

# LLANWDDYN NEWSLETTER

Awst/August 2009

Newyddion a Digwyddiadau \_\_\_\_\_ Covering the News and Events  
pentref Llanwddyn of Llanwddyn

## SERVICES at St. Wddyn's

There will be a service of Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer each Sunday at 11.15 a.m.

The Rev. Edward Yendall  
The Vicarage  
Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant  
SY10 0JZ

Telephone: 01691780660

Welcome to all.

Croeso I bawb.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

August

\* **2nd Linda Roberts**  
9th Margaret Jandrell  
16th Judith Jandrell  
23rd Margaret Hughes  
30th Mabel Roberts

\*Will the first lady in each month kindly ensure that everyone is able to do their flowers.

Thank you

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If you have anything to go in  
the Newsletter

E.g. A forth coming event

Birthday greetings

Congratulations

Any thoughts or ideas

that you would like to share

Please send to

[annettegriffiths@llanwddyn.com](mailto:annettegriffiths@llanwddyn.com)

Or drop it in at the Post Office.

Thanks

## FROM THE VICAR

August is generally a time of the year when people's thoughts turn towards recreation and holidays. In a word, something of a space is sought from the duties of everyday life. This is a very good thing, as many people are under great pressures from the fast-moving world that we live in. We also have the constant presence of the media which often is hardly conducive to relaxation of any sort.

May one suggest that in this month of August that time is made available for relaxation and recollection, if this is at all possible. In the Gospels, we see that Jesus made time to pray and to go to quiet places apart to do this, together with His disciples. As we make time in this way for prayer, we need to remember that God loves us, is present with us and also wishes to speak to us through the words of Scripture.

One discovers that such time is time very well spent since it restores a sense of perspective and proportion to our lives and we discover what is important in them and what is not. This is bound to reduce the levels of stress from which many of us suffer. When we discover what our priorities should be, it is then easier for us to accomplish the things we need to do with greater ease.

I wish you a happy and relaxed August.

Wrth feddwl am y byd sydd ohoni gwelsom y problem o bryder sy'n effeithio llawer o bobl yn ein hoes. Yn yr efengyl yr ydym ni'n cofio yr oedd Iesu ei hun wedi mynnu fod ei ddisgyblion yn cael lle i weddio mewn lleoedd unig i gofio yr oedd Duw yn bresennol yn eu bywydau. Felly, mae'n haws i feddwl am ein hunain a gymryd amser yn ystod mis Awst i ymlacio a feddwl am y pethau sy'n bwysiga inni ac i Dduw.

Edward Yendall.

# Last News from Ysgol Efyfnwy - Newyddion Olaf o Ysgol Efyfnwy

## August - 2009 - Awst

On Thursday, June 11th, Darren Mayor and the Impact Schools' Team Bus Came to school. The children enjoy seeing Darren—especially when he brings the bus.

Thanks Darren for all your visits!

### Thank you - Diolch yn fawr

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our efforts in the Yellow Woods Challenge this year.

We were awarded -

**2nd** Place and won £200 prize and a nature detectives kit.

The prize money will be spent on Eco Activities at Ysgol Pennant next term.

Friday, June 26th saw the children of the Infant Class going to see a 'Rala Rwdins' Show at Banw Primary School.

They all thoroughly enjoyed it.

On Tuesday, June 23rd some of the children joined the older pupils of Ysgol Pennant on a visit to St Asaph's Cathedral.

### Congratulations!

To Shane, Lucy, Dale and Awel on successfully completing their Cycling Proficiency Awards this term.

### The Summer Term is traditionally one full of sporting activities, this term being no exception!

Football and Netball Competitions—Llanfechain Fun Day, Friday, June 5th  
The Efyfnwy/Llanfihangel joint football team won the small schools football competition, beating Pennant in the final.

While the Efyfnwy, Pennant, Llanfihangel netball team came second to Pontrobert in the Netball competition.

Well Done children - great team spirit!!

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On Thursday, June 18th all the children of Ysgol Pennant came to spend the day at Ysgol Efyfnwy. They spent the morning enjoying a variety of activities—

Archery with Dave Bethania, Pond Dipping with Jan and the RSPB, Boxercise with staff from Llanfair Leisure centre staff and cookery club with school staff.

After lunch Ysgol Llanfihangel pupils joined us all for our **School Sports**.

We'd like to express our thanks to Dave, Jan and all the staff at Llanfair Caereinion Leisure Centre for all their support.

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On Friday, June 19th we held a **Rounders Competition** on the football pitch. Seven teams in total came and took part with Ysgol Pennant being victorious.

We'd like to thank all the teams who came and supported.

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### Saturday, June 19th—Pennant Fun Day

A joint girls team of Ysgol Pennant and Efyfnwy girls came second in the girls football competition. The children of Ysgol Efyfnwy and Ysgol Llanfihangel once again joined together for the 'boys' football competition, making it through to the semi final.

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### Myllin Area Sports—Thursday, June 25th

Ysgol Efyfnwy children and children from other schools in the cluster, spent the morning taking part in 60, 80, 200 and 800 metre races, and relays at Llanfyllin High School.

# Last News from Ysgol Efyrrwy - Newyddion Olaf o Ysgol Efyrrwy

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On Saturday afternoon, June 27th, 2009 the school was filled with the sound of shared memories as past pupils, staff and friends came to visit the Exhibition which had been arranged to celebrate education at Ysgol Efyrrwy since 1950. The current pupils gave excellent performances to end the afternoon. Refreshments had been provided throughout the afternoon by Jane Johnson and Margaret Probert in the canteen.

Later that evening, past pupils and staff, under the excellent direction of Alwyn Hughes, also a past pupil, provided all those present to an evening of great entertainment. Eilir Ellis was in charge of sound and supper was provided by Ty Cerrig, Meifod.

The school would like to thank each and everyone who contributed in any way to making the day so memorable. Diolch o galon i bob un ohonoch.



The children singing during the afternoon



Alwyn Hughes, compere for the evening



Past pupils sharing a happy memory

### A very busy 3 day residential school trip to Cardiff, July 2nd - 4th, 2009

On Thursday evening we arrived at Cardiff in time to enjoy a wonderful production of the Show Beauty and the Beast at The New Theatre.

On Friday we met Mick Bates, AM for Montgomeryshire at the Cynulliad for a guided tour.

Thanks Mick, we all enjoyed the tour very much and thanks also for the accommodation!!

On from there for an open top bus tour of Cardiff before enjoying a tour of the Millennium Stadium.



Another bus tour back around the Bay to visit the Science Exhibition at Techniquet, supper and Ten Pin Bowling.



Saturday was our last day in Cardiff, the weather had been wonderful and everyone wanted to stay another day!! After breakfast we went to Sain Fagan, the National Museum of Wales, where we visited the house of Rosie and Shane's great grandparents.



After lunch and another hour around the Museum it began to rain and so reluctantly, we started our journey home. We arrived home safely thanks to Eilir Ellis who stepped in to drive our bus and Mrs Bates who took her vehicle. A great trip that we shall all remember for a very long time. Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb am eich cwmni!

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Weekend visit to Ty Gwyn  
Friday, July 10th - Sunday July 12th

Once again the children accompanied by Mrs Ellis and Rhian were off on holiday!! This time they were spending the weekend with the children and Headteacher, Jane Peate from Ysgol Pontrobert at Ty Gwyn. There they get the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities including canoeing, pot holing, rock climbing.



We'd like to thank Nia and Rhian for accompanying the children and thus enabling them to enjoy the great experiences they had at Ty Gwyn. Thanks also to Jane for her kind invitation and we hope she invites the children again next year as they'd all enjoyed it very much.

The Last Supper  
At 'Y Dyffryn', Foel  
Wednesday, July 15th, 2009

Ysgol Efyrrwy parents arranged an evening for the children and their families and the staff and their families as a Final Farewell.

The children presented staff members with a gift as a token of thanks.

Entertainment was provided by 'Triawd Moeldrehaearn'.

David Thomas, Chairman of Governors thanked everyone and he also was presented with a gift as a token of appreciation for all that he has done for the School as parent, friend and Chair of Governors.



All the staff wish to thank everyone for their support and generosity and we wish Lucy and Shane all the best at the High School and wish all the very best to Rosie, Carwyn, Ruth, Siwan, Bryn, Xander, Awei and Dale at Ysgol Pennant.

Pob hwy! i chi blant yn y dyfodol.

### Llanwddyn Cylich Meithrin

It was a sad day on Thursday, July 16th when Margaret Davies hung up her 'Mudiad' pinny for the last time. She had been with the Cylich for nine years and we all appreciate her hard work and dedication to the Cylich.

We wish her all the best for the future.

When the Cylich reopens in September, we will be welcoming new staff - Ceri Roberts as Cylich Leader and Rhian Roberts as Cylich Assistant and we wish them both a happy time with us at the Cylich.

We will continue to meet - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the 'Old Library'

For further details, contact Ceri - 860480 or Janet, Registered Person - 870636

## British Legion Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Mornings in the Social Room, those who gave prizes and those who bought the raffle tickets. Here is a list of the winners.

Margaret Probert Wine  
Annette Griffiths Wine  
Julie Williams Vodka  
Richard Badeley Cider  
Margaret Hughes Chocs  
Glyn jones Books  
Gwenfron Coat hangers  
Maldwyn Wine

Glyns' Mom Groceries  
Heather Knowles Towel  
Vic Clark Book  
Steve Thomas Toiletries  
Audrey Jones Mugs  
Linda Roberts Mugs  
Jen Barratt Candle  
Wendy Hair set  
Gwen Evans Soap

A total of £110-10p was raised to boost our funds.  
Thank you again

Linda Roberts

### LLANWDDYN SENIORS

#### Annual Cake Stall – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2009

We shall be holding the Cake Stall from the garage opposite Artisans on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> August this year. It will begin at 1 pm and continue until “sold out”. Will everyone willing to contribute cakes and/or produce suitable for this and needs it to be collected please let me know the week before the sale. Also, please don't forget to come and buy. Notices will be posted at The Dafarn and the Post Office.

We made a record amount last year. Let's try and do it again!

Iris

## **Cyngor Cymuned Llanwddyn Community Council Adroddiad/Report**

A meeting of the Llanwddyn Community Council was held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 at the Community Centre chaired by Cllr. Frances Ellis. The Community Council received a letter from the local and Environmental Services of Powys County Council responding to the community Council's questions on the future use of the school site. It was explained that the process involves the process by which Powys, in the first instance, will be assessing if they will want to retain the building for their own use by the Leisure and Recreation department as an example. There is a need to examine any restrictive covenants that exist on the property. They have also been given indication by Planning of possible uses that could be permitted such as non-residential training/conference centre, nursery/health centre etc. Enquiries are being made to establish if this building is listed. Applications by the Half Marathon and Football Club for use of the school facilities after closure are being considered. Negotiations regarding the Canteen and Kitchen facilities is also in hand.

Other matters raised included at the Community Council was the access to Telephone Kiosk and who is responsible for maintenance of the access drives to the cartilage of the houses on the Abertridwr Estate. A letter received from the Football Club seeking clarification on continuing maintenance of the football field after the school closes. The question of cutting the grass verges was discussed and enquiries would be made. Street lighting by 17 Abertridwr was continually switched on and this will be reported on. There were potholes by Frongoch and on the Cowny Road needing attention and also at the junction of Tynllechwedd and the Tanyffordd road. A request be also made to the Highways to paint a slow sign on the road on the bend near Bontnewydd. Cllr Hywel Roberts was concerned at the state of the rubbish bin at the junction of Tanycaeau and asked why a container could not be placed in a more suitable location near to the Caravan park and the space by Ffriddgowny junction or by the Kiosk. A letter had been sent to Severn Trent asking them to take over the charge of the playground in the Top village as it is the tourist that make most use of the facility rather than the local community. Further discussions were held on the erection of a Bus shelter by the toilets. A planning application for siting of a extra Holiday Lodge and Holiday Static caravan and associated works within the existing caravan site at Lake Vyrnwy Holiday Home Park. A concern that was raised was that it would put additional pressure on existing restrictive water supply in the valley. Requests had been made to report the Kiosk in the Cowny Valley and at the top Village is often out of use. Information was also received from Powys Health Board on changes in the Service. Information was also received from Scottish Power Renewables on local consultation process. There will be a Drop in Day at Lake Vyrnwy Hotel on 1<sup>st</sup> of August between 12pm and 5pm and at Llwydiarth Village Hall 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 3pm- 7pm.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 27 of July 2009 at the Community Centre at 7.00 pm

J Gwyndaf Richards Clerk Lanwddyn Community Council

## **Llanwddyn Seniors – Rhyl Visit – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009**

The day started damp and misty when we set off from Dafarn, but gradually improved as we drove north. We had coffee at the Ponderosa on the Horseshoe Pass. As the weather forecast was for a better afternoon, we then made for the Tweedmill, which the ladies all enjoyed before heading for The Farmers Arms at Waen near St. Asaph.

We had a very warm welcome at The Farmers Arms, and time for a drink before our superb lunch. Everyone agreed that the meal was excellent, and the service and attention we received could not have been better. As we ate, the clouds cleared and the sun came out.

As we headed on to Rhyl, the weather improved even more, and we were able to have two hours in bright sunshine, fortunately cooled by a gentle sea breeze. Rhyl was looking splendid, as only the day before the judging of the Towns in Bloom competition had taken place and the flowers were delightful.

We left Rhyl at about 4.30 pm, and as we were running late for the journey home we decided to make straight for home on the main road. There was a slight hold up due to road works, but we completed the journey back in slightly over two hours. As usual, we had Mr. Gittins from Dolanog driving, so we were in good hands.

The choice for next year's outing was West Midlands Safari Park, although lunch will probably be held elsewhere en route. We are hoping some new members will be accompanying us in 2010.

Information about the Christmas Lunch arrangements this year will appear in the November issue of the Llanwddyn News. Once again, anybody reaching 60 who lives in and around Llanwddyn and wishes to join us either at Christmas or for the Summer outing will be made most welcome.

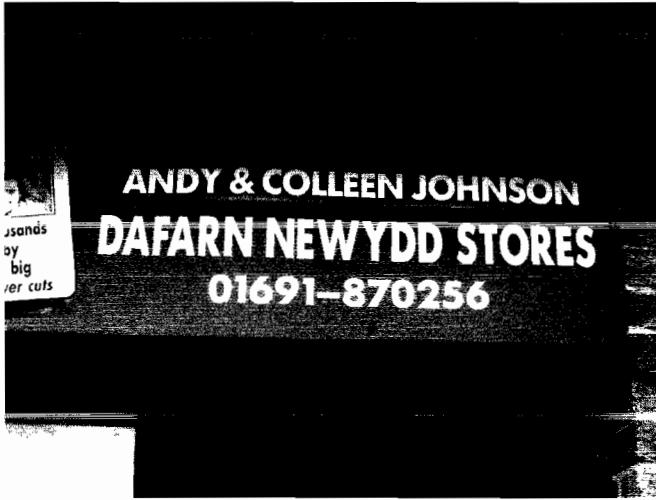
Iris

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## DAFARN NEWYDD STORE

We can hardly believe it is nearly three full months since we moved into the shop. In that time we have been busy stocking up on a wider range of items and building up a reserve stock so that we do not run out of items like drinks and tinned goods.



Our new sign arrived this month so now everybody knows who we are.

**News International** who provide us with the Sun, Times and News of the World have decided to deliver direct to us rather than through their original distributors, after some initial teething troubles this now appears to be working.

The **meat ordering service** in conjunction with Keegans Butchers at Llanrhaeadr is now up and running with us placing orders Monday to Wednesday and then collecting the meat on a Friday afternoon. If you wish to order any meat, then please contact us to discuss your requirements.

We are now looking at launching a **fresh fish ordering service** in the same way as the meat service. Using a company called "MaD about FISH" orders will be taken up to 2pm on a Wednesday and then delivered to Keegans on a Friday morning and be in the shop along with the meat. All fish is vacuum packed and prepared to your order. Further details are available in the shop.

Over the next month or so we plan to move one or two sections of the shop around to stock more fruit and fresh vegetables which we can get on a daily basis from West Felton Supplies Ltd. Any suggestions on what you would like stocked please feel free to let us know.

On the baby front we are now just 9 weeks away from the due date and eagerly counting down!



**Regards**  
**Andrew and Colleen**

# Get away from it all ...

## HOLIDAYS TOURS

### Eastbourne - Short Break

Situated at the foot of the South Downs, this decorous seaside town dates from the 1850s and is a charming destination.

21 August - 4 Days from £199

### Int'l Sheepdog Trials - Penrith

Lowther Park is the venue for the 2009 Trials. This trip offers a fantastic opportunity to visit the beautiful Lake District area or attend the trials.

10 September - 5 Days from £318

### Killarney & the Ring of Kerry

County Kerry is renowned for its natural beauty. Journey around the coastal road of the Ring of Kerry - 100 miles of spectacular scenery.

1 October - 8 Days from £455

### Turkey & Tinsel - Bournemouth

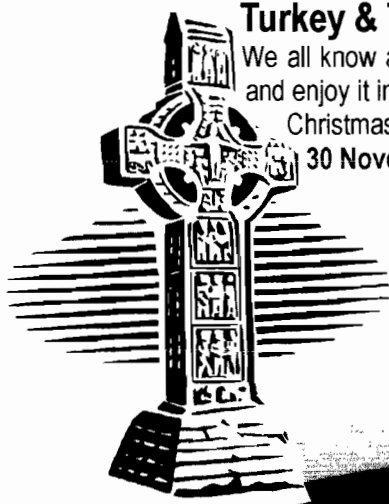
Back by popular demand this Christmas break will be in the heart of Bournemouth.

16 November - 5 Days from £239

### Turkey & Tinsel - Llandudno

We all know and love Llandudno, so relax and enjoy it in its winter glory, including full Christmas programme.

30 November - 5 Days from £210



## DAY TRIPS



### Cardiff Festival or St Fagans

Saturday 8 August . Adult £18 . Child £12

### Barmouth Beach & Market

Thursday 13 August . Adult £11.50 / Child £8

### Llandudno Carnival

Sunday 16 August . X2 Special

### Southport or Flower Show

Saturday 22 August . Adult £12 / Child £8 exc.

### Drayton Manor Park

Wednesday 26 August . Adult £32 / Child £26 inc.

### Alton Towers

Saturday 29 August . Adult £35 / Child £27 inc.

### Blackpool Beano

Saturday 5 September . Adult £14 / Child £9

### Chester/Zoo/Cheshire Oaks

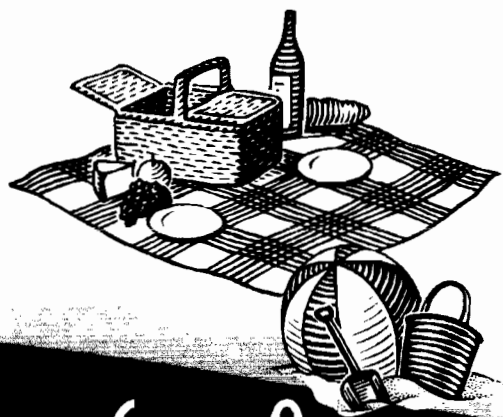
Saturday 12 September . Adult £12 / Child £8 exc.

### Lake District Tour

Saturday 19 September . Adult £19 / Child £12

### Malvern Autumn Show

Saturday 26 September . Adult £28 / Child £22.50 inc.



# Tanat Valley Coaches 01691 780212

## **Course for young drivers**

Young drivers in Powys are being urged by Powys County Council to take part in a course to gain valuable experience and skills to reduce their road risk.

The council's Road Safety Unit is facilitating the Pass Plus Cymru Scheme thanks to funding from the Welsh Assembly Government. The scheme, aimed at 17 to 25 year olds who hold a full driving licence, consists of a theory and practical session which are carried out by Approved Driving Instructors.

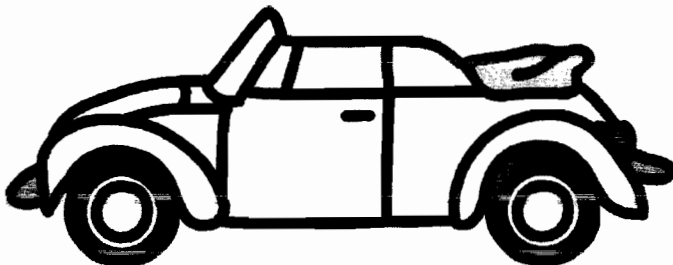
As well as reducing road risk and helping gain valuable experience and skills, young drivers may also be entitled to reduced insurance costs.

Sarah Morris, the council's Senior Road Safety Officer, said: "Young drivers are one of our most vulnerable road users and I truly believe that this course provides invaluable information and skills that will help to reduce the number of collisions on our roads."

Two courses will be taking place in Powys next month at:  
Llandrindod Wells Fire Station – Wednesday 12 August  
Newtown Fire Station – Wednesday 19 August

The cost of the course to each individual is £20. The Road Safety Unit, through funding from the Welsh Assembly Government, will pay the remaining £80.

Telephone Peter Wright on 01597 826979 for more information. Alternatively you can telephone 0845 050 4255 or visit [www.dragondriver.com](http://www.dragondriver.com) to book a place on your chosen course.



# August 2009



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