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The community news paper for Carrog and Lidiart y Parc

WE HAVE MADE IT - This is our twelfth edition completing one year since the first edition of iY Bontí was published. It has not been easy and has involved a lot of dedicated work by many people, Sue Jones for translating into Welsh, our delivery team and all those who have contributed. But a special thank you to everyone who has had enough faith to sponsor us on a month by month basis either with advertising or by contribution. We have now received a grant of £105 but this really only pays for one edition. We now need everyone to attend the Y Bont Birthday Bash on Saturday 2nd October to ensure we have enough funds to survive another year.

Coincidentally we are also back to three pages this month as we were in our first edition. This is due to a need to publish early but will hopefully lead to a bumper edition next month!

CROSSING THE BRIDGE

Most of us cross the bridge over the Dee several times every week without even thinking about it. To us it is just a means of getting from one side of the valley to the other without getting our feet wet.

Not all bridges are the same though, as we have found out on our visit to Sydney. Our Australian cousins' approach to crossing the river from one side to the other is slightly different to ours but we decided to try it out anyway after first taking a ferry around the harbour to see what was involved. And, yes, for our younger readers Carrog did once have a ferry, although this was some years ago.

We could have driven across, but thought that instead we would climb the bridge in company with lots of other tourists just to compare the experience with crossing our own bridge.

We had to book (and pay!) in advance and arrive at a specific time where, in groups of ten, we awaited our turn to cross in a small anteroom.

Crossing our Dee bridge does not require any particular safety training apart from hoping that car driving strangers will allow us sufficient time to scuttle into the ìrefugesî and remembering not to lean too far over the low parapet which does not have a safety rail. Sydney Harbour Bridge is another matter!

Apart from being questioned about our health and fitness, we were next breathalysed ñ (at 2.00 on a friday afternoon!) This was followed by having to empty all our pockets before being issued and zipped into what appeared to be large grey Baby Gro suits and waist harnesses. Our Guide then clipped on fleece jacket, beanie hat, scarf, gloves, headlamp, radio and headphones, handkerchief (attached to the wrist with a piece of elastic) and a very large roller clip. Looking like aliens from another planet we were then tested on our ability to climb and descend a vertical metal ladder before being finally passed as suitable candidates for the bridge crossing and firmly clipped onto a fixed safety cable to which we would remain attached until our return.

The Climb itself was not particularly strenuous but was rewarded with breath-taking views of Sydney. The sun was slowly setting as we ascended the ladders and catwalks to the top, before crossing over and descending to see the city lighting up for a winter (July!) evening. The pace was leisurely with stops for photographs and was accompanied by a radio commentary from our knowledgeable guide describing the bridge and its views. In all, by the time we had returned and removed all our ìkitî we had spent nearly 3½ hrs. on the climb. All thoughts of being fined for being late and missing the Early Doors club had long disappeared.

At 134 m. high and 1149 m. long Sydney Harbour Bridge is certainly rather larger than Bont Carrog. And at 52,800 tons it is certainly much heavier. But, being built in 1661, ours is 270 years older and as long as we look after and treat it with respect it should last for many more years to come.

Both bridges were built to serve exactly the same purpose however ñ to join together two halves of one community separated by a stretch of water!

Ian and Bron Lebbon

COFIO GLYNDWR FESTIVAL

On Friday 17th and Saturday 18th September a Cofio Glyndwr (Remember Glyndwr) Festival will be held in Carrog and Corwen. Around 20 Manx dancers and musicians and 10 Breton musicians are attending.

Friday the evening will start in Corwen Square with the Breton musicians playing. Everything will then move to Carrog for an evening of dancing and music in the Neuadd with a bar and refreshments. Cost of entry will be very low at £2.00 for adults with no charge for accompanied children. On Saturday there will be a workshop in Carrog for Manx dancing and dancing in Corwen later. At 3.00 p.m. there will be a medieval re-enactment on the Pavillion field, followed by a procession from the Square to the Pavillion for children, dancers and musicians. This is to be followed by a presentation to the Community Council of a replica dagger, followed by a short play about Glyndwr.

There will then be music and dancing from Welsh, Breton and Manx groups with a bar and refreshments. Entry will be free of charge. Please attend if you can as if this is a success the intention is to make the Festival a yearly event.

NEUADD LOTTERY WINNERS

1st prize Mr and Mrs P. Fisher £20

2nd prize Mr and Mrs Dave

'Manweb' Jones £10



Edgar Jones kindly provided this postcard of Carrog taken around 80 years ago. Any one recognise the people?

NEUADD CARROG

A meeting was held on Monday 16th August. Apart from future events already mentioned in this edition other matters discussed were:

Security - The Post Office are likely to use the Neuadd on a temporary basis and there is now no definitive list of keys issued as copies have been made. The lock is therefore to be changed to a high security lock in the near future.

Charging policy/hire conditions- it was agreed these should be updated to reflect changing conditions and these will be issued shortly.

Treasurers Report - Apart from explaining the financial position it was also gratefully noted that the Grouse has made a contribution of £100 for increased business at the Neuadd.

Curtains- the material has now been purchased and sent away for fireproofing.

A full copy of the minutes of the meeting are available upon request from the Secretary Janice Sheasby.

NEXT MEETING- MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 7.00 p.m.

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WELLIES AND WHEELBARROWS

With the harvest finally completed the time came to clean the hay making machinery and to put it to bed for another year. It's not a particularly thought provoking job but essential. So in the middle of a thunderstorm last week I worked up enough enthusiasm and made a start.

It should not have taken that long to clean and grease everything but in true Llan Farm fashion events overtook me. The haybob and the centipede presented no problems, however, the baler proved to be a more difficult prospect. In order to clear a wad of hay packed tight between the ram and the side of the chamber I climbed inside. Lying flat out and at full stretch I managed to clear the hay but it was at this point in the proceedings that I realised I was stuck. Being a born believer in panicking first and thinking later I kicked and struggled and only succeeded in getting my foot trapped in the bale press. After what felt like an eternity I managed to get my boot off and so freed my foot, I then pulled my belt off which allowed me to wriggle out. I think it might be a good idea to carry my mobile iPhone with me from now on.

The hire bull has gone home slightly earlier than both he and I wanted. We gathered the cows and pointed the bull into the field without too much difficulty (thus being lulled into a false sense of security). You can imagine my shock when having returned the cows to the field we met the bull coming at full pelt up the road in search of his harem. He wasn't amused at being parted from the ladies and I wasn't amused at his treatment of the shed door.

All the lambs have been weaned now and have gone to the lush ground and aftermath to fatten, whilst the ewes have been turned out to the higher land. I've spent some time going through the ewes sorting out which ones have got the pleasure of my company for another year and have trimmed all their feet.

With the poor weather I've only managed to get one small bank of bracken sprayed and as it poured down not long after I'd finished it was probably a waste of money and effort. You'd think by now I'd have learned not to trust the weather.

Gareth Llan.

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HEALTH MATTERS

What are warts?

The wart virus infects skin and makes it grow faster than normal and become toughened. Warts are most common on the hands, feet and face but they can grow almost anywhere in the body. They are infectious and some people, especially children, are more susceptible than others.

A verruca is a wart that grows on the sole of the foot. It grows into the skin rather than out because it is pressed on when you walk. Your body will build up resistance over a period of time and eventually the warts will disappear. This may take months or sometimes years but is the natural way the body deals with warts. If you allow them to disappear in this way you may escape any further ones as you will then be immune to that virus.

How can you get rid of warts?

There are two methods for getting rid of warts, either by freezing with liquid nitrogen or using wart paint or gel.

Wart paints and gels.

Every night after washing or soaking to soften the affected area you should:

Σ Rub away at the white, dead warty skin with a pumice stone or skin file, so that you get the top layer of the wart off before each treatment.

Σ Apply wart paint or gel (available from the chemist) getting as little as possible onto the surrounding skin

Σ Put a piece of surgical tape (micropore ñ from chemist) over the wart big enough to stop the paint getting rubbed off on the bed clothes overnight, or use the self sealing gel such as Bazooka.

Remember:

You will need to keep going until you get down just below the level of the surrounding skin to eradicate a wart completely. Stop when the base of the wart looks exactly like normal skin (i.e., no black dots or graininess) If they become sore or bleed a little, just leave off the treatment and carry on the following night. If verrucas are painful to walk on try covering them with a corn plaster ñ the type with a hole in the middle.

Liquid nitrogen (cryotherapy)

Available at the surgery: This method can cause pain, soreness and blistering but can cure 50% of warts after one or more treatment. Cryotherapy may cure some warts more quickly than wart gel or paint, but it will not cure more warts.

CARROG SUMMER FAIR

Winners of Carrog Summer Fair Craft Cups:

Adult Section - Judith Blair

Childrens Section - Sioned Lois Roberts

YSGOL CARROG

Carrog School will re-open on Thursday September 2nd and we welcome the new Bwniís who join the Nursery class - Sam Morris, Maddie Morris, Osian Roberts, Megan Jones, Francis Westbury, Joe Hilton and Maisie Fenner. Eight pupils will join the Reception class and attend full time education. They are - Bryn Smith, Julian Gonzales, Wezley Nash, Sam Hughes, Harry Smith Hughes, Imogen Cussick, Imogen Ferneyhough and Barra Liddy. We will also be joined by Chloe Jones from Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn, Cefnddwysarn who will be in Year four. We look forward to another busy and eventful year at Ysgol Carrog.

CHARITY AUCTION

This will be held on Saturday 16th October and we still need unwanted items of all types to put in it. The date may seem some distance away but catalogues have to be produced before the end of September so please do not delay in informing us if you have any items.

CONGRATULATIONS - ENGAGEMENT
To HAWYS, daughter of Ian and Bronwen
Lebbon and MATTHEW,
son of Linda Pierce of Denbigh.
Congratulations from both families
CONGRATULATIONS

To Debbie Davies and John Forward of 2,
Tai Teg, Llidiart y Parc, who were married at
Llwyn Onn Hall,
Wrexham on Friday 27th August.

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