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Edition Two



# Bont

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## The Community Newspaper for Carrog and Lidiart y Parc

Welcome to the second edition. We have survived and learnt a lot about how not to produce and distribute a newspaper. Many thanks to those who helped in deliveries and assisted us in being only 18 days late in publishing! Also a major thank you to Mike Brown of A5 Publishing who printed the first edition free of charge. Most comments from you, our readers have been favourable, but if we missed anything out it's because we didn't know about it!

Y Bont was first with the news last month that the Village Talent Show is returning for a third successful year! Heather Scott is now recruiting talent for the show which will be held at the end of January. Participation this time will not be limited to the youth of the village but will include hidden talents of all ages! If you want to join in (or just help) then please contact Heather as soon as possible as programme space is strictly limited.

As the County Councillor for Carrog since 1958 I have seen many changes but by far the most significant of them has been the transformation of the old school building into our impressive village hall.

Over the long time that we have been renovating and re - renovating our hall we are very grateful that Clwyd and then Denbighshire County Council have given us much practical and financial help. As a member of the authority I wish to say how delighted I am personally that we now have such an excellent facility.

A large debt of gratitude is due to the local people who worked so hard to bring it about. They do not wish to have any reward for their efforts but only ask that the building is well used, well cared for, and that all the fund raising efforts are supported so that Carrog people have a village hall to be proud of for many years to come.

I would also like to add my congratulations to those responsible for producing our community news paper, it is an excellent idea and I wish them every success in the venture.

**Rhys Webb**

### A VIEW OF THE BRIDGE

The first memory I have of bridges is as a young boy travelling from Anglesey along the North Wales Coast to Rhyl on a Sunday School Trip. Almost the most exciting moment of the whole day for a seven year old was to have to get off the bus on one side of the old Conway Bridge, walk across and then get back on the other side. The bridge was just too weak to sustain the weight of a fully loaded bus. For anyone brought up in Anglesey the concept of a bridge is a very important one - it is after all the way you get to anywhere when you live on an island. Equally it is also a way of shutting yourself away - isolating yourself is not too strong a term - from the rest of the world. The bridge becomes a marker of who you are; the span upon which your identity rests. I see it in Carrog even though the Village is not surrounded by water. The bridge over the Dee is very beautiful and even charming but it is a powerful moment to have to cross it to enter the village. In the crossing we leave something behind and become part of a community.

**Gwyn L. Williams**

### DID YOU KNOW?

- \* Paul McCartney was in Carrog in 1968 for his brother Michael's wedding.
- \* Michael was a member of 'The Scaffold'.
- \* There were 12 guests including Jane Asher.
- \* Paul's father Jim re-married in Carrog in 1966 and later lived for some years in 'Afon Ro'.
- \* The wedding was conducted by Rev. David Bevan, whose wife Mary was also related to Paul.
- \* The wedding party visited the Rectory for tea afterwards.

Does anyone have photographs of the event?

**We hope to make this a regular feature. Do you have any facts or history to share with us?**

### Edeyrnion Historical Society

was formed in 1978. The Corwen Community Council reluctantly called a public meeting to assess the interest in forming such a society. Amazingly about eighty people turned up and we pressed ahead from there.

Our aims were to encourage the pursuit of local history, to arrange lectures, discussions and excursions and to seek the preservation of the remains of antiquity. Almost immediately we were to justify our existence when in 1979 Glyndwr Council were advocating the demolition of the old Corwen Workhouse as it conjured up images of the bad old days. We objected very forcibly and happily our stand was listened to. This means that the most architecturally outstanding building in the town still exists - now known as Corwen Manor.

It is a great shame that we were not around between 1901 and 1908 as we found out on Tuesday, October 21st. Mr. Ian Lebbon gave us a presentation in Carrog Village Hall on the great efforts made by a few to get some support and help to preserve the Prison House of Owain Glyndwr. It is our sad loss that nobody listened then and an important part of our heritage has gone.

Each year we have four lectures in venues within Edeyrnion and three visits to places of interest. All are welcome to join us at any event but better still - become a member at the cost of only £3 per annum. The next meeting will take place in Ysgol Isa, Cynwyd, on Tuesday, November 25th at 7.30 pm.

**Valmai Webb.**

## YSGOL CARROG

The School won first prize in the 'Aqua' art competition organised by Llangollen Pavillion. Harry Pooler and Sioned Roberts gained commendations for their work and received a T-shirt and cinema tickets. The work was on display in the Gallery of the Pavillion prior to the Food Fair.

Surprise visitors arrived at the school last week - 'Superted' and 'Twf' - who entertained the children and presented free goody bags. The visit was organised by Menter Iaith to promote bi-linguism in Schools.

The Junior children enjoyed a day at the Educational Centre in Legacy where they became Celts for the day.

Carrog joined with Llantisilio, Glyndyfrdwy, and Dyffryn Ial for a road safety workshop called Jugglestruck.

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## STRANGER THAN FICTION

An article on the HTV news last week reported on the closure of village schools in Wales. The usual reason for closure is the declining number of pupils which once below a certain threshold, according to official policy, make the school unviable. Despite considerable protest and a long campaign the school was closed.

In this case the school and grounds were sold to a developer who built a housing estate thus bringing the number of children in the village back to a number where the school was viable.

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## CONCERT

The Village Hall was full for a delightful musical concert on 18th October. The concert opened with Cantorion Rhos, a mixed choir and winners at this years National Eisteddfod. The Llansilin Quartet followed with their excellent harmony and amusing lyrics. Bryony Keyes and Samantha Scott sang two wonderful duets accompanied and trained by Deana Keyes. There was a violin solo by Colin Keyes and the Reverend Bethan Scotford professional voice was accompanied by Mr and Mrs Colin Keyes.

The evening was ably compered by Aeryn Jones whose humourous stories provided an ideal interlude between the various performances.

The evening, sponsored by several people in the Village, has resulted in a

contribution of at least £266 being made to both Nightingale Hospice and Carrog Church Restoration Fund.

The concert was organised by Pam Evans, Jenny Jones and Tina Lloyd.

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### Methodist Chapel

A service will be held at 2.00pm on 23rd November when Mrs Mair Penri Jones of Parc, Bala will be preaching

### Llansantffraid Church

**Remembrance Sunday** service will be held on Sunday 9th November at 10.50am. Starting at the War Memorial and moving into Church following the Silence.

The Church has been extremely grateful to all those who contributed during the Gift Aid days but just a reminder to those who may still wish to contribute - the appeal is still open.

### Baptist Chapel

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held n 20th October with Mr Elwyn Ashford Jones addressing the school children in the afternoon and then preaching at the evening service.

## OBITUARY

Mr Bill Davies of 3,Tai Teg aged 72 years. Our sympathies are extended to his widow Janet and all their children and grand children.

## NEUADD CARROG

The central heating system has been investigated and is now in working order for a warm winter for all our users. Instructions for its use will be issued to all users.

## SNOOKER CLUB

On Tuesday 21st October Carrog were at home to Ysbyty Ifan 'A' Team when Carrog were beaten 4 games to 2.

The following Tuesday they were away playing Llandrillo 'B'. Carrog were beaten 3 games to 2

Thought for the month from David Tinniswrod:

In this Village if we sing along to the music - is that "Carrogokee"

## DIARY

### Youth Club

meets 7pm to 9.pm every Friday night during winter months. New members are very welcome.

### Methodist Chapel

Sunday School meets every week at 10.00am - children of all ages welcome.

### Llansantffraid



The Christmas Fayre will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Thursday 27th November. There will be a variety of stalls and activities.

### Neuadd Carrog

A meeting of the committee will be held on Monday 1st December at 7.00pm. This is a public meeting which members of the community are encouraged to attend.

### Twinning.

There will be a meeting to discuss the prospect of 'Twinning' with a Breton Village in the Neuadd Committee Room at 7.00pm on Friday 29th November. Please come!

### Ysgol Carrog PTF.

A Beetle Drive is to held at the School on Thursday 6th November at 6.30pm,

There will be Bingo at the Neuadd on Tuesday 25th November at 6.30pm

### Carols Around the Tree.

An early reminder that this will be held at the Neuadd on 9th December at 6.30pm

### Clwb Llantsantffraid

met on October 23rd and spent a pleasant but busy afternoon filling shoe boxes with Christmas toys and presents for deprived children from the Middle East to be despatched next week. Thanks to those who helped. The Club meets every other Thursday at the Neuadd and welcomes new members.

Further information from the President Mrs Eileen Williams or the Treasurer Mrs Marion Brown.

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### DO YOU REMEMBER...?

Does anyone remember Sian and Jenny CORISH of Tawelfa? The family now live in London and the two girls have chosen shooting as their sport. Last month Jenny was honoured at Cardiff by receiving the "Sportswoman of the Year" Award. They travel to Sweden next week to compete in the European Championships. We wish them well.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Victoria (nee Tinniswood) and Simon Creegan-Davis on the birth of a daughter "Beatrice" 6lb 6ozs on 19/10/03. at 6 am

**LETTERS**

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Well done the "Y Bont team", Paul, Colin and Ian and all the unsung hero's that enabled the first edition to get to press and be distributed. Well done!

Y Felin.

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Dear Editors

Congratulations on the first issue of Y Bont. A very interesting and useful news-letter.

I hope you will go from strength to strength - it will be especially useful for our little hamlet on the A5 to keep us informed of what's going on across the water!

A suggestion has been made to deliver a few copies to the shops in Corwen, which could be useful when promoting local events.

Good luck with the exciting new venture.

Faye Lea  
Parc House

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Dear Sirs,

I live in Llidiart-y-Parc and am increasingly alarmed at the speed of the traffic along this section of the A5. In the last few months there have been numerous accidents in the village due to vehicles being driven at speed. I feel that it is only a matter of time before some innocent person is badly injured, or worse, due to this lack of speed restriction.

I am given to understand that the local council have been approached in the past with applications for a speed limit to be introduced, but with no success.

Why are they so reluctant to impose a limit that could save lives?

Eric Lea.

**FOR SALE and WANTED**

For sale. Muratec F-48 Photocopier. Excellent working order. Complete with spare paper rolls. £25.00 ono. 430259

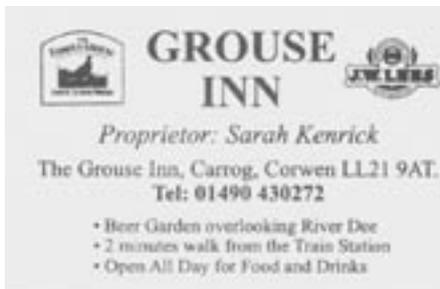
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For Sale. Rayburn Heatranger LPG. 2 years old. Full recent service. Cooking and up to 16 radiators central heating. British racing green. £2500 ono (half new price) 430 397

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Wanted. Booking Secretary for the Neuadd. Please tell Ian Lebbon or Colin Roberts if you are willing to carry out this important function.

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