

The Puffin

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WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

The group of volunteers who drive **The Puffin** is on the small side...now under half a dozen people, in fact.

We're in desperate need of new members! No particular expertise is required; as a 'mature' all-male team, though, we would like to redress the imbalance with female volunteers and younger volunteers. The main thing, though, is that you have an interest in our beautiful corner of Anglesey, its life and its residents. In short, **The Puffin** needs you!

If you are interested in becoming involved, or would like more information, please contact us via our e-mail address, puffinpages@gmail.com.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE

Spring may have sprung, but it was a chilly affair at first, and a lot of us became 'the great unwashed' for a couple of days! It also nipped off all sorts of plants just as they were starting to sprout.



5 April 2018: spring had sprung and the daffodils were out at last... (A Perrott)

Here's our usual round-up of what's on in the locality. It doesn't cover everything, so if you have an event that you'd like listing, do let us know, please; our contact details and submission deadlines are always given on page 8.

Llangoed:

- **Clwb Garddio Llangoed Gardening Club:** the third Monday at 7.30pm, Llangoed Village Hall; see also page 2.

- **Martial Arts:** every Monday, Tuesday and Friday, all at Llangoed Village Hall:
 - (1) karate for 3-6-year-olds, 4.30pm-5.00pm
 - (2) karate for 7-12-year-olds, 5.15pm-6.00pm
 - (3) habit fitness class, 6.15pm-6.45pm
 - (4) adult kick-boxing, 7.00pm-8.00pm.
- **Knitting Club:** the third Monday of the month at Pont y Brenin hub, 2.00pm-3.00pm.
- **Clwb Ifanc Ffermwyr Llangoed Young Farmers Club:** every Monday, 7.30pm-9.00pm, Llanddona Village Hall (*not* Llangoed Village Hall). Telephone Delyth Owen on 01248 810385 for more information; see also page 3.
- **Zumba:** every Wednesday, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Llangoed Village Hall.
- **Whist group:** alternate Thursdays, 1.30pm-3.00pm, Pont y Brenin Hub.
- **Bingo:** the third Friday of the month at Pont y Brenin Hub at 7.00pm.
- **Open Garden:** Thursday 12 July, 2.00pm-4.00pm, at Tan y Pentre Mawr, Llangoed; read more about it on page 2.
- **Flower Show:** Saturday 18 August, Llangoed Village Hall: it will include flowers and vegetables, and a larger section for hand-made crafts which may be made from a kit or from scratch. Telephone Mike Linford on 01248 490184 for more information.

Llanddona:

- **Anglesey & Caernarfon Dog Training Club:** usually meets every Wednesday at Llanddona Village Hall, starting at 8.00pm for about one hour; there's also a monthly dog walk towards the end of each month. For more information contact Andrew Perrott at ajbperrott@yahoo.co.uk.
- **Llanddona Book Reading Club:** usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Owain Glyndŵr pub. Contact Kirsty Simpson at kirstyalisonsimpson@hotmail.com for more information.
- **Llanddona and Beaumaris Horse and Pony Show:** Saturday 25 August 2018; see page 6 for more information.



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Beaumaris:

- **Beaumaris Film Night:** the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Canolfan Beaumaris Leisure Centre. Telephone 01248 811200 or e-mail enquiries@canolfanbeaumaris.org.uk for more information.
- **Table top sale:** the first Sunday of the month, 10.00am-4.00pm, at the Canolfan Beaumaris Leisure Centre; refreshments are available. E-mail enquiries@canolfanbeaumaris.org.uk or telephone 01248 811200 for more information.
- **Antiques & collectors' fair:** the third Sunday of the month, 10.00am-4.00pm, at the Canolfan Beaumaris Leisure Centre; refreshments are available. Contact morganfairs@hotmail.com or telephone 07516 277794 for information/bookings.
- **Gŵyl Beaumaris Festival:** Tuesday 22 May-Monday 28 May: for more information contact Melanie Jackson on 01248 811200, and read more about Gŵyl Beaumaris Festival on page 4.
- **Bicycle Fun Ride:** Sunday 1 July, 10.00am start from the Green, Beaumaris.

- **Beaumaris Allotment Society:** Saturday/Sunday 7/8 July 2018: open days under the National Garden Scheme; see also page 7.



CLWB GARDDIO LLANGOED GARDENING CLUB

Gardening has been a challenge in this recent appalling weather, and bushes, plants and trees have all suffered. All we can hope is that they will recover once we have warmer weather without the bitterly cold easterly winds.

February's meeting of Clwb Garddio Llangoed Gardening Club was an excellent evening with our own member Kay Laurie telling us with humour and enthusiasm about the creation of her own garden. We had a change to the programme in March as we had Amanda Sweet from Anglesey Archives with lots of information regarding how our archives are stored and preserved for future generations, with a slant on archive material regarding gardens and gardeners in times gone by.

April's speaker will be a return visit for David Shaw telling us all about organic methods of pest and disease control; then we go into our summer visits, the first being on Sunday 20 May when the garden at Bronheulog in Glanrafon will be opening in the afternoon in aid of North Wales Wildlife Trust. June's visit is to the gardens of Penrhyn Castle and in July we're off to Glynllifon, near Caernarfon.

Our Secretary, Gabrielle Williams, has retired after several years and we thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best.

We welcome Ann Donlan and Lyn Gallagher who will be sharing the job of Secretary.

For more information please contact Jean Whitehead on 01248 490813.

(Keith Whitehead)



LLANGOED: OPEN GARDEN EVENT FOR CROSSROADS CARE

Dr and Mrs Meurig Hughes will be opening their garden at Tan y Pentre Mawr, Llangoed LL58 8RY, on Thursday 12 July, 2.00pm-4.00pm to raise funds for Crossroads Care. Admission will be £5, including refreshments. There will be a plant stall, a cake stall, a raffle, a warm welcome...and, with luck, sunshine!

Parking will be available at Haulfre Gardens, with more parking at the village car parks; please note that there will *not* be parking on Haulfre's field. We hope that as many local people as are fit and able for a hike up and down Haulfre's hill, and will come to support us, or arrange to be dropped off by our gate. If you would like more information, telephone 01248 490212.

(Dr and Mrs Meurig Hughes)



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1ST BEAUMARIS SEA SCOUTS GROUP

Beavers: we met every Monday during school terms at the Canolfan Iorwerth Rowlands Centre in Beaumaris at 6.00pm-7.00pm. Boys and girls aged 6-8 years are welcome. We do lots of fun activities inside and outside,

**TIME
FOR
FUN!**



For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing. Boys & girls aged 6-8 welcome.



YOUR LOCAL COLONY

Colony name
1st Beaumaris

Meeting day and time
Monday 6.00pm-7.00pm

Meeting place
Canolfan Iorwerth Rowlands Centre
Steeple Lane
Beaumaris
Anglesey
LL58 8AE
(by the jail)

Contact
Menai 07592 866186

play games and visit places. If you are interested, come along or phone us for a chat; see our poster for contact details.

Cubs: we are looking for adult leaders to restart the Beaumaris Cubs group. Groups run for 1½ hours and offer a range of activities at the Canolfan Iorwerth Rowlands Centre in Beaumaris. No experience in scouting is necessary; free training will be provided. If you have an interest in working with children aged 8-11 years please contact Linda Neale, Assistant District Commissioner, on 01407 741819, or e-mail ljnbeavers@hotmail.com.

(Sulwen Roberts)

GŴYL BEAUMARIS FESTIVAL: GOING BACK TO SCHOOL!

This year's Gŵyl Beaumaris Festival artist, David Jones, is returning to his old school, Ysgol Gyfun David Hughes in Menai Bridge, to run a series of art workshops with year 9. With their teacher, Matthew Owen, the workshops

will centre on the importance of sketchbooks to record places and events and to develop ideas. Pupils were issued with their sketchbooks at the first workshop in January, and David will be returning periodically to



continue working with them on this project. You will be able to see the final results at the Festival's Art Exhibition at Canolfan Beaumaris Leisure Centre, when all of the sketchbooks will be on show.

Linking into the theme of 'place', but using words to paint a picture, the Festival is also running two creative writing sessions at Beaumaris and Llangoed primary schools. Led by Wendy French, the children will be looking at 'place' and how/why certain places become special to us. Using interactive wordplay, pictures and poems, the children will be encouraged to capture something in writing about their own favourite place and then spend time sharing their work.

It is not only art and creative writing that can paint a picture, though; music does this, too, and Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias in Caernarfon returns to the Festival to present another Young Musician's Showcase, featuring students from the school. Beaumaris Film Club will also be showing the popular children's film 'Sing' at Canolfan Beaumaris Leisure Centre on Saturday 26 May from 2.00pm.

Gŵyl Beaumaris Festival runs from 22 May to 28 May at Canolfan Beaumaris Leisure Centre; the programme booking forms may be downloaded via the Gŵyl Beaumaris Festival website. Please call Melanie Jackson on 01248 811200 if you would like to be put on the Festival's mailing list; the box office opens in May at Canolfan Beaumaris Leisure Centre, 01248 811200.

Gŵyl Beaumaris Festival
<http://www.beaumarisfestival.org>

(Melanie Jackson)



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GARETH MORLEY: IN MEMORIAM

The picture below was taken in the last year that our great village shop was open. It just encapsulates the joy it was to visit Gareth and his emporium. My granddaughters even got dressed up for the occasion!



Gareth Morley and Phil Lewis's granddaughters in the village shop (P Lewis)

Gareth had to put with me sometimes up to six times a day. First thing, he chaired the "committee" of early callers including Nowi, Lewis, Andrew, Gwyn and Dafydd x 2, whilst I got my milk and bread. Later I would call (once with a wheelbarrow full) of my eBay parcels, which Olwen was always keen to see! Before lunch the shopping list would be ready and all the top quality produce would be bought. If anything wasn't available it would be "on the list" for tomorrow – even when Gareth saw whiskey on my list he obliged.



July 2017: a nice shot of Gareth Morley in his Mini Moke; they were made between 1964 and – would you believe it? – 1993 (N Frazer)

I once did a survey and found that Gareth's was cheaper than Waitrose or Tesco: Gareth had to dampen my enthusiasm as he feared that supermarket trollies would fill the shop. His jams, toffees, hams, sausages, bacon and eggs were all superior to his competitors, and often on price, too.

He was the main attraction, though: he had a kind and even demeanour with all, and nothing was too much trouble. To say that he is missed is a gross understatement; there seems to be a great void in the community with his passing.

We miss Gareth, his shop staff and everything he stood for.

(Phil Lewis)

LLANGOED & DISTRICT FOOTBALL CLUB: EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS AND MORE

Here are the winning numbers in the Llangoed & District Football Club Easter Raffle.

Please contact Owen Williams on 01248 811260 to claim your prize.

- 0330 G Oakes (Llangoed phone number)
- 0144 Mick (Beaumaris phone number)
- 0188 Sue (Llangoed phone number)
- 0207 Siân (Beaumaris phone number)
- 0778 Dave (c/o the Owain Glyndŵr)
- 0041 Jackie (mobile number)
- 0184 Iris (Llangoed phone number)
- 0667 Iris (Llangoed phone number)
- 0991 Sarah (Beaumaris phone number)
- 0789 Iwan (c/o the Owain Glyndŵr)
- 0310 Mary (Llangoed phone number)

A big 'thank you' is due to Ffrindiau Llangoed for the Bingo Night that they organised, to the Football Club and to the people who gave prizes and supported the event.

The photograph below shows how football fashion has changed over the last 70 years or so...here's a really clear photograph of Llangoed & District Football Team in c.1947; the field is where the Bryn Paun estate is, opposite to where the team plays now, but in 70-odd years there have been a few fields...

Do let us know if you know who the 'not knowns' are, or



Back row, L-R: William Thomas; Will Williams; Dafydd Williams; Clifford Jones; John Lazarus Williams; Trefor Thomas; (name not known). Front row, L-R: William Herbert Jones; Norman (surname not known); Dick Williams; Emrys Owen; Jim Williams (via O Williams)

if you have any local photographs that you'd like to see published in future issues.

(Owen Williams)

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DRWY'R OESOEDD – LLANDDONA – THROUGH THE AGES: THE FINAL EPISODE?

On 14 April 2018 we held the third and (probably, but who knows?) final part of our successful three-part project, *Drwy'r Oesoedd – Llanddona – Through the*



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Ages, in the Village Hall. It was well-attended, and many of those who attended provided more documents, photographs and a wealth of information about Llanddona and its rich history.

'Thank you' to everybody who helped, provided photographs, documents and information, and so on. The project itself might have ended, but we would still love to hear from you if you have any more information, stories or photographs that you would be willing to share with us, so that we can continue to build on what we've achieved so far.



Heywood Castle, Eggesford, seen from above (Devon CC)



The woods near Castell Aberlleiniog...sun, birches and celandines (J Nunn)



Castell Aberlleiniog seen from above (Wikimapia)

With a move to a new Village Hall – the old primary school – due to happen in the next few months, the Village Hall Committee will have a lot on its plate. With that in mind, is there anybody in the Llanddona area who would be willing to take this project under his/her wing?

Please contact Carys Roberts on 01248 810223, Rhian Hughes on 01248 810783 or Miriam Williams on 01248 811468.

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<http://llanddonavillagehall.co.uk/>
<http://llanddonavillagehall.co.uk/history-project/>

(Rhian Hughes, Carys Roberts)

SIOE GEFFYLAU & MERLOD LLANDDONA & BEAUMARIS 2018/LLANDDONA & BEAUMARIS HORSE & PONY SHOW 2018

Sioe Geffylau a Merlod Llanddona/Beumaris: 25 Awst 2018: Mae trefniadau ar gyfer Sioe 2108 yn brysur siapio. Mae'r lefel o gefnogaeth sy'n cael ei arddangos yn nhermau'r hysbysebion lleol/is-lywyddion a nawdd y sioe yn galonogol ofnadwy a bydd hyn heb amheuaeth yn cyfranu tuag at sioe fwy llwyddiannus eto.

Gwerthfawrogir pe byddai unrhyw dlysau/cypannau sydd eisioes wedi ei hennill yn cael ei dychwelyd heb oedi.

Bydd manylion rhaglen y Sioe yn cael ei rhoi at dudalen Facebook Llanddona/Beumaris Horse & Pony Show maes o law.

Llanddona/Beumaris Horse and Pony Show: 25 August 2018: Arrangements for the 2018 Show are

well under way. The level of support demonstrated in terms of local advertisers/vice-presidents and show sponsorship are all extremely positive which will no doubt contribute towards an even more successful show.

It would be appreciated if any trophies/cups previously won are returned without delay.

Details of the Show programme will be posted on the Llanddona/Beumaris Horse & Pony Show Facebook page in due course.

(Miriam Williams)

A WALK IN THE WOODS: CASTELL ABERLLEINIOG

I grew up in the depths of the Devonshire countryside at a place called Eggesford (population 88). If you ask me where it is near, the answer is nowhere. It is more or less in the geographical centre of Devon, midway between Exeter and Barnstaple and midway between Dartmoor and Exmoor. In common with Llangoed, though, it has its very own castle, Heywood Castle.

When I was a child it was completely overgrown by trees, being deep in Eggesford Forest (which, for trivia buffs out there, was the first forest planted by the Forestry Commission). To explore it meant clambering over rhododendrons, scrambling through thick brambles and heavy undergrowth – a country child's paradise!

Many years after I left, officialdom suddenly woke up to its existence, decided that it was of national importance, made it a scheduled ancient monument, cleared it of its undergrowth, provided a car park nearby, interpretation boards and footpaths...excellent in many ways, but it can't be half as much fun as it was fifty years ago.

What, you might ask, has this to do with Llangoed? The answer: absolutely nothing, but it's my article and I thought it was as good an introduction as any to one about Castell Aberlleiniog. When we moved to Llangoed at the tail-end of 2015 we already knew about Beaumaris Castle and had visited it on more than one occasion. Now all you locals know all about "our" castle, but to us it came as a great surprise to discover that Beaumaris/Llangoed/Llanfaes has not one but two castles...greedy or what?

Anyway, last spring we decided to walk down from the car park at the bottom of Llangoed and explore the second woodland castle of my life...and what a treat! I don't intend to bore you with the history of the castle



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because you probably know all about it already but I can tell you that you haven't lived if you haven't walked there in the spring!

There's nothing quite so evocative as the bare branches of woodland giants standing out against the blue sky of a fine spring day; and does anything say 'spring' quite like primroses growing wild? Then, looming above the riot of wild nature at its most stunning, there it is: Castell Aberlleiniog. There's not a lot to see, really, just the motte, the bailey being somewhat overgrown. If you were a mediaeval soldier, though, with a bit of poetry in your soul, I can think of worse places to be based: patrolling the battlements...just look at the view.



Bare trees, so majestic against the clear blue sky (J Nunn)



Castell Aberlleiniog, looming above the wilderness (J Nunn)



The view from Castell Aberlleiniog towards Penmaenmawr (J Nunn)

Interestingly, we did the walk again in high summer and the additional growth of vegetation hid many of the views. Spring is the time to go. If you've not walked down there in the spring, do it!

(John Nunn)

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NATIONAL HONOUR FOR BEAUMARIS ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Having just celebrated its centenary, Beaumaris Allotment Society now has even more to celebrate. For the first time in its 100-year history, the allotments will be opening to the public on 7 and 8 July 2018 under the prestigious National Garden Scheme.



Celebrating...! (J Anker)

They were also chosen by the *Sunday Telegraph* as one of the UK's top 30 new gardens to visit under the Scheme. Visitors will be given the opportunity to "see

behind the scenes" what it takes to create and maintain a good plot, with plot-holders on hand to welcome visitors and show them round their plots.

In addition, plot-holders with special interests will be giving more detailed information on such topics as growing plants to create natural dyes and plants which attract bees and their importance to allotments and gardens, and the owner of the "Allotment Vineyard" will be showing just what you need to do to produce home-made wine. We think that this is going to be a particularly popular stopping-off point as he is planning to give free samples of last year's vintage (while stocks last, of course)!

There will also be a plant sale, a book stall and a Centenary Celebration display, with funds raised going to Beaumaris Lifeboat. Entry fees will go to the National Garden Scheme charities. Refreshments will be available at the nearby Happy Valley pavilion.

If you would like more information, please e-mail beaumarisallotmentsociety@outlook.com; also, read the articles in the last two issues of *The Puffin*.

(Jill Anker)

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ANGLESEY'S SUMMER WALKING FESTIVAL

The Ynys Môn Group of the Ramblers is delighted to announce that a family-friendly Walking Festival will be taking place this summer. It will be open to everyone and is free!

Starting on Saturday 28 July and ending on Sunday 5 August, the Festival is part of The Ramblers North Wales Walking Festival. Between these dates each Ramblers Group in North Wales will be hosting a series of walks in its own area.

Eleven walks will be taking place on Anglesey, with three in the Llangoed/Llanddona area. Eight of the walks will be accompanied by a guide from a specialist organisation such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the North Wales Wildlife Trust and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Team of Isle of Anglesey County Council. The guides will explain the features of interest to be seen on each walk.

Six coastal walks are planned, including Holyhead Mountain, Llanddona beach, Penmon, Four Mile Bridge and South Stack. All of the walks feature spectacular



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coastal scenery and an opportunity to learn about the natural history and landscape. The five inland walks will visit wetlands, nature reserves and red squirrel woodlands, where experts will describe the unique habitats and their wildlife.

All of the walks will be graded as moderate, leisurely or easy, and many will appeal to families. They are open to everyone, so you do not need to be a member of the Ramblers. No booking is required and there will be no charge.

For more detailed information on the Anglesey walks, including the starting points and times, visit the Ynys Môn Ramblers website and click on *Our next walks*.

For information on walks in other parts of North Wales, from Deeside to Barmouth, visit the North Wales Area Ramblers website and click on *Our next walks*.

Ynys Môn Ramblers

<http://www.ynysmonramblers.org.uk/>

North Wales Area Ramblers

<http://www.ramblersnorthwales.org.uk/>

(Dave Melling)

FROM THE PAST...

Here's a postcard photograph of the centre of Llangoed in 1911, with China House on the right and the descent to the river in the background. We'd love to publish more



Llangoed in 1911, with China House (now McColl's) on the right...no cars, but it's still recognisable (O Williams)

pictures like this, so do let us know if you have any that we may use.

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- If you have strong feelings about what is said, or is not said, in **The Puffin**, don't bottle it up: get in touch with us or join the group of volunteers who enable its production.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND PUBLICATION DATES

- We will do our best to reply to e-mails quickly.
- If you e-mail photographs and other pictures to us for inclusion in **The Puffin**, please send them in .jpg format if possible; we publish in black and white, not in colour.
- The Puffin** is published in **February** (submissions by 10 January), **May** (submissions by 10 April), **August** (submissions by 10 July) and **November** (submissions by 10 October).

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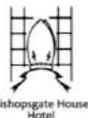
We are happy to receive submissions – and donations, of course! – by post. Please send them to *Andrew Perrott, Glangors, Llanddona, Anglesey LL58 8TU*; mark the envelope '**The Puffin**' and enclose your address, an e-mail address and/or telephone number so that we can let you have an acknowledgement.

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SOME USEFUL CONTACTS

Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 917 7650	Post Office:	
Beaumaris Health Centre	01248 810818	Beaumaris (Spar)	0345 611 2970
Beaumaris Leisure Centre	01248 811200	Llangoed (McColl's)	0345 611 2970
Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water:		National Gas Emergency Service	0800 111 999
water services and emergencies	0800 052 0130	NHS (NHS Direct closed in 2014):	
sewerage services and emergencies	0800 085 3968	for non-emergency medical help	111
reporting a leak	0800 281 432	Police: non-emergency	111
Electricity (SP Energy Networks):		Police Community Support Officer:	
information about power cuts	0800 001 5400	Teleri Jones	07814 646320
Floodline	0345 988 1188	RSPCA	01407 720743
Isle of Anglesey County Council:		Samaritans:	
Beaumaris library	01248 810659	English language	116123
Children's Services	01248 752722	Welsh language	0808 164 0123
missed waste collections	01248 752860	Ysbyty Gwynedd Hospital	01248 384384



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