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Just in case you had not heard this dramatic story from Colwyn Bay in February, here's a reminder about the huge danger of chimney fires. John Baxendale was walking his dog in the evening when he realised the roof of a house was on fire. With another dogwalker, he hammered on the door of the house to let the residents know their house was on fire. They were sitting watching TV in front of an open fire, completely oblivious to the imminent destruction of their house. The fire service eventually brought the fire under control.

Check out: www.northwalesfire.gov.wales/keeping-you-safe/at-home/chimney-fires/

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Some notes on the March City Council meeting

Tom Brinicombe from MaresConnector had been invited to give a presentation about the project to the council. It is a remarkable scheme linking the National Grids of Ireland and the UK via a 240 kilometer undersea interconnector cable. The proposed landfall will be between Abergele and Colwyn Bay, and will be drilled through underneath the low tide point. It will link to the National Grid at the sub-station near the Business Park (see *City Times* issue 24) at a site yet to be decided. The Council received assurances that MaresConnector are well aware of concerns about overdevelopment of energy infrastructure, and are committed to minimise impact during construction, and to biodiversity and ecological issues. Its current budget is 860 million euros. The interconnector is part of the UK's strategy to secure energy security and achieve net zero goals. Planning application will be next year; and if approved, construction would start in 2026 and the project would become operational by 2030. Some incisive questions from councillors were fielded well by Tom.

Dave Jones, St Asaph's PCSO, was welcomed back by all. He reported that apart from some occasional anti-social behaviour, there had been no incidents of great significance.

Cllr Martyn Hogg reported on discussions with Pure about their proposed building of housing for over 55s by St Kentigern hospice. They will be built using modern techniques, and with air source pumps and solar panels. Bat and bird boxes will be installed. It was felt that there would only be a minor increase in traffic. Footpaths were a priority for them. Pure had approached several retailers about opening a small shop on the site, but had been met with little enthusiasm.

Cllr Hogg also relayed that Denbighshire has the lowest rate of tree cover in Wales.

There is apparently a DCC fund for bringing unadopted roads up to standard; the road behind the surgery is being considered following representations from the City Council, but Cllr Scott noted that there are several other contenders.

- A new Council notice board has been put up by the bus shelter at the Elwy bridge.
- There are now 6 defibrillators in St Asaph. It is planned to provide two more, possibly at Heol Esgob and the Roe Plas (see page 20).
- There are now charges for using the carpark until 2300hrs.
- The return of the riverbank pheasant was welcomed, after his unauthorised nocturnal river cruise to Rhyl. The kingfisher is also ready to return but there are concerns that his post is rotten.

Full minutes of the meeting will be available online at www.stasaphcitycouncil.gov.uk after the draft minutes are signed off at the April meeting.



He's back—smarter than ever!

Llanelwy WI

Denise D'Albertson

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Our first speaker for 2024 was **Sam Kenyon** who gave a very informative and interesting talk on sustainability and nature friendly farming. Sam has been farming at Glanllyn Farm for the past 7 years and over this time has improved the quality of the soil. Fruit trees and hedgerows have been planted and some of which are trimmed by the traditional method of hedge laying, which allows for safe nesting sites and increases biodiversity. Sam's knowledge and passion for what she does shines through. A very enjoyable presentation.

Our March speaker was **Debra Drake**, the 2022 runner up of the Great British Sewing Bee. Debra informed us that she was brought up in Penmachno and this is where she developed her love of sewing. Her interest in sewing started again when the GBSB was televised and eventually she applied to take part in the show. After 16 interviews, which consisted of telephone calls, Zoom and the TV studios, she eventually appeared on the show. We were shown the garments that Debra made for the show and some that she has made since. The talk was very interesting listening to Debra's journey from the start to the aftermath and dealing with social media.



Some members met up with **Renee Foxon** to find out how she tests the water of the Rivers Elwy and Clwyd. Renee tests both rivers every month. The first test was to find out the temperature of the water, which was 7.5 degrees on the day. If it goes over 19 degrees it becomes unsafe for fish. The second test was for electrical conductivity, which measures chemicals coming off the land and the figure was 248, which is within a safe limit. The nitrates test showed the River Elwy at level 2, again a good result and phosphates and ammonia at zero. We were pleased to learn that the River Elwy is healthy and clean.

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High interest rates, NVZ regulations, bovine TB and now...the Sustainable Farming Scheme!

Many from the farming community have reacted with frustration at the proposals put forward in the Welsh Government's Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS). Consultation closed in March on the scheme, which is planned to replace the existing Basic Farm Payment through a gradual transition.

The SFS includes a requirement for farmers to sign up to and carry through 17 Universal Actions to receive payment. In themselves, the broad aims of the UAs are laudable, although the implications are significant for some. Amongst the more contentious of the UAs are the requirement to have 10% of the farm as woodland/forestry, and a further 10% managed as habitat eg ponds, marsh, heathland, and hay meadows. Farmers will have to cut back on livestock numbers accordingly.

The Welsh Government commissioned an independent impact analysis of the SFS; in the worse case scenario, the analysis predicted a loss of 5,500 jobs, a decrease of 11% of livestock, and a £125m hit to output from the sector.

Aled Jones, NFU Cymru president wrote in his introduction to the formal NFU response: "This consultation has been undertaken against a backdrop of the emotional and financial turmoil caused by the continued impact of bovine TB, the cost and bureaucracy imposed by an All Wales NVZ (*nitrate vulnerable zones*), the demise of Glastir, input costs some 30% higher since 2019 and interest rates at a 15 year high. The health and well-being of our farming families must be front and centre in all our minds" There has been a record response to the SFS consultation

Mark Drakeford said that the Welsh Government wants to support farming in Wales, but that the public should not have to "put its hand in its pocket to put millions on the table....for farmers to just do whatever they would like to do with it"



St Asaph Livestock Mart—the Ifor Williams trailer parade....

City Times sought comments from local farmers at the Livestock Mart.

Several felt irritated by the implication that the public are ladling out money to farmers, when in fact it is effectively the mechanism for keeping the public's food costs low "we have some of the cheapest food in Europe"

"You worry about the future. The average age of farmers in Wales is 64 years old—where is the next generation?"

"We already look after our land, we love it, it's our main asset. They seem to think we don't care"

"Our protests are reasonable, they're not destructive—we don't go around spraying silage and sh*te like they do in France and Belgium"

"We need to produce more food as a nation—it's ridiculous that we have to import around 50% of our food. And the SFS will decrease our output."

"Planting trees on good agricultural ground doesn't make sense—plant the trees on poorer land. Our crops and grass soak up loads of CO2 anyway."

"The Welsh Government has alienated farmers"

Other observations have been somewhat more positive:

"Because we have high standards in Wales I'm pleased to see Animal Welfare in the Universal Actions, it will be good to see us working closely with our vets and maintaining high levels of health in our livestock recognised. I also feel soil testing is a sensible action to have. I'm concerned about the Universal Action relating to Carbon Calculations for each farm but only because I fear Welsh Government will stipulate which carbon calculator we all have to use. I pay a subscription to use the highest accredited carbon calculation tool, it helps me to make better decisions around my grazing rotation and hedgerow management for higher carbon sequestration. Welsh Government could unintentionally drive us down the track to greenwashing, rather than delivering on climate mitigation, if they get this wrong."

It will be interesting to see how Welsh Government responds to the feedback on the SFS.



The Welly protest at the Senedd



Gareth Wyn Jones voices farmers' fears



The tractor protest on the A55

St Asaph's Big Arch wording out for consultation

The structural design for the new **Big Arch** spanning Chester Street at the site of the former railway bridge has now been completed. Taking up the visual theme of the former railway bridge, the architects (Phule Ebrill & Co Ltd. of Ruthin) now invite suggestions for the wording to be used to welcome visitors and bid farewell to those leaving the city.

"Visitors arriving off the A55 often take the first exit over Pont Dafydd and drive up Chester Street. They may easily miss the current St Asaph sign. We need to give them a proper city welcome, letting them know they've really arrived, and the **Big Arch** will do just that," says senior marketing advisor Aprille Ffoulkes, "but as well as giving a welcome, we can also advertise the city."



*How the **Big Arch** will look.*

Under Highways and Road Signage legislation, the upper line of wording when entering the city has to read bilingually and clearly "Croeso i Lanelwy—Welcome to St Asaph" in white lettering. But beneath that, it will possible to put up messages of our choice using a multi-function illuminated LED bar. Examples might be: "**Dinas Cerdd — City of Music**" or "**Small but perfect — Bach ond perffaith**", or maybe "**Dinas Tecawê —Takeaway City**"



And on the way out: "Farewell to our great little city"?

When leaving St Asaph, a different sign could be used. "**Farewell to our great little City**", or "**Blink and you've missed it!**"

Aprille is enthusiastic about the marketing opportunities, and continued "A further option is to use the LED bar to promote local business. You know, like "**Hot buns now at The Plough**", or "**Happy hour at Jacob's Ladder**", that kind of thing. I know it might be a bit bright at night but you can save money by switching off the street lights! First impressions as you arrive in a place are so important. We want people's suggestions"

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Llys y Felin flooding—understanding the problem

CLlr Tim Towers

Waterco Consultants of Ruthin, working on behalf of Denbighshire, have reviewed the drainage system to try and identify the reasons why water comes out of the manhole near the play area and bowling green.

The combined storm overflow tank (CSO) in the Bowling Green carpark can get overwhelmed during heavy rainfall which causes water to come out of the manhole cover. The modelling of the system is being done in conjunction with Welsh Water so that all parties understand the mechanism of why the system has capacity issues.

Some maintenance work has been carried out on the CSO and it was found to have some debris in it which has now been cleared. This should increase its capacity but not eliminate the chances of it becoming overwhelmed. Further work is being done to investigate whether some surface water (and how much) needs to be directed elsewhere to reduce the amount of water that goes through the CSO.

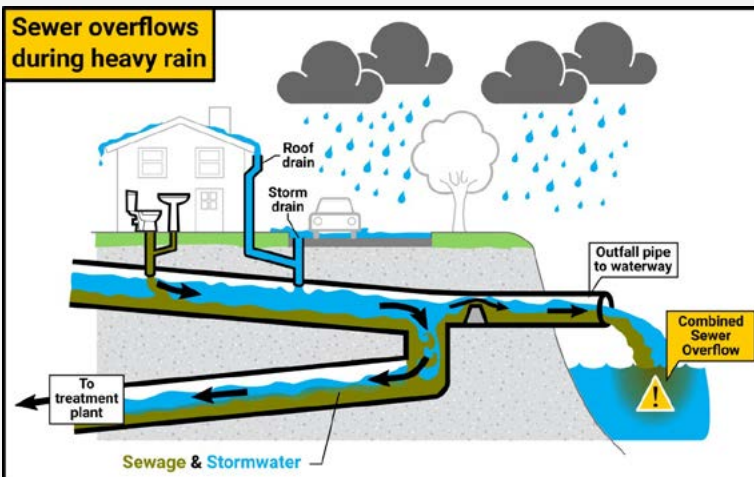


Water fountains out from the manhole

Combined systems

The diagram opposite shows how problems can arise with combined systems. In normal circumstances, foul waste is directed to the treatment plant, washed down by rainfall.

If rainfall is heavy, the rainwater and sewage goes to the combined storm overflow tank, where settling can occur so that if the tank fills, it is mostly rainwater that discharges into the waterway. In our case, if the river is high, the flap valve will not open, and the system backs up and discharges via the manhole. The discharge is therefore potentially contaminated, even though diluted.



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Back to the 1950s for Probus!

Julia Hughes

Denbigh and District Probus Club welcomed Tony Griffiths as speaker in their March meeting in the Oriel hotel. Tony is a noted local documentary filmmaker who also has a photography, picture framing and portrait studio business and shop in Bridge St. Denbigh.

Tony has been involved in photography for over 20 years and is skilled in all aspects of the media, including monochrome and colour work. His work has been exhibited in various venues in Wales including Prestatyn Library, Rhyl Arts Centre, Oriel Eryri, and Penrhyn Castle. He was a headteacher for 17 years before setting up his business and shop 15 years ago, and subsequently started making short movie documentaries with the support of good friends

and local volunteers. Under the name **North Wales Film Makers**, 8 films have been made with the first one covering the story of the Abergele rail disaster of 1868. All films are made without budget/external funds

After Tony described his background and film making activities, members were treated to a viewing of his 45-minute film *Cae Dai 1950s Museum*, featuring the owner of the museum Sparrow Harrison (originally a mechanic) together with a narrator and local Denbigh volunteers acting in costumes of the time. The film, with background music and tracks of the time, triggered memories for many members and highlighted several interesting facts including that at the end of the 1950s, there were still only 367 supermarkets in the whole of Great Britain, how games and jigsaws were traditional pastimes and hobbies of the 50s and lounge bars were a traditional luxury item for people's homes often with Babycham being served!

The film finished off with an hilarious collection of outtakes which really highlighted the time and effort that goes into making films to get the required end product.

The next Denbigh and District Probus Club meeting will be an invitational lunch on Monday 8th April when Brian Gresty will give a talk titled "Iron Mad Jack aka John Wilkinson".

Denbigh and District Probus Club welcomes new members for monthly meetings held at the Oriel Hotel where they enjoy lunch, friendship and a talk from a guest speaker. Further details available at www.denbighprobus.com and on page 19

St Asaph City Council needs you!

Jill Ellison

There are currently three vacancies for City councillors. Essentially, the role of a councillor is to represent the residents by:

- Responding to the needs and views of all parts of the community
- Bringing relevant issues to the Council's attention and suggesting ideas for Council action
- Preparing for meetings, and making sure to be well-informed for decision-making
- Engaging in constructive debate at meetings, commenting on proposals to ensure the best outcome
- Voting so that the council can make decisions
- Abiding by all relevant laws and lawful procedures and behaving in an ethical way.



The City Council debates and makes decisions for the benefit of the community. St Asaph City Council has full Council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, except for August. The committees also hold meetings as required, so if you serve on a committee, you will be expected to attend most of their meetings too. From time to time, the council will form working parties to perform specific tasks. Council meetings are held at the Council Meeting Room on Roe Plas. We also offer the option of remote attendance, as this is now required by law.

Councillors are also often very hands-on with a number of projects – such as managing the Council's assets, organising events and representing the council on other bodies. The City Council has one part time member of staff – the clerk – and works as a team for the benefit of the community. We manage land at Roe Plas, Mill Race Meadow and the Common, together with five play areas. We also organise, with the cathedral, the Remembrance Sunday parade. The City Council is a consultee for planning applications in St Asaph.

We undertake a number of projects – such as liaising with NRW to finalise the flood restoration works and negotiate the maintenance project for newly planted trees. We have also recently planted a number of Japanese Sakura cherry trees, which were a gift from the Japanese Consulate.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please discuss with the City Clerk, Mrs Jill Ellison. Tel: 07521 641756. E-mail: clerk@stasaphcitycouncil.gov.uk

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I hope you all enjoyed the last edition which discussed the importance of preparing Lasting Powers of Attorney, and the alternative routes if they are not in place. To introduce myself a little more, my name is Olivia Brown, and I have recently qualified as a Solicitor following the completion of my Training Contract with Swayne Johnson Solicitors. I specialise in all things relating to Private Client Law.

After what has felt like a lifetime of constant exams and courses, I am very excited about the next steps in my career. I am based at the firm's St Asaph office full time. I often meet people who are going through challenging times, such as the loss of a loved one, and being able to help them by offering support, legal advice, and guidance is extremely rewarding. Being able to build strong relationships with clients is something I really appreciate.

I became a Dementia Friend whilst working at Swayne Johnson and have recently become a member of the St Asaph Dementia Steering Group which is something that is very important to me. I'll be giving a short presentation at the 'Dementia Friendly' event on Monday 8th April between 6pm – 8pm at the St Asaph Cricket Club, where I will be discussing the benefits of preparing Lasting Powers of Attorney. Please call either myself or my colleague, Beth on 01745 586835 to reserve your place free of charge. Refreshments will be provided.

I am involved in many different community groups, and I often attend local carer groups and charities to provide free legal advice on various topics. Some of the local events we participate in are usually circulated through our social media page, so please come along to any you might find useful!

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Bishop William Morgan

Fiona Shand

Many St. Asaph residents are former pupils of Ysgol Esgob Morgan and most of the city's inhabitants have enjoyed some delicious refreshments at Caffi'r Cyfieithwyr/ the Translators' Café. We might also have noted the imposing memorial column in the grounds of the cathedral, but how much do we know about the man whose name is commemorated several times in our city? He was the man who translated the Bible into Welsh and by so doing helped a dying language to survive and grow.

William Morgan was born in 1545 at Tŷ Mawr Wybrnant, in the parish of Penmachno near Betws y Coed. His birthplace is preserved by the National Trust as a historic house museum and can be visited by the public. (See National

Trust website for opening times)



After being schooled at Gwydir Castle near Llanrwst (as his father was a tenant of the estate) William Morgan attended St. John's College, Cambridge, where he studied philosophy, Greek and Mathematics amongst other subjects. He was a keen linguist, speaking Welsh, English, French, Latin, Greek and Hebrew. As well as being a gifted scholar, Morgan was also a clergyman of the Church of England, having been ordained in 1568. His first post was in 1572 at Llanbadarn Fawr, near Aberystwyth, moving to Welshpool in 1575. In 1578 he became vicar of Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant, where he worked on his translation of the Bible into Welsh. One of the translators who aided him with this huge task was his Cambridge contemporary, Edmwnd Prys, who had been born in Llanrwst only 12 miles from Morgan's birthplace.

During Morgan's youth, the inhabitants of Wales were mainly monoglot Welsh speakers. The King, Henry VIII wished to discourage the use of Welsh, making Wales a part of England, therefore with an English-speaking population. Whoever could not speak English at the time would not be offered employment and worshipping in Welsh would have been illegal as all church services had to be conducted in English.



Most Welsh people did not understand English. Queen Elizabeth I deemed that every vicar in Wales had to speak Welsh and that the bible had to be translated into the language of the people of Wales. An Act of Parliament in 1563 commanded the Bishops in Wales to allow and encourage the translation of the Bible, as well as the Book of Common Prayer, into Welsh. The Act stipulated: "the English tongue is not understood by the greatest number of Her Majesty's obedient subjects inhabiting Wales." William Salesbury, a lawyer from Denbigh, translated the New Testament to Welsh in 1567. The words of his translation were very formal and were difficult for the Welsh people to understand. Those of you who are Welsh speakers can see

this for yourselves by visiting St. Asaph cathedral, where Salesbury's New Testament is on display.

By this time, William Morgan lived in Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant. He was commanded by Queen Elizabeth to go and see her. When he eventually reached London, it was explained to Morgan that he was to translate the Bible into Welsh. He returned home and for the following 10 years worked with others to rewrite the Bible into Welsh, using a goose pen. He wrote on goatskin, as paper was so expensive. His translation of the Bible was a less formal version than Salesbury's, one that could be understood by Welsh speaking worshippers. Many people read Welsh for the first time when they saw Morgan's bible.

In 1588 the translated Bible was ready to be published and presented to the people of Wales. An original copy of his work can be seen in St. Asaph Cathedral, with his revised copy of the Welsh Testament.

As a result of his resolute efforts, Queen Elizabeth I rewarded William Morgan by making him Bishop of Llandaff in 1595. He then began to revise his great work, also producing his translation of the Book of Common Prayer at about this time. In 1601 he was made Bishop of St Asaph, a position he held for the next three years.

On 10 September 1604 Bishop William Morgan died in relative poverty at his home parish of St Asaph. He is buried in the grounds of St. Asaph Cathedral where his grave remains unknown but a memorial in the Cathedral grounds marks the achievement of the man who, more than any other single individual, did so much to defend, protect and develop the Welsh language.





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Dogs on leads

At a meeting of the Environment and Assets committee of the City Council on 14th February, the issue of dogs being on leads was discussed. There had been rumours circulating online that the City Council were planning to require dogs to be on leads on *all* Council land, and as a result there was a sizeable turn-out of dog owners at the meeting. Members of the committee clarified the situation.

Mill Race meadow is owned by the Council, and is currently rented to a farmer who keeps livestock there for most of the year; it is therefore effectively private land. For this reason, but more importantly for the livestock, dogs must be kept on a lead at all times on Mill Race Meadow. In addition, public access should really be limited to use of the public footpath.

The Council solicitor has advised that "if the City Council owned a house and rented it to a tenant, there would be no expectation that the public can wander through the house and garden as they wish. When the public wander across the field and don't keep to the public footpath, they are effectively trespassing".

Community Support Officer on Mill Race Meadow reporting on repeated worrying of sheep by dogs resulting in several deaths and loss of lambs

The Rural Policing Team do patrol the field, especially at lambing time and unfortunately there have already been attacks on sheep this year. Denbighshire's Enforcement Officers also patrol the area, although their attendance is usually allocated according to the number of complaints. The Police and Enforcement Officers can still require dogs to be put on leads on City Council land.

Dogs are not allowed in any of the designated play areas, nor on the football pitch. St Asaph Football Club have had to install wire netting on the railings around the pitch to keep dogs off it, as fouling by dogs has been a major problem there. Dogs can be let off their leads on the Roe Plas, and on the Common, but of course should be under the control of their owner at all times, as many people are less than enthusiastic about large dogs bounding up to them, in a friendly manner or not.

University of the Third Age A cheerful group from Rhyl and Prestatyn U3A were spotted recently in St Asaph parish churchyard on a history walk round St Asaph. U3A Rhyl and Prestatyn is a thriving group. They hold a monthly meeting with a speaker and then individual groups meet during the week. There are 20 different groups covering a wide range of interests including French, bridge, Egyptology, local history walks, lunch clubs, singing, painting & sketching etc. People are invited to attend two taster sessions before committing to joining. You can find out more by searching **U3A Prestatyn Rhyl and district**.



St Asaph Youth Club—it's in the library!

Gerry Frobisher

St Asaph Youth Club, now running for 15 years, meets in the library on Monday evenings from 6 to 8pm during school terms and is open to youngsters aged 11 upwards. We offer social activities and opportunities to develop interests as well as help and support for anyone that needs it.

Some of the activities we offer on a weekly basis throughout the dark evenings include an X-Box and selection of games, a dance mat with in built video games, arts and crafts, computers, cooking, conversation, tabletop games, music, all classed as an informal education.

For the lighter and warmer evenings we will be holding outdoor activities that include various sports, localised treasure hunts and other such outdoor activities.

The new Community Youth Worker for St Asaph and Prestatyn, Tudur Parry, has also been consulting with the young people in the area to provide feedback to the City Council to highlight young people's opinions and needs.

There is no cost to joining the Youth Club. Just turn up each week. On your first visit you will be asked to fill out an information form so that we can contact parents if need be.

Our team at St Asaph Youth Club is made up of Youth Workers Abi Roche, Gerry Frobisher and Jon Garrod.

For more information please visit – <https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/youth-service/youth-service.aspx>



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Help grow a garden for St Kentigern hospice!

A green space immediately to the south of the hospice, set aside during the building of the Maes Yr Haul estate, has been earmarked for the creation of the hospice garden. With the magnificent oak tree giving shade over one corner, the garden will be landscaped with special consideration for the needs of patients and families. It will include a sensory area, comfortable seating, and should be a wonderful resource for the hospice and all who visit. It will be an oasis of peace.

The hospice invites members of the community to contribute to its vision through donation and sponsorship. Further details of the hospice garden project can be found on the hospice website.

Sign up for the Hospice newsletter to keep abreast of activities and developments there. Volunteers always welcome at the hospice—a variety of duties is available!



Salusbury Arms Tremeirchion. On Sunday April 7th from 6.30pm in the Salusbury Arms there will be a special repeat showing of the first episode of the **BBC2 "Pilgrimage" programme** in the company of Mike Costello. Mike was guide and mentor to the celebrities walking the North Wales Pilgrim's Way for the programme. The NWPW passes the Salusbury Arms and also through St Asaph. There are three episodes of Pilgrimage in this series which starts on Good Friday evening.

On Sunday 28th April at 7pm there will be a **"Meet the Author" session** with Dani Robertson, one of the Dark Skies officers for Eryri, when she will discuss her recent book "All through the night"

You can find out about activities and all events at the Salusbury Arms Community pub on their Facebook page—where you can also check out the new menus for Fridays to Sundays!

Tree planting at fields beside Lower Denbigh Road

Chris Smith

Denbighshire Countryside Services have begun the transformation of the fields beside the Lower Denbigh Road adjacent to the New Inn into a nature reserve. This is a long-term project, and the general plan is to develop the area with tree planting and wet areas. To this end volunteers supported by Denbighshire Countryside Services staff have been helping to plant new hedging along the riverside fence and a range of native British trees in groves in the fields.

Trees planted include holly, ash and willow; the ground is not suitable for oak as it is too damp. Also it is not permitted to build ponds as they would interfere with drainage. Instead "scrapes" will be created which will be wet in winter and dry in summer, and should favour amphibians. Those passing on the road will be able to see the holly grove of 8 newly planted trees near the gate into the field. Other trees are more difficult to spot as they are not yet in leaf but keep an eye peeled to see how the area develops. Paths around the nature reserve will allow us all to enjoy it from all angles.



Thickening the hedge by the river



Vitor, Jim and Matt from Denbighshire CC

“I walked right past Brad Pitt, and he totally blanked me...”

A recent medical report from Dartmouth College in the USA described the development of **face blindness** (also known as **prosopagnosia**) in 50 individuals with long Covid. This term is given to a condition whereby the patient has difficulty in recognising faces, or expressions on faces. A network of several areas of the brain is involved with facial recognition, particularly on the right; the researchers postulated damage to the connections between these areas. It is of course socially quite disabling. In an interview in 2022, **Brad Pitt** reported that he had the condition. “That’s why I stay at home” he said, “so many people hate me because they think I’m disrespecting them.”





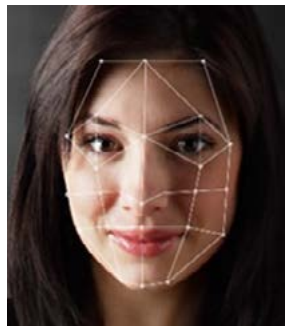
The most severe form of this condition was described by neurologist Oliver Sachs in his remarkable book “**The man who thought his wife was a hat**”. It had been thought to be an unusual neurological disorder, but a study from Harvard Medical School in 2023 suggested that this disorder may affect as many as 1 in 30 people, with variability in severity. It may also be part of a developmental disorder in children, or occur after brain injury; factors such as age-related cognitive decline and social anxiety can further worsen face recognition abilities.

Despite conventional wisdom that suggests women are better than men at facial recognition, psychologists at Penn State University found no difference between men and women in their ability to recognize faces and categorize facial expressions. You can test your own ability to recognise faces via the online Cambridge Face Memory Test in a project run by Birkbeck College. My score was low...



Isn’t it odd that just as new information emerges about this condition, we are also hearing more and more about the increasing sophistication of AI facial recognition systems? The Metropolitan Police used it successfully in a recent exercise in identifying “persons of interest” passing through a mainline train station.

Duncan Cameron





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Goering and the Mother of Wales

Chris Southern

How did a portrait of a 16th century Welsh noblewoman find its way into the art collection of leading Nazi, Hermann Goering?

The portrait shows a gentlewoman dressed in black exuding nobility. She holds a prayer book which at the time she lived indicated devout learning. Her other hand rests on a skull and is a clear reminder of death.

The subject of the painting is Catrin of Berain (or Katheryn to her English friends) and for centuries the fabulous portrait hung in family homes near Denbigh.

The picture tells us a lot about the woman and her status. She is very well dressed in black at a time when black fabric was very expensive because it had to be dyed. She also shows off an expensive gold chain round her neck and a pearl head dress.

There is a possibility that she is pregnant in the picture because rich women of the era often had their portraits painted before childbirth, which increased the family's consciousness of mortality - hence the skull.

The story of how the painting went from Wales to Berlin and then back to Cardiff has been pieced together by experts and became the subject of a fascinating BBC programme.

Looking at Catrin's life story, it's difficult to see why a top Nazi might take an interest in her. Born in 1540 in Berain, close to St Asaph, Catrin is little known today.



Catrin of Berain, by Adriaen van Cronenburgh

Catrin's father - Tudur ap Robert - was a wealthy man who owned a substantial 3,000 acres of land. In those days owning land meant everything. In order to keep it that way, girls were often married off not for love but for the connections which would secure the family's future. So Catrin married young to John Salusbury, the son of a neighbouring land owner.

When he died she married Sir Richard Clough - originally the son of a glover who lived in Denbigh who made a fortune. He had a fine singing voice and was dispatched to the Royal court in London where he became a wealthy merchant and one of the founders of the Stock Exchange.



Antwerp: Erasmus de Bie

Richard and Catrin divided their time between North Wales, London and Antwerp and it was in Antwerp that Catrin had her portrait painted by Adriaen van Cronenburgh who produced portraits of merchants in the commercial hub that was 16th century Antwerp.

Over the years the portrait became a desirable masterpiece and In 1938 the owners decided to sell it and contacted a dealer in London. It was offered to the National Museum of Wales, but a sale did not take place. The London dealer had connections with the art market in Amsterdam and in November 1940 the painting was bought by Walter Andreas Hofer, the adviser on art to Hermann Goering who was at the time building up a collection for Hitler and the Reich. Hofer began working for Goering in 1937, and with his money and backing, he could access collections widely; he travelled on Goering's special "art trains", and could get crucial foreign currency. Hofer was mentioned 162 times in the OSS Art Looting intelligence reports.

In 1945, with the Reich in ruins after just 12 years, the portrait was discovered by the Allies and was later depicted in the movie 'The Monuments Men'. It eventually found its way back to Wales and can be seen in the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff.

We know what happened to Goering, but what about the man who sold the portrait to Goering? Walter Andreas Hofer was 'Director of the Reichsmarschall's Art Collection' from 1939 to 1944. After the war a French military tribunal sentenced him in his absence to ten years in prison. Somehow he never served that sentence and died in obscurity in the early 1970s.

Catrin led an extraordinary life, spending her adult life at times deep in the countryside near St Asaph and at other times in the two hubs of the new commercial world - Antwerp and London. Six years into their marriage Sir Richard died in Hamburg at the age of 40 - the second husband Catrin had lost. There is a theory that he was poisoned as a suspected spy for Queen Elizabeth 1, underlining the fact that Catrin's world was certainly not for the faint hearted.

Catrin moved back to Wales and a third husband - Maurice Wynn of Gwydir, the High Sheriff for Caernarfonshire. Catrin had another two children with Maurice before he too died. Catrin died in 1591 - but her four marriages and six children ensured that her descendants became part of the richest and most influential Welsh and English families of the day.

WJEC Innovation Awards—national winner!

Jasmin Jones of St Asaph, a student at Denbigh High School, emerged as the AS Level Winner and Overall National Winner for her innovative design of a toothbrush dock capable of charging four toothbrushes simultaneously. Her winning entry, a sleek and compact device, addresses a common household issue – the clutter of charging cables and the hassle of keeping toothbrushes charged, especially for families.



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The judges commended Jasmin for the high-quality design and attention to the critical user needs and wants. Jasmin thanked Mr Jones, her Design and Technology Teacher and Mr Williams, head teacher for their support and encouragement.

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Regular weekly events

Day	Time	Details
Monday	6-8pm 7.30-9.30	Youth Club run by DCCI at St Asaph Library (term-time only). See page 13 St Asaph Choral Society in the Parish Church. New members welcome. For further details please contact choralsocietystasaph@gmail.com
Tuesday	9.30-11.30 2-3pm 3-4pm	Aros a Chwarae . Free toddler group for preschool children and their parents/carers. Meet at Llanellwy Community Church. See www.facebook.com/stayandplayllanelwy/ Tai Chi at the Parish Church. Contact Ann Sim on 07852 321502 Qigong at the Parish Church. Contact Ann Sim on 07852 321502
Wednesday	9.30-5pm 6pm 6-7pm	Warm Space welcome in the Library: WiFi, free internet access, papers, refreshments Informal running group ; meet at the Cathedral car park. 5k run, wear high viz gear. Contact Ian Jones on 07775 684171 or Julie Roberts on 07900 188222 Exercise with Liz in Parish Church. Facebook: Rhuddlan Clubbercise and Fitness with Liz
Thursday	1.30pm	Cash bingo at Llys y Felin
Friday	9.30-5pm 2.30pm	Social Mornings in the Library: WiFi, free internet access, papers, refreshments Cash Bingo at The Old Palace.
Sunday	9.30 11.00 4-5.30pm	Eucharist in the Parish Church . All welcome Choral Eucharist in the cathedral Community Fridge in the Parish Church. All welcome. Stay after for coffee and a chat.

Regular monthly events

1 st Sunday	11am	Messy Church in the Parish Church. All ages welcome, lunch provided.
1 st Monday	12-3pm	PROBUS club in Oriel Hotel. Contact Andrew: afaulkner@btinternet.com or 07542 022391
1 st Tuesday	10am	Litter pick : Start at Council Meeting Rooms. Afon Elwy Environmental Group
1 st Tuesday	7pm	WI meet at St Asaph Parish Church, info at stasaphwi@gmail.com
4 th Friday	7.30pm	Songwriter Sessions at The Barrow discuss songwriting, share original songs/music. Contact Elaine at thelightedstagemusicevents@gmail.com or 07919 250990
4 th Saturday	10am	Litter pick : Start at Council Meeting Rooms. Afon Elwy Environmental Group
3 rd Sunday	3-5pm	T Club at the Parish Church. Details on church website. Contact Marion on 01745 590960
1 st , 3 rd Sunday	9.30 am	Eucharist, St. Mary's Church, Cefn . All welcome.

One-off events

April		
Sunday 7th	6.30	Salisbury Arms Tremeirchion : talk by Mike Costello about guiding the walkers in the recent celebrity Pilgrimage on BBC2 with re-showing of episode 1.
Friday 26th	7.30	Merched y Wawr: Cyngerdd yng nghwmni Eryrod Meirion yn Eglwys y Plwyf, Llanellwy. Tocynnau £10 wrth y drws
Saturday 27th	7.30	Concert in the cathedral by St Asaph Choral Society "The Apostles" by Edward Elgar. Tickets £20 at the door to include programme
May		
Monday 27th		Spring Fair at St Kentigern Hospice

Professor on a tractor Congratulations to Dave Nuttall, tractor enthusiast and now appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology at the School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin, in recognition of his work in cervical screening, histopathology and molecular pathology. No doubt his unrivalled expertise in all aspects of David Brown Selectamatic tractors was also a factor.

A Rotary Club returns to St Asaph...!

In an intriguing recent development, the Bod Erw is once again hosting regular Rotary meetings. Further details have been promised for the June City Times...watch this space!



Once upon an afternoon - in upper St Asaph

Heather Fenton

A strange croaking noise was coming from our garden.... Crook, crooooook, crookee... I decided to investigate. There, in the larger of our two small ponds, were some creatures. As I moved near, I realised there were quite a lot of them! They were squashed into the shallow side of the pond. Frogs, or toads? Transfixed, I sat on the nearby seat to listen to this little choir.....

It turns out that, in early spring, these creatures have a 'get together' - usually in the pond in which they were born. Quite how they know when the meeting will be - no phone, text or internet- I don't know! Anyway there they were, singing together and I think there were 24 of them... although some more may have been hiding under leaves! The singing went on all afternoon, but the next morning there was nothing - apart from some shiny, transparent eggs bobbing about together in the water.

So it turns out that Llys Trewithan is an important place in their world! The rest of the story is a mystery, but I loved the choir and I await the tadpoles I guess are going to be inhabiting the pond soon!'



A froggy chorus—we all stand together...

Defibrillators in St Asaph—where next?

St Asaph Rotary transferred the maintenance of two defibrillators they had had installed before the closure of the Club in 2022 to the City Council. They also gave a generous donation of funds to enable the Council to purchase and install a further two devices.



At a recent sub-committee, Council members discussed where they should be placed. The possible locations identified included Heol Esgob, Upper Denbigh Road, Roe Parc and Roe Plas. The Council would welcome comments from residents, and also from businesses or organisations willing to help sponsor them. Contact the City Clerk at: clerk@stasaphcitycouncil.gov.uk

There are defibrillators at:

- The New Inn
- The Fire Station
- Bowling green car park
- The Chippery
- Greggs at the service station
- High Street by Diocesan Office
- Leisure Centre (inside)
- Ysgol Esgob Morgan (inside)
- Football Club (inside)

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Hedging, planting and installing bird boxes

Volunteers in St Asaph recently took part in sessions of hedge laying and also putting up bird and bat boxes, guided by experts. Hedge laying is an ancient and crucial art for keeping hedges healthy and effective. Hedges are of course a vital habitat for birds and insects, and provide shelter for livestock and for wild animals, as well as being green corridors. Whilst the tractor slashing of hedges may keep their height and width constant, eventually the hedge hollows out at the base and offers little shelter; it also becomes more porous to inquisitive lambs! You can admire their handiwork by the allotments.

Students from Ysgol Glan Clwyd have also been active planting hedges and trees. The school is one of eight schools that overall will receive over 8,000 trees, including hedgerows and fruit trees, to provide better habitat spaces to support local nature as well as outdoor spaces for learning to help pupil well-being. This work has received funding from an £800,000 grant from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



Gareth Jones, Project Officer for Keep Wales Tidy, guided volunteers in the installation of 50 bird and bat boxes recently in trees around the MUGA and riverside. A variety of boxes for different types of bird were put up, all provided by Welsh Government via their "Local places for nature" initiative. It's not too late to put up your own bird boxes; put them on the north east side of trees to maximise shelter from prevailing winds.



Allotments We have plot vacancies this season, so if you would like to try growing your own fruit and veg either in raised beds or on a plot please get in touch with the membership secretary jo.stasaph@gmail.com or 07801431001. There's always lots of informal help from members!

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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly in your garden.

Chris Jones

Pollinators are currently the buzz (pardon the pun) words in gardening; they are vital parts of the food chain as they help trees, fruit bushes, and vegetable crops. What is a pollinator and why are they important? It's something (insect or animal) that causes pollen to move from one plant to another to allow seeds to develop. This occurs when insects visit flowers in search of food—nectar which is a sugar and pollen which is a protein.

Bees are the most well known pollinator and they are at risk because of several environmental factors. The best way to get them into your garden is to plant lots of single flowers. Purple is the colour they see best so lavenders, foxgloves and marjoram are a hit.



Bee on lavender

Wasps, whilst not always popular, not only pollinate in their search for nectar but they also kill various garden pests. They like bright colours on open flowers. They are not keen on strong aromatic plants e.g. curry plant or sage. A quarter of our native **beetles** also are key pollinators; the pollen sticks on to their body casing which is spread as they go from plant to plant. Flying beetles like to land on big flat open flower heads e.g. Yarrow, dill or Ammi majus.



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Butterflies fly much further in their quest for nectar and so pollen is then distributed in a larger area; they have long tongues to access the nectar and plants with large leaves and flower heads with lots of small flowers e.g. buddleia on which they can rest are much loved by them. To help butterflies and moths try and ensure that their caterpillars have the right food to feed on. Many of them will eat nettle leaves and lady's smock is another favourite.

Moths pollinate at dusk, and are attracted to plants that have pale flowers or night scents e.g. Nicotiana, evening primrose and honeysuckle.



Moths are very important pollinators

Don't forget for a naturalistic garden, it is equally important to grow pollinators. Comfrey and Alkanet are naturalised wild flowers with lovely blooms that are beloved by bees. They can be a little rampant but the leaves can be cut up and used to make a liquid feed as they are rich in nutrients.



Comfrey

Your lovely plants might attract aphids (greenfly & black fly) which are unsightly but loved by the hoverfly larva. Try not to spray indiscriminately; better to try and squash the aphids or spray them with a hose. If you decide to use a spray buy ones that are wildlife safe and, whatever your choice, never spray open flowers and spray only in the evening when fewer pollinators are around.

Feed Cosmos, dahlias and sweet peas with a high potash liquid fertiliser (e.g. tomato food) as soon as they come into bud to help them

produce lots of flowers for the pollinators to feed on. Cosmos will flower from June until the first frost Remember to deadhead to encourage new flowers, especially sweet peas - pick a bunch daily. Remember to tie in climbing plants (e.g. clematis, honeysuckle) so the stems don't snap and this keeps them in good shape to support successive flowers.

Honeysuckle is rich in nectar (the sugary substance much loved by butterflies and bumble bees) and it also has a strong nocturnal scent to attract night pollinators e.g. moths. Marjoram has masses of nectar laden tiny flowers which are a valuable food source. Try planting dahlias with an open flower as these have easily accessible



Cosmos



nectar for the bees, hoverflies and butterflies. Single flowers are important because they have pollen and nectar (many double flowers do not), this means they will attract far more butterflies, bees and others that the complex flowered may not and provide energy for them. Pollinators are at their busiest during the warmer months March to September and if you can plant a range of flowers you will enjoy the sight and sounds of a healthy garden!



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Ty Croeso in Glan Clwyd Hospital

Helen Owens, Chris Jones

Ty Croeso opened in 1993 using funding from charitable organisations, the local community and a large donation from the parents of Dawn Elizabeth Williams. It is a house providing accommodation for the parents, carers and families of sick babies and children admitted to Glan Clwyd hospital and is sited right next to the children's ward and the neonatal unit.



Parents need to be near their sick children

Families sometimes travel great distances for the vital care needed for their children and newborn infants. Some of them stay for many weeks and Ty Croeso offers all the facilities they would have in their own home. It also offers daytime facilities to families of chronically ill children who attend the hospital regularly, oncology patients and those receiving palliative care. The house is also strongly supported by the Friends of Ty Croeso, volunteers who help with fundraising, domestic chores such as ironing and laundry which helps to make the accommodation home from home.

Six years ago it was agreed that Ty Croeso, although neat, tidy and clean, was tired and would benefit greatly from an update to improve access for mobility impaired families and to install ensuite facilities to all bedrooms. The negotiations and search for funding began, with the need for financial support greater than ever due to the opening of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in 2018.

Then in 2020 Covid struck. Social distancing and the risk of infection closed Ty Croeso to both staff and families and during the next 2 years there was much deterioration. This brought matters to a head and by August 2022 a plan had been drawn up and slowly but surely the renovation became possible. Thanks to fundraising, donations and also support from Awyr Las this is gradually being completed. It is hoped that the building will be handed back on completion of building work to allow the Trust for Sick Children in Wales to furnish and stock the rooms and facilities.

It is with great pleasure that we can look forward to Ty Croeso opening again very soon and once again supporting parents and carers by providing a comfortable place to stay near their children and babies. *Ty Croeso is a charity funded facility under the auspices of The Trust for Sick Children in Wales Charity Reg no. 519191*



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Trash talking....

Ben Ross

You will have heard that Denbighshire is adopting a new domestic waste/recycling system and schedule in June of this year. This aims to support the Welsh Government's statutory waste recycling target of 70%.

Undoubtedly, better waste management and a programme of reuse has environmental benefits. However, as with any change, it may take some time to adjust... as our early-adopting neighbours in Conwy will attest.

So, what's changing for the 44,500 wheelie bin service users in Denbighshire?

Non-recyclable refuse – collections will reduce from 140 litres fortnightly, to a maximum of 240 litres monthly. For this, you should use your existing 240 litre blue or black wheelie bin. If you don't have one, apparently the council will provide.

If you use absorbent hygiene products, such as disposable nappies, you can register for weekly collections from a 40-litre black caddy with a purple lid. In fairness, anything less would be unsanitary for all.

Recyclable waste – collections will be made weekly, instead of fortnightly. You'll also receive new material-specific containers, increasing your recycling capacity from around 240 litres a fortnight, to 290 litres a week.

The Trolibocs system will be used to separate dry recycling, while a blue reusable bag will be provided for cardboard recycling.

Food waste continues to be collected weekly – just keep using your existing 23-litre orange caddy.

There are also some new services which may be useful:

A 'pink clip' is provided for the safe disposal of spent batteries – collected weekly.

Place any unwanted small electrical items, such as kettles, toasters, irons etc., on top of your Trolibocs stack for responsible disposal – collected weekly.

Slip textiles into a single-use white sack for recycling – collected monthly. This service is supported by Co-Options Social Enterprises, who create opportunities for people with learning difficulties in North Wales.

Are you a bag service user? - You'll also need to separate your dry recycling waste, using a series of bags, rather than the Trolibocs system. Your non-recyclable collections will continue to be weekly, but the day may change.

When does it all begin? - The council have recently been delivering containers and information packs to some households. If you haven't had yours yet, it won't be long. The new service starting on **June 3**.



In the meantime, you can read through the information pack online. Scan the QR code or search 'recycling' at: denbighshire.gov.uk

Let us know what you think of the new system at editorsact@gmail.com



Did you know: Wales has the highest rate of recycling in the United Kingdom at 66% (Scotland is lowest...) and Denbighshire is sitting in mid-table position amongst Welsh local authorities also at 66% .

Our non-recyclable waste goes to Parc Adfer waste-to-energy plant in Deeside (above), which apparently generates enough energy for 4500 homes and businesses by processing 232,000 tonnes of waste yearly. www.enfinium.co.uk



The first telephone at St Asaph *submitted by Gwyn Jones of Bodelwyddan*

Published from The North Wales Chronicle of February 26th, 1881

Mr Joseph Lloyd of St Asaph, the well known miller and merchant, has been the means of introducing into this neighbourhood the novelty which is exciting considerable local interest, and all unite in praising that gentleman's energy and enterprise in making "Ye little City" practically acquainted with one of Bell's patent telephones which are supplied by the Lancashire telephone company, the agent for this district being Mr Mann of Glanllyn, St Asaph. On Wednesday week the useful instrument was fixed in Mr Lloyd's offices and communication was established with the mill. Since the completion of operations the number of curious visitors at Mr Lloyd's establishment to see and be amused at the wonderful invention has been exceedingly large. We give below a number of messages which were transmitted and which show how useful the invention may become, even in a small town, as a rapid means of communication on business matters from buildings situated far apart. The cost of the apparatus is not great and undoubtedly the telephone will become much more general in use in years to come than is the case at present. The first comments were as follows:



Right Reverend the Lord Bishop: Deallais bob gair yn eglur ddigon a ddewedwyd gan Mr Mann wrthyf yn Saesneg.

Mr Lloyd: Fy Arglwydd, nid yn aml y gwelir ac yn clywir Esgob yn siarad Cymraef trwy y telephone – My Lord, it is not very often we see and hear a Bishop speaking Welsh through a telephone.

Yr Esgob: Nage fe ddichon mai myfi yw'r cyntaf. Gresyn na ddeuech chwi I wrando arnaf weithiau. No maybe I am the first. A pity that you do not come to hear me sometimes.....

Mr Edwards Smalley's message: I heartily congratulate you on this, another proof among the many you have given us, of the great foresight and enterprise which animates you, and has marked you (Mr Lloyd) as a man well up with the spirit of the age and a successful merchant.

Mr R Lloyd, surveyor: All of the wonderful improvements that have taken place in times I consider now to be fairly eclipsed by the telephone which I have tested today at Mr Lloyd's offices, the faintest whisper being distinctly heard in his office from the mill.

Mr William Morris, Cefn: Mr Lloyd, who generally has an eye to his own interest, and the improvement of the city he inhabits, and who on more than one occasion has exerted himself in matters pertaining to the general good of the parish, has latterly fixed upon his premises a telephone the extraordinary results of which filled one with wonder. Messages are distinctly heard at a distance of 100 yards. It would be decidedly of advantage to the citizens if there was a telephone in the city centre by which the public might amuse themselves or transact business at the rate of a penny a talk.

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Meryl Pierce

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Yn ystod bore dydd Gwyl Dewi, teithiodd holl ddisgyblion bl7 i Ddinbych i gymryd rhan mewn gorymdaith i fyny Stryd y Dyffryn, a drefnwyd gan Fenter Iaith Sir Ddinbych, gan ymgynnull am sesiwn hwyliog dan arweiniad DJ Bustach wrth Neuadd y Dref.

Cyngor Ysgol: Un o’r agweddau y gofynnodd y Cyngor amdano mewn cyfarfod diweddar oedd ein bod yn gweithio gyda staff y ffreutur i’w hannog i siarad Cymraeg wrth weini bwyd i’r disgyblion. Ymatebwyd i hyn drwy gynnal sesiwn arbennig i ymarfer yr iaith. Diolch i Lucian a Charlton, bl10, am arwain mor hyderus ar hyn.

Pencampwyr Digidol:Diolch i’r criw gweithgar o bencampwyr digidol am eu gwaith yn arwain gwasanaeth i Bl.7, 8 a 9 er mwyn codi ymwybyddiaeth am cadw’n ddiogel arlein.



Sioe Fywd: Teithiodd disgyblion bl7 i’r Rhyl i fwynhau sioe fywd arbennig oedd â phwyslais ar rannu negeseuon am fwyta’n iach. Bu raid ffurfio tîm ar y pryd, creu saig o gynhwysion a gyflwynwyd tebyg i raglen Ready, Steady, Cook. Yn sicr, bu’n fore hwyliog gyda negeseuon pwysig wedi’u dysgu.

yn cynnwys staff a disgyblion, a’r dasg oedd

Seremoni Raddio Prifysgol y Plant: Trwy gasglu oriau o wneud gweithgareddau penodol fe anrhydeddwyd rhai o’n disgyblion mewn seremoni Prifysgol y



Plant mewn partneriaeth â Phrifysgol Glyndŵr, Wrecsam. Ym Mhafiliwn y Rhyl y cynhaliwyd y digwyddiad a hyfryd oedd gweld ein disgyblion mewn gwisg het a chlogyn graddio. Ar ôl y seremoni, darparwyd yr adloniant gan y rapiwr, Ed Holden neu Mr Phormiwl. Llongyfarchiadau i bob un ohonynt.

Gwaith Maes Daearyddiaeth: Aeth disgyblion bl12 ar ddau ddiwrnod o daith i gwblhau gwaith maes ar gyfer eu hastudiaeth Safon Uwch, gan ddechrau yn Nhalacre ac yna mynd i Lerpwl.

Yn Nhalacre, y dasg oedd casglu data ar olyniaeth samoser y twyni tywod, er mwyn canfod unrhyw batrymau penodol oedd i weld arnynt. Cafwyd tywydd braf ond oer a llwyddodd y disgyblion i gasglu’r data i gyd oedd eu angen.

Roedd yr ail brofiad gwaith maes wedi’i seilio ar fywyd canol Lerpwl gan ddechrau wrth y Brifysgol Lerpwl gan gasglu data ynghylch yr adfywiad oedd i weld yno. Yna ymlaen i Liverpool One ac yna’r Dociau. Mi roedd yn ddiddorol cael ymweld a’r



ardaloedd yma i astudio’n fwy manwl boblogaeth yr ardal, a’i awyrgylch. Y dilyniant fydd eu bod yn awr yn gweithio i ddadansoddi’r data ymhellach yn eu gwersi Daearyddiaeth.

Daeth hi wedyn yn dro blwyddyn 13 i fynd ar yr alldaith gan fynd i Gwm Idwal dan arweiniad Tomos, ar daith o amgylch Cwm Idwal. Roedd y disgyblion yn casglu data ansoddol am farn y cyhoedd am yr ardal ac yn sgorio’r amgylchedd o ran sbwriel ac erydiad llwybrau. Aethpwyd am dro wrth Llynau Mymbyr ar y ffordd adre i’r Ysgol a oedd yn cynnwys golygfedd godidog o’r Wyddfa a’i chriw, a hynny’n cloi profiad cofiadwy i’n disgyblion o fwynhau mawredd Eryri.



Rhedwr o fri: Llongyfarchiadau i Conor Dean ar ei gamp ac ar ddod yn ail dros Gymru yn y bencampwriaeth rhedeg, ac ar fod yn y degfed safle dros Brydain dan 17.



St. Asaph City Times –
Fun, Games, and things
to make and do.

Badgers

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Fill the gaps in the sentences with the words in the purple box below:

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- 2. Badgers live in _____ under the ground
- 3. Badgers live together in _____ which are called _____
- 4. Badgers like to _____ for their food. They eat _____ and _____
- 5. There are lots of badgers in _____!

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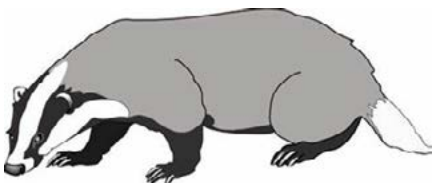
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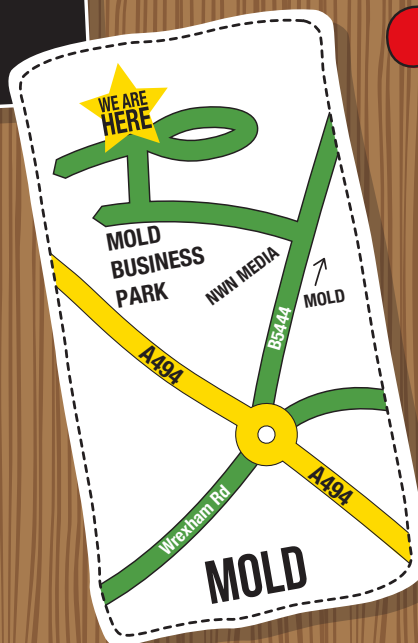
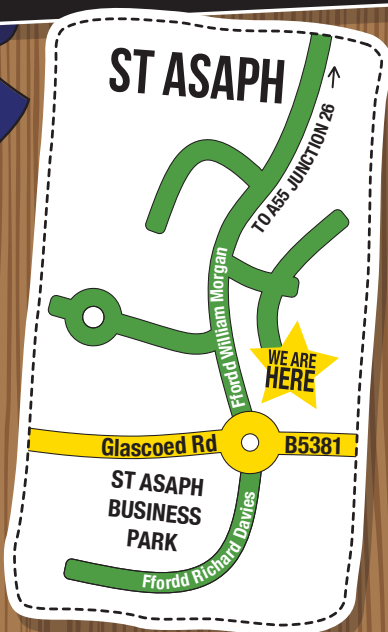
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Cynefin - Developing our Welsh identity and heritage

Kate Langford

We have had a brilliant Spring Term at the VP and enjoyed lots of opportunities to celebrate being Welsh. We took part in a joint St David's Day celebration with Ysgol Esgob Morgan in the beautiful St Asaph Cathedral. During the celebration service the children retold the story of Santes Dwynwen, recited Dau Gi Bach and sang Sosban Fach! The whole school dressed in red, white and green to celebrate Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant and some children wore traditional Welsh clothes. The children have loved celebrating living in Wales and learning about its history and culture.

We also took part in the Denbigh Cluster of schools' Eisteddfodd and produced some AMAZING pieces of work. The children competed in art competitions, singing and recitation and won multiple prizes for their performance pieces.

Church School & Easter activities

The VP children were delighted to take part in an Easter Bonnet parade. We are very grateful to the parents who worked with their children to make the best Easter Bonnets we have ever seen! We would also like to say a huge thank you to the St Asaph Co-op who provided the school with a variety of Easter Egg prizes – diolch.

Wellbeing and keeping safe

The VP is a school that priorities the safety of its children. During the Spring Term PC Manus of North Wales Police visited the children to teach them about people who help us. The children learned about adults who can help keep us safe and how to use 999 in an emergency. The children also took part in Safer Internet Day and have the skills and knowledge to continue keeping safe when online. We also enjoyed the RSPB Big Bird Watch; we made binoculars and recorded the birds we found in our school grounds. To look after the birds in our local environment we made bird feeders and hung them around our school field and in the Cathedral grounds. The children are becoming increasingly responsible for looking after the nature of St Asaph which is very pleasing to see.



Ysgol Cefn Meriadog

Laura Martin

It has been an extremely busy Spring term with the children taking part in lots of lovely activities. This term our topic is 'Dathliadau' and each class has been learning about different celebrations. The term will end with a wedding in St Mary's for our youngest children - we can't wait for that!

The Investigators and Innovators are working on developing a vlog and a You Tube channel to showcase their learning; these will be shared at the end of the term.

We have welcomed many visitors this term and have enjoyed a range of extra-curricular sessions including Ben and the Music Cooperative and Maisie the therapy dog. The Innovators have enjoyed working on an art project with Mrs Smith and the Urdd have delivered sports sessions – to name but a few!

We celebrated World Book Day with our Patron of Reading, Damian Harvey as well as inviting our parents in for a morning of reading activities. The children enjoyed dressing up but, more importantly, spending time sharing books and stories and completing fun activities. We continue to promote reading for pleasure and World Book Day really helps to reiterate the importance of reading.



Saint David's day was celebrated with a school Eisteddfod this year. The children performed songs and poems for each other and the Criw Cymraeg shared the important story of Saint David. Some members of the school competed in the Denbigh Cluster Eisteddfod in Denbigh High School which was a lovely opportunity for all cluster schools to come together to celebrate the Welsh language and to perform as a group of Welsh learners. As we come to the end of the Spring term can we wish you all a Happy Easter, enjoy the break (and the chocolate!)



Ysgol Esgob Morgan PTFA

Lian Crierie

With current economic pressures, schools need to be more innovative and creative than ever about how they raise funds for the ‘added extras’ so important to pupils. The fantastic Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) of Esgob Morgan got their thinking caps on and hosted the school’s very first **Paint and Prosecco** evening.

Tickets were available to purchase by all and secured materials for a guided painting tutorial by host artist Rachel Cleveland, and a complementary glass of prosecco. A relaxed and well-attended event, there were plenty of laughs as participants got creative, reminisced about past art experiences, learned lessons (including not to wash your paint brush in your prosecco!) and enjoyed the ceremonial naming of the final pieces of art. Knowing the ticket money would be benefiting the learners at Esgob Morgan made the event even more community focused and enjoyable. The PTFA have plans to host a further Paint and Prosecco event later in the year so keep an eye out on their Facebook page for further details – Search for ‘Esgob Morgan Parent Teacher Friends Association’.



Narnia comes to Fairholme school!

A very localised light dusting of snow fell in St Asaph on 9th March, as Fairholme school grounds were transformed into a winter wonderland as in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Passing through the magical Wardrobe, brave adventurers were challenged to craft World War 2 gas masks, try their hands at archery or take to the ice in the indoor ice-rink along with many other enjoyable Saturday morning activities. The free event proved popular with local families, current pupils and families of past pupils paying a return visit. A fun and enjoyable day—thanks!

Lian Crierie

New Cathedral building!

Hannah May Parry has been busy creating this fabulous scale model of St Asaph Cathedral as part of her school project at Ysgol Cefn Meriadog. Clearly, a career in architecture awaits her. Who knows what she will be building next?

Well done Hannah!



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Running City

Ruben Crierie

In the past few years, we’ve seen a rapid rise in runners all around St Asaph. This is due to the overall growth in popularity of the sport and the formation of the **St Asaph City Striders** social running group and their recent program: **Stride to Five**, which has been taking place every Tuesday evening.

Two of City Strider’s finest runners are planning to participate in the 2024 Addidas Manchester Marathon later this year. Elen Jones, who only started running last summer, said ‘I was so envious of the challenges other people were completing, I was determined to do it myself.’ After only a few weeks of starting her running journey, she entered the Shrewsbury half marathon and was ‘chuffed’ after finishing. In November, Elen found and joined our local St Asaph City Striders running group.

‘Joining the City Striders really helped me keep motivated on the dark and chilly winter nights. It is a fantastic opportunity to gain experience running and to spend time with like-minded people, which is particularly beneficial when you’re beginning your running journey.’ She also praised Julie and Ian (founders of St Asaph City Striders) for being so supportive and friendly. If you’re thinking about turning up to a striders group run, don’t worry, you don’t have to jump straight into a half or full marathon, their usual runs are around 5km and you can do more, or less, at any pace. It’s up to you.

Matt, another City Strider partaking in the Manchester marathon when asked if new runners should attend a group run said, ‘Definitely. There are three groups: fast, moderate, and steady so everyone is welcome.’ You’ll find Julie or Ian (or both if you’re lucky) at the Cathedral car park, no-matter the weather, on a Wednesday at 6:00 PM and for a longer run 8:15 AM each Sunday. Like Elen, its Matt’s first marathon. He has already run the hilly Sea 2 Summit half marathon last year, but a new year calls for a new challenge. As if 13.1 miles (21.1km) wasn’t enough, on the 14th of April 2024, two of our local, City Striders will be doubling that on the streets of Manchester. We wish Elen Jones and Matt Owens all the best!

Congratulations to the Stride to 5 gang, who have now completed their 10 week schedule and run their first 5k. Pictured opposite are the 21 striders completing their first 5k run and 9 run leaders. A great achievement!

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Wet, wet, wet! Football report

John Roberts

The weather has been a major factor in our recent fixture list. During February and March all three of our senior teams have had a number of matches postponed due to water logged pitches which means that there will be fixtures until the middle of May.

As a result of these postponements the first team have played fewer matches than several of the other teams. At present they are sixth in the League but are still aiming at finishing in the top four. Despite the weather there have been some excellent matches. A crowd of over 300 attended the match with league leaders Rhyl which saw Rhyl emerge 2-1 winners after a very competitive match. This was followed by a 3-2 victory over Flint Mountain who are likely to be the League winners. They have only lost three league matches to date and two of them were against us.

The Reserves are third in their league but have played far fewer matches than Nantlle Vale Reserves and Flint Mountain Reserves who are the teams above them in the League. Our Under 19s are top of their league at present and as a team composed mainly of 17 year olds are having an excellent season. In fact two of the players made their first team debuts recently.

Our Junior teams matches have also been affected by the weather but we have been able to hire the 3G pitches at the Leisure Centre for a number of their games. Our Under 6s have added some players from the waiting list to their squad and are thoroughly enjoying playing matches and training to hone their skills.



High ball coming for St Asaph strikers in the match against Hawarden.



Another swift direction change coming up...



SAFC U15s from 2014—a trip down memory lane....



The enthusiastic Under 6s team!



Victory in Portugal!

Duncan Cameron

Two local footballers tasted success (and possibly some local wines) in a recent Walking Football tournament in Portugal—the "EuroCopa". Neil Kendrick and John Oliver, who play for our city team St Asaph Walkers FC, were part of a combined North Wales over 65s team called **Welsh Dragons** with other players from Amlwch, Connahs Quay and Coedpoeth. Held annually at the Estadio Nora in Albufeira, Portugal over two days, the tournament featured club teams from France, England, Portugal and Wales. Neil said "After a slow start on the first day we made it through to the knock out stages, where we beat East Algarve, Coedpoeth and then local side Oxiaxere FC in the final 2-1, playing the last 10 minutes a man down after a sending off. A great finale to the tournament for the Dragons. It was great to play outside in the warm sun at this time of year".