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As you may have noticed in the last edition we have started to try and list events which are often several months away as well as events in the coming month. We hope this allows you to plan ahead and brings better attendance to those events. However, we can only put in Y Bont the events we are aware of - so please, if you are running events or know of any which may be of interest, even several months in the future, please do let us know.

Petty vandalism continues to concern the Village and particularly the Neuadd. This is particularly strange as the Neuadd is common property, effectively belonging to every person in Carrog and Parc and money and time spent putting things right effectively deprives everyone of money that could be used for other things to benefit the community. It is understandable that for a variety of reasons witnesses to such crime may be unwilling to report matters to the police but this month we have an article on Crimestoppers, a charity dedicated to allowing people to anonymously report crimes. The telephone call is free of charge and no record is made of the number calling and people are not asked for any details which would identify them. Strangely, however, it is still possible to anonymously receive awards where information leads to a prosecution.

### INFORMATION SOUGHT

Bill and Kay Farr have written to Y Bont asking if anyone knows the history surrounding the Plaque set in the wall on the Corwen back road between Rhagat Hall and the end of the wood. The plaque is inscribed:

**ROBERT HUTTON  
PRIEST**

**DIED JAN 28TH, 1910**

Any information please to the editors at Y Bont.

### CHARITY ASSISTS IN BATTLE AGAINST CRIME

Reporting crime can be a daunting task - not being sure if what we have seen or heard is truly relevant and whether we may be victimised for reporting it. However there is a safe and easy way that has in fact been around for a decade - Crimestoppers.

The charity runs a 24 hour free telephone line where people can anonymously report crime. Call centre staff will not ask the caller for any personal details and the callers 'phone number is not recorded or displayed. They may, however, ask the name of the village or area to identify where the crime happened.

If the information leads to a conviction it is also possible to claim a reward without revealing your identity.

Crimestoppers themselves say, "We are an independant charity working to stop crime. We are not part of the police service or any branch of government. We work for you, your family and your community."

Crimestoppers Wales have had considerable success in helping to solve crimes and this, they hope, will also help to reduce crime.

The Crimestoppers Helpline is **0800 555 111**. Further details can also be found on the web at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org/wales/](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/wales/)

### OBITUARY

It is with sadness we report the death of NANCY JONES, formerly of Maes y Llan but latterly of Cysgod y Gaer, who died on 18th October in Maelor Hospital. She was buried in Carrog Cemetry on 21st October.

### YSGOL CARROG

Ysgol Carrog was awarded the Star School prize for the third time in the Art Competition at the Llangollen Pavilion. All the children had been busy creating models and pictures based on the Africa theme. The school received a cheque for £100 and Eimear, Chloe and Sioned were awarded individual prizes for their work.

The Art work was displayed in the Neuadd on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> to raise funds for the Urdd Eisteddfod.

The school collected £150 for the Goat for Africa appeal. The children took part in the Harvest festival in church and covered card goats with coins. Money raised at the Cinderella play was also donated to the Goat appeal.

The children took part in a harvest service in the Methodist chapel where they sang and recited in Welsh.

The boys football team took part in the inter school festival and played 8 games against neighboring schools.

There are two students in the school at the moment. Sylvain from France and Dawn who is a student at Yale college.

#### School Events

December 1st Christmas Bingo 6:30 Neuadd Carrog  
December 14th Christmas Concert 6:30 Neuadd Carrog  
December 16th Christingle 2:15 Carrog Church



Not a lot has changed in 94 years or has it? This picture taken in 1909 shows ysgol Carrog probably on the day of its completion as the workmen are still carrying their tools.

## EDEYRNION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October we had a most enjoyable evening talk given by Mr Gareth V Williams of Wrexham. His subject was the Ellesmere Canal and the building of the remarkable aqueduct at Chirk by Thomas Telford — the young architect and engineer who was responsible for the building of the Holyhead Road among many other things.

The Ladies of Llangollen opened the aqueduct two hundred years ago in 1805 - close to the time of the Battle of Trafalgar. Mr Williams made us appreciate what an amazing piece of engineering genius that Mr Telford achieved. The project was started in the 1790's at a time when life was hard for most people, the only means of transport being on foot or by horse and mechanical help of all kind was far in the future.

As per usual, when people come to Carrog for the first time, Mr Williams commented on our lovely village hall, so warm and comfortable, and so also made us appreciate how lucky we are. Our next meeting will be in Cynwyd November 22<sup>nd</sup> when Mrs Kathleen Webb will be talking about the Llangwyfan Hospital and on January 24<sup>th</sup> we will be back in Carrog when Miss Jane Brunning will be telling us about the Denbighshire Court Rolls during the last decade of the eighteenth century.

### TOURIST SIGNS MEETING

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2005 at 7.00pm in the Neuadd to discuss the replacement of the blue tourist information signs on the A5 and other matters affecting tourism in Carrog and Parc. If you have any views on these signs regarding design, positioning etc please attend.

### NEUADD LOTTERY DRAW

1st £20 - No. 24 Jayne Knight

2nd £10 No.4 Janice Sheasby

### SNOOKER

11/10/05 Corwen B 4 - Carrog 2

18/10/05 Carrog 2 - Ysbyty Ifan 4

### EGLWYS CARROG CHURCH

There will be a meeting of the PCC on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m.

Details of "Christmas Services" will be available in the December issue of "Y Bont".

### THE FRIENDS LOTTERY

The October draw was won by Mrs. D. Lunsford.

### HISTORY OF SYCAMORE TERRACE

— now known as Glyndwr, Dolwar and Berwynfa

In 1841 the Tithe Map shows one of the cottages in the church yard, known as Tan Llan (below Llansantffraid Farm), was occupied by Margaret Jones, Grocer. The census for Tan Llan of 1851 shows the

Head of household as Margaret Jones aged 73 Grocer (Widow of David Jones) Also in residence was Daughter Margaret Jones aged 32 Unmarried Dressmaker ((Married April 1852 to Edward Jones Labourer)

About this time the Church of Llansantffraid Glyndyfrdwy wished to extend the churchyard and presumably paid the occupants of the cottages, including Margaret Jones, to vacate their premises, after which the cottages were duly demolished and the churchyard was considerably enlarged.

Margaret borrowed about £400 plus from the bank (the North & South Bank on the square in Corwen) and by 1858 had built the four cottages of Sycamore Terrace, so called because of the huge sycamore tree which stood outside No. 1. cottage.

Her motivation was the fact that Penarth Quarry had opened across the valley and being a business woman Margaret was looking to the Future. She also built the shed (which is still at the rear of No. 4) in which she housed a number of lodgers; men who had flocked to the village looking for work She turned the front room of No. 4 into her grocer shop.

In fact each tiny cottage, which she rented out to other families, had one or more lodgers in it as well as a family.

Census for No 4 Sycamore Terrace.. 1861

Head of household Margaret Jones aged 83 Widow/  
Grocer

Daughter Margaret Jones aged 43

Son in law Edward Jones aged 43 Labourer

Grand-daughter Elizabeth aged 7

“ Margaret aged 2

Plus lodgers. (To be continued)

Valmai Webb

### NEWS FROM SRI LANKA



The money raised in Carrog was sent to the Sri Lanka Rebuild South Powys appeal who were collecting money to build new schools.

This report and many picture were sent to the school by Jean Moseley from Hay on Wye who visited the area in July.

They presented the folder of pictures and stories from Ysgol Carrog to a teacher in Matara and we hope to receive some correspondence from them. Our picture shows some of the children in school and at the opening ceremony, who have benefited from our donations. A full report from the Sri Lanka Rebuild Charity will be posted on the Neuadd Notice Board.



## CYMDEITHAS CARROG

Byddwn yn cynnal "Ocsiwn addewidion" ar Ionawr 20fed yn neuadd Carrog. Bydd elw'r noson yn mynd tuag at apel Eisteddfod yr Urdd Sir Ddinbych 2006. Rydym angen amrywiaeth o addewidion ac felly os ydych am gyfrannu a fyddwch cystal a chysylltu ag Auroa ar 01490430324 mor fuan a phosib. Diolch yn fawr.

## CYMDEITHAS CARROG

An "Auction of promises" will be held in the village hall on January 20th. Proceeds from the evening will go towards the Urdd national Eisteddfod in Denbighshire 2006. We need a variety of promises as possible, therefore if you would like to donate please contact Auroa on 01490430324 as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

## DIARY

**Monday November 7th** Neuadd Committee Meeting

**Thursday November 10th** 6.15 pm Adult Dance Class

**Saturday 12th** November - Forties Night at the Neuadd

**Sunday 13th November Remembrance Service**  
10.45am at War Memorial

**Monday November 14th** Corwen Healthy Living Centre  
MIND Talk and Roadshow

**Tuesday November 22nd** Public meeting re replacement of tourist signs on A5 and other tourist related matters.

**Tuesday 29th** November Christmas Fayre - St. Ffraids Church in the Neuadd - 7.00pm . Father Christmas, games, stalls and body shop Admission £1 (Children Accompanied by adult FOC).

Thursday December 8th - 6.30pm Carols Around the Christmas Tree

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Youth Club** - every Friday during term time

**Ti a Fi** - Toddlers group every Monday at 9.00am

**Tai Chi** every Thursday at 7.30pm.

## NEUADD HIRE CHARGES

It was agreed at a meeting of the Neuadd Committee on that charges for hire would be revised and take into account whether the hire was for personal or commercial/fund raising use and whether the hirer was from outside Carrog and Parc.

These charges are:

	0900	1300	1800
	to	to	to
	1300	1800	midnight
Personal by resident Carrog/Parc	£10	£10	£25
Personal non resident	£20	£20	£50
Educational use	£10	£10	£25
Commercial and/or fund raising - non Carrog/Parc	£50	£50	£100

Further details and conditions of hire can be obtained from the Secretary on 430644.

## THE BLIND DATE

Long ago she had been quite a beauty; the belle of the ball,  
some would say.

But she'd never encountered a suitable "beau"

And was still unattached to this day.

She'd dozens of nieces and nephews, and always had plenty to do.

But persuaded by friends, and only for fun, she'd agreed to the "rendezvous".

As a young man he'd no time for leisure, his energies went into toil.

His rewards and indeed all his pleasure was seeing the return from his soil.

Now older and wiser and lonely, and wanting someone in his life,

The Farmers Weekly Personal Ads seemed a good way of finding a wife.

She looked in the mirror and studied herself;

Considering what she should wear.

Appearances, she thought, were vital,

So her outfit was chosen with care.

*He* had an old suit that he'd bought years ago

And a shiny old corduroy jacket.

But he chose the blue blazer and grey flannel slacks,

Though he didn't think *what* he wore mattered.

*She* dreamt of a farmhouse with oak beams and Aga,

Chintz curtains, log fires in each room.

Her one bedroom flat, though quite smart, was still lonely;

Her departure could not come too soon.

*He* relished the thought of a housekeeper,

And someone to warm up his bed.

"As a wife she'd be bound to be cheaper

Than hired help", he cunningly said.

So, the day had arrived, there was no going back,

And she trembled to think about fate; as

She hopped in the taxi she thought "this could lead to

A change in my Marital Status".

He looked at the clock as he hurriedly passed

And he thought that if things went OK

And it didn't take long, he'd be back in an hour,

To give those bullocks some hay.

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Who can tell how it went - perhaps a fly on the wall?

Was it doomed from the start one might wonder?

For he looked quite sheepish on leaving the place,

And her face was darker than thunder!

Not a word will she utter if quizzed, and of love

She's been put off, there's no use denying.

But not so for him with the leathery skin

Cos I know for a fact he's still trying!!.

Annie Yaxley



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# NEUADD CARROG

World War II 60th Anniversary

## 40's NIGHT

Saturday November 12th

8pm

Swing to the music of

## MOONDANCE

Nutritious and filling rations will be issued

Adults £6/-/-

Accompanied evacuees F.O.C.

Period uniform and civilian dress encouraged

Enemy characters and uniforms not admitted

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