

# Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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## Ysgol Bryn Clwyd



Our annual play was a huge success. The children performed *Something Funny Happened on the Way to Camelot* to a standing ovation. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the show.

As a reward following the show we went to the beach for the day and were blessed with dry weather and good times.

Many thanks to all the members of our community who have supported us this year, we look forward to exciting times in the next academic year.



All the children are really enjoying their forest schools lessons this term. Year 3 made elf warriors after their visit to Conwy Castle. Dosbarth babanod made a trip to Denbigh Castle and were really fascinated with the deep well.



# Around the village

Congratulations to Chloe and Matthew Lewis on the birth of baby Isla. Also to proud grandparents Gary and Doreen.

Congratulations to Gwyn (formerly of Gader Goch) and Anita, Wollongong, Australia on becoming grandparents to Anna Joy, a little daughter to Natalie and Josh.

Happy July birthdays to Jack Palin and Karen Morris.

Condolences to Jonathan and Siwan Hulme of Pentrefelin Uchaf – sadly Jonathan’s father Ken Hulme passed away on 28 June. Also to Rheinallt, Hen Gapel and family, whose mother recently passed away.

All the best to Joyce Catteroll, who has moved to be with her daughter in Heswall.

## Cocoa Room Events

Mon 5th	Trefoil Guild 2pm
Tue 6th	WI 7–9pm
Mon 12th	Craft Group 10am
Mon 12th	<i>Llais Llandyrnog</i> meeting 7pm
Mon 19th	Craft Group 10am
Wed 21st	Tuesday Club 2pm
Thu 22nd	Craft Workshop 7–9pm
Sat 24th	Craft Workshop 10am–12pm

To book the Cocoa Rooms, contact Emily Williams: [emilylloyd1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:emilylloyd1@tiscali.co.uk)

## Tŷ Ceffyl Bach

**Summertime at Ty Ceffyl Bach  
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Saturday, 24 August 2024**

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## Village Hall Events

Sat 3rd	Craft Group 10am–4pm
Tue 6th	Flower Show Committee 7pm
Mon 26th	Flower & Produce Show

To book the Village Hall, contact Ivan Butler:  
07799570549 or by email  
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## Church Services

4th	11.15	Holy communion
11th	11.15	Holy communion
18th	11.15	Morning prayer
25th	11.15	Holy communion



# Dyffryn chapel

## Circuit Services

On Sunday, 14 July, members went on a pilgrimage to Llanuwchllyn, near Bala. We had an open-air service held on a hillock, Pen Bryn Eurych, with stunning views overlooking the town, and with Bala lake in the distance. The wonderful service was led by Rev. Carwyn Siddall, and everyone enjoyed tea and cake prepared by members of Llanuwchllyn chapels.



A sincere thank you to all who supported the coffee morning on 13 July, which raised £543 towards the chapel buildings.

## Preliminary Notice Capel y Dyffryn, Llandyrnog

Musical Presentation by  
Rev. Robert Parry, BMus, BD, Liverpool  
Sunday, 22 September at 5pm

President: Prof. Elwen Mair Evans KC  
Compere: Mr Nic Parry, Llanbedr DC  
Tickets £10, children free  
Proceeds towards Chapel buildings and  
St Kentigern Hospice

# Llandyrnog Pavilion Hub



Well, we've packed up our red aprons for the final time and want to thank everyone who has supported us during the last couple of years. It all started out as a means of getting people together after the pandemic, with the help of a grant from the Social Inclusion Fund, and we hope it has done just that. It was lovely to get to know you and see friendships being made. We are sure you will continue to support events in the village and also the Community Shop once it is open.

Our final hub was a great success and all the donations this time will go to Wales Air Ambulance. We took £335 on the day and will be able to donate a total of £1,266. We also donated suitable items to the Denbigh Food Bank.

Thank you all – from Anne, Glynis, Penelope, Carolyn and Gwen.





## Llandyrnog craft workshops

Monthly craft workshops for adults are held at the Cocoa Rooms. There is a new craft to learn every month, with hopefully a finished piece to take home.

Workshops are £25pp, which includes all materials, plus tea, coffee and biscuits. December's workshop will have mince pies.

If anybody is interested, please leave a message for more details. Helen  
hbrookhouse@yahoo.co.uk

### **August: Botanical printing**

Consists of using natural flora to print on to the surface of a piece of paper or fabric (in this case a card and a cotton tote bag).

Thursday, 22 August 7–9pm

Saturday, 24 August 10am–12pm

### **September: Peg loom wall art**

A simple weaving loom to create your own wall art using natural dyed wool.

Thursday, 19 September 7–9pm

Saturday, 21 September 10am–12pm

### **October: Copper wire bracelet**

Make your own copper and glass bead bracelet.

Thursday, 24 October 7–9pm

Saturday, 26 October 10am–12pm

### **November: Aluminium wreath**

Using recycled aluminium cans to create a decorative wreath.

Thursday, 21 November 7–9pm

Saturday, 23 November 10am–12pm

### **December: Macrame Christmas tree decs**

Thursday, 19 December 7–9pm

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**Merfyn Parry**



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## Public consultation

Denbighshire County Council is carrying out a 'Public Toilets Needs Assessment Survey'. Do you realise there is no legal requirement for the council to provide public conveniences? But they do need to have a public toilet strategy, hence the online survey to demonstrate that the needs of the population have been listened to and are being met.

Taking part in the survey will help the council understand what is important to you as residents of Denbighshire. The survey can be found on their website:

[www.denbighshire.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/consultations)

You are urged to complete this survey online (should not take more than five minutes). It is open until 15 September 2024.

## Vale Vinyard success

Many congratulations to Gwen and Rhys Davies of Vale Vinyard on winning further national recognition for their excellent local wines. They received the Riedel Trophy for Wales at the prestigious Wine GB Awards held at The Drapers' Hall London on 19 July.



# Community Shop & Post Office



We would like to open this progress report by announcing that Emyr Morris has sadly decided to stand down from his role as Company Secretary and Director. The rest of the Directors have unanimously asked Emyr to remain in some capacity, and while Emyr has very kindly agreed to conclude a few tasks until we are able to appoint a new Company Secretary, he feels it is the right time for him to stand down.

After two years of unstinting efforts and with the timeline for the shop opening now very clear, the Directors hope that the whole community will join us in thanking Emyr for his fantastic vision and the energy he has shown on behalf of the community to turn that vision into the reopening shop, which should leave a lasting positive impact on the village and village life. The shop would not be reopening without Emyr's vision and drive and, while we sincerely thank him for his efforts, it is not without some regret that the rest of the Directors have accepted Emyr's decision to step down.

If anyone in the community has any experience as a Company Secretary or would like to get involved in helping us to open and run the shop, then please contact: [patkefewales@gmail.com](mailto:patkefewales@gmail.com)

In terms of progress with the shop, you should now be able to see that things are moving and we would like to share the following estimated timeline with you to outline what the next steps to opening are:

- 31 Jul – main contractors finish building work
- 1 Aug – social media introduction to two Shop Managers
- 10 Aug – house accommodation will be available for rental via Monopoly Denbigh: [denbighshire@monopolybuysellrent.co.uk](mailto:denbighshire@monopolybuysellrent.co.uk)
- 31 Aug – shop fit-out completed
- 1 Sep – two Shop Managers start their employment with Post Office Sub-Postmaster training
- 14 Sep – new main shop front window is fitted
- 7pm on 17 Sep – AGM to include tour of the shop (we need at least 30 shareholders to attend for a quorum)
- September – Community Shop & Post Office open for business

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# Football news

## Ladies football tournament

Llandyrnog was well represented at the ladies football tournament recently, the team reaching the semi-final, beaten only on penalties by the eventual winners Henllan. Well done everyone, you are keeping up a proud tradition of football prowess in this village. Keep practising those penalties!



## Summer League under-16s

Llandyrnog fielded two under-16s boys' teams this year and they did so well. Although the B team went out in the group stage, the A team got through to their third successive final, holding their opponents to a hard-fought draw, only to narrowly lose the penalty shoot-out.

Jimmy McNally thanks all the players for their hard work and makes special mention of his brilliant assistants, Ethan Plumb and Mally Hughes.



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Llandyrnog Summer League enjoyed a great presentation evening on 20 July.

Congratulations to all the award winners:

Players' Player – Pat Hinchcliffe

Young Player – Leo Jones

Manager's Player – Tomos Roberts

Supporters' Player – Pat Hinchcliffe

Club Person – Jimmy McNally

Top Scorer – Craig Jones

Women's Players' Player – Nisha Roberts

Women's Manager's Player – Alisha Whitehead- Hughes

Women's Supporters' Player – Alys Evans

# Recipe

## Cheesy chicken bake

Serves 4

### Ingredients

Pasta to suit

2 chicken breasts

1 onion, finely chopped

200g mushrooms, sliced

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

200g, or to taste, strong cheese

75g plain flour

75g margarine or butter

300ml milk

Seasoning and nutmeg

### Method

- Cook pasta in boiling water and drain
- Dice chicken and fry in little oil. Remove from heat and put to one side.
- Fry mushrooms and onions and garlic (if used).
- Gently melt margarine or butter and add flour.
- Slowly add milk until mixture thickens.
- Add grated cheese and cook until melted.
- Add seasoning and nutmeg to taste.
- Place chicken, onions, mushrooms and pasta in an oven-proof dish and top with grated cheese.
- Cook in preheated oven 150°C (fan) for approximately 25 minutes until top is golden brown.
- Enjoy with salad garnish.

**Carolyn Langford Jones**

# Mothers' Union

In our July meeting, Rev. Alyson Goldstein took us on her journey of faith. She told us of her difficulty in finding a church community that felt welcoming and of how she was not accepted for ordination the first time she tried. It took a lot of courage and resilience to apply again, but the second time she was accepted and is now an ordained priest, based in Llanbedr. Her story was inspiring and very thought-provoking.

Dafydd Roberts and Ron Davison are extremely thankful to all who supported the coffee morning on 27 July. The excellent sum of £600.50 will go towards their fundraising for Prostate Cancer UK and Lawcare, the Mental Health charity for the legal sector, by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro next month. If you were unable to attend but would like to contribute, go to:  
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# Thomas Howell - The Legend and the Legacy

A talk by Wendy Grey-Lloyd

Members of the Denbigh and District Probus Club enjoyed another wonderful lunch at Oriel Hotel, St Asaph at their meeting on Monday, 1 July. The speaker after lunch was our own Wendy Grey-Lloyd.

It was thought that Thomas Howell was born in 1480 in Monmouthshire and died in Seville in about 1540 – he lived during the reign of five kings. He was an apprentice draper in Bristol before moving to London as a merchant draper. He had major success in selling cloth to Spain, Portugal and the Caribbean, also importing luxurious merchandise such as wine, dye, soap, satins, damask, oils and sultanas – accumulating a vast fortune.

Thomas became a Freeman of London in 1507 and paid his dues to become a member of the Worshipful Company of Drapers – one of the guilds of London that protected customers and employees. He was elected Warden of the Drapers' Company in 1527. He kept immaculate financial records in ledgers and these illustrate the first double-entry book-keeping, which is still used today.

Thomas was married and very wealthy but had no children. He was a great philanthropist, and wrote three wills. In the first he was going to convert his house – Tower House – into a mixed school for 40 poor children. Additionally, he would provide 12 ducats a year each for university training, but he changed his mind.

When Thomas died, his third will (written in 1540 in Seville, Spain) made provision for the benefit of 'maiden orphans of his kin'. On marriage, each one was to be given 100 ducats. However, the executors of the will couldn't find the maiden orphans, so invested in property in London instead, purchasing Cannon Street Station and Thomas Cromwell's House (after his execution, the



was bought from Henry VIII for poor little orphan girls of Welsh origin). Howell also left 12,000 ducats to be given to the Wardens of Drapers' Hall, London, to be invested by them to produce dowries for orphan girls. Their investment in land and property grew so well that by 1853 it was sufficient for Howell's School, Denbigh, and Howell's School, Llandaff, Cardiff, to be established by the Drapers' Company.

The MP for Denbighshire had asked the Drapers' Company for funding to establish a school in Denbigh and was successful. It was built to provide education for orphan girls and provided board, clothing and education. It was also a great source of employment for the people of Denbigh. The architect was Decimus Burton, who also designed the Wellington Arch at Hyde Park Corner in London.

When Wendy worked for Howell's School, Denbigh there were 495 boarders, and she believes over half of those were being educated for free or subsidised because of Thomas Howell.

The next meeting, which is an invitation lunch with no speaker, will be on 5 August 2024. See [denbighprobus.com](http://denbighprobus.com) or contact the Membership Officer, Andrew Faulkner, [a Faulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:a Faulkner@btinternet.com), 07542 022 391.



# Flower & Produce Show

26 August



Just a few weeks to go to our annual show. It's not just garden produce; we have classes for cookery, craft (adults and children) and photography. Everyone welcome and entry is free, although donations are very gratefully received.

Entry forms are in the schedule, which we've tried to deliver to every household, but more can be obtained from the secretary. Electronic schedules and entry forms are available at [llandyrnogshow@gmail.com](mailto:llandyrnogshow@gmail.com).

If anyone would like to help with setting up before the show or stewarding on the day, please contact the secretary by email or at Cross Keys.

This year we successfully applied for a grant from the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund. The grant will not only meet some of the costs of the show, but also pay for new equipment for the Village Hall, including 20 new lightweight tables and some pop-up gazebos. We're very grateful for the support of the CFWFF.



# Messy Church



In our July session we learned about the Olympic Games and how the Olympic torch will be passed from one volunteer to another until it reaches Paris. Did you know that 10,000 volunteers will take part in France?

We made Olympic rings out of paper plates, and also biscuits, medals and torches. We wish Team GB every success, but we are on Team Jesus where everyone is a winner!

Jesus doesn't need us to be the best, but to be the best that we can be. There is no Messy Church in August but we will be back in September.



# Sain Singles 1969–1990

Recordiau Sain Cyf (Sound Records Ltd) is a Welsh record label, founded in Cardiff in 1969 by singer/songwriters Dafydd Iwan and Huw Jones, and businessman Brian Morgan Edwards. Its aim was to be a home for Welsh-language rock and folk music, which was otherwise finding it difficult to 'break through' in the UK market. Today Sain remains the biggest producer of music of Wales, covering traditional, folk, rock, pop, hip-hop, rap, country and classical music.

All Sain singles (1–140) are now available to stream and download on Spotify. They include a vast variety of music from Welsh pop to classical and folk.

The very first title in the label's catalogue, the iconic 'Dŵr' (Water) by Huw Jones, is included, and many an early record by renowned artists such as Dafydd Iwan, Meic Stevens, Eleri Llwyd and Heather Jones.

The 1970s singles include many protest and political songs, but also feature light-hearted,



humorous music. Folk and cerdd dant records were also popular at this time. The songs on the Spotify playlist include five by Triawd Menlli – 'Geiriau', 'Postman', 'Ynys Bellenig', 'O flwyddyn i flwyddyn' and 'Yfory'. One of the members of this trio was Elwyn Evans, Ger y Llan, and they were very popular. Search for 'O'r Archif – Senglau Sain (1969–1990)', and these songs are numbers 288–292.

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## Trefoil Guild

Trefoil members were very interested in a talk on mental health by Karen Roberts, who spoke about the history of the treatment and how much it has changed over the years. She won the raffle and enjoyed refreshments with us. The meeting ended with Taps. Our next meeting is for tea and cakes in the Lodge, Llanrhaeadr.

## Tuesday Club

Unfortunately, the July meeting was cancelled due to the organiser's ill-health. We will meet next for a cuppa and a chat on Wednesday, 21 August at 2pm in the Cocoa Rooms. Come and join us – we're a friendly bunch!



# The Morning Ride by Jane Borthwick

Out of the village past tall trees and the first cat stalking its prey in endless fields  
Past the farm where the calves feed hungrily on winter mornings  
Up sleepy stream lane, babbling peacefully amongst white columbine hedges  
To the white corner cottage and the long toil up towards Moel Arthur  
The sloping red tiled roof with views beyond  
and the Clwydian range in all its glory  
Glimpses of barley fields and distant wind turbines powering away  
Swallows on the wing and goats having their breakfast, Swiss sheep milling about  
Pub landlord busy cleaning for the day  
Some workers starting on a gatepost  
Tall coloured delphiniums swaying on the cosy corner before the sandstone alley  
Long straights past dog walkers and an oh so quiet school  
A bench to reflect on for weary walkers  
Hellos to those up and enjoying the day  
New houses and old, all named, and another sleepy school waits for children  
The white horse, a place for cosy camaraderie looking sleepy for the day  
Big houses set in parkland  
the chateaus of the vale  
Ruthin bustling in the distance  
and the egg farm starting for the day  
A cosy care home of red brick awakens  
then friends' houses  
Tony's beautiful garden singing out and the lonely cherry tree on the hill  
A house I once visited many moons ago flashes by whilst wheeling down in the morning rush  
hour of workers making their way off before the weekend  
Down and on past youngsters on tractors cutting fresh-smelling silage  
The bus stop travellers passing the time of day  
Dogs saying good morning with their owners chatting aimlessly  
On past the terraced cottages and homes of the village  
Sun shining on rooves and gardens, endless sky  
To the place we call home, Llandyrnog  
fresh for another day.

# Spotlight on Margaret Williams

## Where are you from originally?

I grew up on the family farm in the village of Bryn Saith Marchog, halfway between Ruthin and Corwen. I was the second of seven children – five brothers and one sister. A unique feature of the farm was that we produced our own electricity – my grandfather had installed an electricity generator about 20 years before I was born.

My first memory is of Dad taking my eldest brother and me to Llanellidan school and Mum having prepared a treacle sandwich wrapped in brown paper for me to eat with the morning milk. We would walk the two miles home from school.

## What was your first job?

After five years at Ysgol Brynhyfryd I followed a two-year secretarial course at Wrexham College. I was lucky to get a job with a solicitors' firm in Ruthin where I worked for seven years – that was where I learned a lot about many aspects of life.

## Where did you meet your husband?

I met my husband Rod at a young farmers' dance in Rhyl. After we married in 1971 we went to live in Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, where Rod worked as an agricultural adviser. We first lived quite close to Dylan Thomas's home, The Boathouse, a very interesting area where we made lifelong friends. Our second home was a small bungalow in Carmarthen. I worked for a firm of solicitors for about two years before the birth of our eldest son, Caerwyn.

## When did you move back to North Wales?

In 1975 Rod was lucky enough to be appointed to a job with the agricultural department of Midland Bank and we moved to Brookhouse Road, Denbigh, where our second son, Alun, was born. Our wish at that time was to live in a small house, and in 1977 we moved to Rhiwbebyll Isaf.



*Margaret (lt.) with Paulette, their Biebortal host*

## Where did the appetite for travel come from?

As the boys were growing up, we wanted them to see how other people in the world lived, and we travelled with them to many European countries, New Zealand, North America and even Russia! In recent years we have also travelled to South and Central America, China and other countries in Asia.

## What about other interests?

We're keen members of Denbigh Twinning Association and visit a small town called Biebortal in Germany every other year, and welcomed Martin and Paulette (pictured), who is originally from Vietnam, here to Llandyrnog.

I enjoy being a member of Merched y Wawr, Denbigh and being able to listen to so many interesting women who have a good story to tell. I am also a member of the Denbigh Mencap Committee.



# Spotlight on Margaret Williams contd

A good start to the week are the yoga sessions in Trefnant – a good group of women who enjoy trying to keep fit and then having a chat over a cup of coffee and cake. After the yoga I feel that much better and healthier.

For several years I was a member of the Samaritans, answering calls at the Rhyl centre. That's where I learned that I was so lucky to have a solid upbringing and to be a member of a loving society. Very often I couldn't believe some of the social and family problems, but I enjoyed trying to comfort and listening to them – but never to criticise and advise.

With Anwen Davies I help run the Tuesday Club (which meets on Wednesdays!).

Another good opportunity to meet some of the residents of the village and have different guest speakers.

## What annoys you?

I'm not too fond of people who complain endlessly about quite trivial things.

## What is your favourite treasure?

My favourite treasures are the family photos, especially of my sister's family, who live in Canada.

Recently my brother Eifion celebrated his 80th birthday, and it was nice to have the families of the seven of us together and have a chance to talk to Elizabeth and her family in Canada. Indeed – nowhere is very far away these days!

## Detectorists

Llangwyfan seems to be the place to be if you have a metal detector! It started with one person sweeping the fields, but each weekend has brought more discoveries and more detectorists. So far, they have found everything from Roman, Medieval, Georgian and Victorian artifacts, Sanatorium cutlery and even Spitfire bullet cases from the Second World War. Imagine the sights these hills have seen.

Watch this space. We have been promised a full round-up of the activities and discoveries for a future edition.



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# The Wright Stuff

Is it just me or are you all getting fed up with excessive Met Office weather warnings. They have moved to 'impact-based warnings', where they're based on a combination of the level of impacts the weather may cause and the likelihood of those impacts occurring, with the use of colours yellow through to red. Our friendly weather people do get it wrong though; the most well-known was when Michael Fish broadcasted in 1987 that we were not to worry and there wasn't a hurricane on its way. That night the Great Storm of 1987 saw a violent 'extratropical cyclone' hit the country, with the south experiencing hurricane-force winds and the loss of 18 lives, and they say approximately £2bn worth of damage.

My hometown of Sevenoaks in Kent came to fame when it lost six of its seven oaks on 16 October, but throughout the country over 15 million trees were destroyed. This is when we need a weather warning. The Met Office issues them for, well, just weather – heavy rain in July or a cold December snap.

I'm an avid weather watcher and over the years have had a variety of 'weather stations'. The first was a simple wind vane on a post with a little man who sat on a bicycle, the wind making him pedal faster and faster. Now I have more complex digital weather devices with sensors that send a signal to the receiver in the kitchen reporting on the temperature. Very clever.

Historically, barometers were used to forecast the weather. I still have my parents' long barometer, which measures air pressure. It would be frequently tapped to ensure the mercury went up and down. These measure atmospheric pressure at a certain location and have a vertical glass tube closed at the top sitting in an open, mercury-filled basin at the bottom. Some traditional designs show what to expect – fair, rain or dry.



I bought my first barometer in the early 1980s from the 'old fire station' in Denbigh, located under the town hall. Whenever we were in town we would pop in and take a break to hunt out any gems inside. I bought many things but my favourite is a 1920s vintage gentleman's wardrobe with a glazed section containing a tie rack and shelving for pristinely starched shirts. During the late 90s I was given a Galileo thermometer. This colourful glass thermometer is based on Galileo's theory established 400 years ago that 'in liquid, a body of fixed mass becomes less buoyant as the liquid temperature rises and falls due to the changes in the liquid density', so basically the baubles go up and down with the lowest one being the current temperature.

Sometimes it's best to just put these gadgets aside and behold the clouds. Country people are 'tuned' into the weather. Just by being outside you learn to observe what's happening around you. The older farmers would remark that if Snowdon wasn't visible across the Vale, then bad weather was on its way. Take time to ponder on whether cows really do sit down when it's going to rain; my hens will all rush to the shelter of the hut shortly before the first drops of rain. Whatever method you use it has long been a topic of discussion – this year being no different. Only time will tell what we can expect from the weather in the months ahead. **Hazel**



# A message from the priest

Vicky and I moved into the local area in September 2020 when I was licensed by Bishop Gregory in St Sadwrn's church, Henllan. That makes it four years this September and sadly it's time for us to say goodbye as I respond to a sense of God's call to serve full time as a chaplain in the British Army. It has been a most wonderful time living here and getting to know people. As the priest directly responsible for these churches, there will now be a short break and continued care from the wider team of appointed clerics and retired ones. Hopefully a new priest will be given primary responsibility again before too long.

There is a particularly poignant passage in the Bible where Paul, who built up many of the first-ever churches, says goodbye to some Ephesian elders (Acts 20: 17–38). They kneel down at the end of the passage and cry together, probably because Paul knew of the dangers he faced and he told the Ephesians that they wouldn't see him again.

Our roles as priests are many things but most of all it's to point to Jesus, who is God. I've been here myself, been dedicated to a large ministry and am grateful in many ways for the way we've grown as a family in your midst. It's a privilege in this role to journey with people through their highs and lows. This is done, of course, in the name of Jesus and for Jesus' sake.

I want to draw your attention to another passage in scripture, John 12: 21, which says simply: They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.'

There was once a priest who engraved a reference to this on the inside of his pulpit so he never forgot who it is we are there to point to, who it is we are proclaiming/ heralding. Everybody who comes into church is there to have an encounter with Jesus.

When this happens and you seek to continue to be nurtured in this discovery, deeply planted in human existence, your life is changed for the better. You can discover true meaning and purpose, know deep peace and learn much wisdom alone, which is enhanced in community. Most of all to care for those in need, to seek out the marginalised, to set people free from the things of life that imprison them.

Llandyrnog is a good community with much love and a close-knit desire to continue to improve the common good of all in their own community. With more of Jesus you will be able to extend this and care even more for each other and the communities in the wider area too.

May God give you grace to forgive those you struggle to forgive and to love all around as we are invited to by Jesus – families, good friends and strangers alike.

Every blessing of our good God into the future and please pray for me as I will continue to pray for you.

**The Reverend Martin Pritchard.**

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# Matters discussed in the July meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council

Cllr Butler presented a basket of flowers to Cllr Griffith as a gesture of thanks for her long reign as Chair of the Community Council.

PCSO Matthew Evans attended to present a verbal report of the activities in the area since 1 June. Incidents of online abuse via social media have been reported and an increase in unlawful use of off-road motor vehicles on the bridleway by Moel Arthur. North Wales Police are increasing their presence in the area over weekends.

Matters discussed during the meeting included concerns about possible excess speed around the Green Farm area and large tractors not adhering to the 20mph – PCSO Evans encouraged people to gather evidence, such as registration numbers of persistent offenders, and pass on to the police.

Although the Community Council has agreed to pay for water for the allotments behind Nant Glyd, there has been no response from DCC as yet.

DCC has given an amber light regarding the bench opposite the old creamery, and we await the final decision. Meanwhile the Clerk will obtain a price for the concrete base while waiting for the licence application to be determined.

It was hoped to trial the July CC meeting as a hybrid meeting to enable future ones to be conducted online; however, technical difficulties were encountered.

Cllr Butler will attend a budget update meeting at Ruthin County Hall on 17 July, where DCC officers and Lead Members will be explaining the financial difficulties facing the council.



It was decided to arrange a litter pick in September and to see if MHC would be interested in helping – the kits, such as high-viz and sticks are available on loan.

It was decided to seek further members via the co-option process. Notices will be published to invite applications.

It was reported that a property on an ‘assisted collection’ in the village had not had any refuse collected for five weeks, including food waste. The CC will contact DCC immediately to seek a resolution.

A meeting due to be held at Cae Nant to discuss future investments did not take place due to inclement weather, but will be scheduled for September.

## Useful telephone numbers

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Out of hours: 03001 233068

North Wales Police: 101 (Non-emergency)

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