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Edition Five



# Bont

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## The Community Newspaper for Carrog and Llidiart y Parc

Y Bont was always intended to be a free bilingual news sheet for the community, with the hope that we could possibly gain grant support to purchase our own printing equipment this year. Well, we have made it to edition five but sadly the grant has never materialised. In fact, much to our disgust it was never put forward for assessment. We are not alone! Apparently other groups in the village who had applied for support from the same grant source have not been assessed. So far the printing costs have been met by A5 Printing and the editorial team on a month by month basis but we do need to change this and to provide the long term future which means that we will now have to charge a small sum for adverts and those appearing this month have either paid or are about to do so. We have several promises of payment for advertising but last months issue had so many contributors there was no room for adverts. If anybody has ideas on grants, contributions or any other means of generating funding we should be grateful to hear from you.

..... And finally a warm welcome to our new paper boys Eric Lea and David Tinniswood.

### CARROG AND LLIDIART Y PARC

Continuing with our serialised essay from last month the subject this month is Leisure and entertainment:

“There were three Inns in the village in the 19th century - one at Llan Farm (Mr. Godfrey Parry), one at the Blue Bell (now Tawelfa) which closed in 1930 with the following notification to the village:

To the people of Carrog  
I henceforth do tell,  
That there is no more beer  
To be had at Blue Bell.

The third was the Grouse Inn - still open today (and flourishing Ed.) A very important date in the life of Carrog was the first Thursday in June - ODD FELLOWS CLUB DAY. With a Brass Band in attendance the members marched from the National School to a Church Service at 10:30 am. Then forming a parade with children marching in front carrying a banner - then the band, then the Odd Fellows with their larger banner. They walked to Llidiart Y Parc where the children were given a cake by Edward Jones, Park Shop. The band played for Edward Jones because he was an Honorary Member of the Odd Fellows Club. Then back to Ysgubor Y Grouse (Barn at the Grouse Inn) where a dinner had been prepared for the members and the children had a plateful of rice pudding. Every member paid a penny for the pudding to cover costs. After lunch another march to Rhagatt where the children had a cake and a glass of milk or lemonade and a three penny piece, with the band playing for Mr. Lloyd of Rhagatt and his family. Then back via The Mill and Llan Farm to the school where the Odd Fellows were addressed by their Doctor (The Odd

Fellows was a Friendly Society - contributing from their meagre wages to help their co-workers if they were ill). Then the Band led them to the Cottage field where they had fun and games and a stall of cakes and sweets - a special day for all the village.

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### WELLIES AND WHEELBARROWS

Yet again time management is all but non existent in the Llan. Having endured one of the driest summers in years I waited until it rained to start erecting a shed.

Originally I had a nice level excavated piece of ground. However, after a few days of rain I ended up with something that resembled the Somme, with trench foot, bleeding pinched fingers and broken bones in the Health and Safety stakes.

Over the few days it took to get the frame up everything went smoothly. Even when a certain Scotsman referred to me as a ‘Capitalist B.....d’, (A comment everybody else seemed to find hilarious) things still ticked along nicely.

In between trying to put the shed up, Gill Tustain came to scan the ewes to determine this years lamb crop. Although we had to work in the sleet and snow we got the job done and the results look promising. The ewes are now split into their different lots depending on what they are carrying, (twins, triplets or singles) and their physical condition (not so good, poor and ‘Oh dear’) and feeding has begun in earnest.

The nightmare that is lambing is getting closer every day.

Gareth Llan

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### SPOT THE ROAD SIGN?

The latest community in the area to have their identity confirmed seems to be Llandegla where road signs appeared early in January. Perhaps our sharp eyed readers could watch out for other notable signs as Carrog remains anonymous and invisible to travellers and visitors.

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### TALENT SHOW

Sadly Heather Scott has had to cancel the proposed Talent Show, not due to being swamped by aspiring performers, but due to a complete lack of them!

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### TWINNING

An official invitation was sent to the Plouyé Twinning Committee who will now visit us from 20th to 24th May. Marc Parayre of Plouyé has asked that we translate an official ‘‘Twinning Document’’ so that the final documentation will be in Welsh/Breton/French and English.

An open meeting will be held for everyone interested at 7.00 p.m. on 9th February in the Neuadd Committee Room

## LETTER FROM AMERICA

The best places are always off the map... by Sean O'Neill

We wanted to travel, (my wife and I) and with our National Holiday of Thanksgiving approaching and with it some time off, we thought this could be the time to experience the joys of exploring another culture and place!

Being of Celtic stock, (last name's O'Neill) loving great conversation, fond of a wee bit of drink to grease the conversational wheels and an appetite for sharp wit and great humor we, (my wife Mary Alice being a true champion in letting me think I actually possess some wit) decided that it would be great if we could find some wonderful scenery, old castles and history and perhaps some contact with the locals. In movie terms: CUT TO: A5 motorway - Northern Wales, East of Llangollen.

Happy to be out of England, (you know what I mean) we found our way west, crossing into Wales, my Celtic heart beating faster. I was getting tired, (don't sleep on planes) and driving on the wrong side of the road was taking its toll, had made a few turns where I instinctively turned to our side of the road... (oops sorry mate), time to stop, get a drink and settle in for the fast approaching night. My OS map of Great Britain listed the nearest town of Corwen, but we were some miles from that and I really wanted to get out of the car.

Mary Alice spotted a sign for Carrog, a narrow road, (and what I thought was just another amazing 'photo-op' for her in a country that was growing more beautiful and more interesting with each passing mile) and with that sharp right turn we saw a stunning sight fast approaching, a fantastic stone bridge spanning a running river and what appeared to be some buildings one with a sign indicating a possible pub in the waning light!! AHA...

Could this be the moment where my pub fantasies begin to take flight? But with my wife's words of, "It's probably some sort of art and crafts shop" as she zoomed in with her camera lens, "I think there is some sort of bird on the sign..." that sinking feeling began to hit me as I stared out at this, still worth the view no matter if I would have to get back in the car and drive to Corwen. So that is how we began our first day in Wales and how we landed in Carrog, the highlight (of many) of our stay in Wales.

Suffice to say, 'thanks be to God', for that was no Art and Craft shop we spent

the better part of the evening and some of the morning in. More on The Grouse and the locals we met, (a whole other story for they are that interesting, and made our trip and our impression of Wales all that much more special) and on Wales in general in perhaps another issue... to be continued as they say.

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## FUNERAL MRS. V. M. FANNING

To all those who so kindly attended the funeral of our aunt we would like to say a sincere thank you.

Some of you we will have met on our frequent visits to her and Mr. Fanning while he was alive, and we know they both were very happy living in the village and for having made so many friends. We were hoping to meet you all at the funeral, which had to be arranged at a distance, but alas our car threw an aberration on the very morning of the funeral and was not fixed until too late for us to attend. So this letter is to express our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for giving Violet Fanning a good send-off.

Alan & Marion Thoburn.  
Telephone: 01702 541760

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## Llangollen and District Pool League

Thursday 8th January

'The Star B' 2 - 5 'The Grouse'

Victories for Elen Jones, Mair Fox, Jamie Lea, Ian Dillon and Mathew Jones.

Thursday 15th January

'The Grouse' 2 - 5 'The Wynnstay'

Victories for both Elen Jones and Ian Dillon.

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## SNOOKER

And, yes, we did omit to publish the news that Carrog had won their December game against Cerrig y Drudion (B) by a score of 5 to 1. So belated congratulations and now they are on a winning streak we wish them all the best for the rest of the season.

The Club has existed since the Neuadd was first remodelled in 1981 and aspiring players are always welcome.

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## Dillon's Progress

Having left the "valley of tranquility" in search of furthering my education, I have arrived at the bustling suburbs of Lancaster and Morecambe(!) to study physiotherapy, health and sports studies. Lancaster can only really be described as similar in stature to Chester as both are classed as historical cities and are more or less the same size.

University has afforded me many opportunities of work and pleasure, which I am fortunate in that I have combined working as a trainee 'physio' with a professional football team to actually training and hopefully playing for them.

On the lighter side of recreation I have also been given the opportunity to 'disc jockey' on a regular basis with a full time job working on behalf of the student union at one of the many bars. Other than those two main aspects it has basically been academic work (all those stories of wild parties and acts of sheer lunacy are a lie I can assure you!).

Finally I'd just like to thank everyone who I will have served a pint for over Christmas for the usual banter and words of wisdom, hopefully the same will occur when I return sometime around Easter.

Ian Dillon

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## CORWEN HEALTH CENTRE FEBRUARY 2004

'Breast Test Wales' will be in Corwen this February. Screening is by automatic postal appointment for all women between the ages of 50 and 64. Breast screening is important because 1 woman in 11 in the UK develops breast cancer at some time in her life, most often after 50.

Screening finds those changes that often cannot be seen or felt. Early diagnosis offers the best chance of full recovery. Women who reach 65 in this year, and those over 65 will not receive an automatic appointment.

If you wish to be screened please telephone or write to North Wales Breast Screening Centre, Maes Du Road, Llandudno LL30 1QZ Tel. 01492 860888 and you will be sent an appointment. Whatever your age - please contact your doctor if you notice any unusual changes in your breasts - even if you have been screened recently.

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**OWAIN GLYNDWR  
 SEEN IN CARROG!**

Those of you who thought that you had seen a reincarnation of Owain Glyndwr's army in full medieval costume one Saturday night in January were not far mistaken! They were members of a re-enactment society who had hired the Neuadd for a night after a mediaeval banquet.

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**DIARY**

**Young Operatic in Llangollen**  
 The 'Young-uns' in Alice in Wonderland. 7.00 p.m. on February 5th, 6th and 7th at Llangollen Town all with local artistes - Charlotte Davies, Gemma Jones, Kath Lloyd and Heather Blair. See posters for further details.

**Snooker Club Fixtures**  
 3rd Feb. Carrog v Llandrillo (B)  
 10th Feb. Carrog v Llandrillo (A)  
 2nd round team Knockout Cup  
 17th Feb. Ysbyty Ifan (A) v Carrog  
 24th Feb. Ysbyty Ifan (B) v Carrog

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**JOB VACANCY**

Care and support required for local man with learning disabilities and Alzheimer's.  
 Two days per week Good rates of pay and holiday entitlement.  
 For further information please ring Nathan on 07909 918147 .  
 Further hours available.

**Local Government  
 (Miscellaneous Provisions)  
 Act 1982**

**Public Entertaining Licensing.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for the renewal of the public entertainment license permitting Music and Dancing has been made to Denbighshire County Council in respect of :

CARROG COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
 VILLAGE HALL,  
 CARROG,

in respect of the Following Hours:  
 MONDAY TO SATURDAY  
 7 p.m. to 11.45 p.m.

Any Person wishing to make any representations on the above application must do so IN WRITING to the:  
 Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Services, Licensing section,  
 Denbighshire County Council,  
 Wynnstay Road, Ruthin. LL15 1YN  
 within 14 days of the appearance of this notice.

D. C. Roberts, Carrog, Corwen  
 28th January 2004

PLEASE NOTE: A small charge will now have to be made for all advertising.

Annual adverts are £5.00 per month whilst classified adverts will be £1.00. Charges for other adverts on application.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**Wanted** automatic clothes washing machine in good condition. Tel: Zoe 01490 430689

**For Sale** Vented LPG gas fire for lined or unlined chimney. Four heat settings. 01490 430397

**For Sale** Pale green ladies wing chair. Offers.

Bunk Beds - Little used. Mahogany finish full 3' size. Can be used as separate beds Offers. 01490 430220.

**And finally** watch out for Sue Ventre on 'Good Morning' TV 10.30 a.m. on 17th February

  
**GROUSE  
 INN**  
*Proprietor: Sarah Kenrick*  
 The Grouse Inn, Carrog, Corwen LL21 9AT.  
 Tel: 01490 430272  
 • Beer Garden overlooking River Dee  
 • 2 minutes walk from the Train Station  
 • Open All Day for Food and Drinks