

The Puffin

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INTRODUCTION: SUMMER, AND OTHER FUN AND GAMES

John Nunn

Summer Back in May 2021 we published an article about ash dieback; see **The Puffin** 36, page 10.

Unfortunately for myself and fellow Editorial Team member and next-door neighbour John Briggs, this is no longer an item of academic interest. Our properties are divided by what was a magnificent ash tree but which a year or two ago began to show signs of having contracted the dreaded lurgy.

Last year the dieback on our side of the boundary was such that there was nothing for it but to have the branches and trunks on our side removed. We hoped that we might get a few more years out of the other side. John's

side of the boundary looked pretty dead earlier in the year but is now looking a bit better. I'm pretty sure its days are numbered, though.

Quite apart from ash dieback and Dutch elm disease, in the nature of things trees die (along with every other living thing; some live longer than others. I've just been reading of the world's largest living thing, a plant in the sea off the Australian coast weighing in at at least 4,500 years old), but when your domestic garden features a very large tree, clearly on its last legs, you realise that the whole appearance of your garden is about to be significantly altered. There's always a silver lining, though. When the tree finally succumbs and has to be demolished it will let considerably more light into that side of the decking.

As I write, just after the summer solstice, we are enjoying a spell of really warm weather. Since we moved here in 2015 we have never stopped congratulating ourselves on what a wonderful spot we have chosen. When the sun is shining, the bees are buzzing, the birds are chirping and we are dining *al fresco* in the garden, 'wonderful' doesn't really do it justice. This corner of Anglesey and of the UK is just a fantastic place to live...for us, anyway.

Now for a big 'thank you' and also a little nag! The Editorial Team is so grateful to all who have helped us financially since we changed our format. We think that **The Puffin** exudes quality, and obviously so do many of you because money from various sources has enabled us to continue our quarterly print run...so, 'thank you'. Now for the nag: we, the Editorial Team, are a group of five middle- to early old-age men. You'll see what we mean when you have

a look at our photograph below (please form an orderly queue for autographs). We do our best and we bully, cajole, and threaten folk of all ages to get an eclectic mix of articles (this writer has just been cajoled, bullied and threatened by our efficient Editor-in-Chief, to get this written, so I know all about that)...but where are the younger and female members of our committee?

There aren't any, and that is such a pity



Here's **The Puffin's** Editorial Team: (L-R) Owen Williams, Richard Adams, John Nunn, John Briggs, Andrew Perrott (Rosemary Nunn)

because we feel sure that people with different backgrounds could help us develop our content and style. We've nagged before and, be warned, we shall nag again. We are really quite a nice and welcoming group of old(ish) men!

Fun and games Readers of **The Puffin** on-line will have no idea what we're talking about, but page 26 of the printed version had a unique interpretation of an

locals and visitors to join and support Llanddona's local...we believe that it is so important to keep village pubs open as they are the heartbeat of so many rural communities.

We look forward to work with the local community and Neuadd Bentreff Llanddona Village Hall in the forthcoming Jubilee Celebrations and other charity events.

All of us at **The Puffin** wish yr Owain Glyndŵr every success, and we say 'thank you' for hosting us!

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 How the article on page 26 went to the printer...

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...and how it came back...!

article about our Llanddona 'host', the Owain Glyndŵr, and we had to run a hasty reprint of that page as a loose insert. Have a look at the pictures and you'll see what we mean.

Most of the text was turned into Times New Roman, but there was more than a hint of the surreal. It's a mystery because we send it to the printer in .pdf format, which is, in layman's terms, the equivalent of a photograph. Were we

hacked by the Russian Ogre? Did the Russian Ogre spot the codes hidden in our punctuation marks? We'll probably never know. Once the steam had stopped coming out of our ten ears, though, we saw the funny side of it and had a good laugh...

Housekeeping We publish **The Puffin** on a shoestring and do a pretty good job of it (but we don't do 'modesty').

We were dismayed that May's number wasn't in its outlets at the beginning of that month. That was for reasons outside our control, including hefty cost increases in this country caused by, among other things, the much higher price of print inks. **The Puffin** 40 was printed across the Channel for this reason, which added to production and delivery times...it meant, though, that we could keep costs down and still produce a nice magazine for you, our readers, to enjoy.

The Puffin's on-line version will continue to be available as soon as it's complete.

'Submission by' date change A simple way round the problem is to ask our contributors to let us have articles, stuff for *What's happening where?* and so on a bit earlier. Accordingly, with immediate effect, we're changing the 'submission by' dates from the 10th of the month preceding publication to the 1st of the month:

- February:** submissions by 1 January
- May:** submissions by 1 April
- August:** submissions by 1 July
- November:** submissions by 1 October

so that we can have **The Puffin** set and ready to go to the printer that much earlier.

Enjoy your summer!

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THIS MONTH'S FRONT COVER: INTO THE STORM

Barbara Hadley

Where do I begin? I am a totally self-taught artist, living in Cheshire but with a great love for the island of Anglesey. We

used to holiday there as a family when our children were young, and now my eldest son and his family have lived there for several years; the best move for them and we love coming to visit. I have several favourite places on the island: it's such a stunningly beautiful place.

For many years most of my work was commissioned pet portraits, but now my focus is as a wildlife and landscape artist. I love animals but am fascinated by beautiful skies. They can be blue and cloudless or dark and stormy; I am 'drawn' to skies, very colourful skies.

My painting 'Into the Storm' is one of three paintings that I decided to paint, featuring *Kiwi*, for donation to RNLI Moelfre. I'd never painted boats before, or the sea, so that was a double challenge, and I absolutely loved making this particular piece...the smallness of the vessel against the might of the fierce ocean and horrendous storm...the bravery of the men and women who take on the power of nature to rescue others in need. I channelled those thoughts in every brush stroke and was very happy with the finished painting.

Just a small canvas with a powerful message: such is the beauty of art...



One of my skies...guess where! (Barbara Hadley)

Footnote With its almost Turneresque sky, Barbara's painting is an appropriate introduction to what will be, in the next few numbers of **The Puffin**, a series of articles about the RNLI, starting with a brief history and following with an account of the three lifeboat stations that serve, or have served, our corner of Anglesey: Beaumaris, Moelfre and Penmon. Turn to page 20 for the first instalment.

Moelfre lifeboat RNLB *Kiwi* unveiled after £2.2m bequest
www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-21652380

WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE?

In pre-COVID times *What's happening where?* was where our regular quarterly round-up of what's on in the locality appeared, regular events and one-offs

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near home and further afield. We started 2022 much as we finished 2021, with the 'lurking COVID menace' still ruling our lives, and information was thin on the ground, but all the pointers are towards an increasing air of normality (shopping *sans* mask!), so fingers at **The Puffin** are crossed in the hope that this will continue.

The last *What's happening where?* was our most comprehensive so far. Inevitably, we don'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: 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 and submission deadlines 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 could still affect events either way, with some happening suddenly, or being cancelled equally suddenly.
- Check beforehand to make sure that an event is happening.
- Remember to take a mask with you.

Beaumaris

- **Beaumaris Church Summer Season:** you may have noticed the "Church Open" flags greeting you as you walked down Church Street. We introduced them after realising that many people, residents and visitors alike, didn't realise that the Parish Church in Beaumaris was open and that they were welcome to visit. In addition to the flags, we've recruited a team of volunteers to welcome visitors and, after a successful trial over Easter and the Jubilee Week, our volunteers will be at the Church again over the summer.

The Summer Season started on Saturday 16 July and runs through to Saturday 3 September. Please pop and see us! We're looking to recruit extra people to join the Welcome Team. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch and we will explain what is involved.

We're also planning on having weekly lunchtime concerts every Friday, 12.30pm-1.30pm. These will be open to all. Details will be posted to social media and will be on the Church website. If you know anyone who you think would be interested in performing, please ask them to contact us. Also, if you are prepared to help organise or steward the concerts, please get in touch.

✉ Canon Robert Townsend
pm@broseiriol.net

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 Ministry Area
www.broseiriol.net

- **Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club:** lockdown is almost behind us now! Clwb Bowlio Beaumaris Bowling Club reopened a few months ago, and 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 Matthias.

✉ davemathias49@gmail.com

☎ 01248 490222, 07712 121147

☎ Mike Ormond 01248 810073



4 July 2022: six of the Beaumaris Bowling Club players playing for the Gwynedd Senior Citizens County Team against the Clwydian Senior Citizens Team at Bethesda Bowling Club (Dave Matthias)

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

The Club runs taster events during September and April 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

See also page 19.

- **Beaumaris Rotary:** put these events and dates in your diary!
 - 17 August, 10.30am: Boules social 'competition' on the green in front of the David Hughes Community Centre, Rating Row.
 - 28 August, 10.00am-4.00pm: Castle Square Rotary showcase with other Seiriol groups and 'Sailability' promotion.

- 14/15 October: Charity Music Weekend, Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris Leisure Centre.

- **Beaumaris Film Night:** following screenings of *Dream Horse*, *The Father*, then *The Dig* in July, we're showing *Supernova* on Thursday 4 August: still just £5 a ticket at The Leisure Centre.

It's a road movie that features a quiet but charismatic gay couple, played by Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci, who find their close, winning relationship in idyllic surroundings deeply challenged by the threat of mortality (93 minutes).

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

- **Canolfan Beaumaris, Seiriol Alliance:** see the next column and the centre-spread on pages 12-13, and keep up with what's happening via social media.

Here are two dates for your diary!

- 5 August: Queen II Greatest Hits Tour...the ultimate live tribute to Queen.
- 23 September: Mamma Mania...a tribute to Agnetha and Anni-Frid.

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

☎ 01248 811200

✉ enquiries@canolfanbeaumaris.org.uk

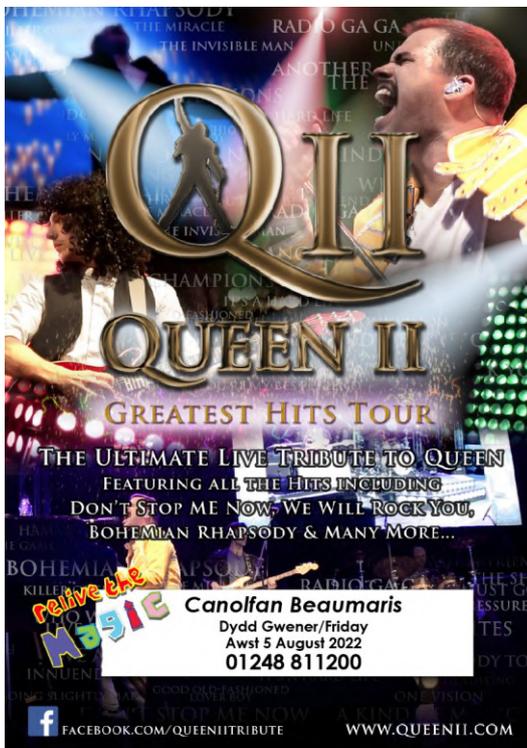
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- **H'Artworks:** I'm Anne Snaith, and am 'Artist in Residence' at the Bulkeley Hotel, Castle Street, where I run a variety of workshops and much more besides. Workshops run throughout the summer holidays for children and adults in lots of different media, including silk painting, watercolour, glass painting, batik, etc.



Stanley Tucci and Colin Firth in a scene from *Supernova*, showing at Beaumaris Film Night on Thursday 4 August



- **Tuesdays, 4.30pm-5.30pm:** Children's Art Club for ages 6-12.

£12.50 per head, includes professional tuition in a wide variety of media.

Restarts in September.

- **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.
- **Thursdays, 4.30pm-5.30pm:** Young People's Art Group for ages 12-18. The cost is £15.00 per head, and includes professional tuition in a wide variety of media. Materials are included. Restarts in September. A few places are still available.
- **Fridays, 4.30pm-5.30pm:** the Children's Art Club for ages 7-12. £12.50 per head, includes professional tuition in a wide variety of media. Materials are included. Restarts in September. Places are still available.

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:

✉ hartworks@btinternet.com

☎ 07531 384434

- **Beaumaris Makers Market:** Castle Square, Beaumaris LL58 8AP, 10.00am-4.00pm

- August 6, 7, 13, 20
- September 3, 18
- October 23
- November 6, 20
- December 11

🌐 Beaumaris Makers Market
www.facebook.com/beaumarismakersmarket

- **Beaumaris over 50s Club:** Monday 26 September: the first meeting of the season, at 2.00pm.

Ann & Howard Jackson will give an illustrated talk on Israel.

All are most welcome, especially guests and new members. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided for a small charge.

✉ Canolfan Iorwerth Rowlands Centre
Steeple Lane
Beaumaris
Anglesey
LL58 8TX

☎ 01248 811508

www.facebook.com/groups/llandona/

- **Beumaris Artisan Market:** Rating Row, Beumaris LL58 8AP (in front of the David Hughes Community Centre), 10.00am-4.00pm:
 - August 6, 7, 14, 21, 27, 28
 - September 4, 11, 18, 25
 - October 2, 9
- ☒ Beumaris Artisan Market
www.beumarisartisanmarket.blogspot.com

Llanddona

- **Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall:** go to page 6 and read more about Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall and its activities.
- **Caffi Ni:** now on Fridays, 12.00 noon-2.00pm, Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall. Do join us: good food, good company, pleasant surroundings!
- **Village Knit Club:** the Village Knit Club is having a break throughout the summer months, but very much looks forward to reconvening again in the autumn, possibly in October.



May 2021, the Owain Glyndŵr...what a nice gesture (Meg Marsden)

Please do join this friendly craft group, whether to knit, crochet, patchwork or just to have a natter. 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:

- 3 August
- 17 August
- 7 September
- 21 September

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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?



Some of the Llanddona Writers Group taking the sun at a recent meeting (Meg Marsden)

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

☎ 07774 699685.

See also pages 10 and 22.

- **The Owain Glyndŵr:** for information about what's on at the Owain Glyndŵr:
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☒ contact@ogdllanddona.co.uk

☒ Cymuned Llanddona Community
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- **Llanestyn Tractor Rally and Fun Dog Show:** Saturday 13 August: last year's Rally was a great success, and we hope for a repeat this year!
 - 10.00am: you'll be able to view tractors old and new at, and near, Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall before they depart. There will be stalls, food and refreshments for sale, and a raffle.
 - 11.00am: the tractors will depart for the Rally from the Owain Glyndŵr, just up the road from Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall.
 - 12.00 noon: the Fun Dog Show will take place at Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall.

See also page 11.

- **H'Artworks:** I'm Anne Snaith, and am 'Artist in Residence' at the Bulkeley Hotel, Castle Street, Beumaris, where I run a variety of workshops and much more besides.

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☎ 07531 384434

Llangoed

- **Llangoed Village Hall:** for information about what's on:
☒ Llangoed Village Hall
www.facebook.com/llangoed.villagehall
- **Llangoed Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show:** what good news! The Show has a new organiser, and will be back again next year. Go to page 9 to read more about it.



- **Seiriol Men's Shed:** we meet on Thursdays, 10.00am-12.00 noon, in our workshop at Haulfre residential home, Llangoed. See also page 20. To find us from the direction of Beumaris:

- Go through Llangoed, past Morrisons Daily on the right, and down the hill

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)

- o Go over the little bridge at the bottom and up the hill for about 200 yards
- o Turn right at the *Gerddi Haulfre Gardens* sign into the Haulfre Residential Home car park
- o Walk down towards the gardens
- o Our workshop is on the left

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

For more information please contact:

☎ Mike Thomas 07941 103386

See also page 18.

**NEUADD BENTREF
LLANDDONA VILLAGE HALL**

Patricia Hughes, Cadeirydd

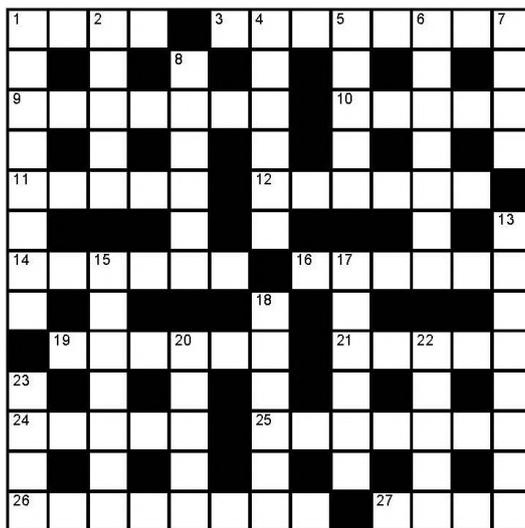
Mae Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall yn cael ei rhedeg gan grŵp bach o Aelodau Pwyllgor a gwirfoddolwyr ymroddedig sy'n rhoi o'u hamser yn rhydd i'w reoli. Mae hyn yn cynnwys archebu, trefnu a gofalu am gyfleustodau, cynnal a chadw, atgyweirio a glanhau, a chysylltu â'r gwahanol grwpiau a sefydiadau sy'n defnyddio'r Neuadd. Mae'n Neuadd Bentref ddeniadol sydd â chyfarpar da, sy'n hawdd ei chyrraedd ac mewn rhan brydferth o Ynys Môn.

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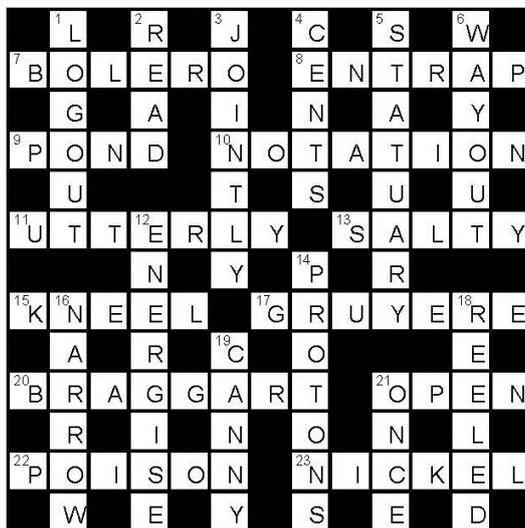
- Caffi Ni: ar agor bob dydd Gwener, 12.00 hanner dydd-2.00yp, gan ddarparu cinio cartref, byrbrydau a chacennau
- Caffi Cofio: grŵp cymorth i bobl â phroblemau cof a'u gofaluwr

QUICK CROSSWORD NO 10



The solutions to 'the Governor's' Quick crossword no 10 will be given in **The Puffin** 42.

QUICK CROSSWORD NO 9: SOLUTION



- Grŵp Tennis Bwrdd Llanddona: Dydd Llun, 10.00yb-12.00 hanner dydd
- Cyfarfod grŵp ffydd: boreau Sul
- Clwb Ffermwyr Ifanc: Nos Lun

Mae digwyddiadau cyhoeddus diweddar yn cynnwys:



Gwanwyn 2019: Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall newydd cyn iddi agor
Spring 2019: the new Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall before it opened

- Cyngor Cymuned: yn cyfarfod yn fisol ar y 3^{ydd} dydd Mercher
- Sesiynau teilsen cof
- Gwehyddu basgedi brwyn
- Codi arian ar gyfer yr Wcraïn
- Digwyddiadau Cwllwm Seiriol

Cynhelir digwyddiadau preifat yn rheolaidd hefyd, fel cawodydd babanod, digwyddiadau pen-blwydd a phartïon ymdeol. Mae'r Neuadd hefyd ar gael ar gyfer digwyddiadau a chyfarfodydd hyfforddi; mae gennym wi-fi da a theledu craff i gyfranogwyr ei ddefnyddio.

Y 'digwyddiad mawr' nesaf fydd Rali Tractor ym mis Awst. Darllenwch y cyfan amdano ar dudalen 11.

Gweithgareddau eraill Rydym yn croesawu awgrymiadau ar gyfer gweithgareddau/grwpiau eraill yr hoffai'r preswylwyr eu gweld yn y Neuadd. Mae awgrymiadau diweddar yn cynnwys:

- Clwb garddio
- Gweithgareddau i deuluoedd
- Grŵp hyfforddi cŵn
- Bore coffi/cyfnwid llyfrau

ac rydym yn cynllunio'r canlynol yn y dyfodol agos:

- Noson gerddorol
- Dosbarthiadau ioga
- Dosbarthiadau celf
- Ymweliad misol gan lyfrgell gymunedol

Cymerwch ran! Mae'r grŵp o Aelodau'r Pwyllgor a gwirfoddolwyr yn fach, a hoffai groesawu mwy o bobl! Cysylltwch â ni os hoffech gymryd rhan mewn rhyw ffordd neu'i gilydd, os hoffech gael rhagor o wybodaeth am Neuadd Bentref Llanddona, neu os hoffech archebu.

✉ secretary@neuaddbentrefllanddona.co.uk

☎ 07733 176004 neu 07768 018370

📍 Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall, yr Hen Ysgol Llanddona Ynys Môn LL58 8TS

📍 Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall www.facebook.com/llanddona_villagehall/

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

NEUADD BENTREF LLANDDONA VILLAGE HALL

Patricia Hughes, Chair

Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall is run by a small group of dedicated Committee Members and volunteers who give their time freely to manage it. This includes bookings, organising and caring for utilities, upkeep, repairs and cleaning, and liaising with the various groups and organisations which use the Hall. It is an attractive and well-equipped Village Hall, easily accessible and in a

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beautiful part of Anglesey.

The Hall is a valuable asset for the community, a place that people can visit and use in the knowledge that there's always a warm welcome. It needs to be able to generate a regular income so that it can 'keep going'...so, people of Llanddona (and further afield), use your Village Hall!



Gweithgareddau diweddar: paentio ar sidan a chreu teils cof
Recent activities: painting on silk and creating memory tiles

User groups Regular user groups include, for example:

- Caffi Ni: open every Friday, 12.00 noon-2.00pm, providing home-cooked lunches, snacks and cakes
- Caffi Cofio: support group for people with memory problems and their carers
- Llanddona Table Tennis Group: Mondays, 10.00am-12.00 noon
- Faith group meeting: Sunday mornings
- Young Farmers Club: Monday evenings

Recent public events include:

- Community Council: meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month
- Memory tile sessions
- Rush basket weaving
- Fundraising for Ukraine
- Cwlwm Seiriol events

Private events take place regularly as well, such as baby showers, anniversary events and retirement parties. The Hall is also available for training events and meetings; we have good wi-fi and a smart television for participants to use.

The next 'big event' will be the Tractor Rally in August. Read all about it on page 11.

Other activities We welcome suggestions for other activities/groups

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that residents would like to see at the Hall. Recent suggestions include:

- Gardening club
- Activities for families
- Dog training group
- Coffee morning/book swap

and we are planning the following in the near future:

- Musical evening
- Yoga classes
- Art classes
- Monthly visit by the community library

Get involved! The group of Committee Members and volunteers is small, and 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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ITV'S COAST & COUNTRY VISITS BEAUMARIS ALLOTMENTS

Jill Anker

Plotolders at Beaumaris Allotments recently welcomed Sean Fletcher and the film crew from ITV's *Coast & Country* to the site.



Dennis Evans (left) chats to Sean Fletcher from ITV's *Coast & Country* (Jill Anker)

Sean chatted to several plotolders, including Dennis Evans, who has been on the allotments for nearly 14 years. Dennis showed them all that he was growing and explained just what his plot meant to him. He has also taken on the role of mentor for the new Community Plot.

Bill and Joan Hopkin, who have had their plots for over 30 years, chatted with Sean as well, and showed him some of the crops that they're growing. They also explained about the hard work that was involved with maintaining a plot and how they enjoyed working together on their plots.



Joan and Bill Hopkin demonstrate the importance of keeping a plot well maintained (Jill Anker)

Rhian Hughes, Seiriol Alliance's Intergenerational Community Development Officer, explained the background to the new Communal Plot and about the work done by Bwyd Da Môn. Bwyd Da Môn provides boxes of food in return for a donation which is then used to provide free food to those needing it. She also explained the importance of the sustainability of the project which will hopefully develop over time and involve both the young and old in Seiriol Ward.



Rhian Hughes explains the background to the setting up of the new Communal Plot (Jill Anker)



Keevan Anker shows Sean the work involved in growing his grapes (Jill Anker)

Sean also visited Keevan Anker's vineyard, and the crew were later able to sample both his rosé wine, made with Regent grapes grown on his allotment, and the "Beaumaris Bubbly" which is also made at Halfpenny Green winery from his Seyval Blanc grapes using the Méthode Champenoise. They also tried a selection of the liqueurs that Keevan and his wife Jill make including Cassis, Framboise and Crème de Mûre and visited Jill's plot to see where the fruit is grown.

The entire crew were really impressed with the location of the allotments and waited patiently for the wind to drop so that they could use their drone to capture footage of the area and the allotment site.

The programme was aired on Friday 24 June on ITV Wales at 7.00pm.

STORI 'EGG-CELLENT'

Tomos James Griffiths

Un diwrnod prynon ni chwe ieir oddi ar fy ewythr ac yna dechreuon ni werthu wyau wrth y giât.

Dyweddod Dad na fyddem byth yn gwerthu unrhyw wyau wrth y giât am nad oedd neb yn mynd hebio; yna roedd pawb yn y pentref eisiau wyau felly prynon ni ddeuddeg iâr arall i'w hychwanegu at y cynhyrchiad, ac roedd Dad wedi creu argraff fawr ar Dad. Ond yna roedd mwy a mwy o alw am wyau; dechreuon ni ddanfôn wyau o amgylch y pentref ac roedd rhuthr yn y galw am wyau. Doedden ni ddim yn gallu cael mwy o ieir o fy ewythr felly edrychodd ac edrych i ddod o hyd i werthwr hen arall, ond yna daeth COVID ynghyd â dwy flynedd ddinistriol, ond fe wnaeth y busnes ffynnu ynghyd â fy addysg gartref!

Mae fy ieir yn hawdd eu defnyddio os oes ganddynt ddigon o fwyd a dŵr, ac rwy'n casglu'r wyau bob dydd. Mae pobl yn dychwelyd y blychau wyau, felly rwy'n ecogyfeillgar.

Rwyf wedi gorfod ymdopi â ffliw adar, felly mae gan yr ieir i gyd gewyll erbyn hyn. Mae'r llwynog yn ymweld, ond mae Nan y ci defaid yn cyfarth fel mad i roi gwybod i ni ei fod o gwmpas.

Mae fy musnes yn ehangu i werthiant llysiâu eleni, tatws, moron, betys a mwy, ond aeth y gwartheg i'r llain eleni. Dyna stori arall i'w hadrodd. Byddwn wrth fy modd yn gwneud te a chacennau ond nid wyf wedi dweud wrth Dad eto!

AN EGG-CELLENT STORY

Tomos James Griffiths

One day we bought six hens off my uncle and then started selling eggs at the gate.

Dad said that we would never sell any eggs at the gate because nobody went past; then everybody in the village wanted eggs so we bought another twelve hens to add to the production, and Dad was extremely impressed. But then there was more and more demand for eggs; we started delivering eggs around the village and there was a rush in the demand for eggs. We couldn't get any more hens from my uncle so looked and looked to find another hen seller, but then COVID came along with two devastating years, but the business flourished along with my home schooling!

My hens are easygoing if they have enough food and water, and I collect the eggs daily. People return the egg boxes, so I am environmentally friendly.



Tomos y Dyn Wy!
Tomos the Egg Man!
(Lucy Low)



Aelod o'r Tim Cynhyrchu
A member of the Production Team
(Lucy Low)



Otto Lindenbaum's lovely picture of an Eagle Owl
(Kirsty Lindenbaum)

I have had to cope with bird flu, so all the hens now have cages. The fox does visit, but Nan the sheepdog barks like mad to let us know he's around.

My business is expanding to veg sales

this year, potatoes, carrots, beetroot and more, but the cows got into the patch this year. That's another story to be told. I would love to do tea and cakes but haven't told Dad yet!

OTTO'S EAGLE OWL

Otto Lindenbaum (aged 7)

Otto says, "I drew this picture of an Eagle Owl after I went to visit Bodafon Farm Park.

"I loved seeing all the owls and we even watched one being fed. I loved the Barn Owl, the Pygmy Owl and the Little Owl best".

WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?

Adrian Drake-Lee

In the past, most people in the British Isles lived and died within ten miles of where they were born. This gave a strong sense of local identity.

Even then, about 10% of the population were migrants. Occasionally, large numbers would do this: the highland and lowland clearances; the potato blight in Ireland; during the industrial revolution. Most moved to a nearby city, but some travelled much further. Lifespan was considerably shorter than now with modern medicine, better hygiene, and nutrition.

I moved to Anglesey eleven years ago as my daughter had settled in North Wales after university and I was reaching retirement age. I was born in London, then moved to Kent. Any sense of local identity was lost when I went to boarding school at eleven and nearly three hundred miles from home. When I count the number of places that I have lived for more than three months, it is fifteen. I have lived in the countryside, towns, and cities. Cities include Bath, Bedford, Birmingham, Cambridge, Gloucester, and London. During that time, I bought seven properties. Unlike many, I have never found moving stressful.

What of my family: had they moved around too? My mother's family lived in London and the Southeast of England for many years. My parent met in Norfolk in 1946 because of the Second World War. It was the only time my mother, who was in the ATS, travelled extensively. My father had just returned from India and Burma.

My father's family had come from Ireland. My paternal grandfather was born in 1862 near Limerick and went to Cork University to study medicine. He worked in Ireland, England, and then, after a spell in the United States of America, settled in the East Midlands.

He married in Dublin on 14 February 1900, and his first child, Donal, was born

in December that year. They had eight children of which my father was the youngest. Donal died of rheumatic fever when he was fourteen, Joan lived to sixteen and died from peritonitis due to appendicitis, and Desmond died in 1946 from the neurological complications of the 1918-1920 flu pandemic. Of the other five, only two had children, my uncle Billy, and my father.

Nine months ago, I decided to learn where my distant ancestors have settled and my genetic makeup. The easiest way was to undertake DNA testing from spit samples. After some research, I settled on two, Ancestry DNA and 23andMe. I chose two different ones to ensure that they were showing the same origin and distribution. I was not interested in paying for anything more than simple tracing based on both past and current populations.

These tests look to match people who share some DNA and are only as good as the sample size. Both companies have large ones. The test results take about two months.

Humans have 46 chromosomes in 23 pairs. One pair defines the sex, XX for female and XY for male. The male Y chromosome passes down the male line and is the same for all men in that family. It is also possible to determine the percentage of Neanderthal DNA (23andMe). It was only the Neanderthal female who could interbreed, and modern humans may have up to 4% of this DNA.



My father's family in 1919 in Kettering. Sitting at the front left is my uncle Billy with my father next to him, aged 8; Auntie Joe is sitting on the ground at the other end; behind Billy is Auntie Joan standing next to my grandfather, with Auntie Moira sitting between him and my grandmother; Auntie Ailes is standing between them, with Desmond at the end. Donal died in 1915 (Adrian Drake-Lee)

Were there any surprises? There were no children that I did not know about: at least as of now. I had lost contact with one of my cousins many years ago and one of her children contacted me as she wanted to know more about my mother's side of the family.

When I filtered by fourth cousin and closer there were 347 relatives in Ancestry and some I could trace further. Twenty-four lived in the British Isles; nine lived in Australia, and two in New Zealand. Forty-four were dispersed in

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the USA. There were many distant relatives: 13,710.



My auntie Beryl's wedding in 1951, at Ightham. I was a grumpy three-year-old holding hands with my grandmother who went blind in her forties and my mother; My father was walking behind us. Guests included Edward Heath and Margaret Hilda Roberts (Adrian Drake-Lee)

Tracing my DNA, I was 47% from Ireland, 39% from England and northwestern Europe, 7% from Sweden and Norway, 5% from Wales and 2% from Norway. Like many, I do have some Neanderthal ancestry, but it is less than 2%. Even if there is some Welsh there, the land of my fathers was Ireland.

• • • • • SIOE FLODAU LLANGOED I DDYCHWELYD YN 2023!

Julie Upmeyer

Mae'n bleser gen i gyhoeddi y bydd Sioe Flodau Llangoed yn gallu parhau â'i dathliad blynyddol o flodau, cynnyrch, cogenio a thalent artistig lleol yn Llangoed a thu hwnt.

Byddaf yn arwain y gwaith o drefnu'r digwyddiad hwn ac yn edrych ymlaen at ddysgu am hanes y cyfarfod cyfeillgar hwn yn Neuadd Bentref Llangoed.



Diolch yn fawr i Gabriell a Derel Williams ac yn fwyaf diweddar Chris a Mike Linford am gadw'r traddodiad gwych hwn yn weithredol am gymaint o flynyddoedd ac am drosglwyddo eu gwybodaeth a'u profiad o drefnu Sioe Flodau dros y blynyddoedd.

Bydd y sioe nesaf yn cael ei chynnal yn haf 2023, gyda mwy o wybodaeth i ddilyn am categorïau yr hydref nesaf fel

y gallwch chi gynllunio eich rhaglenni gerddi a phlannu gyda llawer o amser! Edrychaf ymlaen at wneud cysylltiadau gyda'r gwahanol grwpiau cymunedol ac ysgolion yn yr ardal i wneud y digwyddiad hwn yn ddigwyddiad croesawgar, hwyliog a chynhwysol.

Un o'r pethau yr hoffwn ei wneud hefyd yw rhoi sylw i hanes y sioe. Oes gennych chi unrhyw luniau neu atgofion o'r sioe yn y blynyddoedd diwethaf? Os oes gennych, rhannwch nhw gyda mi. Os oes gennych ddeunyddiau printiedig, fel llyfyrnau, erthyglau papur newydd, lluniau neu sleidiau, rhowch wybod i mi a gallaf drefnu eu sganio.

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◆ ◆ ◆ LLANGOED FLOWER SHOW IS RETURNING IN 2023!

Julie Upmeyer

I'm pleased to announce that the Llangoed Flower Show will be able to continue its annual celebration of local flowers, produce, cookery and artistic talent in Llangoed and beyond.

I'll be taking the lead in organising this event, and look forward to learning all about the history of this friendly gathering at the Llangoed Village Hall.

Many thanks to Gabriell and Derel Williams and, most recently, Chris and Mike Linford for keeping this fine tradition active for so many years and for passing on their knowledge and experience of organising the show over the years.



The next show will take place in the summer of 2023, with more information to follow on categories this coming autumn...so you can plan your gardens and planting programmes with lots of time! I look forward to making connections with the various community groups and schools in the area to make this event a welcoming, fun, and inclusive event.

One of the things I'd like to do is also feature the history of the show. Do you have any photos or memories of the

show in years past? If you have, please do 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.

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SOMETHING OF A MISUNDERSTANDING

Debbie Oulton

A handsome young chap from Knots Landing

Was known for his constant philand'ring
When he entered a room
Every lady would swoon
Their status and age notwithstanding

But a furious husband was plotting
With murderous thoughts of garrotting
The handsome young buck
Who was pushing his luck
And in need of a jolly good swatting



Who? Me? I was just passing by...

Money changed hands in an alley
With a big burly bloke named O'Malley
Told to follow the mark
And just for a lark
"Mess up his features entirely"

Police are now hunting a felon
Who trashed someone's treasured collection
Of cute garden gnomes
Several rockery stones
And a prize-winning watermelon

The handsome young chap from Knots Landing

Unaware of this misunderstanding
Was shocked to the core
Blamed his neighbour next door
And ran off with a plumber from Reading

Note Debbie is a member of the Llanddona Writers Group.

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LLANGOED WI

Anne Lindley, Press Officer

May Fire Safety, North Wales Fire Service: Buddug Parry gave us a talk on fire prevention, especially for the vulnerable, the deaf and those that

live alone. A good Q&A session followed, and information sheets were passed to us all.

The winners of the competition were:

- 1st Miriam Hughes
- 2nd Sue Flack
- 3rd Shirley Hughes

The raffle was won by Liz Roberts.

The AFWI Annual Show: Llangoed WI did very well in the following categories: jam making, floral arrangements, baking and crafts.

June For the Jubilee Party members made Crowns, cakes and scones. The Crowns were voted as best, and a fun quiz followed.

The winners of the competitions were:

Crowns

- 1st Jean Whitehead
- 2nd Christina Linford
- 3rd Miriam Hughes
- 4th Lizzie Roberts

Quiz, 1st Team

- Dot James
- Edna Prince
- Marian Mead
- Edwina Davies

Quiz, 2nd Team

- Margaret Furlong
- Norma Martin
- Miriam Hughes
- Pam Turtle

Raffle

Stephanie Dummler

Jubilee Garden Party: AFWI put on a Jubilee Garden Party at WI Hall, Llanfairpwll... All dressed up, posh hats!

It was a good sunny day, albeit with a bit of a breeze... Strawberries and Cream, lots of cake choices and scones with jam and cream... A vote on the best hat... Lots of *Guess that?, Find that?...*

There was endless tea, coffee, etc., by volunteers, and a big cheer for their hard work. It was good to catch up with members of other WIs as well.

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BANGOR ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Pauline Kenyon, Bangor Rotary Service Team Leader

Bangor Rotary Club completed their Rotary Year with a Charter Dinner held at the Bulkeley Hotel, where outgoing President Kate Maskall inducted new President Menna Gilbert at a well attended celebratory event.

One of the highlights of the evening – always a secret – was the surprise presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship Award to Ian Thompson, in recognition of his outstanding service to Bangor Rotary Club, to the local community, especially to the Bangor Food Bank and Royal British Legion Poppy appeals and,

nationally, to the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service, of which he has recently become the National Chairman.

On 28 May Bangor Rotary Club organised the first 'Volunteer Expo' event in Bangor Cathedral. Around 14 local charitable groups and organisations set up informative 'pitches' to publicise their invaluable work, to network and to seek new support. It was a really happy event; the feedback from the participants was very positive and we hope to repeat this venture and attract even more volunteers in future.



Outgoing President Kate Maskall and new President Menna Gilbert (Pauline Kenyon)



Ian Thompson and his Paul Harris Fellowship Award (Pauline Kenyon)

Bangor Rotary Club is now currently working actively towards the post-COVID return of our annual 'Charity Fair on Beaumaris Green!' This traditional and lively event will be on Bank Holiday Sunday, 28 August. It gives around 20 charitable groups free 'stall pitches' for their own fund-raising fun for children, and Rotary provides more games, and music, entertainment and activities designed for families and children to enjoy!

Additional to the charity stalls, the attractions will include children's circus-type games, a 'prize a time fishing for ducks' game, an Inner Wheel cake and produce stall, a 'Bags of Fun' stall selling highly original great value kids' and adults' bags (many hand-crafted), a fantastic range of jewellery (at rock bottom prices!), a Rotary stall of the most amazing good quality children's bargain large toys, bikes, etc. (which can be reserved and collected later), and a bric-à-brac stall.

Please come along for a fun day and bargain hunt whilst helping so many local volunteer groups help the community.

RALI TRACTOR LLANIESTYN, A LLAWER MWY...

Lucy Low, Warden

Yn dilyn llwyddiant digwyddiad y llynedd bydd ail Rali Tractor Llanddona yn cael ei chynnal ddydd Sadwrn 13 Awst 2022, gan ddechrau yn Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Neuadd Bentref Llanddona am 10.00yb.

Trefnir y digwyddiad gan Eglwys St Dona a St Iestyn, ac mae'r holl elw er budd cymuned Llanddona, ei hadeiladau eglwysig ac elusen o'r enw Little Hearts Matter, yr unig elusen genedlaethol yn y DU sy'n cynnig cymorth arbenigol i unrhyw un y mae diagnosis o gyflwr un fenter ar y galon yn effeithio arno.



Gyrrwr tractor dan oed a welwyd yn ddiweddar yn Llanddona...

Under-age tractor driver spotted recently in Llanddona...

(Lucy Low)

Lluniaeth, stondinau a raffl Bydd lluniaeth ar gael drwy gydol y dydd yn Neuadd Bentref Neuadd Llanddona Village Hall, gan gynnwys te, cacennau a baps bacwn. Bydd stondinau fel Unique Kids, Sarah's Garden a Tir Dewi, i enwi ond ychydig, a raffl gyda gwobrau gan gynnwys taith o amgylch Stadiwm Principality, Caerdydd, ar gael. Bydd y raffl yn cael ei thynnu yn yr Owain Glyndŵr, ychydig i fyny'r ffordd, tua 5.00yp.

Sioe Gŵn Hwyl Ar ôl i ni chwifio'r tractorau i fwrdd bydd Sioe Gŵn Hwyl

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ar dir Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Neuadd Bentref. Bydd yn dechrau tua 12.00 hanner dydd. Mae mynediad 'ar y diwrnod' ac mae ar agor i bawb o 10.00am. Mynediad yw £2.00 y dosbarth ac mae'r dosbarthiadau'n:

- Gast ddelaif
- Ci harddaf
- Ci bach pertaf (o dan 12 mis)
- Ci hŷn gorau (yn hŷn na 10 oed)
- Cynffon prysuraf
- Ci blêraf
- Cast gorau
- Ci gorau yn dal bisgedi
- Ci yr hoffai'r barnwr
- Gorwedd i gerdd
- Ras llwy ac wy

... felly ewch ati i ymarfer, mae pawb!

Bydd y Sioe yn gorffen mewn pryd i groesawu'r tractorau yn ôl yn yr Owain Glyndŵr tua 4.00yb.

Rali Tractor Bydd y tractorau'n ymgynnull ar hyd y ffordd y tu allan i Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall, a'r bwriad yw eu bod yn gadael am 11.00yb-11.30yb...ymddiheuriadau ymlaen llaw i drigolion lleol am unrhyw anghyfleustra a achosir!

Mae'r llwybr eleni ar gyfer y Rali yn:

- Cychwyn o Neuadd Bentref Neuadd Bentref Llanddona i lawr i Goedwig Wern y Wylan ac allan i Bentraeth
- Ymlaen i Landegfan a thrwy Fiwmares a Llangoed gyda y gobaith yw y bydd arhosfan yn Haulfre i ymweld â'r trigolion
- Yna ymlaen i Benmon ac, drwy ganiatâd caredig, drwy'r Parc Ceirw ac allan i bentrefan Caim
- Teithio wedi hynny i lawr i draeth Llanddona, a gorffen yn yr Owain Glyndŵr tua 4.00yp

Yn yr Owain Glyndŵr bydd Hog Rhost i'w groesawu gan Hogiau Môn a cherddoriaeth fyw gan Monsŵn. Bydd y dafarn ar agor drwy'r dydd, ac mae Mark, Tammie a'i deulu yn edrych ymlaen at groesawu cwsmeriaid hen a newydd yn yr Owain Glyndŵr sydd newydd ei adnewyddu, a gobeithiwn wneud rhodd hael i'r elusen Little Hearts Matter, achos sy'n agos atynt.

Yr Eglwys: hynt y gwaith hyd yn hyn

Dyma ychydig o newyddion am gynnydd gyda'n hadeiladau:

- **Eglwys Sant Dona, Llanddona:** mae "champing" wedi'i lansio, gyda diwrnod agored llwyddiannus iawn y codwyd £630 arno. Drwy Ymddiriedolaeth Cadwraeth yr Eglwys mae gennym archebion yr haf hwn ar gyfer aros dros nos.

Mae angen adennill y costau sefydlu, ond yr ydym yn wirioneddol optimistaidd o ran ei ddyfodol. Eglwys Sant Dona yw'r eglwys gyntaf yng Nghymru gyfan i gynnig y

cyfleuster unigryw hwn o ddefnyddio adeilad yr eglwys mewn ffordd hollol newydd.

- **Eglwys Sant Iestyn, Llaniestyn:** mae'r Eglwys wedi cael caniatâd adeiladu cyfadran llawn, ac rydym yn aros am y costau adeiladu terfynol.

Dyddiad cychwyn arfaethedig ar gyfer y gwaith yw Medi 2022, ac mae'n rhaid i ni gydymffurfio â Rheoliadau CDM (Dylunio a Rheoli Adeiladu) a chael arolygon asbestos, ac ati.

Diolch enfawr i bawb yn y gymuned am gymorth a chefnogaeth i gadw'r eglwys hyn ar agor ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r dyfodol.

Edrychwn ymlaen at eich gweld ar y diwrnod! Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau, angen rhagor o wybodaeth neu os hoffech ein cefnogi a phrynu rhai tocynnau raffl, cysylltwch â mi, Lucy Low:

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Cadwch eich bysedd wedi'u croesi am dywydd da!

LLANIESTYN TRACTOR RALLY, AND MUCH MORE...

Lucy Low, Warden

Following the success of last year's event the second Llanddona Tractor Rally will take place on Saturday 13 August 2022, starting at Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall at 10.00am.

The event is organised by the Churches of St Dona and St Iestyn, and all proceeds are for the benefit of the Llanddona community, its church buildings and a charity called Little Hearts Matter, the only national UK charity offering specialised support to anyone affected by the diagnosis of single ventricle heart condition.



Refreshments, stalls and raffl

Refreshments will be available throughout the day at Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall, including teas, cakes and bacon baps. (go to page 14)



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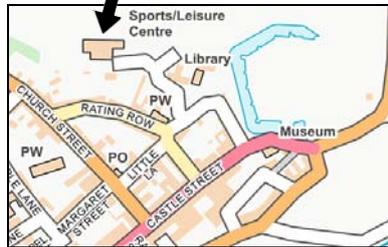
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HAMDDEN YN UNIG**

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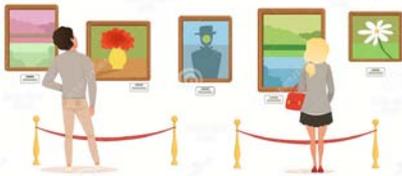
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Ar agor i'r cyhoedd



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Dydd Llun

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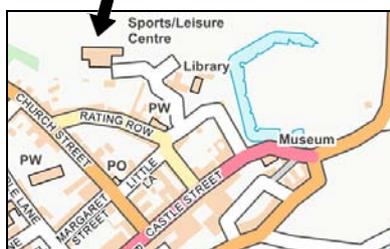
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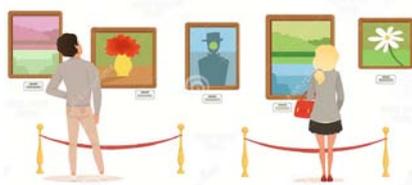
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FABBs over-65s 2.30pm-3.30pm

Tuesday

HIIT class 7.45am-8.15am
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

HIIT class 7.45am-8.15am
Gentle yoga 9.45am-11.15am
Dancercise 6.00pm-7.00pm

Friday

Circuits 1.00pm-2.00pm

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Tuesday 7.00am-8.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am-8.30pm
Thursday 7.00am-8.30pm
Friday 9.30am-3.30pm
Saturday 10.00am-5.30pm
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(from page 11) There will be stalls such as Unique Kids, Sarah's Garden and Tir Dewi, to name just a few, and a raffle with prizes including a tour of the Principality Stadium, Cardiff, on offer. The raffle will be drawn at the Owain Glyndŵr, just up the road, at about 5.00pm.

Fun Dog Show Once we've waved the tractors off there will be a Fun Dog Show in the grounds of Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall. It will start at approximately 12.00 noon. Entry is 'on the day' and is open to everyone from 10.00am. Entry is £2.00 per class and the classes are:

- Prettiest female dog
- Most handsome male dog
- Cutest puppy (under 12 months)
- Best 'Golden Oldie' (over 10 years)
- Waggiest tail
- Scruffiest pooch
- Best trick
- Best biscuit-catcher
- Dog the Judge would most like to take home
- Musical lie-downs
- Egg and spoon race

...so get practising, everyone!

The Show will finish in time for welcoming the tractors back at the Owain Glyndŵr at about 4.00pm.

The Tractor rally The tractors will gather along the road outside Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall, the intention being that they depart at 11.00am-11.30am...apologies in advance to local residents for any inconvenience caused!

This year's route for the Rally is:

- Start from Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall down to Wern y Wylan Forest and out to Pentraeth
- Onward to Llandegfan and through Beaumaris and Llangoed with, it is hoped, a stop at Haulfre to visit the residents
- Then on to Penmon and, by kind permission, through the Deer Park and out into the hamlet of Caim
- Travelling thereafter down to Llanddona beach, and finishing at the Owain Glyndŵr at about 4.00pm

At the Owain Glyndŵr there will be a welcome Hog Roast by Hogs Môn and live music by Monsŵn. The pub will be open all day, and Mark, Tammie and family look forward to welcoming old and new customers in the newly-refurbished Owain Glyndŵr, and we hope to make a generous donation to the charity Little Hearts Matter, a cause close to them.

The Churches: progress so far Here's some news about progress with our buildings:

- **St Dona's Church, Llanddona:** "champing" has been launched, with



The crowds gather...



The throne



Mrs Fisher on her way to her 'Coronation'



People everywhere...



The Crowning



Crowned!

a very successful open day on which £630 was raised. Through the Churches Conservation Trust we have bookings this summer for overnight stays.

The set up costs need to be recouped, but we are really optimistic with respect to its future. St Dona's Church is the first church in the whole of Wales to offer this unique facility of using the church building in a whole new way.

- **St Iestyn's Church, Llaniestyn:** the Church has obtained full faculty building permission, and we are waiting for the final building costs.

A proposed start date for the work is September 2022, and we just have to comply with CDM (Construction Design and Management) Regulations and obtain asbestos surveys, etc.

A massive thank you to everyone in the community for help and support to keep these churches open for future generations.

We look forward to seeing you on the day! If you have any questions, require further information or just want to support us and buy some raffle tickets, please contact me, Lucy Low:

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Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

BEATING THE BOUNDS 2022: THE 'CEREMONY OF THE CROWNING'

Andrew Perrott

Spring and summer 2022 won't go down in history as something to be remembered as far as the weather's concerned. As luck would have it, though, Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May, dawned dry and reasonably bright, and kept that way, a nice day sandwiched between some unpleasant bits of weather. That was good for those who were Beating the Bounds and attending the 'Ceremony of the Crowning of the oldest lady inhabitant of Gorslwyd'.

Beating the Bounds is the custom of walking the old Borough Boundaries of Beaumaris, and has been exercised since the original Charter of King Edward I in 1296. It normally takes place every seven years, but the COVID pandemic led to its taking place a year later than usual, this year instead of in 2021.

Gorslwyd is that small part of Llanddona as one descends into it from Beaumaris, at the Llanddona/Wern y Wylan crossroads, and the 'crowning' was that

of Mrs Grace Fisher, who lives very close by. Crowds gathered at the crossroads to see Mrs Fisher crowned by Beaumaris's Town Mayor, Councillor R A Jones, with a really beautiful floral crown. I'm sure that strangers driving into the village must have wondered what was happening.

This selection of photographs on page 14 marks the event. **The Puffin's** Editorial Team will be working on something about the Beating of the Bounds for publication 'some time soon', and that will depend on time and research...

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MORE CAKE AND BUNTING, PLEASE...

Rebecca Andrews

The National Garden Scheme has recently celebrated the donation of more than £10 million to Marie Curie and millions more to other nursing and caring charities over the years. Macmillan Cancer Support and Hospice UK are receiving vital funding from the monies raised from our Garden Open Days.

Cae Newydd (Rhosgoch, Anglesey LL66 0BG) will be opening their garden again on 7 August between 11.00am and 4.00pm. Sadly, numbers were affected by the heavy rain last time, so we hope that you can come along and show them your support this time. Tea and home-made cake will be available as you explore this wonderful garden and lake with stunning views. The garden area closest to the house is also suitable for wheelchairs and you are welcome to bring a picnic.



Dame Mary Berry, President of the National Garden Scheme (via Rebecca Andrews)

Visits by arrangement small groups may arrange to visit gardens by arrangement on a day to suit, which is good for larger family outings or special interest groups. Anglesey gardens that are open by arrangement include Llanidan Hall (Brynsiencyn, Anglesey LL61 6HJ) and Llys-y-Gwynt (Llandygai, Gwynedd LL57 4BG).

📍 Find a Garden
www.ngs.org.uk/

Hosting a fundraising event It's also
www.facebook.com/groups/llangoed

easy to host a fundraising event of your own for family and friends or neighbours: no need to pack that bunting away just yet!...just register your interest on-line and you'll receive lots of useful information.

It's really is as simple as holding a coffee morning or a tea-and-biscuits event where voluntary donations for the hospitality received can be donated to the National Garden Scheme and the worthy causes.

📍 Join the Great British Garden Party this summer
www.ngs.org.uk/gardenparty

Speaking about this initiative, Dame Mary Berry said: "As President of the wonderful National Garden Scheme, I am delighted to invite you to join me in hosting a Great British Garden Party this year.

"We're inviting everyone – it doesn't matter whether your garden is large or small, tidy or untidy – to join in and help raise funds for vital nursing and health charities; charities that so many of us, our family and friends often rely on in times of need.

"We've been so inspired by previous party hosts and their ingenious variations on the garden party theme, tailoring their events to their outside spaces and to their families and friends. Some simply threw open their garden gates and invited their neighbours for afternoon tea, making new friends. But your garden party could be anything from a barbecue or family bake-off, prosecco by candlelight, a coffee morning and book swap or even a plant and produce sale by the front gate – the choice is yours and everyone can get involved."

You certainly don't have to be Mary Berry to join in; everybody loves an invite to a gathering, so please consider what you could do. Diolch yn fawr.

📍 Dame Mary Berry launches the 2022 Great British Garden Party
www.ngs.org.uk/dame-mary-berry-launches-the-2022-great-british-garden-party/



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NATURE NOTES: BITS AND BOBS
 Roz Hattey

An early breakfast in the garden on the summer solstice, 21 June, and a spell of fine, warm weather at last! A wren trills amongst the shrubs, a wood pigeon coos lazily in the tall tree beyond and a family flight of jackdaws wheels and "jaacks!" over the garden en route to the

woods. Yesterday evening, just before 10.00pm, the Menai Strait, at low tide, was flat calm, glowing like silver mercury and tinged with pale blue and pink reflections.



14 June 2022: jackdaws (*Corvus monedula*) by the dozen in the field behind our home in Llanddona; they nest in one of our dead chimneys, and seem to have had very successful hatchings here in recent years

In early May I made my annual pilgrimage to see the bluebells and other spring flowers in a beautiful woodland near Wern y Wylan. Walking down from Llanddona between the steep-banked hedgerows, with glimpses of the sea below, is always a delight and reminds me of north Devon. This is probably an ancient woodland. It has a rich variety of mosses, ferns and flowering plants beneath a canopy of oak, ash, hazel, holly and wild honeysuckle. There are few large oaks, though, and the hazel has been coppiced in the past, so the woodland was obviously used for timber and other wood products for many years.

Now, in the absence of grazing or much other management, the bluebells, wood anemones, wood sorrel and sanicle are gradually disappearing under a mass of encroaching brambles. Sycamore seedlings are increasing, too, threatening to further shade out the ground flora.



Sanicle (*Sanicula europaea*), a widespread plant in shady places in woodland (royalty-free stock photograph)

At the end of the winding path through the woods and through a kissing-gate, an ungrazed field is gradually reverting to woodland. Blackthorn and ash are marching across the grassland and natural succession to scrub and woodland is taking place. This is a more encouraging transition, linking up two woodland blocks, although many of the ash trees will probably succumb to ash dieback (**The Puffin** 36, page 10).

In Beaumaris, many people will have admired the magical carpet of white flowers when the wild garlic blooms in the woods of Nant Meigan, before the summer tree canopy closes over. There's no mistaking the strong scent of garlic or onion as you walk up the paths to the waterfall.

Now, in mid-June, the hedgerows are full of elder blossom, those large, white, flat-topped clusters of tiny florets used to make fragrant elderflower champagne and cordials or to flavour other drinks. The dark berries can be used to make a very distinguished and potent wine (the berry juice must be boiled before drinking or fermenting to destroy its toxins!). Elderberries ripen fairly early in the year and are eaten, without harmful effect, by many birds, including bullfinches, tits, starlings, thrushes, corvids, wood pigeons and even waterfowl. Elder is usually regarded as a shrub rather than a tree, but if left uncut it can develop into a tall, elegant tree. In 19th century floras elder was often said to reach 30' (c.9m) in height.



18 June 2022: elder (*Sambucus nigra*) and bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*) in bloom, Llanddona

Like the hare, the elder has long been associated in Britain with the supernatural, mythology and religion. Also, like the hare, it has sometimes been considered to be sacred, but at other times a sign of evil. Traditionally, planting elder close to a house was believed by some to ward off the Devil, but conversely others believed that burning its wood could evoke the Devil.

Incidentally, in my article about hares (**The Puffin 40**, page 21) I forgot to mention that William Cowper, the renowned 18th century English poet, managed to keep three brown hares as pets, one of them, named 'Puss', surviving for almost twelve years. They were given to him as leverets and he felt obliged to look after them, which he did with care and affection, not keeping them in cages but free to roam his house. He found them to be intriguing and studied their individual behaviour in great detail. He wrote an account of his studies in 'The Gentleman's Magazine' in 1784. He also wrote a charming poem, 'Epitaph on a Hare' when one of the hares died.

I don't always like the idea of wild

animals as pets, but it can be fascinating to watch the behaviour of truly wild mammals and birds which choose to live close to us. We may put out food for them or our houses and gardens may provide shelter or places to breed, not



26 June 2022: a hare (*Lepus europaeus*) in the field behind our home in Llanddona; there can't be many houses where one can watch a hare while using the bathroom!

always our intention. Conditions may be so attractive to wild creatures that competition becomes an issue, not just within the same species, but also between different species. A friend and I were amazed recently (mid-May) to observe a long 'stand-off' between a collared dove and a female blackbird. The blackbirds had a nest in a climbing hydrangea (*Hydrangea petiolaris*) half-way up a high wall, and had been busy feeding chicks. Collared doves were roosting on the building opposite. We looked out and saw a strange, ball-shaped, grey object on the ground about a metre from the blackbird. She was standing stock still, head and body low, staring at the grey object. With binoculars we could see, in the shade, a collared dove was sitting very still, puffed right up with raised feathers and tail fanned out, staring back at her. As we watched, it raised both its wings very slowly over its back, making it seem even larger. There they stayed, immobile, for about ten minutes, just below the blackbirds' nest. Neither was willing to give ground. The male blackbird suddenly appeared but when he realised his mate was in charge, he flew off! There was a sudden flurry of feathers as the female blackbird and the collared dove, so unevenly matched in size, flew high up in the air together, fighting. They settled back on the ground again, still close together. Eventually, the dove edged sideways very gradually, pursued by the blackbird, but at last the tension was eased. The dove then ambled away and the blackbird flew up to her nest.

I have previously seen a pair of collared doves battering an unsuspecting feral pigeon, a much larger bird, and jumping onto its back, as it came too close to their nest; also a collared dove fighting off a sparrowhawk as it tried to snatch its chick from the nest. The dove won on that occasion. They're feisty little birds, but no match for that defensive and

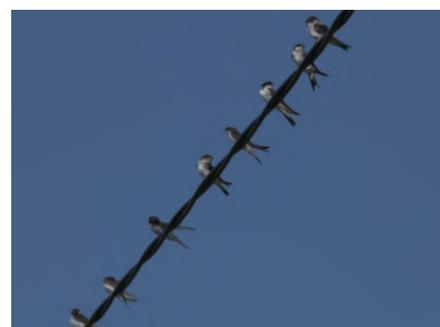
much smaller blackbird 'mum'!

On this same building in Beaumaris, two or three pairs of swifts are once again nesting under the eaves. They returned here this year on 13 May from Africa, as the usual small 'screaming party' of six birds; not much sign of them during those cool, cloudy days of May and early June, but sometimes now they appear high in the sky late on these fine mid-summer evenings as they hunt insects. It's been much easier to watch house-martins and sometimes swallows as



A marsh harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*) in flight (royalty-free stock photograph)

they whizz and swoop around and just above the houses, catching flies and midges. On that silver pre-solstice evening, between fifteen and twenty house martins circled over the Green and the Prom, calling to each other (sharp clicks and 'prrits'), then flew low along the beach where small insects were flying up from the warm sand and seaweed. They do this every year before returning to their nests on buildings nearby.



15 September 2020: house martins (*Delichon urbicum*). They had gathered on the roofs and wires of our home and next-door in Llanddona before setting off on their long migration south; a couple of days later and they'd all gone

It's a sad fact, though, that swifts and house-martins are continuing to decline and have both just been put on the UK's

'Birds of Conservation Concern' (the 'Red List'). Already on this list are puffins, curlews, turtle doves and cuckoos. In 1996 there were 36 species on the list, now there are 70, a doubling the number over the last 25 years. We have lost 58% of our visiting swifts since 1995, mostly due to the loss of nesting sites under the roofs and eaves of our houses. The North Wales Wildlife Trust is installing a small sound system at the Canolfan in Beaumaris to try and attract swifts into the nest-boxes which were put up about three years ago. The swifts' high-pitched social calls have been recorded onto a CD and this has been played intermittently in previous summers from a car parked below the nest-boxes. Passing swifts did seem to notice the calls, sometimes circling overhead. It could take several years though before any settle to nest there.

National news of butterflies is generally not encouraging, either. As I watched three dark brown Ringlets (*Aphantopus hyperantus*) fluttering over my small area of rough meadow grassland, mating (end of June), I wondered how long before this becomes a rare sight. A recent report by Butterfly Conservation says that of the 58 species of breeding butterfly in Britain 24 are now classed as 'vulnerable', at risk of extinction. The report emphasises the importance of the availability of appropriate food-plants needed for their caterpillars, especially native species like oak, ash, hazel and the different willow species. Many butterfly caterpillars feed on a variety of grasses, but some species depend on one or two native plants for their survival. For instance, the beautiful and uncommon Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary (*Boloria selene*), which occurs in North Wales: its caterpillars feed only on violet plants.

To cheer us up, we can think of successful conservation programmes over recent years. Some butterfly species have been helped by careful habitat management. Red kites are now often seen over this part of the island, and friends report four and five red squirrels on their garden bird-feeders, all recognisable by their colour variation or other individual features. A garden allowed to run wild in places can be rewarding, too. I have heard willow warblers quite often this year in my garden in Llanddona, and occasionally a grasshopper warbler, too, in bushes just along the track; both have only been visiting from nearby more extensive areas of scrub, woodland and marsh but it's lovely to think they come sometimes. Another pond, put in to help with water management after torrential rains, has already attracted a pair of broad-bodied chaser dragonflies. They may breed there next year when the pond plants have become established.

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Many of us will have been delighted to watch the new BBC Wales TV series, *Iolo's Anglesey*, with Iolo Williams exclusively about wildlife on Anglesey. It was great to hear very local news that about twenty pairs of eider duck are now breeding on Ynys Seiriol/Puffin Island and that the island now supports the largest breeding cormorant colony in Britain. It's also exciting to know that marsh harriers are now breeding on Cors Ddyga, the RSPB's relatively recent reserve at Malltraeth. It was well worth recording this series for repeat viewing at leisure, and don't forget Iolo's earlier series on wildlife in Snowdonia. Diolch yn fawr i chi, Iolo, and thanks also to all the local people who contributed their knowledge and enthusiasm.



11 June 2022: a small flotilla of eider ducks (*Somateria mollissima*) off Gallows Point, Beaumaris



A cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), showing wing-drying behaviour (royalty-free stock photograph)



A shag (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*), a smaller relative of the cormorant (royalty-free stock photograph)

📧 Butterfly Conservation
www.butterfly-conservation.org/

📧 British Trust for Ornithology: Birds of Conservation Concern
www.bto.org/our-science/publications/birds-conservation-concern

BEAUMARIS ROTARY: HALF-YEAR REPORT

Kevin Sivyver, Beaumaris Rotary Hub Lead

Since its inception in February, Beaumaris Rotary has been busy in the community.

Recent events include tree- and hedge planting at Beaumaris Primary School (see **The Puffin** 40, page 21), promoting the RNLI 'Mayday Mile' around Beaumaris Green (£76 raised) and selling sunflower seeds via Castle Street traders in support of Ukraine (£159 raised).

A collection of old tools has also been donated to 'Tools for Africa' by our new corporate members, Seiriol Men's Shed, in Llangoed.

Our Fun Dog Show will have taken place by the time that you read this article; read more about it in **The Puffin** 42 in November... don't miss it!

Future events:

- 17 August, 10.30am: Boules social 'competition' on the green in front of the David Hughes Community Centre
- 28 August, 10.00am-4.00pm: Castle Square Rotary showcase with other Seiriol groups and 'Sailability' promotion
- 14/15 October: Charity Music Weekend, Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris Leisure Centre

For further information on any of the above events, please contact me, Kevin Sivyver.

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary

28 JUNE: BEAUMARIS 'LITTLE SHORE BIG CLEAN'

Kevin Sivyver, Beaumaris Rotary Hub Lead

On 28 June I was privileged to assist with organising the clearance of weeds from Beaumaris's Little Shore.



The Team and a big pile of sacks...job done! (Kevin Sivyver)

An army of local people, including the Mayor, Council staff and residents, performed a wonderfully effective community effort in blustery conditions,

only to be thanked with a soaking from a passing shower at the end of the exercise!

Thanks are due to Councillor Carwyn Jones for co-ordination with Isle of Anglesey County Council.



Before...and after! (Kevin Sivyer)

SEIRIOL MEN'S SHED: NOW A MEMBERS OF BEAUMARIS ROTARY

Kevin Sivyer, Beaumaris Rotary Hub Lead

I had the pleasure of visiting Seiriol Men's Shed at Haulfre, Llangoed recently to welcome them as corporate members of Beaumaris Rotary.



Steve Jones and Kevin Sivyer (Kevin Sivyer)

While benefitting from the camaraderie and wellbeing generated within the group, its members also provide generous support with various repair and refurbishing projects throughout the Seiriol area. An immediate input to Rotary International was the collection and donation of used tools which will be

forwarded to Africa as part of Rotary's long-standing 'Tools for Africa' project.

Seiriol Men's Shed would welcome any further donations of unwanted old tools, in any condition to continue to support this scheme. Please contact Steve Jones by e-mail:

✉ stainless.steve@hotmail.co.uk

or visit the Seiriol Men's Shed workshop at Haulfre.

SEIRIOL MEN'S SHED: WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Mike Thomas

We've welcomed some new members, and hope to welcome more before too long.



Gwyndaf, our mascot was busy avoiding Tilly...



...while she was chairing a meeting...

Work is under way on the polytunnels and other areas in Haulfre Gardens, which is keeping some of us off the streets and out of mischief, and other tasks have come our way, including the making of a bespoke noticeboard for Canolfan Hamdden Beaumaris Leisure Centre.



Hard at work in the Gardens...

See page 5 for details of how to find us.

HEROES FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE NOT COMMEMORATED ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS: PART 1

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 this number of **The Puffin** I cover the First World War. In the next number I'll 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.

Llangoed The First World War:



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

Rice Edwin Rowlands, of Plas Newydd, Llangoed; volunteered March 1915; by 1916 was Transport Officer, Royal Army Service Corps, in France: "*In the late war he acted as an officer in France, Algeria and Tunisia. When demobilized (June 1920) he rejoined his old business firm at Cairo until his health failed*"; died at Scio House, Roehampton (Officers' Nursing Home); buried in the family grave, St Seiriol Churchyard, Penmon; not an official war casualty. Died 7 September 1924, age 44.

George Tilston Haley (Tillis), of Tŷ Tawel (now Argoed); his father was gardener to Miss Ellen Pritchard of Bryn Hyfryd (she was scandalised that a *gardener's son* could be an Army Officer); educated at Penmon School, Beaumaris Grammar School (scholarship), University College of North Wales (now Bangor University) (scholarship); volunteered with Royal Welch Fusiliers, transferred to the Royal Engineers, commissioned in the Welsh Regiment; helped to develop gas used by British troops, present at the Battle of Loos, 1915, where it was first used; graduated from University after war service; taught at Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen Caernarfon; buried in St Catherine's Churchyard, Llanfaes; not an official war casualty. Died 14 November 1921, age 27.

William Owen Roberts, of Gwynfryn (now Hendre); educated at Beaumaris Grammar School; family later moved to Shifna Hir Farm, Mold; William was killed in action with the Royal Garrison Artillery, buried at Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery, France. Died 23 April 1917, age 19.

Ernest Victor Connington, of Bronant, Llangoed; his father was a career soldier, Sergeant Major Royal Anglesey Royal Engineers; Ernest was born in Beaumaris, emigrated to Canada, probably 1911; served with the Canadian Infantry as 'Richard Davis'; reverted to 'E V Connington' in November 1917 (his cousin, William Connington, from Australia, served with the Australians, is buried in Church Island graveyard, Menai Bridge); worked as a coal miner on return to Canada. Died in Canada 1964, age 75.

James Francis Chadwick, of Haulfre, Llangoed; eldest of four children, none of whom married; volunteered for the Royal Engineers; was awarded the Military Cross, June 1917; later 'Electrical Engineer (Tactical)'; buried in the family grave in St Catherine's churchyard, Llanfaes. Died 8 May 1967, age 78.

Beaumaris The First World War:

Harold Samuel Peeke, of Llwyn Celyn (hence Peeke's Corner); brought up in London; a career Royal Army Medical Corps man; trained at St George's Hospital, Netley, and Aldershot; served with the Khartoum Nile Expeditionary Force; retired 1908; recalled for war service in 1915; served in the Liverpool Merchants' Mobile Hospital in France and Duchess of Westminster's No 1 Red Cross Hospital; mentioned in Despatches, was awarded the Order of St John and Silver War Badge (for war injuries); buried in Beaumaris Cemetery; not an official war casualty. Died 21 March 1926, age 61.

Samuel Vose Hill, born Chorlton, an only child (his father had died before 1911); a Pattern Maker; one of the Royal Engineers who helped with the repairs after the "cargo steamer *Christiana* crashed into the Bangor Pier, part of which was demolished...in the terrible gale" on the night of 14th December 1914; he drowned off Gallows Point after hiring a sailing vessel with friends and getting into trouble in rough waters; both he and Lionel Hemingway attempted to swim ashore; buried in Beaumaris Cemetery (Commonwealth War Graves headstone). Died 9 May 1915, age 31.

Lionel Hemingway, of Stoke Prior, Worcestershire; an Art Metal Worker, trained at the Guild of Applied Arts, Worcestershire; another of the Royal Engineers who helped with the repairs of Bangor Pier in December 1914; he

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drowned off Gallows Point (the same incident as Samuel Hill); buried Beaumaris Cemetery (Commonwealth War Graves headstone). Died 9 May 1915, age 24.

Evan Pritchard Thomas, of 5 Raglan Street, Beaumaris; educated at Beaumaris Grammar School; worked as a Carpenter; emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada, in 1912; volunteered for service with the Canadians, October 1914; badly wounded in April 1916; in hospital until November 1916; returned to the front in May 1917; was wounded again in September 1918; discharged as medically unfit in October 1919; returned to Wales in 1921, married and worked as a Building Contractor; buried in Beaumaris Cemetery; not an official war casualty. Died 16 November 1924, age 38.

John Henry Sloman, of 7 New Street, Beaumaris; (probably) born in Sheffield, brought up in Plymouth; a good football player and athlete; Carpenter, worked on Fryars Bay Lifeboat House in 1914; volunteered for the Royal Engineers, Kingsbridge; injured by a live grenade in February 1917 (caused deafness); medically unfit, UK service only; was working in Ellesmere Port, his death recorded as Chester; buried in Beaumaris Cemetery; not an official war casualty. Died 21 January 1922, age 35.

Ellis Jones, of Henllys Lodge; born Gyffin, Conwy; volunteered for the Army; not recognised as war casualty until 1926; buried in Beaumaris Cemetery. Died 21 March 1921, age 21.



The cemetery chapel, Beaumaris (Bridget Geoghegan)

Thomas Owen, of 6 Castle Street; possibly crewed on 'Home Trade' ship; served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers, probably wounded; transferred to the Royal Defence Corps; buried in Beaumaris Cemetery (Commonwealth Graves headstone). Died 8 December 1920, (probably) age 38.

Hugh Rowlands, of 35 Wexham Street, Beaumaris, and Manora; educated at Bangor Grammar School and Normal College, Bangor (now University); Head Teacher, Llaniestyn County School, Llŷn, in 1914; volunteered for the Royal Welch Fusiliers, joined as a private, commissioned January 1916, attached to the London Regiment; awarded Distinguished Service Order & Military Cross with bar (possibly two); buried in Beaumaris Cemetery. Died 16 May

1940, age 56 (from the effects of gas in the First World War).

Researcher's note Hugh Rowlands was probably one of the bravest men from Wales in the First World War.

A thought For **The Puffin** 42, November 2022: wouldn't it be appropriate to celebrate the lives of those that we have lost from our community in the time of COVID during the last two years? Please e-mail me with your thoughts.

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CLWB RHWYFO BEAUMARIS ROWING CLUB

Carol Hughes

Clwb Rhwyfo Beaumaris Rowing Club is nine years old!

The Club continues to grow, and offers a significant opportunity to the local community to enjoy the wonderful waters of the Menai Strait. Since the lifting of the COVID restrictions the Club has taken the opportunity to tour the local areas, such as rowing to, and picnicking, in Llanfairfechan, crossing the Llanfair Sands to Aber Menai and up the River Ogwen and, of course, a favourite stop at the Gazelle. The weather condition for the Queen's Jubilee proved challenging, but the four longboats turned out in splendid regalia.



Jubilee celebrations (Peter Read)

The Club is enjoying significant racing success, launched in March by the Montford River Race in Shrewsbury. This was followed by successes in the



On the River Ogwen (Carol Hughes)

Welsh Sea Rowing Northern League, with wins at every fixture so far, the Castle to Castle (Beaumaris to Caernarfon), the Puffin Island Race, the Pilot Race, Porthmadog, racing at New Quay, the Ras y Cedryn, Moelfre, and more. The League trophy could be within the Club's reach!

With the racing season still underway, there is more still to do. September will

see the iconic Great River Race on the Thames in London, with over 300 rowing boats taking place...one to look out for on social media. Before that, though, Beaumaris will be hosting a League race rescheduled because of the bad weather. Check out our Facebook page and website for confirmation of the new date.

23 July-7 August will see the Club on the water supporting the National Marine Week (a misnomer...it's 15 days!) of the Wildlife Trusts, demonstrating our intent for the protection and stewardship of the Menai Strait and all who live in the water and feed on the shores.

Please contact Rachael Robins If you'd like to join us.

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www.wildlifetrusts.org/national-marine-week



THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION AND ANGLESEY:

PART 1

Andrew Perrott

Our beautiful island of Anglesey has an extensive coastline, mostly rocky but with some beautiful and sandy beaches. The Anglesey Coastal Path follows a 124 mile/200 kilometre course around the island; this gives an idea of its size.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) has been a major feature of the Anglesey coastline for many years, and at various times there have been lifeboat stations at:

- Beaumaris (1891-1896, 1914-date)
- Bull Bay (1868-1926)
- Cemaes (1872-1932)
- Cemlyn (1828-1872, 1876-1919)
- Holyhead (1829-date)
- Llanddwyn (1826-1833, 1840-1907)
- Moelfre (1848-date)
- Penmon (1830-1915)
- Porth Ruffydd (1891-1904)
- Rhoscolyn (1830-1929)
- Rhosneigr (1872-1924)
- Trearddur Bay (1967-date)

which is quite a number for a relatively

small part of the UK.

To a lot of people the RNLI is simply 'there'. Most of us probably don't give more than a passing thought to how it works and how it's funded until, that is, we need to ask it for help, which is why we're starting a periodic series about the RNLI and Anglesey.



Fryars, Beaumaris, before 1914; the lifeboat station was at Trecastell Point, 1½ miles north of the town, at the top right of the photograph, taken from a Raphael Tuck postcard (via David Huntington)

In the next few numbers of **The Puffin** we'll tell the story of the RNLI, following with the stories of the three lifeboat stations that serve, or have served, our corner of Anglesey: Beaumaris, Moelfre and Penmon.

The RNLI: a lifesaving charity The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. It's funded primarily by donations, and its search and rescue service has been saving lives for nearly 200 years.

The RNLI was founded as the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Lives and Property from Shipwreck in 1824. 30 years later, in 1854, it changed its name to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the name by which it is known today.

Having Royal patronage gives gravitas to its cause and is something of which it is very proud. It was the aim of its founder, Sir William Hillary, to provide a 24-hour/7-day search and rescue lifeboat service run, where possible, by volunteers and funded by voluntary donations.

The service was to be a national service to protect the coasts of the UK and Ireland, and Sir William's vision was to 'extend its beneficial effects to the most distant shores, and to generations yet unborn'.

Volunteers make up 95% of the RNLI's organisation – ordinary people doing extraordinary things – and they are supported by expert staff, all working together to help communities at home and abroad save lives.

The first lifeboats Lionel Lukin, a London coachbuilder, paved the way for the first purpose-built lifeboat when he designed the world's first unsinkable boat and patented it in 1785. He was interested in improving the safety of boats, and in 1784 began experimenting

with a Norwegian yawl, using the River Thames to test his 'unimmerrigible' design. He incorporated pockets of air in watertight bulkheads (compartments), buoyant gunwales (top sides of the boat) and used cork and other lightweight materials in the structure, and included a false iron keel for additional weight to help keep the boat upright.

In 1786 Dr John Sharp, Archdeacon of Northumberland and a trustee of Lord Crew's Charity, commissioned Lukin to convert a coble, a type of fishing boat, into an 'unimmerrigible' lifeboat for Bamburgh. This converted coble served a number of years as a lifeboat, making it the first known lifeboat and Bamburgh Castle the first lifeboat station of the time. During storms, men from the castle patrolled Bamburgh's shores on horseback, ready to go to sea in their lifeboat and help save lives from shipwreck.

Elsewhere around our coasts, many communities were pulling together to help those involved in shipwrecks. In fact, the earliest record of a boat being kept specifically for rescuing the shipwrecked was nine years earlier, at Formby, Lancashire, in 1777.

In 1789 steps were taken to design a purpose-built lifeboat, prompted by a tragedy at the mouth of the River Tyne in which a ship, the *Adventure*, ran aground during a violent storm. Little could be done to save the ship's crew because the sea was too rough for the local men and their boats, and they had to watch helplessly as the *Adventure's* crew drowned.

The disaster inspired South Shield's private Law House committee to find an inventor who could design and build a lifeboat. They announced a lifeboat design competition, and offered a reward of 2 guineas (£2.10) for the best design. Among the entrants were a Parish Clerk, William Wouldhave, and a boatbuilder, Henry Greathead, both from South Shields. Wouldhave's design was for a boat made out of copper and cork that would right itself in stormy seas. Greathead's model was built out of wood; it had some good features but didn't self-right. Neither design was an outright winner, and the Committee took ideas from both to produce a final lifeboat design. Wouldhave was offered half the prize money as a reward for his efforts; he took offence and rejected it.

Greathead was asked in 1790 to build the lifeboat from the final design and went on to become known as the inventor of the lifeboat. He added modifications to the final design, and the result was the *Original*, the first purpose-built lifeboat.

The *Original* measured 9m (29.5') long and 3m (9.8') wide, and could carry 20

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people, including a crew of 12. She was steered by two oars trailed over the stern rather than a rudder and could be rowed in either direction. She was powered by 10 short oars rather than full-length oars to make her more manageable in heavy seas. Her sides were cased with cork and secured with copper plates, increasing her buoyancy considerably, and a curved keel made her easier to steer. She was stationed at South Shields and remained in service until 1830. Her first service took place on 30 January 1790 when she rescued a shipwrecked crew on Herd Sand.



The oldest surviving lifeboat, the *Zetland*, at Redcar in the early 1800s (RNLI)

Henry Greathead went on to build 31 *Original*-type lifeboats over the next 20 years for communities around our coasts and abroad. He never took out a patent on his invention and was always willing to share his plans for the good of others and lifesaving at sea. There is one surviving *Original*-type lifeboat, the *Zetland*. She was built in 1802 and saved over 500 lives. The Zetland Lifeboat Museum at Redcar is dedicated to her 78 years' service.

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CWLWM SEIRIOL: DIWEDDARIAD
Delyth Philipps, Swyddog Ymgysylltu â'r Gymuned

Yn rhifyn *The Puffin* 40, rhoddwyd ciplun o'r tair gwarchodfa natur leol y gellir eu gweld o fewn Ward Seiriol, gan obeithio ei fod wedi annog y rhai ohonoch nad oedd yn gwybod amdanynt ynghynt i ymweld â nhw.

Prosiect amgylcheddol sy'n cael ei gynnal gan Menter Môn yw Cwlwm Seiriol ac mae'n cael ei ariannu gan Gronfa Gymunedol y Loteri Genedlaethol fel rhan o'r rhaglen Creu eich Lle sydd â'r nod o ddod â chymunedau ynghyd i ddefnyddio a gwellu manau gwyrdd. Datblygwyd y prosiect i greu cyfleoedd i bobl sy'n byw yng nghornel de ddwyreiniol Ynys Môn i gysylltu â'r amgylchedd naturiol mewn ffyrdd mwy ystyrlon. Y nod yn y pendraw yw galluogi cymunedau i wneud newidiadau adeiladol a chynaliadwy i'w

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bioamrywiaeth, iechyd a llesiant.

Mae sawl ffordd o gymryd rhan yn y prosiect. Rydym yn cynnal sesiynau gwirfoddoli cadwraethol wythnosol. Bydd y rhain yn digwydd ar ddyddiau Mawrth a bydd dewis o ddau slot, bore neu brynhawn a byddwch yn cael gwneud amrywiaeth o dasgau rheoli yn un o'r

gwarchodfeydd natur lleol. Mae'r gwirfoddolwyr yn dweud bod y sgiliau maent wedi eu dysgu wedi bod o fudd iddynt mewn meysydd eraill yn eu bywydau. Maent hefyd yn mwynhau'r agwedd gymdeithasol a'r cyfeillgarwch sydd wedi datblygu. Rydym wedi cynnal sawl digwyddiad eisoes eleni ac yn bwriadu cynnal un digwyddiad y mis am weddill y flwyddyn. Mae'r rhain yn digwydd yn un o'r gwarchodfeydd natur neu leoliad cymunedol gerllaw.

I ddathlu'r wythnos Blwch Nythu Cenedlaethol nôl ym mis Chwefror cynhaliwyd gweithdy adeiladu blwch nythu yn Llanddona.

Ym mis Mawrth, arweiniodd Simon Hunt (Coed Cymru) sesiwn ar adnabod coed yn y Gaeaf yng ngwarchodfa natur Llangoed.

Gan fod Ebrill yn amser da i ddod o hyd i flodau gwyllt y gwanwyn, rhoddwyd y cyfle i ddod yn gyfarwydd â rhai sy'n tyfu yn Aberlleiniog gyda'r botanegydd Julie Rose.

Bu i'r adarwr lleol Siôn Owain Jones ein cynorthwyo i adnabod adar drwy eu cân ym mis Mai. Roedd y digwyddiad hwn yn daith gerdded a ddechreuodd am 7.00yb o Draeth Lleiniog. Llwyddwyd i weld a chlywed sawl rhywogaeth, gyda'r Telor Penddu yn seren y sioe.

Ym Mis Mehefin dathlwyd Wythnos Genedlaethol y Gwirfoddolwyr drwy roi'r cyfle i'n gwirfoddolwyr cyson ddsygu sut i wneud basged helyg. Cynhaliwyd y digwyddiad yn Neuadd y Plynw

Llandegfan.

Yn ystod mis Mawrth ac Ebrill, cydweithiodd y prosiect â thîm Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn i gynnig cyfres o weithdai sgiliau. Dysgwyd am fforio am fwyd gwyllt, sut i blethu helyg i wneud basged fforio a sut i gerfio llwy bren gan ddefnyddio sgiliau naddu. Rydym hefyd yn awyddus i gynyddu cyfleoedd ar gyfer presgripsiynu cymdeithasol i weithgareddau yn yr awyr agored seiliedig ar natur (a elwir weithiau'n Presgripsiynu Gwyrdd) gan ddefnyddio



Simon Hunt yn arwain gweithdy adnabod coed yn Aberlleiniog

Simon Hunt leading a tree identification workshop in Aberlleiniog (Cwlwm Seiriol)

coetir Aberlleiniog fel lleoliad ac yn ystod y gwanwyn cynhaliwyd rhaglen wyth wythnos a oedd yn cyflwyno sgiliau a chreffftau'r coetir i'r cyfranogwyr. Cafodd hyn groeso mawr ac o ganlyniad i'r adborth a dderbyniwyd, rydym wedi penderfynu cynnal rhaglen dreigl gyda sesiynau yn cael eu cynnal pob pythefnos ar fore lau.

Os hoffech wybodaeth bellach am unrhyw rai o'n gweithgareddau, cysylltwch â ni, byddem wrth ein bodd yn clywed gennych.

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CWLWM SEIRIOL: PROJECT UPDATE

Delyth Philipps, Community Engagement Officer

In *The Puffin* 40, we gave a snapshot of the three local nature reserves that can be found within the Seiriol Ward, and hope that it may have prompted some of you to visit them if you didn't know about them previously.

Cwlwm Seiriol is an environmental project run by Menter Môn and funded by the National Lottery Community Fund under its Create your Space programme which has the aim of bringing communities together to use and improve local green spaces. The project was developed to create opportunities for people living in south-east corner of Anglesey to connect with the natural environment in more meaningful ways. The end goal is to enable communities

to make constructive and sustainable changes to their local natural environment and promote biodiversity, health, and wellbeing.



Siôn Owain Jones yn arwain taith gerdded caneuon adar yn Aberlleiniog
Siôn Owain Jones leading a bird song walk in Aberlleiniog (Cwlwm Seiriol)

There are several ways to get involved with the project. We run weekly conservation volunteering sessions which take place on Tuesdays, and there is a choice of two slots, morning or afternoon, and you get to carry out a variety of management tasks within one of the local nature reserves. Our volunteers have told us that the skills that they have learned have been of benefit to them in other areas of their lives. They also enjoy the social aspect and the camaraderie that has developed. We have run several events



Gweithdy cerffio llwyau gyda Jo Alexander yn Llanddona
A spoon carving workshop with Jo Alexander in Llanddona (Cwlwm Seiriol)

already this year and plan to run one event a month for the rest of the year. These take place either in one of the nature reserves or at a community venue nearby.

To celebrate National Nest Box week back in February we ran a nest box building workshop in Llanddona.

In March, Simon Hunt (Coed Cymru) led a session to identify trees in winter at the Llangoed local nature reserve.

As April is a great time to spot spring wildflowers, we offered the opportunity to get to know some of those growing in Aberlleiniog with the botanist Julie Rose.

Siôn Owain Jones, a local birder, helped us recognise birds by their song in May. This event took the form of a walk from Lleiniog Beach which started at 7.00am. We managed to see and hear quite a few species, the star of the show being the blackcap.

In June we celebrated National Volunteers Week by giving our regular volunteers the opportunity to learn how to make a willow basket. This took place at the Parish Hall in Llandegfan.

During March and April, the project collaborated with the Isle of Anglesey County Council's AONB team (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) to offer a series of skills workshops. Participants learnt about foraging for wild food, how to weave willow to make a foraging basket and how to carve a wooden spoon using whittling skills. We are also keen to increase opportunities for social prescribing to outdoor nature-based activities (sometimes called Green Prescribing) using the Aberlleiniog woodland as the location; during the spring we ran an eight-week programme which introduced participants to woodland skills and crafts. This was very well received, and as a result of the feedback received we have now decided to run a rolling programme with sessions taking place fortnightly on a Thursday morning.

If you're interested in finding out more about any of our activities please get in touch; we would love to hear from you.

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THERE'S A WAVE IN MY MOUTH

Meg Marsden

A beautiful day with some April sun
As we walked to the water
And swam as one
The sea bled our bones
With a glorious chill
As our laughter rang out
With the joy and the thrill
Ann, Marion and me
Quite mature in our years
Squealing like kids
Drowning worries or fears
'There's a wave in my mouth',
Marion cried
So I wrote this wee poem
On just being alive!

Note Meg is a member of the Llanddona Writers Group.



...on just being alive! (Meg Marsden)

WHAT IS MAKATON?

Lyn Gallagher

A form of sign language Makaton involves the use of signs, symbols and speech to help children and adults communicate and to aid spoken language. These are used in conjunction with one another to support children who have no speech or those whose speech is unclear.

Makaton is used for a variety of reasons and purposes such as:

- Sharing thoughts and emotions
- Labeling real objects, pictures, photos and places
- Taking part in games and songs
- Listening to, reading and telling stories
- Creating recipes, menus and shopping lists
- Writing letters and messages
- Helping people find their way around public buildings.

How can Makaton help? Makaton can help many adults and children to express themselves and their feelings. For example, they are able to communicate what they want, think or how they feel and make themselves



Alex is now able to communicate with his grandmother (BBC)

understood. It also helps children to listen to and understand speech. Makaton helps children to improve their communication skills and make sure their opinions are expressed. It also

encourages children to develop their language skills by putting words together.

Makaton symbols help learning. They are a simple black and white drawing which shows the meaning of a word. The symbols allow children more time to take in the information and process it.

The Makaton charity provides parents, carers, and professionals with the training they need to support children and adults who struggle to talk. It also develops and produces educational resources such as vocabulary books for children to extend their knowledge. Additionally, it gives advice and support to families on how to help the child or adult cope, and how to cope themselves.

Makaton was developed in the 1970s and 1980s; the name is derived from the first letters of three members of the initial teaching team at Botleys Park Hospital (Margaret Walker, Katherine Johnston, Tony Cornforth) at Chertsey, Surrey. It was made famous by the children's TV presenter Mr Tumble (real name Justin Fletcher), and uses signs made with the hands alongside speech and graphic symbols.

Helping Alex Makaton has helped my six-year-old grandson Alex to communicate for the first time. Alex lives in Penmon. He's autistic and does not speak, but Makaton enables him to communicate with his family.

When Alex was younger he was very frustrated and would bang his head because he couldn't communicate, but now he can give his thoughts to us and tell us if he wants something.

Before learning Makaton, Alex could never tell me what was in his head; but it's calmed him down and has enabled him to tell us what he likes and what he doesn't like, if he wants to do something or if he's not feeling well. The effects have been life-changing!

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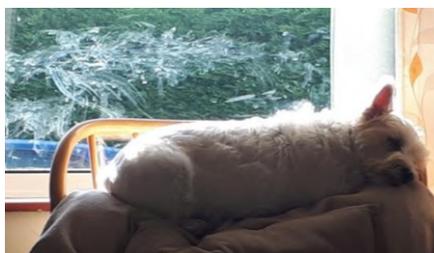
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Life can be such a yawn...my bezzie Edie has a black spot on her tongue just like mine



My friend Jen has been teaching me some of the finer points of scrounging (Mary Stevenson)



There was a composer called Mozart...there was a dog called Nose-art...the boss said that he'd sell it to the Tate, but he washed it off instead



One does not stand when Guarding the Pans...one sits



Zedding like a sack of spuds after my eyes have been cleaned...you've *no* idea how long it takes to arrange the cushion just so



I keep my paws on the bottom, just in case

A WEARY WESTIE'S WOES: IN THE BOSS'S BAD BOOKS

Tilly Barker (dogtated to Andrew Perrott)

Life can be such a yawn and the Boss can be such a tyrant. He collared me a few days ago. 'It's dogtation time again,' he said, and I knew that I just couldn't escape because I really had to be a Very Good Girl and watch my Ps and Qs. While I may be Perfection on Four Little Legs, I blotted my copybook a couple of weeks ago. This is what happened...

I go visiting...I really mean that I *used* to go visiting... I have a lot of friends, and when I hear them bark, or see them with their servants, I want to say 'hello', and I wander off to see them. Sometimes I wander a bit far, so the Boss has had a gate installed so that I can't go. Anyway, the other evening he came back home in the car and forgot to close the gate...so I went out a-visiting, of course, and a very kind man in a white van told him, and he ran to find me. He was not pleased, and he's very careful now to make sure that he closes it. Oh, well... (I still go visiting if he forgets...)

Apart from that, I've been busy doing all sorts of not-very-much. I do that sort of thing really well, and I've been practising the art of scrounging as well. My friend Jen is a very good scrounger and does doggie-on-a-chocky-box eyes nearly as well as me.

I'm a guard dog as well. When the Boss makes a pan of soup or spag bol sauce he put the pans to cool on my perch (note: it's *my* perch) outside the back door, so I sit there and guard them (not really, but I look as if I'm being busy).

I usually make myself comfortable on an armchair in the morning while I wait for him to clean my eyes. I have to be *properly* comfortable before he starts by wrapping an old tea cloth round my neck to stop the water going everywhere. Then the eyewashing starts. Then the cotton buds start. Then the drying starts. Then the whisker-combing starts. I really *hate* having my whiskers combed, but he's bigger than me, so he wins...

If the weather's nice at the weekend he takes me to Gallows Point after picking up a newspaper. If the tide's in I go for a swim; well, I dunk myself, keeping my paws on the bottom. I can swim properly when I have to...I like to get wet, you understand, but not *too* wet.

My bezzie Edie visited us twice last month, once while the Boss was away. We saw a fox in the field and barked at it. That annoyed his sister, who shouted 'there's nothing there' when *we* knew that there *was* something there...a fox.

Now I've finished my dogtation, so I can go and have a long zed in one of my armchairs. Bye bye...

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