



BONT BASH

Unfortunately the Bash was poorly attended this year and ran at a loss with the day being saved by several people who made donations. Many thanks to all those who did attend or supported us with contributions.

Our income, as we have mentioned many times, is dependent upon sponsorship either through advertising or directly and from the Bash. The lack of income from the Bash and the decreasing number of people in business in the Village means there will be a shortfall for the coming year but we will continue to publish until the money runs out!

DENBIGHSHIRE - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The present Unitary Development Plan will be superseded by a Local Development Plan (LDP) which will establish the potential areas for housing, employment and recreation. Carrog is identified within the County as a Rural Community and as such has always had a development boundary (the UDP).

The County Council identified key issues in sustaining rural communities such as ours.

These are:

- The need to sustain villages as thriving and dynamic communities;
- The important role as social centres of schools, shops, post offices, church and chapel;
- The need to provide people with the opportunity to buy a home or get a job in these communities.

There has been very little development in Carrog and Lliidiart y Parc in the last 30 years or so following the construction of Maes y Llan, with only three new houses built since this time. Carrog has become a very popular place to live with consequently some of the highest house prices in the area. This makes it difficult for people to move from their first home to larger properties with the consequent result that housing stock is not available to first time buyers who would in any case struggle with prices.

The Community and County Councils have already identified several areas of the Village for potential housing development and if anybody would like to see the proposed plan or propose the inclusion of other land, they should contact the County Environment Directorate (Planning) Trem Clwyd, Ruthin. Tel:

Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns to Mr. Idwal Pritchard of Maes Y Llan, on reaching his 90th Birthday on the 8th of November. Many of Carrog's long standing 30 and 40 somethings will remember Mr. Pritchard as our Headmaster in Ysgol Carrog. He also played a key part in the acquisition of the first village hall and was later a treasurer.

Thank you for the "Tynnu Llyn" experience on a Tuesday afternoon and the Balloon bursting sessions at Christmas! We trust you will have a happy day and many more of them, from Carrog's 30 & 40 somethings!



Having just spent a good hour chasing a would be Casanova out of my ewes, it occurred to me that a significant amount of my time is spent chasing run away live stock.

Earlier in the year I woke to discover my cows had decided they required more food and so had gone to graze one of the hayfields. This in itself wasn't too much of a problem as I only had to turn them from there and shut the gate, however when I walked to the gateway the gate was nowhere to be seen. It was around about then that I suffered my first sense of humour failure for the day. Whilst I was ranting and raving and cursing the criminal mastermind who had struggled in the dead of night across the fields with my gate on his back I noticed something odd out of the corner of my eye. It was as I turned to look I suffered my second sense of humour failure of the day. Enid, (a cow known for her belligerence) was wondering across the field wearing my gate around her neck. I don't know if anyone has ever tried to remove a gate from a cow's neck but I can assure you it's not as easy as it sounds. Enid just wouldn't co-operate and seemed to become quite fond of our new found bling. Having tried for the best part of the morning to ease the gate over her head, I suffered my third sense of humour failure of the day. I think Enid must have realised I had reached the end of my tether as I tugged at the gate, she twisted her neck and the gate came off. It just goes to prove, brute strength and ignorance does sometimes work.

With the cows safely locked out the field soon recovered from it's uninvited overnight guests and it wasn't long before we were mowing it.

For most of the harvest my backside was safely welded to the seat of the tractor (a fact which was pointed out to me on several occasions). While I was either mowing, tedding or baling I was constantly worrying about how I was going to carry the bales. The lads who have always helped me in the past have grown up, and the lure of birds and booze seems to be a preferable option to sweating in a dusty hayfield for a few quid, a bite to eat and occasional verbal abuse.

As it turned out I need not have worried. Fortunately for me the golden oldies stepped into the breach and saved the day. They were a gang of men for whom the days of birds (if not booze) were well and truly behind them. It turned out to be an expensive few days for me, as they all seemed capable of downing their own body weight in lager. I'm still taking the empties to the bottle bank now and the bar bill from the Grouse is going to take some serious explaining to the accountant! It might have cost a fortune at the time, but they were worth every penny. Thanks very much Gents. Same time again next year?

Shearing this year proved to be the same as every other year, a combination of sunburn, backache, cut fingers, bad temper, bad language and a general feeling of total disillusionment with life. As you can imagine, when the last sheep was sheared and the wool sheets were stored in the shed ready for collection life looked rosy again. Approximately a week later however Carrog suffered a cloud burst, and whilst I was busy brushing water out of the house, unbeknown to me a drain on the yard had blocked and the shed holding my wool had been turned into an indoor swimming pool. When the rain eased off and the threat to the house was over, I went down the yard and discovered the disaster. Luckily it was still thundering and my less than rational reaction to my sodden wool was drowned out by mother nature.

The exceptionally dry summer we've experienced this year has been a somewhat double edged sword. It has made for a good if low yield in harvest, and has allowed me earlier in the year to finish lambs with relative ease. However as the dry weather really started to bite and the Llan began to resemble the Serengeti, the lack of rain became a major issue.

Poor re-growth after the harvest has meant a lack of available clean grazing for weaned fattening lambs. Consequentially there are more lambs left on the farm at this time than in previous years. As the days shorten and it gets colder these lambs will be harder to finish and are going to require more nutrients than grass alone can provide, so it looks like the feed bill is going to be larger than usual this year.

Plans to plough and sow a field with rape in order to fatten lambs had to be put on the back burner as the dry conditions would have made for poor crop establishment. Although crop establishment was one factor in the jobs postponement the main reason was simply that the field was so hard and dry we just couldn't get the plough in the ground!

Fencing was another job affected by the dry weather. I spent a week after the harvest doing a stretch, and the ground again was so hard and dry it took a super human effort to knock the stakes in. I was almost relieved when the handle on the sledge hammer broke and I had to take a break.

Watching the forecast on Sunday I was please to discover a wet week was promised and so with a bit of luck the ground will soften to make my fencing a bit easier. Unfortunately, once it starts to rain it tends not to stop, so I should imagine that my next article will be a rant about the weather being to damn wet. Gareth Llan

COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

Carl and Lorraine, our resident artists are currently featuring paintings of Carrog in the exhibition at Y Capel in Llangollen, along with other local artists. Please pay a visit in support and maybe even be tempted to make a purchase.

OBITUARY

Amanda Jane Williams who died suddenly at her home, Carrog Isa on October 15th.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to husband Iwan and their three children Gruff, Jac and Lowri.

Amanda was secretary at Glyndyfrdwy school. Her funeral took place at Glyndyfrdwy on Wednesday 25th October.

RE THE PHOTO IN THE CHURCH VESTRY.

Mrs. Valmai Webb identified my sister Olwen.

Her surname is Williams. My brother's name is Trevor, and my mother was Betty.

Our father Hugh (Hughie) was the gamekeeper. We lived as Mrs. Webb says, in Ty Cynnes. I went to ballet classes for a while with her daughter Elspeth, I used to wait for Mrs. Webb to pick me up by the milk churn on a concrete platform opposite the Smithy.

My grandfather Sam Williams lived in Erw Dala. He was also a gamekeeper, as was his father. My Great Uncle Llew (Llewelyn of course) Williams lived at Ty Gwyn, and he was station master at one time, though before I knew him. My great uncle Tegid lived way up the hill on the main road that goes across the top there. He was a great dog trainer.

I had other great uncles (the family had about 12 boys and one girl I think) but they were the ones who lived locally.

Sam William's first wife (my grandmother) died young at 32 of TB. They lived at that time in ... i forget the name of the cottage, it is between Carrog and Corwen on the back road up on the hillside. Owain Glyndwr was supposed to have hidden in the ivy there. He must have done an awful lot of hiding in ivy.

Sam married again and had a "second brood". His daughter Jean married Glyn ?another Williams, or maybe Roberts, and they ran the milk bar in Corwen for a number of years.

When his mother died, his Dad Sam was still incapacitated from WW1 and my Dad as the eldest remembers looking after his two younger brothers and taking them to school. He used to make sure their knees were clean, mainly! One day they walked to school through the brook, and thought their 'crime' undetected till they left wet footprints all through the school room - their boots were full of water.

It is a pity that generation is all dead, not least because they would have loved to fill you in on some old stories of Carrog. My dad and his brother my uncle Vaughan were great storytellers, full of humour. My Uncle Vaughan once put a cornrake in the school piano! The youngest brother was Sam, and they had a sister who died at 13 months.

I live in Perth Western Australia.

I visited Carrog a few years ago with my husband and two boys. They were astounded at its beauty. I was too, I thought maybe I had built it up in imagination in my years of absence, but it was even more beautiful than I remembered. It might have been on that same holiday that I met up with my Carrog School best friend Elin Robson from Ty Canol.

I found "Y Bont" on the web, and look forward to each edition. Keep up the good work!

Regards

Di Jacoby

NEUADD LOTTERY

1st - 31 Tina Wombwell

2nd - 13 Ian Iebbon

SNOOKER RESULTS

Owain Glyndwr League - Tuesday October 17th

Glyndyfrdwy 5 - Carrog 1



**Boys of the National School, Llansantffraid Glyndyfrdwy
1902**

Headmaster - Mr. Fred Davies, Infant teacher - Ann Davies (wife of Fred), Pupil Teacher Anne Marie Dau

Back Row - 3rd from left Emlyn Hughes, Ty Pyrs

Third Row - Next to headmaster his son Fred, 3rd from right Evan davies, Derwydd

Front Row - centre William Edw Roberts, Fedw



CARROG COUNCIL SCHOOL, 1932



CARROG COUNCIL SCHOOL 1932 **1932**

1	?	34	Beryl Jones, Parc Terrace
2	Eric Stanley	35	Annie Jones, Fedw Isaf
3	Dennis Jones, Bluebell	36	Barbara Williams, Ty Gwyn
4	Jack Astley, Plas Cedryn	37	Sylvia Armstrong, Penlan
5	Eifion Jones, 3 Mount Cottages	38	Betty Webb, Ty'n Llwyn
6	Godfrey Edwards, Dee Bank	39	Mair Jones, Ty Du
7	Ernie Newness, 3 Tai Teg, Parc	40	Rhys Webb, Ty'n Llwyn
8	Vyrnwy Jones	41	Francis Parry, Pint Ynys y Gwiall
9	Glyn Thomas, Carchardy	42	Oswald Jones, Ty Du
10	Samuel Green, 1 Dee Mount Cottages	43	Danny Jones, 3 Mount Cottages
11	Islwyn Davies, Sycamore Terrace	44	Conway Edwards, Carchardy
12	Merle Davies, Y Wern	45	Myfyr Lloyd
13	Eunice Davies, Ty Capel (MC)	46	Gwyn Jones, Bluebell
14	Enid Davies, Derwydd, Parc	47	Stanley Newness, 3 Tai Teg, Parc
15	Icy Spencer, Parc	48	William Edw. Roberts, Tyn Celyn
16	?	49	Phillip Williams, Ty Gwyn
17	Eliza Green, 1 Dee Mount Cottages	50	George Green, 1 Dee Mount Cottages
18	Glenys Jones, Parc Terrace	51	Tom Ellis Jones, Gorffwysfa
19	Heulwen Evans, Parc Terrace	52	Jane Ann Jones, Ty Du
20	Mair Edwards, Carchardy	53	Connie Jones, Ty Du
21	Falmai Roberts, Cadogan	54	Catherine Armstrong, Penlan
22	Gwenol Jones, Carchardy	55	Eirlys Jones, Ty Du
23	Rhiannon Davies, Derwydd, Parc	56	Mona Edwards, Islwyn, Parc
24	Eleanor Green, 1 Dee Mount Cottages	57	Menna Jones, Llys Owain, Carchardy
25	Margaret Williams, Tanllan	58	Ronald Jones, Llys Owain, Carchardy
26	Morfydd Williams, Carrog Isaf	59	Herbert Williams, Tanllan
27	Beryl Williams, Erw Dalar	60	Grenville Teague, Gwyfla Terr., Parc
28	Alwena Parry, Parc	61	Tommy Roberts, Groes Faen
29	Maggie Green, 1 Dee Mount Cottages	62	Frank Lewis, Allt y Celyn
30	Morwena Roberts	63	Miss Ceinwen Humphreys
31	Connie Williams, Penarth	64	Mr. Williams Jones, Headmaster
32	?	65	Miss Kitty Lloyd, Teacher
33	Marion Evans, Gwylfa Terrace, Parc		

YSGOL CARROG

Ysgol Carrog School Council members were chosen to give a presentation at the Young People's Conference at Oriol House, St. Asaph. They informed the audience of 150 people about their meetings and decisions with photographs of events and school council projects.

The school pupils took part in the Chapel and Church Harvest Thanksgiving Services and were praised by the congregations at both services. £32 was collected for Macmillan Nurses at the Chapel service which brought the total to £132 raised in total for this charity this term.

An art exhibition of the children's work on the theme of Australia was held in the Neuadd. The work displayed was the winning entry in the Llangollen Pavilion competition. 27 children received medals and certificates from the local librarian as a result of taking part in the summer reading programme.

The young children went to meet the author Malachy Doyle in Corwen Library and attended the Jambori in Llangollen Town Hall.

Claim Your Council Tax Rebate

Dick Wishart, Chairman of Clwyd South Welsh Conservatives, has e-mailed the following press release with the concern that too many older people were failing to claim benefits they were entitled to.

He believes, the system is so complex and bureaucratic that many are missing out on what they are entitled to. Householders whose properties went up 2 bands or more and are over 65 years old may be entitled to a rebate up to £100.00 this year.'

He went on to explain what the criteria for claiming are:

- (a) Persons that are liable to pay Council Tax on a chargeable dwelling that is their main or sole residence.
- (b) Have attained the age of 65 or over on 1st April 2006.
- (c) Are to experience a second tax band increase compared to the tax band on 31st March 2005
- (d) Are not in receipt of council tax benefit
- (e) Were liable to pay council tax in respect of that property on 31st March 2005

If you believe that this applies to you contact Denbighshire County Council to obtain a claim form.

DIARY

Monday 6th November - Neuadd Committee meeting

Church Xmas Fayre - Wednesday 6th December

Advanced Notices

Bingo at the Neuadd Dec. 5th 6.30 p.m.

Carols Round the Christmas Tree 12th Dec. Neuadd 6.30 p.m.

School Concert Dec. 19th at Neuadd 6.30 p.m.

Christingle Service at Church Dec. 21st 2.15 p.m.

Candle lit Carol Service - Christmas Eve

LUCY'S POEM - "YELLOW"

This was written by Lucy because Roald Dahl, a famous children's author who was born in Wales liked the colour Yellow.

I saw a daffodil waving in a flower bed

I saw some sand sliding from a sand castle

I saw some custard lumpy as can be

I saw my sponge bobbing in the bath

I saw Spongebob laughing on the television

I saw a lion pouncing on its prey

I saw a pancake flipping in a pan

These are some yellow things I saw today.

The following has been received from the Welsh Tourist Board:

Rock Blasts Will Make A5 Safe

Massive rock excavations to make safe and re-open permanently the new A5 route at Ty Nant will begin next month..

A series of blasting operations over the next few months will enable contractors to remove some 250,000 tonnes of rock towering over part of the route between Corwen and Cerrigydrudion – and prevent the rock-fall hazard which led to the closure of the new road.

The re-opened section of the old A5 road currently serving as an alternative route will need to be briefly and temporarily closed on a regular basis during the blasts to avoid any possible risk to the road users.

The closure periods will be kept to the absolute minimum required to enable the contractors to check the blast zone prior to and after each blast and will last no more than 30 minutes.

It is currently planned to close the re-opened route for blasting for 30 minute periods at 2 pm each day on Monday to Friday each week beginning in the week commencing November 6th. The target is to complete the blasting operations by Easter next year. Completion of the works and the reopening of the new A5 section is anticipated in late spring..

Before the start of blasting operations, the Assembly Government intends to stage a presentation at Ysgol Dinmael to give local communities and businesses the fullest details of what will be entailed. The precise date and time of the presentation will be announced shortly.

Ffrwydro creigiau i ddiogelu'r A5

Bydd gwaith ffrwydro creigiau yn dechrau fis nesaf er mwyn diogelu rhan newydd yr A5 yn Nhy Nant, ac ail-agor y ffordd yn barhaol.

Bydd cyfres o ffrwydriadau yn cael eu gwneud dros y misoedd nesaf er mwyn i gontractwyr Llywodraeth y Cynulliad gael gwared â tua 250,000 o dunnelli o graig sy'n sefyll uwchben rhan o'r ffordd rhwng Corwen a Cherrigydrudion. Bydd cwblhau'r gwaith hwn yn golygu na fydd perygl i greigiau gwympto ar y ffordd, fel y cwmp a arweiniodd at gau'r ffordd newydd yn y lle cyntaf.

Bydd yr hen A5 a gafodd ei hailagor i'w defnyddio fel dargyfeiriad yn gorfod cael ei chau am gyfnodau byr rheolaidd rhag peryglu defnyddwyr y ffordd yn ystod y ffrwydro.

Dim ond am yr amser sydd ei angen ar y contractwyr i fwrw golwg dros yr ardal o amgylch y ffrwydrad cyn ac ar ôl pob ffrwydrad y bydd y ffordd ar gau. Ni ddylai hynny bara mwyn na 30 munud.

Ar hyn o bryd, y bwriad yw cau'r hen A5 rhwng 2pm a 2:30pm bob dydd Llun - Gwener bob wythnos gan ddechrau ar 6 Tachwedd. Mae Llywodraeth y Cynulliad yn gobeithio y bydd y gwaith ffrwydro wedi ei orffen erbyn Pasg y flwyddyn nesaf, ac y bydd rhan newydd yr A5 ar agor eto erbyn diwedd y Gwanwyn.

Cyn i'r gwaith ffrwydro ddechrau, mae Llywodraeth y Cynulliad yn bwriadu cynnal cyflwyniad yn Ysgol Dinmael i esbonio manylion llawn y gwaith i gymunedau a busnesau lleol. Bydd dyddiad ac amser y cyflwyniad yn cael eu cyhoeddi yn fuan.

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