

The Puffin

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THE DESERTS OF FAR-FLUNG ANGLESEY...

Deserts?! Grizzling about the weather is one of our national pastimes, usually involving words like *rain*, *cold* and *wind* in one combination or another.

It really does make a change to be using words like *I wish it would rain*, *it's much too hot* and the rest...

If nothing else, the weeks of hot and sunny weather has brought home just how much we take water 'on tap' for granted. You will probably have received Welsh Water's letter with water-saving tips; at home, we've managed to save an astonishing amount of water simply by keeping:

- A few buckets and watering cans outside the back door
- A couple of small buckets (like those that contain fat-balls for birds) and plastic jugs by the kitchen sink and washbasins.

The run of cold water before hot water appears adds up, especially if there's a long run between the hot-water cylinder and the tap. Washing water (dishes *and* faces) adds up as well...scoop it into the buckets and it soon gives several watering cans of water which have kept several small saplings alive, even if they've lost some of their foliage.

Anyway...keep on enjoying it – or grizzling – while it lasts; it's bound to end one day!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE

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 given on page 8.

Llangoed:

- **Ciwb Garddio Llangoed Gardening Club:** the third Monday of the month 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.
- **Ciwb 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.



Phew, what a scorcher! Empty water butts, watering cans and buckets outside the back door for waste water, gardens dying by inches...it's certainly been a summer to remember (A Perrott)

- **Zumba:** every Wednesday, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Llangoed Village Hall.
- **Whist group:** alternate Thursdays, 1.30pm-3.00pm, Pont y Brenin Hub.
- **Llangoed WI:** the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm,

Llangoed Village Hall; see also page 3.

- **Bingo:** the third Friday of the month at Pont y Brenin Hub at 7.00pm
- **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:** the second Tuesday of the month at the Owain Glyndŵr pub. For more information contact Kirsty Simpson at kirstyalisonsimpson@hotmail.com.
- **Llanddona and Beaumaris Horse and Pony Show:** Saturday 25 August 2018; see also page 3.
- **Llanddona Sandcastle Competition:** Monday 27 August 2018 (Bank Holiday Monday), Llanddona beach: starts at 2.00pm, with judging at 3.00pm.

Please note that dogs are not permitted on Llanddona beach between 1 May and 30 September each year.

Beumaris:

- **Pioneers Walking Group:** every Wednesday, 2.00pm at the Canolfan Iorwerth Rowlands Centre, Steeple Lane. Telephone Howard Jackson on 01248 810050 for more information; see also page 3.
- **Beumaris Film Night:** the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Canolfan Beumaris Leisure Centre. Telephone 01248 811200 or e-mail enquiries@canolfanbeumaris.org.uk for more information.
- **Table top sale:** the first Sunday of the month, 10.00am-4.00pm, at the Canolfan Beumaris Leisure Centre; refreshments are available. E-mail enquiries@canolfanbeumaris.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 Beumaris Leisure Centre; refreshments are available. Contact morganfairs@hotmail.com or telephone 07516 277794 for information/bookings.

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CLWB GARDDIO LLANGOED GARDENING CLUB

Although we are all enjoying this fabulous warm and sunny weather (with a little wettish break at the end of July) our gardens are suffering badly. Lots of plants and shrubs are plainly suffering lack of water and are losing a lot of leaves as a consequence or just giving up altogether and dying.

It is hard work watering all the pots on the patio and in the greenhouses, and fruit shrubs, such as blackcurrants and redcurrants, not forgetting the strawberries and raspberries that need water to swell the fruits.

The water in the pond is low and the grass is nice and crisp, but the rest of the main garden will have to endure this drought. Never have we gardeners needed the rain so much.

Now to news of Clwb Garddio Llangoed Gardening Club: our first garden visit this year was to an Open Garden to raise funds for North Wales Wildlife Trust at Bron Heulog in Glanrafon on a pleasant Sunday afternoon in May. The garden was looking beautiful with many plants in flower with a promise of more to come. This raised over £750 for the Wildlife Trust and they

were very grateful indeed.

June was a disappointing visit to the gardens of Penrhyn Castle on a cool and windy day. Unfortunately the gardens were not up to the normal National Trust standard. With the exception of the walled garden, it was a shame to see so much of it looking unkempt and unloved.

We meet again at the Village Hall on Monday 17 September when we have a visit from Anglesey Bee Keepers. On Monday 15 October, Richard Birch is back with us again for a presentation on Eastern European plants of Poland, Estonia and Czech Republic. We are looking forward to seeing everybody then.

For more information please contact Jean Whitehead on 01248 490813.

(Keith Whitehead).

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FINDING The Puffin ON-LINE: AN UPDATE

You probably know that, soon after it's printed for delivery, a link to the on-line copy of that issue of **The Puffin** appears on the Llangoed and Llanddona Facebook pages. Now, thanks to Pobl Seiriol, you will

find a complete set of **The Puffin** in one place.. Visit the Pobl Seiriol website, click on *Newsletters*, and there they are...

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BLOOMING MARVELLOUS!

Meurig and Valerie Hughes would like to thank everybody who helped to make the Open Garden Day at Tan y Pentre Mawr on 12 July such a wonderful success.

To date we have raised £998 for Crossroads Care, a provider of support for unpaid carers and the people they care for, a result which made our Open Garden Day so worthwhile.

We would especially like to thank Eurwyn and Jane and the lads from Haulfre Gardens for all their help in arranging the parking and moving garden furniture and lots of plants for us both before and after the Open Garden Day.

(Valerie Hughes)

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LLANGOED WI

We are a lively group of mixed ages so, ladies, do feel welcome to join us.

May: at our meeting on 2 May, Dr Katie Hayward of the Felin Honeybee Education Centre gave us a very interesting and interactive talk on bees, honey and the urgent need to care better for our landscape so as to preserve bees: the bee population is under threat from disease, the use of insecticide, and weather changes such as our long, cold and wet winter.

June: at the meeting on 6 June, Hayden Burns of Anglesey Archives gave us an illustrated and very interesting talk, outlining how you can find out about family history and the history of your home.

Competition winners: 1st Gwyneth Adams, 2nd Brigid Geoghegan and 3rd Margaret Furlong.

Raffle winners: Chris Linford and Julie Withers.

July: at our meeting on 4 July our invited guest, Sioned Jones, gave us an interesting and illustrated talk on Anglesey's Coastal Path, followed by a good Q&A session.

Competition winners: 1st Gwyneth Adams, 2nd Miriam Hughes and 3rd Chris O'Kelle.

Raffle winners: Julie Withers, Anne Lindley, Debbie Booth, Norma Martin, Kay Laurie, Miriam Hughes, Audrey Clark and Jenny Martin-Jones.

This was a bigger raffle than usual to raise money for the Hospice in Ysbyty Penrhos Stanley, Holyhead.

August and September: our August meeting will be a coach trip to Plas Glyn y Weddw, which is Wales's oldest art gallery, and on 5 September our guest will be Pat Mowll, who will give a talk to us on nutrition and health.

(Anne Lindley)

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

44^{ain} Sioe: mae'r Sioe wedi bod yn hynod o boblogaidd dros y blynyddoedd ac yn dychwelyd wedi egwyl o chydig amser

Plis dewch...mae'n llawn hwyl, ethos sydd wedi bodoli erioed yn y Sioe ac 'rydym yn edrych ymlaen i groesawu ffrindiau, hen a newydd, I gystadlu ac ymweld a'r Sioe.

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Mae copi o'r raglen y sioe ar gael ar dudalen Facebook Llanddona/Beaumaris Horse & Pony Show Facebook ac i fydd yn Paypal.

Bydd y Sioe yn digwydd ar y 25 Awst 2018 ar Gae Bryn Glas, Llanddona, LL58 8TN.

44th Show: the Show has proved to be very popular over the years and returns after a short break.

Do come...it's full of fun, something that has always been the Show's ethos and we look forward to welcoming friends, old and new alike, to compete and visit the Show.

There will be something for everybody, including junior and senior riding, in-hand showing classes, working hunter/show-jumping/clear round, gymkhana, stalls and much more. Your support would be appreciated.

The Show Schedule is available on Llanddona/Beaumaris Horse & Pony Show Facebook page and entries can be made on-line and payment made via Paypal.

The Show takes place on 25 August 2018 at Bryn Glas Field, Llanddona LL58 8TN.

(Miriam Williams)

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The Pioneers Walking Group near Henlllys (H Jackson)

PIONEERS WALKING GROUP

The Pioneers Walking Group meets every Wednesday at 2.00pm in the Canolfan Iorwerth Rowlands Centre, Steeple Lane, Beaumaris.

The walks last for about an hour, and are usually somewhere in south-east Anglesey.

To get to the starting point we do car-share, and we return to the Centre after the walk for coffee/tea and biscuits. Stunning scenery, good company and a warm welcome are guaranteed.

Contact Howard Jackson on 01248 810050 for more information.

(Howard Jackson)

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BEAUMARIS ALLOTMENTS: A BLOOMING GREAT SUCCESS!

Beaumaris Allotments welcomed over 440 visitors to the site by the castle for the National Garden Scheme Open Weekend on 7 and 8 July.

Under beautiful blue skies people could see for themselves what makes this such a special place. With the plots looking at their very best, visitors were able to see the superb range of fruit, vegetables and flowers that are grown there as well as sample wine from the mini-vineyard. Other attractions included talks, and demonstrations of spinning and natural dyes. The

marquee had a display about the history of the allotments, and looked to the future with letters of thanks from local school children following their recent visit to the site.

In addition, the plant sale proved very popular, as did the produce stall, where plot-holders had generously donated freshly-picked produce to sell in aid of Beaumaris Lifeboat. Over £1,100 was raised in total for the National Garden Scheme charities and £800 for the Beaumaris Lifeboat.

Our Chairman, Andrew Dixon, said, "It was a fantastic result, especially for our first opening under the NGS scheme; it has been a tremendous success and everyone deserves to be very proud of our achievement."

We had so many compliments and accolades; here's a selection:

- the best NGS garden I have ever visited...
- absolutely fabulous...
- we never knew such a beautiful place existed in Beaumaris...

We were delighted to welcome George Plumtre, CEO of the National Garden Scheme, who said that the allotments were "in a truly beautiful location – probably the best in Britain and with the mixture of vegetables and flowers, I have rarely seen more attractive allotments."

(Jill Anker)

THE DERELICT FACTORY AT LLANFAES

As a newcomer to the area not so many years ago I was quite bemused by the disused factory at Llanfaes and wondered what it was used for.



A warm welcome for visitors (A Perrott)



Keevan Anker, Master of the Vines (A Perrott)



Happy gardeners leave with new plants grown by the plot-holders (J Anker)



Beaumaris RNLi receives a cheque from Beaumaris Allotments Society Left to right: Gaynor Jones, Dave Owen, Will Roberts, Sarah Myers, Tim Bailey, Connor James, Chrissy Newsham (NGS Co-ordinator), Merfyn Hughes (Deputy Launch Authority), Andrew Dixon (Chairman, Beaumaris Allotments Society), Steve Barnard, Paul Blackwell (J Anker)

I'm sure that many people reading this will know all about it and some of the clues to its former purpose, but I also know not everyone does because I have seen queries on-line, so...for the benefit of any who don't, the factory was set up during the second world war by Saunders Roe, a company based in the Isle of Wight, to adapt the Consolidated PBY Catalina flying boat for British wartime requirements.

The aircraft was originally designed as a naval bomber to attack enemy cargo ships. The RAF wanted it for long-range reconnaissance flights and anti-submarine warfare, uses to which it was also put by other Allied air forces.

The quality of the design can be shown by the fact that the last Catalinas were still in service use in various forces around the world until the 1980s, and even today c.20 are being used in various places around the world, mostly as display aircraft...not bad for an aircraft which first took to the air in 1935 and was considered to be obsolescent at the start of the second world war. In total, several thousand were manufactured in the United States (3,305), Canada (620) and the USSR (24). The Catalina may have been slow and ungainly, but it had a distinguished service record in the second world war. There's a wealth of information on-line for those who are interested.

After the war the factory continued to manufacture patrol boats, minesweepers and, later, buses. Some were sold to Cuba, and I remember the political row about that, at a time when the USA was

trying to embargo trade with Fidel Castro's regime. Various changes of ownership followed, and of products, until the place finally closed in 1996.

The purpose of this article, however, is to draw attention to the remaining clues as to the factory's use rather than the actual role of the factory which can be easily researched on-line. These are clues which can be easily seen without scrambling over walls or hacking through undergrowth. One of the most obvious is the remains of the slipway visible at low tide opposite the factory; I've seen questions about this on-line.

How many people, however, have also spotted the change in structure in the wall by the road where the planes use to roll down to the sea, and that traditional sliding hangar doors on the factory wall facing the sea can still be seen?

I'm fascinated by ways in which the past can still be observed by those who look closely enough, and how we are surrounded by clues to that past. I wonder whether there are people still around, and maybe reading this, who can remember seeing the aircraft crossing the road to take to the air from the Menai Strait?

(John Nunn)

WALES: YEAR OF THE SEA 2018

Did you know that 2018 is the 'Year of the Sea' in Wales? This is, I have learned, the Welsh Government's third themed year, following 'Year of Adventure 2016' and 'Year of Legends 2017'. The 'Year of the Sea 2018' was launched



The view from the entrance to the site of the derelict Saunders Roe factory, off the road from the B5109 to Llanfaes (A Perrott)



The infill wall by the B5109 at Fryars; the slipway is probably still beneath the undergrowth behind it, and its rails once crossed the road (A Perrott)



The hangar doors are still clearly visible behind the encroaching undergrowth; imagine what it looked like some 75 years ago (A Perrott)



The remains of the slipway, looking towards the hangar; the B5109 is just behind the row of small trees and undergrowth (A Perrott)



28 May 1990, Duxford: G-BLSC/ JV928, a preserved PB5Y-5A Catalina; she suffered a landing accident in 1998 and was scrapped in 2012 (A Perrott)

by our Tourism Minister, Lord Elis Thomas. It is all part of Visit Wales's promotion efforts, and this year we celebrate our 870-mile Wales Coastal Path, our 230 beaches and 50 islands. Feathers in our cap already include more 'Blue Flag' beaches per mile than anywhere else in Britain, and the Rough Guides have named Wales as one of their top five places in the world to visit.

It seems very timely to focus on the sea this year as those of us who are lucky enough to live close to it, or who come to visit it, can refresh ourselves in the summer heat either by gazing out over sparkling waters or by heading for the beaches to swim, canoe or just to paddle. We might also enjoy a dish of local fish or shellfish, or join the visitors for a boat-trip out to Puffin Island; what a pity it is that the MV *Balmoral* has been laid up this year for maintenance work.

Some people were very lucky at the end of July to see a group of bottlenose dolphins streaking through the Menai Strait and leaping out of the water as they travelled alongside some small boats.

There are, of course, reasons other than recreation and tourism for celebrating the Year of the Sea. Wales has historic links with the sea, a strong maritime history dating back hundreds, even thousands, of years, when people travelled and traded far and wide and harvested the natural wealth of coasts and the open sea. There's the amazing diversity of the marine ecosystem, in which a myriad fascinating creatures have flourished, some for millions of years,

many eventually providing food for people. The sea has also become increasingly important for commercial fisheries, transport and renewable energy – wind-farms, such as the large one near Colwyn Bay, and schemes for tidal barrages or for harnessing wave energy.

Current focus on marine issues, though, is not all for celebratory reasons. As many people know, and as so brilliantly portrayed by David Attenborough and the *Blue Planet II* television series, the seas are actually in trouble, in many ways.

Over-fishing and other unsustainable exploitation, marine pollution, climate change, with rising sea-levels and warming oceans, and even Brexit, are all challenges that the seas around Wales and beyond face. Why mention Brexit? Well, the future of our fisheries management is still undecided, and new legislation may also be needed to ensure basic marine environmental protection as we leave the EU.

Fishing is still very important to many Welsh coastal towns and villages; however, current exploitation of fin-fish and shellfish stocks is a concern which UK law, fishermen's initiatives and European policy are trying to tackle. Sea-bottom trawling and scallop dredging can be particularly damaging.

The Welsh Government is keen to promote Wales as a world leader in farmed fin-fish and shellfish (marine aquaculture). This could reduce pressures on wild stocks, but only if developed in a sustainable way.

The Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean 2017 showed that an alarming quantity of litter was collected from Welsh beaches: 677 pieces of litter for every 100m stretch of beach cleaned. The Welsh Government and businesses need to do much more to reduce non-biodegradable packaging, especially single-use plastics. Perhaps we could appeal to local businesses to consider changing some of the materials they use for take-away food: it's a depressing sight to see plastic or polystyrene trays

strewn along footpaths and overflowing from litter bins. How many of these will end up in the sea? It's also worrying to see discarded crab-fishing line on local beaches. Other marine pollution in Wales includes agricultural run-off into rivers and thence the sea.



A lovely photo by John Fahy of Dalkey Photos showing a bottlenose dolphin playing with a paddleboarder at Killiney Bay in front of Dalkey Island, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (via Wikipedia)



19 July 2017: MV Balmoral making her way past Bangor pier and Garth towards Llandudno and the Irish Sea; a wonderful means of viewing some of spectacular coastline of Anglesey and North Wales (A Perrott)

Apart from rising sea-levels and rising sea-surface temperatures, which are already contributing to coastal flooding in Wales, climate change is also expected to affect the marine ecosystem.

Plankton is likely to become less abundant in some areas, affecting fish-stocks and the food-chain right up to sea-birds. On some Scottish coasts this has already happened, with sea-bird numbers in serious decline.

Last year the draft Welsh National Marine Plan was launched by the Welsh Government, and wide consultations are now in progress. The Plan aims to 'secure a sustainable approach to planning and management of our coast

and sea...working together with stakeholders to preserve our coastal communities, awe-inspiring coast, seas and wildlife, whilst developing our maritime economy.'

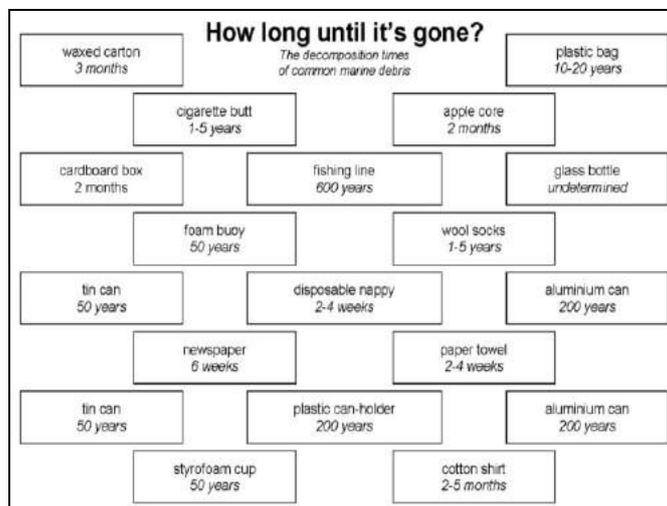
There is much to be done. The need for truly sustainable fishing has been mentioned. The natural environment will also need careful attention.

At present more than two-thirds of Welsh inshore waters are designated as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) for their wildlife value, but so far these are not effectively funded, managed or protected. The Marine Conservation

Society is campaigning to ensure that important habitats and vulnerable species are properly protected as soon as possible.

On a local, more positive note, would anyone like to volunteer to organise a local beach-clean as part of the national event in September, or go to a talk in the Canolfan Beaumaris Leisure Centre in October being given by the charity Surfers Against Sewage... watch out for dates.

(Roz Hattey)



Truly alarming: a snapshot of the decomposition times of some common marine debris

NATURE SQUAWK: EXOTIC BIRDLIFE DOWN SOUTH

The rose-ringed parakeet: these spectacular and noisy foreigners are common in some areas down south but they haven't reached Anglesey...yet. They seem to be permanently noisy, whether perching in trees or on the wing, with a loud and unmistakable sharp squawking call; once you've heard and seen them you won't mistake them for anything else.

When they're settled together they chat to each other, quietly for the most part, and sound a bit like budgerigars...until they squawk. They are as noisy as herring gulls, but not quite as hard on the ear. In flight, they are unmistakable; they are swift, strong fliers, usually together in flocks, and seem to like flying at below treetop height, swerving skilfully to avoid branches.

The rose-ringed parakeet, *psittacula krameri*, is a gregarious tropical Afro-Asian parakeet species that has a large range. It is known also as the ring-necked parakeet. Adult males have a red or black neck ring and hens and immature birds of both sexes show either no neck rings or shadow-like pale neck rings. They are a distinctive brilliant green colour, unlike any of the UK's native birds. On average, they measure 40.0cm (16") in length, including the long tail feathers.

It is one of the few parrot species that have successfully adapted to living in disturbed habitats, withstanding the march of urbanisation and deforestation. As a popular pet species escaped or released birds have colonised a number of areas around the world.

In the wild, they usually feed on buds, fruits, nuts, seeds, berries and vegetables. Flocks also fly several miles to forage in farmland and orchards, causing

extensive damage.

Their adaptation to life in cities and suburbia has given them an environment with few predators where their preferred diet of seeds, nuts, fruits, and berries is available from gardens and bird feeders. Their being acclimatised to cold winters in the Himalayan foothills allows them to withstand European winter conditions with little difficulty.

There are established populations in several European cities, and in South Africa and Japan. There are also apparently stable populations in some parts of the USA, and small self-sustaining populations in the Middle East and North Africa, and small numbers of escaped birds in Australia as well.

The European populations became established during the mid/late 20th century, the main British populations being in London, mainly in the western and south-western suburbs, and in Surrey and Berkshire.

The rose-ringed parakeet is a popular pet, and has the ability to mimic human speech. Popular legend has it that some escaped in 1951 from the branch of Ealing Studios that was used for the filming of *The African Queen*. Another is that a pair was released by Jimi Hendrix in Carnaby Street, London, in the 1960s. Who knows what really happened?

A count was undertaken in 2015 and found that there were over 85,000 rose-ringed parakeets in ten European countries. The winter of 2006 had three separate roosts of about 6,000 birds around London, and a population of several thousand birds

in the south-west of London is known as the Kingston parakeets. Those in my photographs are probably a few of them; Bedford is close to Kingston upon Thames, and is less than a mile from Heathrow airport's Terminal 4.

(A Perrott)



24 November 2007: rose-ringed parakeets were an unusual sight in much of the Home Counties until the 1990s (A Perrott)



12 September 2010: for a few days hundreds of rose-ringed parakeets swarmed in the horse chestnut trees in the car park by my house in Bedford; they took the conkers to pieces to eat the white coating inside the shells, and the mess that they left had to be seen to be believed. The blotchy leaves are caused by the larvae of the horse chestnut leaf miner moth, *cameraria ohridella* (endemic in the south, and spreading north) which tunnel within the leaves; up to 700 tunnels have been recorded on a single leaf (A Perrott)



13 September 2010: some people have plaster ducks on their walls, but in Bedford we go one better (A Perrott)

CONGRATULATIONS!

A Sapphire Wedding is the commemoration of 65 years of marriage, and that set the scene at the home of Sheila and John Freeman in Beaumaris last month when they received a card from HM the Queen. It was an appreciated gesture as they had both served the Queen and King George VI with combined service careers totalling 25 years.

Sheila Freeman, neé Williams, grew up in Glanrafon. Part of her service was in the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS; the Wrens) as a Marine Wren in the early 1950s, when she met John, from Doncaster, a Royal Marine at Eastney Barracks in Portsmouth.



Beaumaris: Castle Street in the mid-1940s; not a car in sight (J Perrott)



Beaumaris: the sea front in the mid-1940s; Raglan Street to the left (J Perrott)

After their marriage in 1953 they were drafted to different parts of the world, and eventually retired back here in Anglesey.

(Sheila Freeman)

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Floodline	0345 988 1188	RSPCA	01407 720743
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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