



£5 prize to anyone who can spot the April Fool prank in this edition - you will have to look hard because it is very subtle!

This month's edition carries an update on the raising of the weight restriction on the bridge which now seems inevitable but hopefully the Council will do something to warn long vehicles of the difficult access.

We have also started to spend our grant money on the purchase of a camera, so we hope to have residents using it and submitting pictures and stories to Y Bont.

SUCCESS AT THE URDD

Ysgol Carrog pupils gained successes in the regional Urdd Eisteddfod in Llangollen this month.

Arts and Crafts - Poppy Edwards, Hollie Edwards, Sioned Roberts, Bethany Smith.

Stage Events - Under 8 Recitation Abbie Jones

Under 10 Recitation - Oliver Knight

Under 12 Recitation - Eleanor Sansom

Piano Solo - Alice Gonzalez

The Band and Recorder Group were first in the Regional Eisteddfod and in the County Eisteddfod and will now represent Denbighshire in the National Urdd Eisteddfod in Rhuthun.

Poppy Edwards also gained second in the County Urdd Eisteddfod for her painting

RHYS WEBB, O.B.E. OPENS NEW COUNCIL HQ

In honour of his long service to Local Government of over 50 years, our own Rhys Webb was invited to officially open the New County Hall in Rhuthun, on Friday 31st March.

Rhys served as Councillor and Chairman of Merionethshire, Clwyd and Denbighshire County Council. He became Chairman of the Denbighshire County Council Private Finance Initiative Board from the start of the project to its completion, heading the team which made County Hall a reality..

CORWEN CAR PARKING

It seems increasingly likely that charges for parking in Corwen will be imposed by the County Council. Legislation passed in 1996 allows for car parking charges to be levied, but Corwen and other towns had a levy of zero pence applied at the time.

The proposal to standardise parking charges across the county was included in the budget proposals for 2006 and passed at a full Council meeting.

The proposals included Corwen with a number of other towns in Denbighshire making it impossible to now separate out any individual Town from the standardisation of parking charges.

However, the Community Council is totally opposed to this charge and has asked for a meeting with the County Council to discuss the implications, especially in view of the fact that there is an almost complete lack of alternative parking. As a result the County Council are now meeting with the Community Council and Business Community in Corwen on Thursday 27th April 2006 and no charges will be applied until after this meeting.

Feelings are running very strongly in the area and have resulted in one protest so far, which caused disruption to traffic on the A5.

CYMDEITHAS CARROG

ParOur annual carol singing around the village collected £140 and the money has : already gone towards the "Anthony Nolan Trust" which we all know has played an important part in Anna Culshaw's recovery. We wish to thank all the singers and musicians and a special thank you to everybody who contributed.

In January some of us went to see the pantomime "Dick Whittington Rock'n Roll" at Theatre Clwyd, Mold. Everybody enjoyed themselves and the standard of all who took part was excellent. Thank you also to Edwin Jones who organized the trip and we look forward to the next one!!

At the end of February we held our annual evening to celebrate St. David's Day, this seems to be a popular evening and everybody enjoyed the excellent food prepared by Eirian and Edwin Jones Ty Mawr and ladies of the society. This year's entertainment was provided by "Hogie'r Berferddwlad" who were very good and a special thank you to Sion Dolben Hughes and Alun Williams for their contribution.. Thank you very much to everybody who contributed towards the evening's success.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness we report the death of Joan 'The Grouse' Jones at the family home near Shrewsbury. Joan was well known as the licensee of the Grouse Inn, which together with her late husband Bob, she ran from 1970 to 1980. She leaves a son Alan and family to whom we send our deepest sympathy.

The Committal was held at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Monday April 10th at 1.20pm.

DAMAGE AND THEFT AT CHURCH

The Church suffered an attack of vandalism and theft between midnight on Saturday 25th March and early Sunday morning. The security lights were damaged and the matt was taken from the porch. It is thought the attack took place around 3 to 5 am. Any information would be gratefully received and don't forget the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111.

DOUBLE FIRST FOR YSGOL CARROG CHILDREN!

We set off from the new bus stop in Llidiart y Pare at 9.30 a.m. on Monday March 20th. The children from Ysgol Caer Drewyn, Corwen and their teachers were already on the bus and those from Llantysilio were to join us in Llangollen.

We had all been looking forward to our Cardiff trip for weeks and planned what to take with us - plenty of sweets to last for three days!

Our first stop was for lunch in a picnic area near Hereford while Dave, our bus driver had his break and then on to the Big Pit in Blaenafon for a real adventure. Wearing helmets and lights we went down 300 feet in a big cage. Our guide explained all about the miners' life underground and how children no older than ourselves had to work pushing coal trams and carrying coal. We saw the stables at the bottom of the pit shaft where the pit ponies spent their lives when they were not working pulling the coal trams. It was a very exciting experience until our guide put out all the lights and we experienced total darkness.

Leaving Big Pit we headed for the Urdd Centre in Cardiff Bay and were eager to see the bedrooms where we were to stay for two nights. Our visit included a tour of the new Millennium Centre with its fantastic Concert Hall where many famous people have performed and we went into the Dressing Rooms which had been used by Will Young and Il Divo for the Royal Variety Show. Following the tour we were welcomed by Hywel, our Urdd host, had supper and then went Ten Pin Bowling in the nearby complex. We collapsed into our beds at ten o'clock after a long exciting day and quickly fell asleep.

The following day started with a full cooked breakfast before travelling to Saint Fagan, the Welsh Folk Museum. We toured the different houses, the Victorian School, the Cockpit which had once been in Denbigh, the Celtic Village and the House of the Future. Lunch was provided by the Urdd which we ate under cover because of the bitterly cold wind. Our return to the Urdd Centre was via Asda where some of the children "needed" more sweets before the evening trip. We had a rest in our rooms before supper and then it was off to the cinema to see the Pink Panther. Afterwards it was back to the Centre for a Disco organised by Hywel who taught us the Urdd dance and played a lot of our favourite music. After yet another tiring day we were certainly ready for bed! Next day's breakfast was at 8.30 as we were off to the Senedd which was just across the road from our accommodation. Karen Sinclair, our local AM gave us a talk about what happens at the Senedd and took us on a tour of the new building to show us where everything goes on. We also met Janet Ryder who answered all our

questions. After the tour we walked around Cardiff Bay, returned to the centre for lunch and then it was back on the bus for our journey home, where we finally arrived at 6.30 p.m. after having the time of our lives.

And the Firsts? We are the first schools from Denbighshire to stay at the Urdd Centre and the first from North Wales to visit our new Senedd.

Year 5 & 6 pupils.

YSGOL CARROG PUPILS AT THE SENEDD



YSGOL CARROG - St. David's Day Concert



BRIDGE UPDATE

You will have noticed that the official traffic orders have now been published notifying that the weight limit is to be raised to 18 tonnes to comply with current European legislation. Denbighshire County Council officers have agreed to investigate the possibility of improved signage at the approaches to the Village warning traffic of the restricted access to and width of bridge for long vehicles.

Y BONT GRANT

We have now spent the first part of our grant on purchasing a Canon SLR camera and will shortly be organising a free course for all residents who wish to use it. If you would like to attend the course it would be helpful if we had some idea of numbers, so please contact Y Bont through any of the contact numbers on the adverts page

CLASSIFIEDS

New feature - Free small adverts to Village residents dependent upon limitations of space.

Daihatsu Sportrack 4X4. 1990 MOT to October, taxed to end of April. Good condition and tyres. £695 ONO. 430397

RAMBLINGS FROM THE RIVER BANK

“Satellite Navigation Systems are destroying rural communities” was the theme of several newspaper articles this month. There are increasing complaints from rural communities that the drivers of large lorries are now blindly following in-vehicle satellite navigation systems which are set to show the shortest routes. As a result very large wagons are ending up on roads far too narrow and twisty for their size with the result they become stuck, causing traffic jams and considerable inconvenience to local people. In fact in some areas the impact has been so great there are calls for the removal of unclassified roads from the maps used by these systems.

On at least two occasions in the last few years, their use by large articulated lorries has blocked roads in and around Carrog. On the first an extremely large articulated lorry stopped outside Dewis Dyddyn with the unmistakable sound of air being expelled from powerful brakes. The vehicle totally filled the road and blocked it to all traffic save pedestrians and pedal cyclists. The driver was German and had a delivery for the industrial estate in Corwen, but the driver's Company had given him a GPS co-ordinate not for the Llidiart Estate, but to Llidiart y Parc via the back road.

He had quickly realised his lorry, not only by virtue of weight but also sheer length, would not cross the bridge. He also expressed grave doubts about continuing along the Ty Nant Road towards Glyndyfrdwy. I confirmed his doubts in the belief that such a large vehicle would be unable to negotiate the numerous sharp bends. In fact we were both wrong, but more of that later.

With admirable and remarkable skill he reversed back through the village, avoiding the numerous parked cars and eventually managing to get back on route by some careful manoeuvrings around the Maes y Llan junction, but again causing a complete blockage of the road.

On the second occasion whilst returning from Glyndyfrdwy along the back road I found the road very nearly blocked by an equally large articulated lorry whose French driver had followed his GPS along the back road from Llangollen and had continued to follow it when it directed him up the Bwlch y Goch road to Bryneglwyns. He made the first 100 yards before bends and the steepness of the road stopped him and he then slid backwards, becoming lodged on the triangle of grass bank at the bottom of the road, not quite blocking both roads. He was wedged on the grass bank so firmly the vehicle was immobilised.

A breakdown wagon had to be called out and several hours later the tow truck followed by the artic came down the Ty Nant Road into the Village, thereby proving that the German driver and myself were both wrong in our belief such large vehicles cannot negotiate the back road. Most of the verges and even some of the hedges ended up layered across the road.

There are still several areas of the British Isles for which no computerised maps have been produced for these systems and amongst them is the Isle of Man. Attempt to use one of these systems in the Island and simply offers the advice, “Go to the nearest road”. I wonder if this is a polite way of telling drivers to ‘go away’ - or words to that effect!

NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR NEUADD

The change in Licensing Laws has resulted in a new application having to be made for the Neuadd. The Licensing Act 2003 requires a licence to be issued for regulated entertainment - plays, films, indoor sporting events, live and recorded music, performances of dance and anything of a similar description: the provision of entertainment facilities - the making of music, dancing and anything of a similar description: the provision of late night refreshment - suppers, etc: and the supply of alcohol. All events held in the hall from children's school concerts to church fetes require to be licensed even if no alcohol is to be served. It is not anticipated that the Neuadd will be in use for very many more events than at present (currently about 12 late nights per year) but we have had to word the licence to be as flexible as possible to allow for events such as Carols round the Christmas Tree, Carrog Carnival or private parties. Under the requirements of the Act, a holder of a personal licence has to be designated personal supervisor for the supply of alcohol, and we are indebted to Sarah Kenrick for agreeing to take on this role.

The application has involved considerable hard work and a lot of time by the Chairman and Secretary of the Neuadd with the final result being 8 envelopes each containing 30 pages!

DIARY AND OTHER BITS

Shop/Post Office open at the Neuadd every Tuesday and Thursday 9.00am to 12noon (orders can be placed by ‘phoning Tina on 01490 430221)

LLANSANTFFRAID 8th April - Llansanffraid Coffee Morning (Easter Fayre) 10.00am in the Neuadd.

CARROG CARNIVAL Saturday 27th May. Followed by Pig Roast and Disco

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT - Advance notice - Saturday 1st July at Llan Farm. All welcome. Followed by:

Shoot Dance in the evening - full details in next issue.

LLANSANTFFRAID'S FRIENDS LOTTERY

The March draw was won by Dr. Max Gibbs

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Neuadd Carrog Village Hall Committee, Carrog LL21 9AS

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Mondays to Thursdays between 09.00 - 22.00 hours
Fridays and Saturdays between 09.00 - 23.59 hours
Sundays between 09.00 - 22.00 hours

The full application can be inspected by contacting Denbighshire County Council Licensing Authority.

Representations can be made between 21st March 2006 and 19th April 2006 IN WRITING TO The Principal Licensing Officer at:-

Planning and Public Protection Services
Denbighshire County Council
Russell House
Churton Road
RHYL
Denbighshire LL18 3DP
Email: licensing@denbighshire.gov.uk
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SNOOKER

28th February Bala 2 - Carrog 4

NEUADD LOTTERY

1st No. 14 Commander Bradshaw
2nd No. 36 Mrs Janet Jones

A 5 BLUES

Unaccustomed as I am to speaking out this way,
I feel it's gone on long enough and I need to have my say.
No matter where I travel in this green and pleasant land -
THESE BLINKIN' ROADWORK TRAFFIC LIGHTS ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND!!

Oh! Goodness me! I lost it then - I do apologise.
I don't know what came over me. I hope you realise
I'm normally quite timid and don't get into a state.
BUT FIVE RED LIGHTS THIS MORNING MADE ME TWENTY MINUTES LATE!!

Oh gosh! I'm getting cross again, I really must calm down
If I'm to keep my sanity when travelling into town.
We need to have the roads repaired, of that I'm well aware.
But.... THIS GREEN OR RED LIGHT LOTTERY'S GOT ME PULLING OUT MY HAIR!!

I know - I have a cunning plan to counteract the stress.
I won't allow frustration to reduce me to a mess.
I'll keep my cool and count to ten - I will not be defeated.
SO COME ON! GET A MOVE ON! GET THIS STUPID WORK COMPLETED!!

What joy! How nice to travel on this smooth and level road.
Normality's been restored again - I'm back in "happy mode".
My hubby needs a medal just for putting up with me.
COS I'M A BACK SEAT DRIVER- JUST THE PASSENGER, YOU SEE!!

Annie Yaxley



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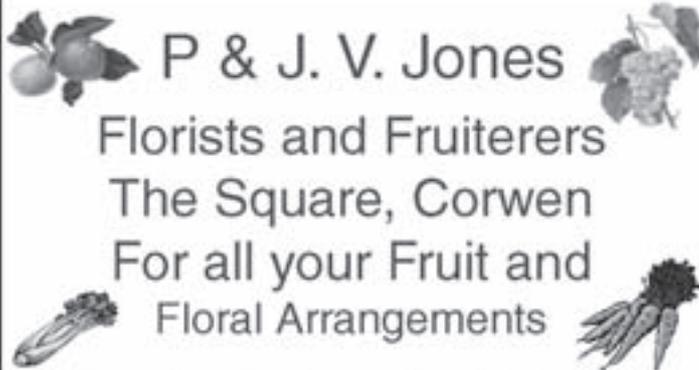
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