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TAILS' FROM THE TRUST

Linus, Rubin & Joey enjoying the snow in their winter coats.

We'd like to wish all Post readers a very happy new year and to thank everyone who has supported us during this most challenging time which we know has been difficult for everyone. Our kind-hearted and generous supporters have continued to donate what they can, despite facing their own incredibly difficult circumstances, there is so much to be grateful for.

We also want to give huge praise, gratitude and recognition to our fellow animal welfare charities, workers and volunteers. We have continued to save lives and make a difference to the animals who have come into our care during the Covid crisis. Our own small and mighty Lluest team have done this whilst battling illness, injury and awful winter storms. We could not deliver the quality of care our equines need without our hard working vets at Dyfffryn Tywi Equine Equine Clinic and our wonderful Farriers at Gareth Thomas Farrier Services....we thank them so much.

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During these times when we know it's critical to support small local businesses we are proud to say that we continue to use local suppliers, agricultural contractors, tradespeople and equine professionals. So, a big shout

out to all those hard-working people on our local patch who continue to deliver exceptional service and support, we'd be lost without you.



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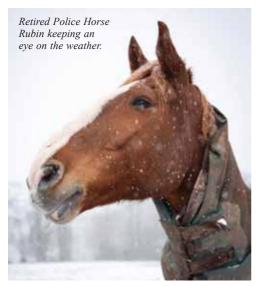
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HAPPY FOREVER HOMES

In between lockdown periods we have been lucky to move some of our ponies into their forever Guardian homes. None more deserving of a new life with a loving family were Luther and Darwin. Both ponies arrived at Lluest in February 2020 in a group of five, having been abandoned to starve on a small piece of land with no food or shelter. Luther was suffering with pneumonia and Darwin was seriously underweight suffering with lice, worms and zooepidemicus. Given their terrible condition we were immensely grateful to Ceri from TopSpec for feeding advice and for the kind feed donations that helped to transform them from emaciated shadows into the beautiful ponies you see in the photographs today. Luther and Darwin have been on a long road to physical and psychological recovery and while Welfare Assistants Alice and Lauren were sad to see them leave Lluest, they were super happy knowing



Darwin gets ready to say goodbye to Welfare Assistant Alice.

Welfare Assistant Lauren helps Luther prepare for the journey to his new home. that they'd finally found their own special homes. We will never know all that they had experienced in their short lives before being rescued, but we promise that will never happen to them again. We wish both sweet boys the best of luck in their wonderful new homes.

It's thanks to everyone who supports us and who specifically donated towards the costs of rehabilitation for these two special ponies that they're now living the lives they truly deserve. This year has been a struggle for so many and we are always blown away by the continued generosity towards our rescue ponies. You helped us to make this possible.

If you're interested in re-homing a Lluest rescue pony or if you'd like to dontate to their rehabilitation costs please visit our website (listed below) for details.

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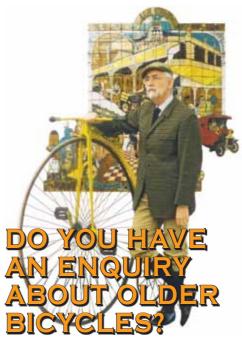


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Did you know that information about older bicycles is free from cycle history expert Mr Scotford Lawrence, historian for the UK's National Cycle Museum, a charity in Llandrindod Wells?

Mr Lawrence has written several books about cycle history which goes back to the 1817 wooden Hobby Horse design.

You may have an old bicycle and are unsure of it's make, or would to know about restoration ideas and contacts for parts.

No valuations can be given due to changing prices but photographs will be appreciated if you need help with ID

Please contact Mr Lawrence via email cycle.museum@ care4free.net. If you have an old cycle the museum may have a cycle similar to yours – there are 250 cycles of all ages on display. Details about the museum charity can be found on http://www.cyclemuseum.org.uk



COMPUTING EXPERT BECOMES COMMUNITY HERO



A Llandeilo resident who fixes computers for a living offered a life line to families without the funds for their own laptop. Due to the increase in home learning some children miss out on their education, worrying many about the technological gap between families of different income groups.

Andrew Sharpe of EasyPC has called on social media for old and unused laptops that may have only minor issues. In his spare time, he refurbished them and donated them to families via the Llandeilo schools.

"We have been overwhelmed with the response!!!" Andrew says on his Facebook page. "We have managed to give away 12 laptops so far and currently have 8 machines here which I will be wiping and refurbishing this week for donation to the schools. Busy week for Easy PC! Thank you again – what a lovely community we have here in Llandeilo."

You can reach him on – Andrew@easypccomputing.co.uk Alternatively, you may wish to donate money via our Covid 19 Community Support Group account to the cause (quote Laptops as reference)

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"We would like to say a very big DIOLCH YN FAWR to Andrew Sharp @ EasyPC" says Karen Towns of Llandeilo Primary School. "Andrew is another Community Hero"



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GOOD NEWS FROM The Ramblers

Walking has come to be seen as increasingly important for the health and wellbeing of many people during the Covid-19 pandemic. But the conditions for walking across the country have been deteriorating in recent years following the restrictions in local authority spending which have led to mounting difficulties in maintaining the footpath network.

It is against this background that the Ramblers organisation in Wales, Ramblers Cymru, has been lobbying the Welsh Government to provide more funding to improve the conditions for walking across Wales. The good news is that the government has now agreed to provide a total of $\pounds1,375m$ for path improvements which will be shared among local authorities and national parks throughout the country this year.

The Ramblers group for this area, Dinefwr Ramblers, is looking forward to seeing the path improvements although the pandemic will inevitably have an effect on how soon they can be carried out as well as on the activities of the group. But the group is aiming to resume offering led walks which will provide enjoyable exercise and good company with adherence to safety measures as soon as possible when restrictions are eased.

To keep up to date with what the Dinefwr Ramblers group has to offer and to learn more about the benefits of joining the Ramblers to support the organisation's work for walkers, visit the website www.dinefwrRamblers.org.uk.



BEST BUSINESS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY

The winners of the above competition are:



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Thank you to all the businesses, and residents, for making Llandovery sparkle during Christmastime.

May we wish each of you a peaceful, healthy and happier 2021! Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

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TUTOR CENTRE NEWS Net-Teach Online Learning – plus some

Net-Teach has had a very busy start to the year, with enquiries from families, schools and colleges. As an online school with a decade of experience in this way of learning, we could not be better placed to provide the expertise needed in these difficult times. Our teachers have been working very hard to keep up with the changes.

At the turn of the year we started to offer ESOL teaching, which is proving very popular with a range of students from across the world.

A new partnership with a school in Devon also looks set to begin by Easter, providing another 5-10 teaching post opportunities.

With most examinations again cancelled, we are putting together some free information packages for parents and students; there is such conflicting information that we hope to not only present some clarity in order to understand the situation better, but to give some practical advice about how to revise for an assessment based grade rather than an examination one. Please e-mail or call us for your free copy.

International examinations are still going ahead, whilst the main UK Boards are not. The latter are mostly being replaced by assessments being introduced by the Boards along with teacher assessment grades. At time of print, we are waiting for more information about the nature of these assessments and whether in fact they are to be adopted.

We are continuing to offer our small class revision in GCSE Maths, Science and English for $\pounds 5.00$ a session.





If you would like to sign up for these, please give us a call. Tutoring in all subjects is also available.

Our sister company was launched last month and is free for teachers to sign up:

Tutors-online.uk is a way for students to find a tutor in their subject specific area.

We hope you are all keeping well and if there is any area of education we can help with, please call us; all advice and support is free for our local community.

NET-REACH

Working with the Red Cross and Denbighshire Council, our charity Net-Reach is teaching English to a group of settled refugees in North Wales and we are in negotiation with other statutory bodies hoping to provide extra learning sessions where applicable. Our successful pilot project lasted 3 months and the word has spread to other areas where the service can be rolled out. In light of this, we are hoping to report an expansion of our efforts in next month's issue.



In the meantime, we are continuing to carry out our primary function of offering teaching to people who have been disadvantaged by their educational experience. We are open for online learning so if you find yourself not in education, employment or training currently and wish to take a qualification, please do not hesitate to call us. You may also be able to apply for funding if you have been adversely affected by your education in the past.

In order to be able to offer these services we are planning a series of fundraisers in the local area such as an online quiz, a walking treasure hunt and online competitions. We, and more importantly our students, would be very grateful for your support – volunteers and contributors more than welcome. Please call: 01550 779298.



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ASHMOLE & CO EXAM SUCCESS

Ashmole & Co are delighted to announce Kane Williams, in the Ammanford office, has completed his studies and passed all his exams to become a qualified member of the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants).

Kane, from Pontardawe, has been working full time in Ashmole & Co's Ammanford office since August 2019, after he gained his degree in Accountancy with first-class honours from Swansea University.

Kane did two weeks work experience with Ashmole & Co in 2014 and enjoyed working for the firm so much that he joined, part time, in November 2017, whilst in his second year at Swansea University. Kane continued to work two days a week for the firm whilst studying up until qualifying in 2019.

Laura Craddock, Partner in Ashmole & Co's Ammanford office said, "We are all so proud of Kane and his fantastic achievements. He has become an integral part of our team in the Ammanford office, even offering advice to other staff studying. It's been an absolute pleasure to watch him going from strength to strength. It is important as a profession that we help to train the next generation of accountants. Qualified staff members are the lifeblood for the future success of our firm."

A number of staff have achieved exam success including Vinal Patel and Sam Jones in the firm's Ammanford office who have passed exams on the way to becoming ACCA members. Gareth Thomas passed his AAT exam. Poppy Wilks in the Haverfordwest office passed her exam on the way to become ACCA qualified.

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HONEYBEES REVEAL HOW OUR FLORAL LANDSCAPE HAS CHANGED OVER THE LAST 65 YEARS – AND THE CONTROVERSIAL INVASIVE PLANT THEY NOW ADORE



Honeybee historians might seem like a flight of fancy but these tiny pollinators have been helping researchers from the National Botanic Garden of Wales track how the UK's fields, hedgerows, wild spaces and gardens have changed since the 1950s.

Using cutting-edge DNA barcoding techniques, scientists at the Botanic Garden identified which plants modern-day honeybees visited most often by looking at the pollen grains trapped within honey.

They compared this to a 1952 survey of honey plants where a microscope had been used to painstakingly identify pollen grains in honey sent from hives across the country. The full open access article can be viewed on the Communications Biology website.

The differences were clear. White clover had been the most important plant for honeybees but, with fewer pastures today and increased use of herbicides and inorganic fertiliser in farming, this has dropped to second place. Now the insects are visiting much more of:

· their modern-day favourite, bramble

- oilseed rape, a plant which has a sting in its tail
- the highly invasive Himalyan balsam

Also important were spring-flowering shrubs and trees, including hawthorn (Cratageus monogyna), apple (Malus

species), Cotoneaster species, sycamore and maples (*Acer* species), cherries and plums (*Prunus* species), and towards the end of the season, heather (*Calluna vulgaris*).

Dr Natasha de Vere, Head of Conservation and Research at the National Botanic Garden of Wales, said: "The last 65 years have been a period of profound change within the UK landscape. Agricultural intensification after the Second World War led to a decline in speciesrich grasslands and permanent pastures, while hedgerows and woodland were destroyed so that field sizes could increase, and new crops were grown. The distribution and abundance of the UK's wildflowers has changed, with some species declining whilst new plants have been introduced.

"Natural historians, scientists and government agencies have made detailed records over this time, but they are not the only witnesses to this changing world. Honeybees also travel through these landscapes, flying through fields and woodlands, over hedgerows and croplands, searching for nectar and pollen to return to their hives."

The new research:

In 2017, Dr Laura Jones repeated a 1952 survey, undertaken by A.S.C. Deans, as part of her PhD research with the National Botanic Garden of Wales and Bangor University. She analysed 441 samples of honey sent in from across the UK. This time, instead of using a microscope, the pollen was identified using plant DNA barcoding, work for which the Botanic Garden has an international reputation.

White clover – in 1952 the most important plant for honeybees was white clover (*Trifolium repens*). In the new research, white clover was still the second most important plant but there was a significant reduction in its presence within the honey. In 1952 it was found in 93% of honey samples and was a major honey plant in 74% of these, but by 2017 it was found in 62% of samples and was a major source in only 31% – a sign that our modern-day landscape has far less white clover.

The Countryside Survey for the UK shows that between 1978 and 2007 white clover decreased within the landscape by 13%. It used to be a dominant plant within permanent pastures and was also often included in grass leys as a source of protein for livestock. Agricultural intensification led to a reduction in the amount of permanent pastures and increased use of inorganic nitrogen fertiliser meant that clover was less likely to be sown in grass leys. Reseeding without clover made it easier to control docks and thistles with a broad-spectrum herbicide that killed off all of the plants that were not grasses. Where white clover was still included in leys, much more regular cutting for silage meant that it was unlikely to be allowed to flower.

Bramble – with the reduction of such an important nectar source, honeybees needed to find alternative supplies of nectar and pollen. The research suggests that honeybees increased the amount of bramble, Rubus fruticosus, in their diets. Bramble and white clover flower at similar times and bramble increased significantly as a major honeybee plant between 1952 and 2017. In 1952, Rubus was found in 58% of honey samples but was a major source in only 5% of these. In 2017, bramble was found in 73% of honey samples and was a major honey plant in 36% of these.

Oilseed rape - first grown in the late 1960s. By 1988, 279,030 ha of oilseed rape (Brassica napus) were in production and this increased to 332,000 ha in 2000. The bright yellow fields are now a common sight in spring. In 1952 the genus Brassica, to which oilseed rape belongs, was a major plant in only 2% of honey samples, by 2017 this had increased to 21%. The presence of Brassica pollen within the honey was found to be significantly greater from hives found within 2 km of oil seed rape crops. Honeybees make full use of the nectar and pollen from oilseed rape and single-origin oilseed rape honey is now widely available. It has a high glucose content that makes it granulate very rapidly into a set, white honey with a mild flavour. The rapid granulation can cause problems for the beekeeper as if it is not extracted rapidly from the combs it can set hard and be impossible to remove.

But there is a sting in the tale of this new resource, as oilseed rape seeds are often treated with neonicotinoid insecticides which harm honeybees. These neonic insecticides are currently banned within the UK and hopefully this ban will remain in place.

Himalayan balsam – honeybees in their search for nectar and pollen have also tracked the emergence of an invasive species. Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens* glandulifera) was first introduced into the UK in 1839. Its fast-growing stature (up to 3 m tall), orchidlike flowers in shades of white, pink and purple, and exploding seed pods, appealed to Victorian gardeners. Himalayan balsam soon made its escape from the garden walls, first spreading slowly, then increasing more rapidly from the 1940s to the 1960s, gradually establishing along waterways and field margins. In 1952 it was present within UK honey at low levels, occurring in 3% of samples with only 1% as a major plant.

Himalayan balsam now rampages along riversides and road verges. In 2017 it was found within 15% of samples and was a major source in 6%. However, this is an under estimation of its importance, since most of the honey samples were provided in July and August, whilst Himalayan balsam tends to be used by honeybees later in the year. Himalayan balsam is now an important late season plant for honeybees, providing an abundant nectar source at a time of year when there is little else available. It helps the bees build up their winter stores and is sometimes sold by beekeepers as a single-origin straw-coloured honey with a sweet, fragrant, floral taste. It is easy to tell when honeybees are foraging on Himalayan balsam as they return to the hive with a characteristic whitewash of pollen covering their bodies, leading them to be called 'ghost bees'.

Himalayan balsam is undoubtedly a good plant for honeybees but this is a controversial issue as it is a highly invasive species listed under Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, making it an offence to plant or cause this species to grow in the wild. Its vigorous growth means it competes with native plants for light, nutrients and space. It dies back in winter leaving



riverbanks bare and open to erosion whilst its dead stems and leaves can block waterways. Even its popularity with pollinators can cause problems, as it can outcompete native wildflowers for their services, leading to reduced seed production in native plants.

Dr de Vere added: "Honeybees and wild pollinators need abundant and diverse sources of nectar and pollen within the landscape, to provide sufficient, high-quality food. By understanding which plants are the most important sources we can provide recommendations on which plants to grow so that honeybees and wild pollinators can thrive."

Recommendations from the research include:

- Landscape level changes to provide more floral resources. The UK needs more flower-filled hedgerows with bramble margins and grasslands rich in wildflowers. The conservation of remaining species-rich meadows is a priority, but the area that these habitats cover is vanishingly small.
- To make the biggest gains in nectar and pollen, changes are needed in the most prevalent habitat in the UK today – improved grassland. Wildflowers are squeezed out to create grasslands dominated by a small number of grass species, where there are very few flowers to sustain pollinators. But because of the scale of this habitat, small changes here could vastly increase nectar resource. For honeybees providing more white clover in improved grasslands would be best, for other pollinators different flowers are more important.



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Padmasambhava hopes you were able to enjoy the Christmas celebrations, even if they were not as full as previous years, and sincerely hopes and wishes for a better, happier, and healthier year with fewer restrictions in 2021 and that the spring flowers bring hope and joy to all.

We all look forward to the time that classes will be able to start again in person at the Centre. Until then Padmasambhava is continuing to offer Zoom classes and has a comprehensive Spring term programme.

Chair Yoga classes have now re-started on Monday mornings on the Zoom platform. The Centre offers a mixture of classes online – from a mixed daytime class to the more experienced 3rd Year classes. Each of the classes spends time on breathing and relaxation techniques which help ease the mind and reduce stress, as well as the gentle physical practices to help release tension within the body to encourage flexibility and strength. Many students have found value in the sense of practicing together, once again, as part of a group.

All at PadmaSamBhava hope that you are well and are still able to enjoy good times with some of your friends and family. Indeed, as time goes on, it is even more important to remain positive and continue to do your voga practices and also to take some time to be quiet and meditate. PadmaSamBhava is there for students old and new - so please do call the Centre if you would like help or guidance or resources for practice. A few simple practices can provide us with the tools to enhance our awareness and begin to make a difference to the state of our minds, our health, our energy, as well as relax the body. The centre offers reduced rates - please don't hesitate if helpful. Classes at PadmaSamBhava are special in that they take into account the health and abilities of everyone and aim to help both the mind and the body. To speak to someone at the Centre please call 01558 823842 - and if there is no one to speak to, please leave a message leaving your details and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

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END OF YEAR REPORT FOR LLANGADOG YFC

On Friday 27th November, the club held a virtual quiz organised by former quiz winner Aaron Hughes, Godre Garreg. Seven teams competed with the following results –

1st – Lois Williams, Bronallt, Llangadog. 2nd – Ifan Williams and Jasmine Emerick, Llanwrda. 3rd – Mari and Cadi James, Llanddeusant.

Light entertainment was the theme of the virtual club gathering on Friday 11th December, which recorded 32 officials and members from 16 families present. Under the leadership of the James family, Stangau, Llanddeusant a sausage sampling session was held. Each member and official of the 2020/2021 club were given a pork and leek sausage and a pork and apricot sausage a week before the meeting. The purpose of the session was to identify which sausage members preferred? It was confirmed from over 200 sausages despatched that pork and apricot sausages were a hit. The club survey therefore confirms there is truth in tasting before purchasing!!!

The second half of the evening was to view photographs electronically of the 4 weaner pigs at 8 weeks of age and then at five and a half months at porker age. Guess the weight of the pigs was educational with the evening drawn to a close with 12 top tips which every member and household should know!!! Newly elected club leader Cllr Andrew James shared a few of the essential tips with members which he gathered from his mothers' recently published book, celebrate with Winnie's book of recipes.

Sharing information was an element of the evening, so for all those suffering with a sore throat, - rather than gargling with saltwater, try a drop or two of port!! It really works wonders.

Inspired by the pig rearing talk, the club is pleased to announce, club vice chairman, Carys Jones, Carreg Cynffyrdd, Gwynfe has purchased 3 saddleback weaner pigs as a new business venture for 2021. Good luck Carys.

Unfortunately, due to the increase of Covid 19, new regulations resulted in the tractor fun run having to be cancelled. The club hopes to rearrange the event later in the new year.

The Christmas raffle was drawn and the food hamper



A photograph of the James Family, Stangau Farm, Llanddeusant with their home produced sausages.

won by Mr Marcus Bickford, Blaenllynnnant Holiday Cottages in Gwynfe. The raffle raised £162.00 towards the clubs much needed funds. Llangadog YFC would like to acknowledge and thank Wendy Morgan, club president for donating the food hamper, to all who bought raffle tickets and to the Morgan family of Llangadog Post Office for kindly promoting the food hamper and selling the tickets during these difficult times of communication and contact.

As the club concludes its activities in 2020, officers and members wish to thank all local businesses for their continued support and loyalty of help and care to residents within the Llangadog community. Llangadog YFC looks forward to a prosperous and safe 2021!!



Pictured is the Club President – Wendy Morgan with the Christmas Hamper in the newsagents.

This report was written by Mari and Cadi James, Press Secretaries of Llangadog YFC.

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THE CLEAN AIR ACT IN WALES

News about the proposed Clean Air Act in Wales and its consequences for domestic coal and wet wood burners have caused ire and some heated debate on social media. "This emotional response is very understandable," says Nick Cater of Birdshill, Llandeilo.

"Of course, coal played an important role in the industrial development of Wales, additionally a high proportion of homes, especially in more rural areas, have no access to mains gas and have relied on coal and wood to provide affordable heating". With the potential ban on sales of coal this could leave homeowners without the means to affordably heat their homes and many people in this situation are likely to switch to heating oil, LPG (Liquid Petroleum Gas) or, most expensively Electric heating, unaware of the schemes that are available to help.

The Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (UK Government scheme) does for now (ends 2022) provide payments over 7 years that would cover the cost of a new renewable (wood pellet log boilers, heat pumps and solar thermal technologies) installation. In one case Powys – the County Councils offer rural homeowners access to an interest free loan up to £10,000 to cover the capital costs and then the RHI scheme can be used to repay the loan – effectively proving a new free renewal heating solution. "We're working actively in this market replacing coal/ log boilers for clients, throughout Wales, with more automated, cleaner and greener heating solutions and the existing schemes, whilst a bit piecemeal, have helped many homeowners move away from relatively dirty coal and wood boilers."

But there is a problem looming in Wales with a gap though in the policies for the future. When the Domestic RHI ends in March 2022 there is no replacement scheme in Wales. In England the Westminster administration have recently introduced the Clean Heat Grant which provides an upfront capital payment towards the cost of a renewable heating system but there is nothing like this planned in Wales.

"If Welsh Government are serious about their commitment to clean air, then they need to come up with a replacement for the scheme so people can afford to go green," says Cater. "The RHI has enabled many people to replace their old carbon heating systems and done exactly what the Clean Air Act wants to do."



LLANDEILO ROTARY CLUB

On the 11th December Llandeilo Rotary's President Chris Parish presented a cheque to Mydrim Davies of Ammanford Food Bank on behalf of Llandeilo Rotary. Also present was Owain Davies the Manager of Ammanford Coop. Llandeilo Rotary have been fortunate to receive the Coop Community Fund and part of this fund has been used to support various Covid 19 projects in the Area. The number of Ammanford Food Bank clients has increased dramatically since Lock down and they need all the support they can get.

Thanks must also go to the Coop and Llandeilo Coop members for funding this food via the Coop Community Fund.



The picture shows left to right, President Chris Parish, Mydrim Davies Ammanford Foodbank Manager and Owain Davies Manager Ammanford Coop





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FAMINE IN SOUTHERN MADAGASCAR

A desperate and very urgent humanitarian crisis is developing in southern Madagascar at the moment. 2020 has been a hard year for us all but for families in southern Madagascar the combination of relentless drought and COVID 19 has been catastrophic. 1/3 of the total population is now affected.

Three years of drought means that no crops have grown and water sources have dried up. COVID restrictions have reduced incoming food supplies and sent prices sky rocketing.

Although drought is common in the south, the current level of hunger is unprecedented. Mothers are reduced to preparing a mixture of clay and tamarind to fill their children's empty stomachs. Even the tamarinds are running out and the cacti, a staple at times of hunger, have long shrivelled and dried up. Vulnerable families are beginning to see their loved ones die from starvation. One village leader is keeping the names of the dead in a notebook. "We're used to famine, but this time it is just too much," he says. "Before this we never had people in our village dying of hunger."

1,400 very young children are severely malnourished. The UN has contributed \$10 million but the World Food Programme says that more than \$56 million is needed.

The World Food Programme has already begun to distribute food but they do not have enough resources to reach everyone in need. Money for Madagascar is



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Dear Readers of The Post, if you are able to help we should be most grateful. You can donate via our website: www.moneyformadagascar.org (Donate button at top right of each page) or you can send a cheque/ CAF voucher to: MfM Famine Appeal, Langthwaite House, Lancaster LA2 9EB. Via the website is the preferred option as cheques mean visits to the bank or post office which is difficult given the present COVID 19 restrictions.

Theresa Haine December 2020

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The winter season is upon us again with the night's drawing in, there is nothing better than to stay home and read a good book.

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LLANDEILO COVID-19 SUPPORT GROUP STILL ACTIVE

As we're heading for another long lockdown with possibly even tougher restrictions coming the Llandeilo volunteer group would like you to know that they are still here for you.

If you need any help with shopping, prescriptions, dog walking or any other tasks please call them on 07395949914, email them on llandeilocovid19@mail.com.

"Please look after your neighbours where you safely can do so" says volunteer coordinator Christoph Fischer, "or let us know so we can help. We've been supporting people in isolation, vulnerable people who were told to shield and people with the virus since March. People may not have kept our details since the summer and we're keen to let them know that help is still available."

A reminder leaflet has been delivered door to door in and around Llandeilo with important phone numbers, advice and information on food and take-out operations available.

"You're not alone," stresses volunteer and Llandeilo Mayor Owen James. "Please don't suffer in silence. Get in touch."



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Finally, food donations can be dropped off at Llandeilo Rugby Club at Cae William every day between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

And please look out for your neighbours wherever it is possible to do so safely

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LLANWRDA CRICKET CLUB

Training for juniors, and also the new Women and Girls' team, is on Friday evenings and restarts in April. Girls and boys aged 5 and over are welcome to join Llanwrda C C. We will be running All Stars cricket once again and also the new exciting Dynamos for 8 to 11-year-olds. These programmes start on Friday 7 May.

Please call Liz on 07791 241197 for details about the Women and Girls' team. Please contact Gwynn Davies for information about the juniors on 07956 14 74 64 or LlanwrdaCC@gmail.com for more details, or just search online for "Llanwrda Cricket." We are also on Facebook. Come and join us.

We are always on the look out for new senior players on a weekly basis for the 1st XI, or on a casual basis for our new Occasionals XI who play midweek and Sunday games. If interested in any of the teams, please contact Adrian Davies on 07867794771 for more information.

The club was founded in 1992 and we will be celebrating our thirtieth anniversary next year. We are already planning a special cricket match to commemorate this notable achievement.

LLANWRDA C C BONUS BALL WINNERS

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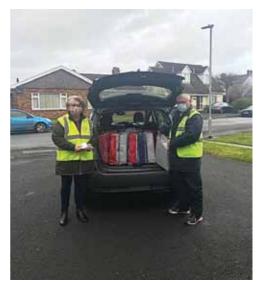


Every morning when I look in the mirror, I see my dear Dad looking back at me. That means I'm getting older, old even. I don't like being old because I know that most of my life has gone. There again, I feel fortunate because I had many friends who never got the chance to become old. And that is what is so worrying about these very difficult times. The future is so uncertain. We have been almost a year now and we are learning how to live with a world wide pandemic. It is not easy. It is not nice. Who would EVER have thought we would have to wear a mask to go shopping in Llandovery. Who would have thought many could not go to work, schools would close, businesses would close and help us, even the pubs would shut! Lifestyles have had to change, we can't meet our friends, holidays have had to be cancelled and shopping simply means just getting food in. We have acquired a new vocabulary. We now use 'pandemic', 'Coronavirus', 'Zoom meeting', 'vaccine' and 'Social distancing' as a matter of everyday conversation. How bizarre. And of course No Rotary Meetings. Now 'No Rotary meetings' is the worst possible news for anyone who is tasked with writing a 2 page Rotary report for the local magazine. No meetings means no news. No news means nothing to write. Right. So, I nave nothing to write. Right? Well, a bit. A little bit.

During the Christmas period in normal times, we as a club derive much pleasure delivering hampers in Llandovery. As with everything this year and in the interest and safety of ourselves and the recipients of the hampers the whole project had to be greatly scaled down. It is normal for the whole club to get involved but the scaling back meant it had to be left to as few as possible. Dan and Gina took on the bulk of this task this year and sourced the contents from our local Co-op then packed them ready for delivery. The Co-operative store were once again extremely generous and contributed the iced cakes and the mince pies free of charge. The deliveries were carried out by Dan, Gina, Ieuan and Barbara under Covid regulations meaning we were not allowed to enter any of the houses this year. On delivering the hampers on



A few of us waiting for others to arrive for a recent Zoom meeting.



Dan and Gina loading up the hampers ready for Covid safe deliveries.

a Sunday morning, after church, we would all gather in our headquarters for a lovely Christmas lunch. So sadly we missed that as well this year. The cards were given by Dai and Carol and special thanks to Hilda for her assistance. In all 36 hampers were delivered which is a lot less than normal but they were gratefully received and we have received a number of lovely letters of thanks.

In November we provided marshals for the flu jab clinic held at the Rugby Club and such was the success of the event then that we were asked by Llanfair Surgery if we were available to repeat the process to enable more people to get the benefit of the vaccination. Some of us that had attended the November date had since received letters stating we were 'High Risk' which prevented us from attending the December date. It was fortunate that numbers were well down so the ones that were able to attend coped easily. The Rotary Club wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr Rees and his team of Doctors, Nurses together with all staff at the Hospital and Surgeries for the way they have kept us informed during this pandemic. Their regular bulletins giving informative updates sent out via the Love Llandovery facebook page has been a wonderful way to keep patients informed. These updates are viewed on average over 6.000 times in the first day. Just another part of the superb healthcare we enjoy in Llandovery. On behalf of the community we thank you all most sincerely.

The lovely Ellie from Cynghordy has been hugely generous to us during the last few months and it has been most welcome. Whilst making up and selling her superb hampers which she has sold in great numbers Ellie has donated £350 to the Rugby Club and £350 towards Chloe's Caravan as well. Not only that, we had already received £150 from her earlier in the year. Ellie



Ieuan and Barbara loading their car with hampers all ready for delivery.

you are a star, truly. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Each month I ask some poor unsuspecting Rotary member to take part in a Question & Answer session which gives us the 'Inside Track' on how that person goes about their life. Given some of the answers I've had recently all I can say is that it's a good job we are all different!

This week it is the turn of Mike Blud to sit under the spotlight.

Here goes:-

- Where were you born Mike? Nantwich in Cheshire but moved to Shropshire when I was 2 and consider myself a Shropshire lad.
- What are your hobbies? Just pottering.
- Best day of your life? Getting married to my wife Gill.
- Ambitions? At my age, to live healthily for the years I have left and to die peacefully.
- The most memorable holiday that you have had? To the South of France The Moyenne Corniche eating Whitebait and Haricot Beans.
- Childhood hero? Kingdom Brunel.
- Your hopes for Llandovery Rotary Club? To recruit younger members to ensure it continues on as an active and enjoyable club.
- Most memorable day out? Sailing off Tenby and we capsized. Had to be rescued by the inshore lifeboat.
- How would you spend your ideal day with no time constraints? I would wake up in Ayers Rock in Australia, have lunch at the Taj Mahal in India and dinner at the Great Pyramids.
- Name three guests you'd like to have for dinner? Sandra Bullock, Jason Statham and my wife Gill, who will cook for us.

• You can spend an evening with anyone. Who would you choose and Why? Sandra Bullock. Why do you think!

Thanks Mike.

Former President Gary Strevens received an invitation from his brother in law Barry Holmes to join the Rotary Club of Soham Staploe in Cambridgeshire for a Zoom Meeting as they had a Speaker evening. In fact they invited anyone from our club to attend. Well, bravely I accepted this kind invitation to attend with Gary. The Speaker was a Rotary Ambassadorial Global Scholar named Emile Szemraz and we duly signed in on the evening from our respective living rooms. We were very warmly welcomed by their President Jeff. Little did we know, but we were extremely pleased to see that Emile was a very attractive young lady and she gave an extremely interesting talk. We were so glad we attended! It was lovely to see how other clubs run their meetings especially by Zoom. The most obvious difference between our two clubs was that one of them only drinks tea or coffee during the evening while the other has copious amounts of alcohol scattered all over the place (not everybody it has to be said). At this stage I am not prepared to indulge you the information as to which club is which! Entries on a postcard please (with the £5 entry fee!).

We were thanked again by President Jeff who wished us well in the future. We returned the compliment to Soham Staploe Rotary Club.

As this goes to press our colleague Mickey Gough is in hospital undergoing surgery. We wish you all the very best Mickey, sincerely. Looking forward to that next pint my friend. See you soon.

As you can imagine our diary of events for this year is already under huge threat. DroverFest in June is beginning to look highly unlikely as are the remainder of events until September which may be the earliest date we can look at. Of course we are relieved and pleased that President Alan has agreed to continue for another year in office to make up for this lost year. Well, he hasn't had anything to do at all this year! Don't worry Alan we'll make up for it next year. Anyone for a party? What, EVERYBODY?

Derek Jones.



WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL LLANDEILO TOWN COUNCIL WINDOW COMPETITION

(Cystadleuaeth addurno ffenest Cyngor Tref Llandeilo) have been announced:

"The standard this year is superb!" says Town Mayor Owen James. "Thank you all for being creative with your windows, really adds to the Christmas spirit!

Mae'r safon y blwyddyn yma wedi bod yn wych! Diolch i chi gyd am fod yn greadigol, yn ychwanegu naws nadoligedd i'r dre!

Drumroll please results as follows:

1st place / 1af - Peppercorn Cookware



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Diolch a nadolig Llawen i chi gyd!"

This year the Festival of Senses and popular Facebook page Love Llandeilo also held a people's choice. After counting 1,155 answers and 3,768 votes for all the shop in town here are their Top 3:



3rd place / 3ydd - Barr & Co Jewellery

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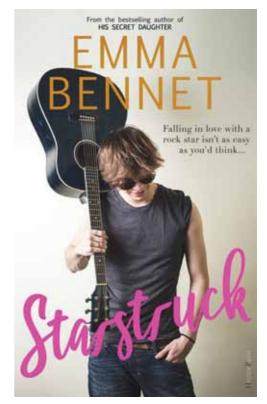
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Local author Emma Bennet has signed a contract with new kids on the publishing block, Spellbound Books.

Emma was previously published by Joffe Books, with whom she released 3 romance novels and 2 romance novellas. Her bestselling book 'His Secret Daughter' hit the number 1 spot for Amazon in Australia and her latest novel, 'Starstruck', was published last year.

Emma grew up and lived in London, before falling in love and moving to Wales to marry her own hero. Emma now lives with her husband and four children in Llandovery. She can often be found in local rivers attempting to control two overexcited chocolate Labradors.

The working title for Emma's manuscript is 'Her Sister's Baby'. It's an emotional contemporary romance and is set to be released March 2021 - so not too long to wait!

If you'd like to follow along with Emma's publication

process, make sure you sign up to her newsletter by visiting her website www.emma-bennet. co.uk. It's completely free and she promises she won't bombard you with emails!

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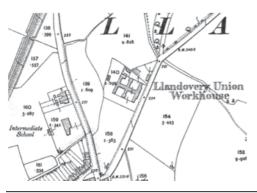
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KINDNESS IS POWERFUL AND IS AT THE HEART OF LLANDOVERY Llygaid oeddwn i'r dall; a thraed oeddwn i'r cloff.

You'll find this plaque on the wall of one of the consulting rooms in Llanfair surgery, Llandovery, which I had cause to visit several weeks ago [and at this point, may I add my voice to the many singing the praises of our wonderful surgery and staff, working so patiently and enthusiastically under these extreme conditions]. It looks as if the plaque has been painted onto a cement surface and was obviously created to survive. In appearance it looks as if it may have been moved to this location, and it certainly pre-dates the surgery, the council-run girls' home, and the use of the building when it was a highways depot for the council. It is very likely it was part of the building when it was constructed as a workhouse in about 1838. The map below from 1904 shows the original shape of the workhouse, part of which was demolished when it was placed into the care of the county council.

I recognised the plaque as a quotation from the ancient Book of Job, aided by the fact that the quote is ascribed to Job on the plaque....a bit of a give-away, really!



The ancient text of Job was probably written almost 3000 years ago and even possibly before that. It is set out like a drama and seeks to answer the question that is still asked in the surgery in Llandovery today: why is there suffering?

At one stage Job is commended for his care and attention of others even when he suffers tragedy and loss. He was known as a man who rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to help them, he was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame, he broke the fangs of the wicked and snatched the victims from their teeth.* Wow! ...to be known for that! How do I want to be known? How would I like to be described?

At Williams Pantycelyn Memorial Chapel we are asking just that. In 2021 we are keeping it simple, and our mission that moves us towards our overall vision is simple, to be kind. Kindness is a massively powerful force for good, that can transform community and make connections. It can bring people together, increase feelings of self-worth, and show each other that we are valued.

It is healthy to be kind. Neuroscience clearly shows us that endorphins, dopamine, and serotonin are activated or released when we do something kind, or even witness someone else doing something kind. These are related to our personal feelings of happiness. They are also the same chemicals released when we exercise...this is why it is possible to become addicted to exercise.

In addition, another chemical [oxytocin] is released and this can have a positive impact on reduction of inflammation and blood pressure. So, even from a selfish point of view, it is good to be kind!

Kindness is not just about random acts of kindness and being 'nice' to each other. It is a powerful force of good.



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One of our members commented on Sunday during our live zoom service; "it reverses the downward spiral of hatred and fractured relationships." Kindness transforms lives.

Even business and management training organisations are calling kindness a 'business currency', citing its value to networking and increased productivity. "If you want to accomplish your personal and business goals, get rid of the "me-first" attitude, and put others' needs first." [trainingindustry.com/blog/strategy]

Strange how things come full-circle. This is the precise teaching of Jesus.

At the chapel we further believe that being kind ought to be a reflection of our nature. Just as love is the essence of God's qualities, so we need to be reflecting that in all we do. It's as simple as that.

We see kindness in many aspects of Llandovery. Especially in the days of Covid with restrictions on movement and meeting each other, it is wonderful to see creative responses to negate loneliness and the effects of isolation and lockdown. Long may kindness continue. Long may it grow. As the plaque says, let's be eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame.

Rob, Pastor.

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LLANDOVERY CHRISTMAS PRIZE QUIZ 2020 RESULTS

There was a good response to the Christmas Quiz and the definitive results are as follows:

Ist prize of a carvery meal for two people, kindly donated by Chris Reeve, chef at the Llandovery RFC Clubhouse.

Winner: Teulu Mithig (Mrs Margaret Davies) 44/47

2nd prize of an embroidered Drovers face mask/snood, donated by the club.

Winner: Mrs Dawn Williams 40/47

3rd prize of a bottle of wine donated by Huw S Thomas. Winner: Huw and Angela Protheroe 39/47

The other impressive contestant was Mrs Janice James (ex Morris Isaac) who got 38/4. Other totals ranged from 9/47 to 35/47

Please claim prizes from Gina Deering at the Llandovery RFC club office, Gina Deering at droversrfc@gmail.com

Full answers are attached at the end of the question sheet

- 1 Which current Llandovery public house was formerly called The Glanbran Arms?
- 2 Ysgol Pantycelyn was opened as an Intermediate School 1n 1896 - was it for boys or girls or as a mixed school?
- 3 What is generally reckoned to be the most famous hymn composed by William Williams, Pantycelyn?
- 4 Which Welsh rugby international has a father who played 29 times for The Drovers in the 1990s?
- 5 The Tywi is the longest river entirely Wales? What is its length in miles? – 75, 85 or 112 miles?
- 6 What species of fish was once caught in the Tywi, weighing 176 kilos?
- 7 Which member of royalty opened Llyn Brianne in 1973?
- 8 How did the ship HMS Llandovery Castle meet its end in 1916?
- 9 Which former pupil of Llandovery College is now a successful Newmarket based racehorse trainer?
- 10 What important event took place in Llandeilo in 1996?
- 11 Which Llandovery man was awarded the MVO (Member of the Royal Victorian Order) in the Queen's 2020 Birthday Honours list?
- 12 What is Alabum?
- 13 Who was the author of Canwyll y Cymry?
- 14 Why is 1858 an important date in the history of Llandovery?
- 15 What Tywi Valley site did the famous landscape artist JMW Turner paint in 1795?
- 16 When was Llwynywermod purchased by the Duchy of Cornwall?
- 17 Why will the years 2007 and 2016 be remembered in a sporting way for Llandovery?
- 18 What was Queensways's former name?
- 19 Who or what is a Cyw Bawddwr?
- 20 Where or what is this?



- 21 What runs from Swansea in Wales to Chester in England via Llandovery, Llandrindod Wells, Oswestry and Wrexham, a distance of around 153 miles (246 km)?
- 22 What is South Wales's highest mountain?
- 23 Which lake is central to the story of The Lady of the Lake?

- 24 Which former Welsh rugby international was the founder of Llangadog RFC?
- 25 Who stayed overnight at the Castle Hotel in Llandovery on 28th July, 1802?
- 26 Who have been the last three MPs for Carmarthen East and Dinefwr? (3)
- 27 Who is our constituency MS (Member of the Senedd)?
- 28 With a Llandovery connection, who or what is Teaser?
- 29 Which former Llandovery College Warden became Archbishop of Wales in 1971?
- 30 In which département (county) of France is Llandovery's twin town?
- 31 What house in Llandovery is named after a battle in the Crimean War?
- 32 What happened on the Llandovery-Brecon road on 19 December 1835?
- 33 Where are the only known Roman gold mines in Britain?
- 34 Who is the only Wales rugby union player born in Patagonia?
- 35 Who represents Llandovery as a Carmarthenshire County Councillor?

WELSH NAMES

Give the English equivalent of the following Welsh towns: Aberhonddu; Aberteifi; Abergwaun; Brynbuga; Casgwent; Trefdraeth; Y Trallwng; Aberdaugleddau; Llanelwy; Trefaldwyn

ANSWERS

- 1 THE WHITE HALL
- 2 GIRLS
- 3 ARGLWYDD ARWAIN TRWY'R ANIALWCH (GUILD ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH)
- 4 KIERAN HARDY
- 5 75 MILES
- 6 STURGEON
- 7 PRINCESS ALEXANDRA
- 8 TORPEDOED OFF SOUTHERN IRELAND
- 9 DAVID SIMCOCK
- 10 NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD
- 11 STEPHEN NIEDOJADLO
- 12 ROMAN FORT AT LLANFAIRARYBRYN
- 13 RHYS PRITCHARD
- 14 RAILWAY REACHED LLANDOVERY
- 15 LLANDEILO BRIDGE (Llandovery Castle painting was c 1798)
- 16 NOVEMBER 2006
- 17 LLANDOVERY RFC WON SWALEC CUP FINAL
- 18 STATION ROAD
- 19 PEOPLE BORN IN LLANDOVERY
- 20 OLD LLANDOVERY GOLF PAVILLION AT THE CRUG
- 21 A483
- 22 PENYFAN
- 23 LLYN Y FAN FACH
- 24 CARWYN DAVIES
- 25 LORD NELSON (WITH SIR WILLIAM AND LADY HAMILTON)
- 26 JONATHAN EDWARDS, ADAM PRICE, ALAN WILLIAMS (3)
- 27 ADAM PRICE
- 28 RACEHORSE PART OWNED BY LOCAL AUCTIONEER MICKY GOUGH
- 29 DR. GWILYM OWEN WILLIAMS
- 30 FINISTĚRE
- 31 ALMA
- 32 MAIL COACH PLUNGED OVER THE EDGE OF THE ROAD NEAR HALF WAY
- 33 DOLAU COTHI, PUMPSAINT
- 34 JOHN LEWIS ''JOHNNIE'' / JACK MORGAN (EX-LLANDOVERY COLLEGE)
- 35 HANDEL DAVIES

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Where thunder stole the sky at night,

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Thank you for the kind messages received in sympathy cards, phone calls, flowers and all provisions.

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November

- 1. Huw Morgan
- 2. Huw Nicholas
- 3. Dafydd Bennett
- 4. Dan Jones
- 5. Daniel Long
- 6. Kevin Davies
- 7. David long

December

- 1. Adrian Lloyd
- 2. Annie Grant
- 3. Chris Williams
- 4. Sam Morgan
- 5. Gareth Morgan
- 6. Eleri Williams
- 7. Iwan Price-Davies

Christmas Draw

- 1. Sharron Evans
- 2. Daniel Long
- 3. Huw S Thomas

Llandovery M.V.C. wishes to thank everyone who has joined our "friends" monthly draw, some for a long number of years, but as the choir have not sung a note since last March, we will not be asking you for some of your hard earned cash, so the draws will be cancelled for 2021. We hope to be back singing and entertaining people in the near future, when hopefully this nightmare scenario is over.

LL. M. V. C



He don't do hugs She don't do kisses So just what is left For a man and his missus?

There's caring and sharing And rubbing along There's trying to put right Whatever seems to be wrong

There's feeding and needing That trusted true friend Who stands by you, protects you From what life may send.

So what message is apt On this Valentine's day? For you, so much more than a lover - I'd say Thank you for being there, For all that you do. I'll try hard to deserve a someone like you.

Happy Valentine's Day, Darling Let's celebrate awhile And say (thanks to Emir) I still love your smile!



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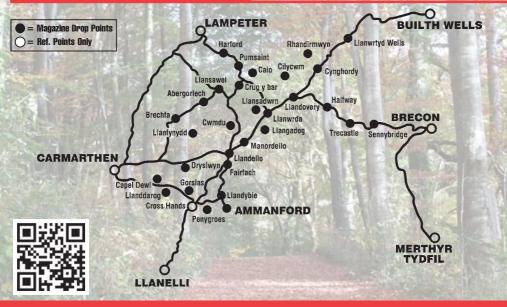
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