtheryn, Morgan Sweet, and the delightfully-named Goose's Arse/Tin y Gwydd.

The latter variety is 'named after its shape, not its flavour', and it originated in Dyfed in the early 1900s. I couldn't find a picture, but a reference said that there's some resemblance shared by the medlar, also known as Dog's Arse in



Use your imagination and you might see the lower end of the apples' resemblance to a pig's snout

certain quarters, so you'll have to let your imagination run free.

Finally, there's also the Bardsey Island Apple/Afal Enlli, which was discovered only in 1999. It's found nowhere else in the world, and is believed to date back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century when it was grown by monks.

There seems to be quite a history of cider apples and perry pears in Wales; a £500,000 lottery-funded project in the late 2010s discovered 73 previously unrecorded varieties, bringing the total

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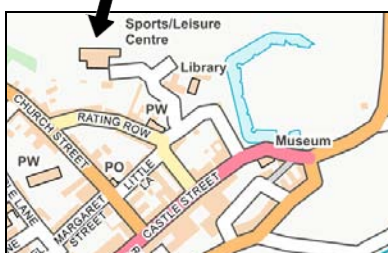
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• **Pantomime: Dick Whittington** •  
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dancing  
and much more!

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FITNESS SESSIONS?  
CHILDREN'S SESSIONS?  
GYM?**

There's so much happening that  
we can't fit it in here, so go to  
page xx to see our full listing

**BOOKINGS**

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- 2.00pm-3.00pm
- 4.00pm-5.30pm

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number of varieties native to Wales to 101. It was undertaken by the University of South Wales and the Welsh Perry & Cider Society.

It's worth dipping into these links to read more on the subject...

📄 Welsh Heritage Fruit Orchard  
<https://treborth.bangor.ac.uk/welsh-orchard.php.en>

📄 Swtan: Trees  
<https://www.swtan.cymru/trees.html>

[www.facebook.com/groups/llangoed](https://www.facebook.com/groups/llangoed)

📄 Researchers uncover 73 'new' Welsh apple and pear varieties  
[www.thedrinksbusiness.com/2019/01/researchers-uncover-73-new-welsh-apple-and-pear-varieties/](http://www.thedrinksbusiness.com/2019/01/researchers-uncover-73-new-welsh-apple-and-pear-varieties/)

**NATURE NOTES: INSECTS**

Roz Hattey

A persistent and chilly breeze from the north in mid- and late September has been reminding us that autumn really has arrived. The leaves of horse chestnuts, limes and beeches were

beginning to change colour and flutter to the ground. In parts of the country where the summer drought has been severe many trees have been protecting themselves by starting a much earlier leaf-fall.

The first two weeks or so of September were still warm and humid here, allowing bees, hoverflies, butterflies and dragonflies to continue flying, feeding and breeding.

I watched around a dozen striking red and black red admirals (*Vanessa*



**FITNESS SESSIONS**

**Monday**

Yoga 9.30am-10.30am  
Pilates 11.00am-12.00 noon  
Fit for all 1.00pm-2.00pm  
FABBs over-65s 2.30pm-3.30pm

**Tuesday**

Tai chi 9.00am-10.00am  
Falls prevention 10.00am-11.00am  
Tai chi 10.00am-11.00am  
Falls prevention 65+ 1.00pm-2.00pm  
Step and Tone 6.00pm-7.00pm

**Wednesday**

Circuits 11.00am-12.00 noon  
Pilates 1.00pm-2.00pm

**Thursday**

Gentle yoga 9.45am-11.15am

**Friday**

Circuits 1.00pm-2.00pm  
Ballroom dancing 7.00pm-8.30pm

**GYM**

Monday-Friday 9.30am-8.30pm  
Saturday 10.00am-5.30pm

**LADIES-ONLY GYM**

Monday-Thursday 5.00pm-6.00pm

There's so much happening at the Canolfan by way of sports sessions, fitness sessions and activities for children that we've listed everything in one place for you!

**FITNESS ROOM**

Monday 9.30am-8.30pm  
Tuesday 9.30am-8.30pm  
Wednesday 9.30am-8.30pm  
Thursday 9.30am-8.30pm  
Friday 9.30am-8.30pm  
Saturday 10.00am-5.30pm  
Sunday CLOSED

**SPORTS SESSIONS**

**Monday**

Walking football 7.00pm-8.00pm

**Tuesday**

Table tennis 9.15am-10.15am  
Pickleball 6.00pm-8.30pm

**Wednesday**

Social Badminton 2.00pm-3.30pm  
Handball 7.00pm-8.00pm

**Thursday**

Social pickleball 11.30am-1.30pm  
Table tennis 3.00pm-4.00pm  
Badminton 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Friday**

Walking netball 10.00am-11.00am  
Five-a-side football 6.00pm-7.00pm  
Kickboxing/martial arts 6.15pm-7.00pm

**CHILDREN'S SESSIONS**

**Monday**

Football 4.00pm-4.45pm

**Tuesday**

Gymnastics 4.00pm-4.45pm,  
4.45pm-5.30pm  
Pickleball 5.00pm-6.00pm  
(parents can join in)

**Wednesday**

Mother and baby group 10.00-11.30am  
Gymnastics 4.00pm-4.45pm,  
4.45pm-5.30pm  
Handball 6.00pm-6.45pm

**Thursday**

Trampoline 4.45pm-5.30pm  
Table tennis 4.30pm-5.30pm  
(parents can join in)  
Badminton 5.30pm-6.30pm  
(parents can join in)

**Friday**

Singing Mamas 10.30am-11.30am  
Kickboxing/martial arts  
4.30pm-5.00pm (age 4-6)  
5.15pm-6.00pm (age 7-15)

**Saturday**

Rollerblading 10.00am-11.15am

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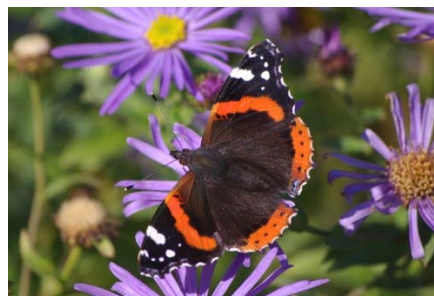
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*atalanta*) feed and rest on the fluffy, dusty-pink flower clusters of hemp agrimony (*Eupatorium cannabinum*) around my pond (the leaves resemble those of cannabis). Also still on the wing were the slightly larger painted lady (*Vanessa cardui*), an annual migrant from north Africa and the Middle East which breeds in Britain, and the neat small tortoiseshell (*Aglais urticae*).

A brown and yellow striped common hawker dragonfly (*Aeshna juncea*) flits



17 September 2017: red admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*) on Aster x frikartii 'Monch'

back and forth across the pond dipping her abdomen 'tail' below the water surface as she lays her eggs into sedge leaves. A smaller male common darter (*Sympetrum striolatum*) displays his bright orange body as he perches on a sunny rock at the water's edge.

On the pond surface flurries of whirligig beetles (*Gyrinus natator*) agitate the water as they skim round and round. They feed mainly on even smaller insects which fall onto the water.



Sometimes they dive and their eyes are divided into two parts so they can see across the water surface as well as down into the water. Dozens of tiny, immature water-snails, including a species of ramshorn, are sheltering amongst the floating duck-weed roots as I try to thin them out. It takes time to rescue the snails but they do play an important role in maintaining water quality by feeding on organic debris and algae.



17 September 2017: several red admirals (*Vanessa atalanta*) feeding from ivy (*Hedera helix*), ivy is the last major food supply of the year for insects, and attracts butterflies, bees, wasps and all manner of flies

I haven't yet spotted a great diving beetle (*Dytiscus marginalis*) this year darting around in the new pond, but they will no doubt soon colonise it from the well-established pond nearby. At 38mm long these are the largest of our water beetles, and are voracious predators, both as adults and in the developing larval stage. They will devour frogs, newts and fish so perhaps I shouldn't be quite so pleased when I do spot one!



Female great diving beetle (*Dytiscus marginalis*). The female's dark-brown wing cases (elytra) are ribbed, while those of the males are smooth ([www.first-nature.com/insects/c-dytiscus-marginalis.php](http://www.first-nature.com/insects/c-dytiscus-marginalis.php))

Britain and Ireland have far fewer butterflies than the rest of Europe: around 60 resident species compared to about 440 species. There are many, many more species of moth than there are butterflies in Britain and Ireland. More than 880 naturally occurring macro-moths (the larger species) are illustrated in *The Field Guide to Moths of* [puffinpages@gmail.com](mailto:puffinpages@gmail.com)



## Canolfan Beaumaris

Canolfan Beaumaris is run by the community for the community. Without our community we would not thrive.

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We're recruiting for paid occasional staff to help with:

- Keeping the building tidy, setting up activities, using our booking system
- People who love working with children to help with parties and summer camps, and just generally being helpful and friendly
- General administration
- Creating marketing and promotional material using a variety of media

### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

If you're looking for a new challenge or just time in a new place, volunteering ticks all the boxes, and we have the following volunteering opportunities:

- An expert in marketing and promotions to mentor our contributors
- Front-of-house, operating our booking system
- Setting out staging and seating for activities in the Canolfan
- Grounds maintenance at a time to suit you
- Serving at the bar during functions
- Occasional DIY

If you think you can offer a little kindness and help, do contact us...we'd love to talk to you!

**You'll find our contact details in our centre-spread on pages 14-15**

*Britain and Ireland* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2017, Bloomsbury) but others are not illustrated, and more have probably been recorded since then...and then there are the numerous micro-moths which are described in a separate field-guide.

Moths are generally unknown to most of us, most of them being nocturnal, some of them being very small and some difficult to identify. Keen amateur naturalists and professional entomologists often develop a life-long interest in recording moths by setting up moth-traps with special lights that attract the night-flying insects.

The great variation of size, shape, colour and intricate wing patterns is wonderful. Moths are important pollinators and they also provide food for hunting bats. One of the most exciting day-flying moths is the humming-bird hawkmoth (*Macroglossum stellatarum*).

One appeared again in a friend's garden in Beaumaris this summer and fascinated us with its incredibly rapid wing-beats as it hovered around a honeysuckle flower...just a blur of greyish-brown wings with orange flashes near the soft, downy body.



A humming-bird hawk-moth (*Macroglossum stellatarum*) feeding from buddleia flowers (<https://butterfly-conservation.org/moths/humming-bird-hawk-moth>; Steve Maskell)

Let's give some thought to spiders, too. They are not insects, having eight legs instead of six, but they are a large group of invertebrates to be found almost everywhere: in our homes and gardens, in urban spaces and particularly in uncultivated ground from mountain-tops to the sea-shore. There are currently around 680 species in Britain, but there are many more in northern continental Europe. Like the moths, spiders are divided into two broad groups, the 'micros', consisting mostly of the money spiders (the *Linyphiidae* family) while all the others, the majority, being 'macros' and generally a little easier to identify.

All spiders are predators and can be beneficial to humans, for instance by reducing insect pests in arable fields. They also provide food for many other animals so play an important role in most terrestrial ecosystems.

Interestingly, the water spider (*Argyroneta aquatica*), quite common and widespread in Britain in ponds and slow-flowing streams, is the only species in the world known to live almost completely underwater.

Spiders are amazingly varied and intriguing creatures in appearance and behaviour, and they deserve to be better understood and valued.

House martins (*Delichon urbicum*) seemed to do particularly well this year in the town, with some new, or repaired, nests occupied on the front of Victoria Terrace as well as in Castle Street, helped by a long spell of warm, humid weather in August. They were feeding well on flying insects, sometimes high in a clear sky, sometimes very low as grey clouds drifted across.

A local brood of swooping, darting swallows (*Hirundo rustica*) joined the flickering flight of the house martins in

wonderful evening displays of insect-feeding birds. Early in September they had gone, quite suddenly it seemed this year, and I miss their twittering presence overhead. These have all been rewarding observations, but all is not well in the world of insects and other invertebrates.

We often hear now of surveys from around the world reporting huge declines in insect populations in recent years. The causes are complex but are basically due to a wide range of human activities. If unchecked, the consequences of this decline will be catastrophic. As Sir David Attenborough says, "If the invertebrates were to disappear, the world's ecosystems would collapse". Much of our agriculture, horticulture and food production would also be in peril. It is estimated that insects pollinate one third of all crops eaten by humans. Even house flies and mosquitoes are valuable pollinators! Insects also control crop pests, remove waste and provide food for other animals.

In the UK, Buglife, the invertebrate conservation trust, has launched a campaign to try to resolve the crisis of insect declines. Buglife has worked with Kent Wildlife Trust to undertake a citizen-science survey using insect samples taken from vehicle number-plates. A 'splatometer' grid is used to count the insects squashed on number-plates after each journey during June, July and August. Their 2021 Technical Report shows that the abundance of flying insects in the UK has fallen by nearly 60% over the last 17 years (you could download the Bugs Matter app to take part in the survey, which will no doubt continue next year). Most of us older folk clearly remember masses of insects being squashed on the windscreens of our parents' cars or our own cars as we drove along in past decades. Even more worrying, the Report's findings are in line with research reporting declining trends in insect populations globally.



May 2017, Loch Leven: a swarm of midges (Scottish Natural Heritage: Gus Routledge/The Scotsman)

Buglife reports that a recent well-publicised review concluded that current rates of decline in insect populations

could bring the extinction of 40% of the world's insect species over the next few decades. Among the most at risk are butterflies, moths, bees, wasps and dung beetles, as well as freshwater species such as caddis flies and mayflies. The rich diversity of species making up the world's ecosystems is breaking down and gradually being replaced by very mobile, pollutant-tolerant generalist species.

Our own local observations can be worthwhile and even useful, especially if they can be linked in with existing recording schemes run by wildlife trusts, butterfly conservation or other conservation groups. Cofnod is the North Wales Environmental Information Service, collating wildlife data across North Wales. My own general observations this year include an absence of ladybirds in my garden (and only a handful last year), which may be related to low numbers of aphids, even on the roses (bad news for breeding birds like the blue tit); very few moths flying even on fine, warm nights; and very few wasps on the fallen apples and hedgerow blackberries. Perhaps other people have seen many more of these insects? I've been surprised, and



17 October 2020: Seven-spot ladybird (*Coccinella septempunctata*): Its wing cases (elytra) are red, punctuated with three black spots each and a seventh spot spread over the junction of the two

quite disappointed, to find that the very small, non-aggressive wasps which flew in and out of a hidden nest under my flat roof last year have not appeared at all this year. Could it be that the heatwave has reduced wasp numbers? There was certainly a shortage of slugs, snails and other invertebrates for hedgehogs and thrushes during the very dry weather this summer. Young hedgehogs were found wandering around during the day and were underweight.

Natural populations of insects and other invertebrates need to be maintained so that they can continue to play their vital ecological roles and provide 'essential services' in the web of life. The United Nations produced a report in 2019 pointing out that we are losing the 'Little things that run the world'.

Pollution, habitat loss and fragmentation

and climate change are major factors in insect declines, but much more research is needed to better understand the detail and just how insect populations can be restored.

A range of essential measures will include:

- protecting and expanding the best natural and semi-natural habitats, such as broad-leaved woodland, including tropical rainforests, unimproved grasslands, peat bogs and fens
- creating more and larger areas of habitat, such as the Great Fen restoration project in East Anglia
- creating or improving wildlife link corridors, such as hedges and copses
- promoting and funding (Government!) more sustainable farming methods, especially soil conservation, such as no-till cultivation to protect soil structure, soil invertebrates, especially earthworms, and reducing dependency on pesticides
- preventing/controlling pollution of land and especially of freshwater systems by agricultural and industrial chemicals, farm slurry, sewage and other nutrients
- persuading horticulturists and gardeners to stop or at least greatly reduce their use of pesticides, herbicides and peat
- creating more urban green spaces suitable for insects, such as groups of trees and shrubs, areas of wildflower grassland
- considering how to reduce the impacts of climate change, including flooding, 'wild' fires and drought such as by stopping water abstraction from rivers and streams when flows are reducing and reducing overall demand for water

Governments and people all round the world need to face these challenges in the very near future if populations of insects and other invertebrates are to survive and recover.

📄 Buglife

[www.buglife.org.uk/](http://www.buglife.org.uk/)

📄 Kent Wildlife Trust

[www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk)

📄 Technical Report: The Bugs Matter Citizen Science Survey... [26 pages] [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-05/Bugs%20Matter%202021%20National%20Report.pdf](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-05/Bugs%20Matter%202021%20National%20Report.pdf)

📄 Only 11 Years Left to Prevent Irreversible Damage from Climate Change, Speakers Warn during General Assembly High-Level Meeting <https://press.un.org/en/2019/ga12131.doc.htm>

[www.seiriolalliance.co.uk/newsletters/](http://www.seiriolalliance.co.uk/newsletters/)

## CANOLFAN HAMDDEN

### BEAUMARIS: MAE LOT WEDI BOD YN DIGWYDD!

Steve MacVicar

#### Dydd Sul 18 Medi: Gwyl Redeg Biwmares i Blant yng Nghastell

**Biwmares** Roedd yn hyfryd gweld yr holl blant a'u teuluoedd yng Nghastell Biwmares ar gyfer Gwyl Redeg Biwmares i Blant. Cymerodd dros 100 o blant ran: roedden nhw'n llawn haeddu eu medal! Gobeithio y gwnaeth pawb fwynhau eu hunain ac edrychwn ymlaen at ei helpu eto'r flwyddyn nesaf.



5-6 oed ar y lap gyntaf!  
5-6-year-olds on the first lap!  
(Beaumaris Town Road Runners: Carole, Catherine, Dan, Lucy)



Lucy (22), Jace (9), a Skyler (23)  
Lucy (22), Jace (9), and Skyler (23)  
(Beaumaris Town Road Runners: Carole, Catherine, Dan, Lucy)

Diolch yn fawr iawn i baw a gymerodd ran yn cynnwys yr holl blant, rhieni, ysgolion lleol, Mike a'i dîm yn y Castell, CADW, Barry a'i dîm yn Môn Actif, Rhedwyr Ffordd Tref Biwmares, mwy na 35 o wirfoddolwyr lleol, Dr Hywel a Chanolfan Iechyd Biwmares am Gymorth Cyntaf, Gwyn a Wyn yng Nghyngor Tref Biwmares, Always Aim High Events, Simon a Nia yn Bistro Harry, HPB Henllys, Blakemore Foundation (Spar, Biwmares) am y lluniaeth, Midland Tapas, Caffi Happy Valley, The Nut House, a Starida Puffin Island Cruises am eu holl gymorth a chefnogaeth hael: gwerthfawrogi yn fawr.

**Gorffennaf: derbyniad priodas** Roedd yn fraith gan Ganolfan Biwmares ddarparu'r lleoliad ar gyfer derbyniad priodas Debbie a Llyr ym mis Gorffennaf. Achlysur hapus gwych.

#### Awst/Medi: cerddoriaeth fyw!

Perfformiodd Queen II ar 5 Awst, ac yna Mamma Mania ar 23 Medi.



Queen II yn perfformio ar 5 Awst  
Queen II performing on 5 August  
(Steve MacVicar)

**Cyfarfodydd yn y Galeri** Ffair Swyddi a arweinwyd gan Croeso Menai i deuluoedd sy'n ffoaduriaid yn ystafell y Galeri.

**Digwyddiadau** Gallwn gynnal pob math o ddigwyddiadau: os oes gennych syniad neu eisiau rhoi rhywbeth ymlaen rhwch alwad i ni!

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### BEAUMARIS LEISURE CENTRE: A LOT HAS BEEN HAPPENING!

Steve MacVicar

#### Sunday 18 September: Beaumaris Junior Run Fest in Beaumaris Castle

It was lovely to see all the children and their families at Beaumaris Castle for the inaugural Junior Run Fest. Over 100



Gwyl Redeg Biwmares i Blant: golygfa o'r awyr  
Beaumaris Junior Run Fest: an aerial view  
(Steve MacVicar)

children took part; they fully deserved their medal! We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and we look forward to helping out it on again next year.

A big thank you to everyone who took

part, including all the children, parents, local schools, Mike and his team at the Castle, CADW, Barry and his team at Môn Actif, the Beaumaris Town Road Runners, over 35 local volunteers, Dr Hywel and Beaumaris Health Centre for First Aid, Gwyn and Wyn at Beaumaris Town Council, Always Aim High Events, Simon and Nia at Harry's Bistro, HPB Henllys, Blakemore Foundation (Spar Beaumaris) for the refreshments, Midland Tapas, Happy Valley Cafe, The Nut House, and Starida Puffin Island Cruises for all their help and generous support: really appreciated.

**July: a wedding reception** Canolfan Beaumaris was honoured to provide the venue for Debbie's and Llyr's wedding reception in July. A wonderful happy occasion.



Derbyniad priodas Debbie a Llyr ym mis  
Gorffennaf  
Debbie's and Llyr's wedding reception in July  
(Steve MacVicar)

**August/September: live music!** Queen II performed on 5 August, followed by Mamma Mania on 23 September.

**Meetings in the Gallery** Croeso Menai ran a Job Fair for refugee families in the Gallery space.



Cyfarfod yn y Galeri  
A meeting in the Gallery  
(Steve MacVicar)

**Events** We are able to run all types of events: if you have an idea or want to put something on give us a call!

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### CYNGHRAIR SEIRIOL ALLIANCE: CYNLLUN TRO DA

Steve MacVicar

Mae Gwirfoddolwyr yn y Cynllun Tro Da wedi cynnal 104 o deithiau i unigolion yn y gymuned, gan gynnwys 12 gyda defnyddwyr cadair olwyn, yn y 3 mis diwethaf. Yn ogystal, maen nhw wedi gyrru grwpiau cymunedol ar deithiau 21 o weithiau yn y bws mini a'r CT.



Cerbyd trydan (CT) yn dangos mynediad cadair olwyn  
Electric vehicle (EV) demonstrating wheelchair access  
(Steve MacVicar)

Rydym yn ddiolchgar I'n gwirfoddolwyr niferus am eu cyfraniad. Os oes gennych ddi-ddordeb mewn ymuno â'r Cynllun Troi Da fel defnyddiwr neu fel gwirfoddolwr (neu'r ddau!) cysylltwch â ni.

☎ 01248 305014

Llun-Gwener, 9.00yb-5.00yp

### CYNGHRAIR SEIRIOL ALLIANCE: GOOD TURN SCHEME

Steve MacVicar

Volunteers in the Good Turn Scheme have undertaken 104 community transport journeys, including 12 involving wheelchair users, in the past 3 months. In addition they have driven the community minibus and people carrier EV to take groups on outings 21 times over the same period.



Ar fws mini diweddar i Fetws y Coed galwodd i mewn yn Zip World, Chwarel y Penrhyn  
A recent minibus outing to Betws y Coed called in at Zip World, Penrhyn Quarry  
(Steve MacVicar)

We are grateful to our many volunteers for their contribution. If you are interested in joining the Good Turn Scheme as a user or as a volunteer (or both!) please contact us.

☎ 01248 305014

Monday-Friday, 9.00am-5.00pm

### A LLANDEGFAN BENEFACTOR AND THE CHURCHYARD

Jane Cherrett

I write to say how much I enjoy reading the articles in *The Puffin*, highlights being *A pioneering flight at Llanddona beach: the Bamboo Bird* (*The Puffin* 36, May 2021) and all of Roz Hattey's wildlife contributions.

Llandegfan has a story to share. Our Parish Hall is the work of H Harold Hughes, an architect who used to work for the Bangor diocese (for example, Hughes designed the War Memorial Cross on Church Island, Menai Bridge). The Hall was opened in 1904 and is in his Arts and Craft style. The land and Hall were given to the inhabitants by the Rathbone family in memory of Richard Reynolds Rathbone, a cotton trader who had worked in Egypt and then Liverpool, and who had retired to Llandegfan. The Hall was paid for by his wife, Frances Susannah, and the land was purchased by his son Hugh. There are large photographs of Richard Reynolds Rathbone and Frances Susannah in the hall foyer. Underneath there is a beaten copper fire surround designed and fabricated by another son, Richard Llewellyn.

The Rathbones were Liverpool industrialists. Richard Reynolds Rathbone was active in many charitable endeavours, such as the Liverpool School for the Deaf and Dumb. After retiring to Anglesey he held the positions of magistrate, Deputy Lieutenant and High Sheriff of the County.

On retiring, the Rathbones bought Glan y Menai, a fine house on the Beaumaris Road overlooking the Menai Straits, from his wife's family. The family were great benefactors, who used their wealth to improve the lives of local people. This included building the Hall and the Well House, and supporting St Tegfan's church and the school.

This year, Menai Bridge & District Civic Society's June outing included a talk in Llandegfan Parish Hall on the Rathbone family, given by Paul Smith, followed by a visit to the nearby St Tegfan's church. The large and extended Rathbone family were influential in setting up the Normal College and the University in Bangor. William Rathbone MP, cousin of Richard Reynolds Rathbone, was the second President of the University College Council. Mary Frances Rathbone, their

daughter, was also on the College Council and had a special interest in women's education. Rathbone Hall on College Road, Bangor is named after her.

At the time of the talk, a mystery remained. We had a lot of evidence to say that Richard Reynolds Rathbone and his wife Frances Susannah had been buried in St Tegfan's churchyard, but after much time searching we were unable to find their graves.



Before: the wilderness in St Tegfan's churchyard  
(Paul Smith)

One area of the church yard had been left to go wild for many years with just bits of graves appearing in the undergrowth.

Church members Jane Cherrett and Paul Smith decided to try clearing the area with help from people recruited on Facebook and Nextdoor as well as by word of mouth. Now we have a small, dedicated working party, greatly enhanced by Howard Massey's brush cutter. We set about removing the brambles and ivy, and uncovered six rows of graves, many with elaborate crosses and stonework.



After: the transformation following the working party's hard work (Paul Smith)

The Rathbone grave was found on that first volunteer day, though sadly the cross had collapsed; however, the inscription was clear to read. At last Paul can complete his lecture, though other graves of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century date are of great interest. Names of longstanding Llandegfan families, house names, occupations and where they died, all tell of past times. Among them are Frederick Salis Schwabe, the son of a Jewish refugee who made his fortune printing cotton in Manchester, Thomas Fanning-Evans who was a mining engineer at Parys Mountain that his father had

owned, and more of the Rathbone family.

The church yard is full of history as is the church itself, but that is another story.

📄 Harold Hughes (architect)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold\\_Hughes\\_\(architect\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold_Hughes_(architect))

### CLWB RHWYFO BEAUMARIS ROWING CLUB: THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II MEMORIAL ROW

Carol Hughes

As the racing season comes to an end the Club waits with bated breath for the announcement by the Welsh Sea Rowing of this year's winners of the Northern League. The Club has had an exceptional season, winning places in every rowing regatta it has entered.

On a more sombre note, however... Following the sad passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II on 9 September 2022, the Club was pleased to accept an invitation to the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Procession Row from Millwall to Ham, Richmond, on the River Thames, a course of 21.6 miles. Three Celtic Longboats with eighteen crew and a number of well-wishers made the journey down to London.

Saturday morning, the dramatic grey sky a fitting backdrop to the day. The ninety-six-round gun salute echoes in the distance. People journey in their thousands to Buckingham Palace to lay flowers or sign the Memorial Book. Two hundred rowing boats gather on the shore of the Thames. Two thousand rowers have made the journey, from France and Ireland, from the Netherlands and Wales, a true international presence of remembrance.



Cybi, the women's crew, takes her places in the procession (Gail Wolstenholme)

As the Thames fills with rowing boats, we are reminded of times gone by when ferry boats littered the waterfront and small rowing craft made their living on these waters. We are reminded, too, of the significant historical events that have been enacted up and down the Great River. The mood of the rowers is sombre, one of appreciation, in acknowledgement that this procession, too, is part of that long historical association with the River Thames.

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The flotilla starts from Millwall Dock and soon arrives at Tower Bridge, a fateful last journey for many, but not today. Today the procession celebrates, with many others, the life of the longest-reigning British monarch.



Mabli, the men's crew, gathers pace as the flotilla passes Canary Wharf (Gail Wolstenholme)

Boats negotiate the tricky currents of Westminster Bridge, pass the Houses of Parliament, reassemble to pay respect to the old monarch and to celebrate the new: Charles III. The boats row under Lambeth Bridge, Battersea Bridge, Wandsworth Bridge, Putney Bridge, Hammersmith Bridge, Chiswick Bridge, Kew Bridge and finally Richmond Bridge, through to the end point below

Ham House, a famous site of political intrigue during the Civil War. As the procession makes its way down the river, people have gathered on the bridges and are sombre in their response, respectful of the procession's intent, in memory of Her Majesty the Queen.



Cybi reaches Tower Bridge (Pippa Thomas)

Clwb Rhwyfo Beaumaris Rowing Club is proud to have been part of this day of remembrance, and thanks everyone who made it possible...towers, rowers, coxes and organisers.

### HEROES FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE NOT COMMEMORATED ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS: PART 2

Bridget Geoghegan

In November 2021 we put out Poppy Cards in Llangoed and Beaumaris to those who are *not* remembered on our War Memorials. Some were from this area but had moved away; others died as a result of their war service, but are not official war casualties (midnight on 31 August 1921 was the cut-off date for being an official casualty during the First

World War; midnight on 31 December 1947 was the cut-off date for the Second World War).

In the last number of *The Puffin* I covered the First World War. In this number I cover the Second World War and *others*, like Frederik Mertens, of Malines, Belgium, who fled with his family to the UK. He died 5 January 1915, aged 13; see below.

**Llangoed** The Second World War:

**Owen Roberts**, of 5 Gordding Terrace, Llangoed, husband of Myfanwy Roberts of Llanddona; served as a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps; died 'at home'; buried in the churchyard of St Cawrdaf, Llangoed (Commonwealth War Graves headstone). Died 12 May 1940, age 28.



Capel Tŷ Rhys, Llangoed (Bridget Geoghegan)

**David Prewer**, of Aelfor, Penmon; educated at Barmouth and Beaumaris Grammar Schools; worked as a skilled engineer with Daimler (Bangor and Coventry); volunteered for service with the Royal Air Force (44 Squadron, flying Lancasters; Air Bomber); he volunteered after seeing the destruction in Coventry from Luftwaffe bombing; his plane was lost over Paris; commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial and family headstone at Capel Tŷ Rhys. Reported missing on 20 April 1944, age 22.



The Church of St Cawrdaf, Llangoed; it dates from the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and underwent renovations in the 19<sup>th</sup> century (Bridget Geoghegan)

**Llangoed** Others:

**Frederik Theophil Hendrik Mertens**, of Malines, Belgium, and Plas Llangoed; the family fled their home in August 1914 when the German Army invaded; they found refuge in Llangoed in October 1914; "*One young lad of 13 was taken ill with diabetes, brought on by shock, and he died*"; buried in the churchyard of St Cawrdaf; not an official war casualty. Died 5 January 1915, age 13.

Frederik's story is told on a panel to be seen at the Belgian Promenade in Menai Bridge; see *The Puffin* 33, page 15.

**Llangoed** World War II, not on War Memorial: burial in the Churchyard of St Cawrdaf:

**Driver Owen Roberts, Royal Army Service Corps, 5 Gorddinog Terrace,** Driver T/119929, Royal Army Service Corps; died on Tuesday 21st May 1940 probably of disease or wounds, age 28; buried in the Churchyard of St Cawrdaf, Llangoed; son of Moses and Ellen Roberts of Gorddinog Terrace, Llangoed; married to Myfanwy of Llanddona.

**Beumaris** The Second World War:

**Llewelyn Greenly Jones**, born at 5 Bryn Difyr, Bangor; his mother Edith was from Beumaris; educated Bangor; worked in Lotus & Delta shoe shop, Bangor High Street; volunteered for the Welsh Guards early 1939; part of the British Expeditionary Force to Europe in 1940; evacuated from Dunkirk; then to North Africa, killed while helping a fellow guardsman at Enfidaville; buried Enfidaville Cemetery, Tunisia; commemorated on the headstone for Stewart and Pansy Owen in Beumaris Cemetery. Died 8 May 1943, age 23.

**Bruce Lyndon Haynes**, born in Fareham; living in Marianglas in 1939; was an Articled Clerk working towards Membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (grandparents lived at Glanfa, Beumaris); volunteered for the Royal Artillery; killed in action; buried Medjez el Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia; commemorated on the family grave in Beumaris Cemetery. Died 22 April 1941, age 24.

**Donald Uvedale Owen**, of 1 Plas Coch Terrace; educated at Beumaris Grammar School and Liverpool University Medical School; joined the Territorial Army, sent to Egypt in charge of a General Hospital; developed aplastic anaemia, sent to Johannesburg for treatment, where he died; buried Johannesburg (West Park) Cemetery; commemorated on the family grave in Beumaris Cemetery. Died 7 December 1943, age 43.

**William Jones**, of Holyhead and Beumaris; husband of Selina Roberts of Cichle; served with the Royal Engineers, Kingsbridge Camp, during the First World War (a friend of David Roberts, Selina's brother); returned to work on Royal Mail ships out of Holyhead after the war. Died on board the Royal Mail Ship *Cambria* February 25, 1940, age 49.

**Lady Emma Lilian Henderson**, of London and France; married Mario Nikis; they ran Laboratoires Radioélectriques in Paris, supplied equipment to the French Resistance in the run-up to D-Day (6 June 1944); in 1948 the street where they had worked was renamed Rue Mario Nikis; both

were betrayed to the Gestapo, questioned, sent to concentration camps; he died, she survived; she later married Sir Charles James Henderson; died in Cannes, France; commemorated in Beumaris Cemetery. Died 3 March 2004, age 98.

**James Arthur Davies**, of Pembroke; educated at Trinity College, Carmarthen, and the London School of Economics; volunteered for the RAF during the Second World War; eighth member of a seven-man Lancaster crew, had specialised equipment to jam radar contact between German fighters and German HQ; the plane was shot down; bailed out over the Netherlands (member of the Caterpillar Club); was hidden by Dutch and Belgian families for six months; betrayed and taken to Stalag Luft 7 camp as prisoner of war; 19 January 1945, forced march to Stalag IIIA, arrived 9 February; in late May 1945 all were released, flew home in a Lancaster; Principal of Normal College, Bangor 1969-1985; worked for the NSPCC and Fund for MRI Scanner at Ysbyty Gwynedd; awarded the OBE in 1989; Honorary Burgess of Beumaris, 2002; buried Beumaris in Cemetery. Died February 2007, age 84.

**Beumaris** Others:

**Harold Edward Jones**, of Beumaris; a National Service man, probably killed by an accident just before being demobilised at RAF Valley; buried Beumaris Cemetery (Commonwealth War Graves headstone of slightly different shape); not a war casualty. Died 7 April 1951, age 20.

**Llanddona** The Second World War:



The War Memorial at Capel Peniel, Llanddona, opened in September 1921. The inscription reads: *Er Serchog Gof Am Ein Hanwyl Frodwyr A Gwmpasant yn Y Rhyfel Mawr 1939-1945* (Bridget Geoghegan)

**Ft. Sgt. John Hudson Staples R.A.F.**, educated Beumaris Grammar School; Pilot RAFVR 656008 no 25 Squadron; accidentally killed while on duty on March 22, 1943 age 28; buried in Churchyard of St Iestyn, Llaniestyn; son of John Price Staples and Jane E Staples of Cefn, Llaniestyn; his headstone shows a Mosquito plane.

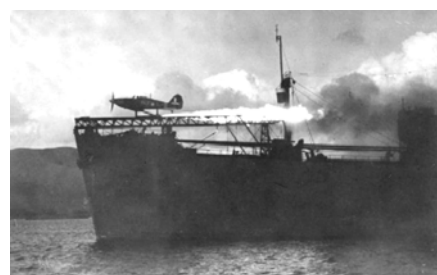
**Corp. Robert Roberts R.A.**, Corporal 1856870, Royal Engineers; killed in action May 30 1940 at the defence of Dunkirk age 38; buried in Coxyde

Military Cemetery; son of John and Grace Roberts, husband of Jane Roberts of Menai Bridge, father of several children.

**Sec. Off. Benjamin Davies M.N.**, Second Officer Merchant Navy, SS *Monmouth Coast*, vessel sunk from torpedo strike (U-1305); one survivor, 16 died; died April 24 1945 age 36; commemorated Tower Hill Memorial.

**Llanddona** World War II, not on War Memorial: burial in the Churchyard of St Dona:

**Lt. Robert William Hanmer Everett D.S.O., R.N.V.R.**, Lieutenant Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Fleet Air Arm, HMS Heron; flew Hawker Hurricanes from catapult ships; killed in air crash January 29 1942, age 40; buried in Churchyard of St Dona, Llanddona.



Hair-raising, to say the least: a Hawker Hurricane IA being test-launched from a CAM (catapult aircraft merchant) ship at Greenock, Scotland, on 31 May 1941 (Imperial War Museum)

**Footnote** Capel Peniel, Llanddona, has closed; the War Memorial remains *in situ*. By mid-October work had been almost completed on the building of a smart stone wall around it, with access from the lane, so that it may be visited at any time.

📄 CAM ship  
[www.wikipedia.org/wiki/CAM\\_ship](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/CAM_ship)

## HOW TO STRETCH TIME

Alex Horne

We've all experienced that feeling of a day that we're really enjoying going far too quickly, and a bad day that drags on and on, with the whole thing seemingly out of our control.



The two white rooks at St Dona's Church (Alex Horne)

It may seem fanciful, but earlier this year, my family and I dived head-first

into the Champing Experience at Llanddona and somehow had a superb weekend that felt like it lasted a week!

How was this possible? I hear you ask. What powerful forces are at work on this small coastline corner of Ynys Môn?

When it comes to powerful forces, there are few to match Church Warden Lucy Low (or Lucy Law as she's known in televisual circles).



A 'champ'ion evening down on Llanddona beach (Anna Home)

I have known Lucy since I was a child, but her achievements at Llanddona still impress me. Ecclesiastical buildings have always been designed not just for worship, but also to bring humanity together, and what better way to do that than to allow families to encounter the serenity of a holy building overnight. I shall certainly never forget the experience of waking up on my first morning's champing to be greeted by the sunlight streaming through the stained glass of the east window. There's more to the mix than that, however.

Modern life is frighteningly complex, and most of us struggle to make sense of it on a daily basis. What the champing weekend did for my family was to steer us away from the television, mobile phone, internet and a flushing toilet. The compostable throne kept the four of us royally entertained throughout our stay. A basic shared experience is all it takes to bring people together.

We were also blessed with mild weather, something that allowed us to climb the ramparts of Beaumaris Castle (13<sup>th</sup> century) and imagine Owain Glyndŵr storming the defences, then wander down to the beautiful Llanddona beach late into our first evening, collecting shells, a few bits of stray driftwood, and watching the sun slip below the horizon.

Another unforgettable shared experience.

Time travelled forward a couple of centuries the following day for our visit to Plas Newydd (15<sup>th</sup> century), and instead of tearing through the afternoon, we spent a serene moment on the garden slopes overlooking the Menai Strait, watching the sails drift towards Britannia Bridge. Time had slowed down once again.

Perhaps it was a secret ingredient within Lucy's home-baked cake, but that evening a contented haze settled upon us, as we chatted in the Church and wound down before nightfall.

The next morning, my wife and I were up with the lark for another walk on the beach, and not a soul in sight. Our mission...pebbles. Stone painting seems to have become a tradition at St Dona, so my plan was to fashion a hand-painted pebble chess set.

Chess was actually banned for a short period by the Church in the middle ages, but so many clergy enjoyed playing the game, that this was swiftly renounced. Unfortunately, as the picture shows, time did not "stretch" long enough that morning (perhaps because we were heading home), and only two white rooks were created. See if you can find them when you become a Llanddona Champer, as you must if you want to "Stretch Time".

### STRAIT TO THE HEART

Stephen Marsden © 2016

Set me down upon your banks and I feel  
I'm made of clay  
No wish to walk or talk, but drink your  
mood that day  
Each yard of coast here lining up its  
fixed or moment's thrill  
Ready to reward whoever would just  
stop and look, be still

A dozen redshanks skimming surf  
before Caernarfon's towers  
Or share where Kyffin's eye was  
drawn along at Min y Mor  
For Stephenson and Telford each to  
offer their salute  
In building proud their island  
highways crossing shore to shore

Your bridges now as much your mark as  
swell or house or cove  
As you flood east and past Porth  
Aethwy's huddled slopes  
The towering pillars reaching to hold fast  
the isle of Môn  
A low green ocean liner anchored by  
their steely ropes

Bangor there without you would seem so  
lost and dry,  
Just another rambling city lifting one  
side to the sky  
Without you there'd be no fields or paths  
or living views  
Happy just to find their home where  
all of us would choose

Let slip from Felinheli to breeze and  
buffet your embrace

Picture postcard by Plas Newydd's  
house and lawns run wide  
While underneath you conjure  
ecosystems, seafood, salt,  
Unseen worlds of wonder to and  
froing with the tide



May 2021: bathed in spring sunlight, a flotilla of Fifes is seen racing on the Strait off Beaumaris

In quiet ebb or darkening flood the  
mountains watch your days  
A jag-backed dragon, tail to Llŷn,  
flanks warmed by evening sun  
From green to brown to gold to pink,  
kaleidoscope of earth  
Reaching down to meet your banks  
and merge there into one

And as you open wide your arms to turn  
again to sea  
Your island side marks your end with  
Penmon's mournful bell  
The prow-like rocks content to lose you  
to the other shore  
For Llanfairfechan to the Orme to  
wave their grand farewell

Before the trees beyond the fields grew  
bushy and so bold  
Our house had sight of your blue-  
grey beneath the mountains' fold  
But any day I can return, cross you, look  
to see  
My farther shore, my faithful strait,  
my Sea of Galilee

**Note** Stephen is the co-ordinator of the Llanddona Writers Group.

### ANCESTRY HELP, OS GWELWCH YN DDA: RHAN 1

Stuart Haywood, Cymdeithas Gymreig Stoke-on-Trent a'r Cylch

Ar ran ffrind yn Awstralia, Libby Jones,  
rwyf ar hyn o bryd yn ymchwilio i  
ddisgynyddion teulu oedd yn byw yn  
Nhŷ Philip, Llaniestyn. Digwyddodd hyn  
oherwydd bod Libby yn gwneud cryn  
dipyn o waith ymchwil ei hun a daeth ar  
draws cyfeiriad at fy llyfr, 'The Welsh in  
North Staffordshire'. Gwyddai Libby fod  
un o ddisgynyddion Tŷ Philip, Elias  
Hughes, wedi symud gyda'i deulu i  
Ogledl Swydd Stafford pan oedd yn  
blentyn ac felly, roedd ganddi  
ddiddordeb mewn prynu copi o fy llyfr.

Fy nod wrth ysgrifennu'r erthygl hon yw  
ceisio cysylltu ag eraill sy'n  
ddisgynyddion o deulu Tŷ Philip a

gobeithio y bydd darllenwyr The Puffin hefyd gyda ddi-ddordeb.

Mae'r goeden achau ar hyn o bryd yn dechrau gyda phriodas Mary Jones o Dŷ Philip a Hugh Williams yn Eglwys Sant Iestyn ym 1814. Priododd un o'i plant, Catherine Williams, John Hughes yn 1849. Plentyn John a Catherine, sy'n rhan o'n hymchwil, yw Elias Hughes a aned yn 1852. Symudodd y teulu i Gaerdybi cyn symud i Ogledd Swydd Stafford.

Bu farw tad Catherine y flwyddyn ar ôl ei geni ac ailbriododd ei mam, Mary, yn 1830 gyda David Jones. Un o'i plant oedd Margaret Jones, a aned yn 1833. Priododd Margaret ag Owen Jones (ganwyd 1826) yn 1852. Roedd plant Margaret ac Owen yn cynnwys tri mab, David Jones (1853), Owen Jones (1855) a John Jones (1860). Yn y cyfnod hwn, roedd y teulu'n dal i fyw yn Nhŷ Philip. Mae Libby yn ddisgynydd uniongyrchol i John; ef yw ei hen daid.

Hyfforddodd John Jones i fod yn weinidog gyda'r Methodistiaid ac ymfudodd i Awstralia o Lerpwl ar 5 Medi 1883 ar fwrdd y *Duncow*. Hwylodd John y dosbarth llywio a pharhaodd y fordaith 120 diwrnod. Roedd y Parch Lewis Jones Rowlands hefyd ar fwrdd y llong ond yn nosbarth salŵn. Mae'n ymddangos bod John a'r Parchedig yn adnabod ei gilydd cyn y fordaith ac mae'n bosibl iawn bod y Parchedig wedi annog John i ymfudo.



Y llong haearn *Duncow*, 1715 tonnau, ym Mhorth Adelaide, De Awstralia. Fe'i hadeiladwyd yn 1878 gan W Doxford and Sons, Sunderland, Cofrestrwyd hi yn Lerpwl a'i pherchnogion oedd J Houston a Co, Yn ddiweddarach daeth yn yr Eidalwr Michele Bianchi (1899) a'r *Vesuvio* (1907), a chafodd ei chwalu yn 1914. The iron ship *Duncow*, 1715 tons, at Port Adelaide, South Australia. She was built in 1878 by W Doxford and Sons, Sunderland. She was registered at Liverpool and her owners were J Houston and Co, She later became the Italian Michele Bianchi (1899) and the *Vesuvio* (1907), and was broken up in 1914 (State Library, South Australia, via Stuart Haywood)

Os oes unrhyw un yn rhannu unrhyw un o'r hynafiaid uchod, byddai Libby a minnau â diddordeb mewn rhannu manylion. Byddai unrhyw wybodaeth am y Parch Lewis Jones Rowlands hefyd o ddiddordeb. Anfonwch e-bost ataf neu ysgrifennwch; mae fy manylion isod. Yn ail ran yr erthygl hon, byddaf yn disgrifio

sut y dychwelodd John bum mlynedd ar hugain yn ddiweddarach a chael ei aduno â'i hanner cefnder, Elias Hughes a oedd wedi symud i Ogledd Swydd Stafford.

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(i'w barhau) ♦ ♦ ♦

### ANCESTRY HELP, PLEASE: PART 1

Stuart Haywood, Stoke-on-Trent & District Welsh Society

On behalf of a friend in Australia, Libby Jones, I am currently researching the descendants of a family that lived at Tŷ Philip, Llaniestyn. This came about because Libby is doing a significant amount of research herself and came across a reference to my book, 'The Welsh in North Staffordshire'. Libby knew that one of the Tŷ Philip descendants, Elias Hughes, had moved with his family to North Staffordshire when he was a child and hence, she was interested in purchasing a copy of my book.

My aim in writing this article is to try to connect with others that are descended from the Tŷ Philip family and hopefully, readers of The Puffin will also find it of interest.

The family tree currently starts with the marriage of Mary Jones of Tŷ Philip and Hugh Williams at Eglwys Sant Iestyn in 1814. One of their children, Catherine Williams married John Hughes in 1849. The child of John and Catherine who features in our research is Elias Hughes, born in 1852. The family moved to Holyhead before their move to North Staffordshire.

Catherine's father died the year after she was born and her mother, Mary remarried in 1830, to David Jones. One of their children was Margaret Jones, born in 1833. Margaret married Owen Jones (born 1826) in 1852. The children of Margaret and Owen included three sons David Jones (1853), Owen Jones (1855) and John Jones (1860). At this time, the family were still living at Tŷ Philip. Libby is a direct descendant of John; he is her great grandfather.

John Jones trained to be a Methodist minister and emigrated to Australia from Liverpool on 5 September 1883 aboard the *Duncow*. John sailed steerage class and the voyage lasted 120 days. The Rev Lewis Jones Rowlands was also on

board but in saloon class. It would appear that John and the Reverend knew each other before the voyage and the Reverend may well have encouraged John to emigrate.

If anyone shares any of the above ancestry, Libby and I would be interested to share details. Any information regarding the Rev Lewis Jones Rowlands would also be of interest. Please e-mail me or write; my details are below.

In the second part of this article I will describe how John returned twenty-five years later and was reunited with his half-cousin, Elias Hughes who had moved to North Staffordshire.

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(to be continued)

### ANGLESEY HEAD GARDENER HANGS UP HIS WELLIES

Rebecca Andrews

Best wishes go to Jim Beverley for a very happy retirement from his role as Head Gardener at Llanidan Hall, near Brynsiencyn in Anglesey.



Jim Beverley in the walled garden (Kay Laurie)

Jim is an Anglesey resident, and has been an important part of the success of the National Garden Scheme (NGS) in the area.

He supported the opening of the wonderful walled garden at Llanidan Hall for the NGS for many years, and a lot of visitors have had the chance to meet him and congratulate him on his success, with the garden and with the animals housed within.



Jim's was a lifetime's work, and his dedication was evident to all who came to see what a beautiful oasis had been created. The Gwynedd and Anglesey branch of the NGS hope that Jim might consider opening his own garden at Benllech in the future.

"Well done, Jim, for raising many tens of thousands of pounds for nursing charities through your kind assistance with the open garden events held at Llanidan Hall."

If you'd like to find out about future garden openings in the Anglesey area please visit the Gwynedd and Anglesey NGS Facebook page for updates, or visit the main NGS website for full details.

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## CWLWM SEIRIOL: DIWEDDARIAD YR HYDREF

Delyth Philipps, Swyddog Ymgysylltu â'r Gymuned

Buom yn dathlu Diwrnod Cenedlaethol y Dolydd ar 2 Gorffennaf gyda digwyddiad yn Llanddona a oedd yn cynnwys amrywiaeth o weithgareddau: taith adnabod blodau gwyllt, gweithdy i greu daliwr haul ar thema blodau gwyllt, cyfle i ddysgu sut i wehyddu helyg i greu blodau a'r cyfle i ddarganfod mwy am sut i greu, cynnal a gwella dolydd blodau



Arwyddion yn esbonio pam nad yw'r glaswellt yn cael ei dorri...

Signage explains why the grass isn't being cut...

gwyllt. Mae Gwarchodfa Natur Leol Comin Llanddona yn lleoliad delfrydol ar gyfer digwyddiad o'r fath gan fod yr amrywiaeth o flodau gwyllt i'w weld yno yn anhygoel! Mae bioamrywiaeth y warchodfa yn cael ei gynnal gan ddefnyddio ystod o fesurau, gan gynnwys rholio'r rhedyn drwy ddefnyddio ceffylau gwaith, pori â gwartheg a phladurio.

Yn ystod mis Awst cydweithiodd prosiect Cwlwm Seiriol gyda Chynghrair Seiriol i gyflwyno rhaglen o weithgareddau i blant a'u teuluoedd yn Ward Seiriol.

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Ariannwyd y gweithgareddau yma trwy Lywodraeth Cymru dan gynllun a lanswyd y llynedd o'r enw Hwyl yr Haf Seiriol. Gan adeiladu ar lwyddiant y llynedd, y nod oedd cefnogi plant a phobl ifanc i gymryd rhan mewn amrywiaeth o weithgareddau chwaraeon, diwylliannol a chwarae. Roedd rhaglen Seiriol Haf o Hwyl yn cynnig cyfle i blant fod yn greadigol, cysylltu ag eraill, bod yn egniol, dysgu sgiliau newydd a threulio amser ym myd natur. Daeth cyfanswm o 187 o blant i'r sesiynau, a gynhaliwyd mewn mannau cymunedol yn Llandegfan, Llansadwrn, Llanddona, Llangoed, Llanfaes a Biwmares.

Yn ystod yr hydref rydym am redeg dau helpa ffwng. Mae helpa ffwng yn gyfle i ddod o hyd i, adnabod a chofnodi'r mathau o ffyngau a geir yn tyfu mewn cynefin arbennig. Byddwn ni hefyd yn cynnal Gŵyl Sgiliau Coetir bach ar gyfer ysgolion cynradd lleol yn Llangoed. Bydd y gweithgareddau'n cynnwys; adeiladu blychau adar/ ystumod, dysgu am yr awyr dywyll mewn planetarium, bod yn fotanegydd am ddiwrnod a rhoi cynnig ar ryw grefft bren gwyrdd. Canolbwynt y gweithgareddau dros fisoedd y gaef fydd rheoli coetiroedd a bydd digon o gyfleoedd i ddysgu sgiliau coedlannu.

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## CWLWM SEIRIOL: AUTUMN UPDATE

Delyth Philipps, Community Engagement Officer

We celebrated National Meadows Day on 2 July with an event in Llanddona which incorporated a range of activities: a wildflower identification walk, a workshop to create a wildflower-themed suncatcher, a chance to learn how to weave willow to create flowers and the opportunity to find out more about how to create, maintain and improve wildflower meadows. The Llanddona Commons Local Nature Reserve is an ideal location for such an event as the variety of wildflowers to be found there is amazing! The biodiversity of the reserve is maintained using a range of measures, including rolling the bracken using working horses, grazing with cattle and scything.

During August the Cwlwm Seiriol project collaborated with Seiriol Alliance to

deliver a programme of activities for children and their families in the Seiriol Ward. These activities were funded through the Welsh Government under a scheme launched last year called 'Summer of Fun'. Building on the success of last year, the aim was to



Môr o laswellt a blodau gwyllt...  
 A sea of grasses and wild flowers...

support children and young people to take part in a range of sporting, cultural and play-based activities. The Seiriol Summer of Fun programme offered children the opportunity to get creative, connect with others, be active, learn new skills and spend time in nature. A total of 187 children attended the sessions, which took place in community spaces in Llandegfan, Llansadwrn, Llanddona, Llangoed, Llanfaes and Beaumaris.

During the autumn we ran a couple of fungi forays. A fungi foray is a chance to find, identify and record the types of fungi found growing in a particular habitat. We shall also be running a mini Woodland Skills Festival for local primary schools in Llangoed. Activities will include; building bird/bat boxes, learning about the dark sky in a planetarium, being a botanist for a day and trying out some green wood craft. The focus of activities over the winter months will be woodland management and there will be plenty of opportunities to learn coppicing skills.

As always, keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of events or get in touch and add your name to our e-mail list.

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## A FUNNY THING HAPPENED...

Debbie Oulton, Llanddona Writers Group

A funny thing happened

On the way to the car

Two ladies in short shorts, one with no bra

Cornettos in hand, they meandered along

Enjoying the sunshine and singing a song.

Out of the blue came a threat from the sky  
 I called out a warning. "Look out!" was my cry  
 An avian monster swooped down with a scream  
 Hell-bent on acquiring a tasty ice-cream.

"Gerroff!" cried one lassie, and "Shoo!" said her friend  
 Whilst waving her handbag, hoping to send  
 The bold bandit packing, without any lunch  
 But it wouldn't end well – that was my hunch.

I did try to warn them that gulls can recall  
 The faces of those who annoy them at all  
 But the lassies just laughed and went on their way  
 Pleased that they'd made that big bird fly away.

Around the next corner, high up on a gate  
 The rascal was listening, lying in wait  
 When they stopped in a doorway to light up a fag  
 The seagull aimed straight for the girl with the bag.



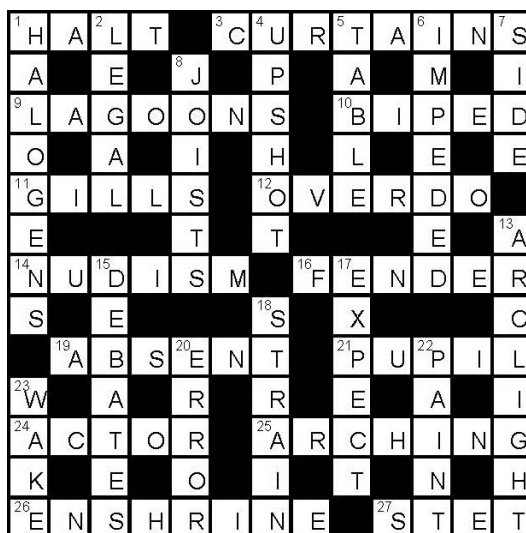
She ran off in terror, bird poop in her hair  
 As the wily old buzzard took to the air  
 His aim was so good and ever so true  
 The second girl's face was splattered with poo.

With a tilt of his head and a triumphant cry  
 He fixed his next target with a black, beady eye  
 No, it wasn't myself he had set his sights on  
 But the bag I was holding, containing a scone.

I laid it down gently and gave him a wink  
 Wily old birds understand this, I think  
 He puffed up his feathers and shook out his tail  
 Snatched up my offering and let out a wail.

He cocked his head, listening. What was that sound?  
 Those ludicrous lassies were still hanging 'round  
 I watched as he strutted away, in no rush  
 For a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

## THE GOVERNOR'S QUICK CROSSWORD NO 10: SOLUTION



## FIANCHETTO 66'S CHESS NO 1: SOLUTION

Move 1: Rxh7+ Kxh7

Move 2: Qh5#

For those not familiar with algebraic notation:

- Move 1 comprises the white rook moving one square to the right, taking the pawn, putting the black king in check and forcing the black king to take the rook.
- Move 2 involves the white queen moving diagonally one square up and to the right, checkmating the black king.

## GREETINGS FROM BEAUMARIS DOWN HERE (THERE)!

Liz Millman, Learning Links International

We have had a long wet winter, but now spring is here, with a wonderful display of flowers from all parts of the world, as well as our lovely native plants.



One of the many kinds of wattle that flower so freely in the spring (Liz Millman)

The Welsh Government has launched a new initiative, *Taith*, about developing Wales's worldwide links with funds for exchange visits, so if there are any teachers over there (that's here!) who would like to link with a school over here (that's there!) in or around Beaumaris, Melbourne, please contact me.

We had tried to start educational links before COVID hit, so I know that there are schools that will be interested.



The beautiful Australian pea flowers in many colours (Liz Millman)

☞ Taith: International Learning Exchange Programme  
<https://gov.wales/taith-international-learning-exchange-programme>



This king parrot often calls in for a feed! (Liz Millman)

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## WARM SPACES IN THE COMMUNITY

Andrew Perrott

I saw this on the Guardian's website last month.

Martin Lewis (MoneySavingExpert; see our debt article in **The Puffin** 40, page 7) has teamed up with the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP: the UK's library and information association) to offer advice to libraries that are considering becoming 'warm banks'.

'Warm banks' or warm spaces are places where vulnerable people and those hit hard by the cost of living can spend time.

Lewis tweeted about warm banks earlier this year: "Can't believe I'm writing this, but I wonder if this winter we'll need 'warm banks', the equivalent of food banks where people who can't afford heating are

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invited to spend their days, at no cost, with heating (e.g., in libraries, public buildings, etc)."

Lewis asked CILIP to research and collate best-practice information, and the resulting guide is "not just for libraries, it's for any organisation wanting to set up a warm space", like village halls and community centres.

📖 Martin Lewis writes guide for libraries wanting to become winter 'warm banks'  
[www.theguardian.com/books/2022/oct/12/martin-lewis-libraries-winter-warm-banks?fbclid=IwAR11QRCQe6wHT65TTT2C4tgsKqVUHg70RtDolw53Ai6PdD0S6rAd2HnhCkM](http://www.theguardian.com/books/2022/oct/12/martin-lewis-libraries-winter-warm-banks?fbclid=IwAR11QRCQe6wHT65TTT2C4tgsKqVUHg70RtDolw53Ai6PdD0S6rAd2HnhCkM)

📖 CILIP: The Library and Information Association  
[www.cilip.org.uk](http://www.cilip.org.uk)

This is the link to the downloadable guide:

📖 A Warm Welcome: setting up a warm space in your community (19 pages)  
[www.cilip.org.uk/resource/resmgr/cilip/information\\_professional\\_and\\_news/press\\_releases/2022\\_10/a\\_warm\\_welcome\\_2022.pdf](http://www.cilip.org.uk/resource/resmgr/cilip/information_professional_and_news/press_releases/2022_10/a_warm_welcome_2022.pdf)

## TEAMS 4U: WHAT CAN GO IN MY SHOEBOX?

Eleri Edwards

Have a look at the Teams4u website and other social media if you'd like to "donate a box".

If you would like to do so, be sure to take your box to Ysgol David Hughes, Menai Bridge by 10 November.

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## TAILPIECE: A BIRTHDAY BARKER'S WHISKERY WOES

Tilly Barker (Dogtated To Andrew Perrott)

The Boss collared me early last month when I wasn't looking. 'It's dogtation time again,' he said, 'your readers expect...' 'But it's my seventh birthday on the ninth,' I said. He ignored me, even though I looked at him in a dognified manner; that's not easy when one has an old tea-cloth draped round one's neck.

Yes... he pounced as soon as he'd finished cleaning my eyes, before I could take evasive action. The tea-cloth stops

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the water running everywhere...oh, you know what it's like... Well. My readers might expect, but I'm going to have a good whinge, regardless. You see, I hate having my whiskers combed. I



Bad Whiskers begone! This is what I can look like when my whiskers have been combed into place...



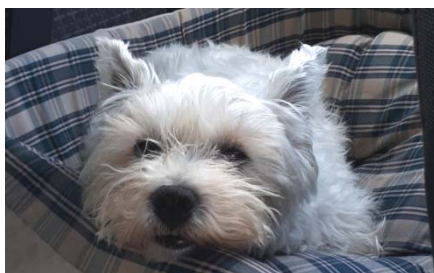
...but after a few minutes...



The Boss says that I'm lazy; I just like sleeping under armchairs when I'm not sleeping in them



I've been helping my friend Valary collect the apples in her garden (Valary Wakefield)



One travels to the shops in boudoir style, regardless of one's whiskery woes...my personal private back-seat bed is very comfortable

really, *really* hate it. He insists on combing my whiskers after he's done my eyes because they're always messy, he says. I can't help it if every day's a Bad Whisker Day; it's just the way my whiskers grow, and he should accept it

as one of those unfortunate facts of life. He simply doesn't understand. He does say that I brush up nicely afterwards, though, but the brushing-up goes awry before long.

The Boss says that I'm lazy. I'm not lazy at all. I just do things as slowly as possible, and I use stalling tactics like stretching and yawning. They always work. I'm practising being slow because I don't see at all well, and I don't want to bump into things.

An armchair with those rod things between the front and back legs is so useful for getting out of the way. I can lie there using a rod as a headrest while I try to transfix the Boss with my beady eyes through my whiskers. It was just the place to be in the summer because it was much too hot to think of going out for a saunter, even in the evening.

I used to be able to go to visit people whenever I wanted, which was nice, but in the summer he decided to have a gate installed to stop my wandering. I was not pleased, so now I sit and howl whenever I know Billy the sheepdog is nearby. That means that he has to take me to see him, so I suppose that the gate wasn't too bad in the end... He lets me go to visit my friend Valary, and I helped her to collect the apples in her garden. That was fun because apples are nearly as good as tennis balls. Valary gave me one to take home, and I ate most of it bit by bit.

I like to go shopping, and I have a rather snappy tartan-style bed on the back seat of the car. It's so comfortable. I don't actually *go into shops*, you understand; I just go for the ride. I love going for rides. He leaves me in the car while he shops, and people talk to me through the window... unless it's hot, of course, when I stay at home.

There...my dogtation is done.

**Footnote** Tilly's followers will know that she's had eye problems for some time, connected with 'Westie dry-eye'. A visit to the vet early last month showed that she makes no tears. She's had almost no sight in her left eye for a couple of years, and it seems now that her right eye is going the same way. In short, she's slowly going blind, or at best will have very limited eyesight in due course.

My treatment of her eyes appears to be working in that her eyes are in good condition as far as moistness is concerned, so I must continue to do what I do, and have her eyes checked regularly by the vet as well.

She's a much-loved (and wilful) little Westie, and will be looked after very carefully: she's responding well to my training her to go slowly when there are obstacles about or doors being opened.

Like Gloria Gaynor, Tilly will survive!

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