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## Autumn in Our Garden



# Giant Hogweed in Llanfair DC

Rose Hislop

Most people in the village will know about the public footpath that goes by the side of the new school. We walk this footpath very regularly. Recently we were concerned to notice several patches of Giant Hogweed growing on the path. This is a very nasty plant that can cause a painful reaction. It resembles cow parsley but can grow up to about 12 feet. Our dog was injured a couple of years ago by this plant although it wasn't in Llanfair on that occasion. It caused huge blisters and when they burst this is what they looked like.



We reported these plants to our local Community Councillor and thankfully they have now been removed. Hopefully nobody was injured on this occasion. They may grow back so it is worth being vigilant.

# The Pleasant Pluckers Ukulele Band

Rose Hislop

The Ruthin and District U3A's Pleasant Pluckers Ukulele Band are available to play at Charity and Community Events free of charge. Due to the current pandemic, however, they will only play outside in order that social distancing can be maintained.

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# EDITORIAL

Keith Mouldsdale

Welcome to the September 2020 edition of the Chronicle. I hope you are all sane and safe at this very difficult time. It is so difficult to get together and meet old friends for a chat something which I am sure we have all come to realise is a vital part of maintaining our well-being as well as living in the beautiful area that we occupy. We are indeed blessed with our surroundings. We have had some very careful family gatherings and we did have a very successful socially distanced garden party for Di's U3A gardening group with entertainment by the Pleasant Pluckers. It just shows that with a little organisation and a lot of common sense from everyone involved social get-togethers can be achieved successfully. Just be very careful.

Life is very gradually returning to normal. It is so comforting to see and hear the children back at school. The sound of their excited voices at play in the schoolyard is a sound that I didn't realise was such an important part of village life. St Mary's church in Llanfair is having eucharist services at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday mornings with a maximum of 14 family groups socially distanced. The pubs are opening carefully and life is ever so gradually returning to somewhere near normal. What the normal will be in the near future is anyone's guess.

There is very little news to report and it doesn't appear that there will be many group celebrations at Christmas time. We will just have to carry on talking to each other at a social distance to pass on any local news. Perhaps that in itself is not a bad thing to talk to your neighbours a bit more.

As far as the Chronicle is concerned we could do with village correspondents from the five villages to pass on interesting village snippets. In the meantime please stay safe and sane.

The deadline for the Christmas edition is **DECEMBER 6TH.**

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# Autumn

Eryl

I love the autumn. A wander out on a still, moonlit night and you could be lucky enough to hear the raucous honking of returning wild geese and Whooper and Bewick's swans. Flying high in skeins of many hundreds, they use the lunar light for navigation on their way to the benevolent lakes and meres of southern England where they over-winter. As prey gets scarcer, Tawny owls become very vocal. Older birds and this year's youngsters battle with one another, all trying to out-hoot each other for the most productive bits of real estate. Perplexed young badgers and foxes, having been turfed out by their parents to make their own way in the world, are frequently illuminated by car head lights along country lanes.

But its daybreak I love the most. The early morning chill greets you like an old friend rather than a portent of winter. Autumn fruits garland the hedgerows with clusters of scarlet and oak trees are laden with acorns like grapes on a vine, all of them given an extra lustre by the heavy overnight dew.

Wild damsons, blackberries and sloes offer themselves to passing pickers, thick with the promise of tasty preserves and heady beverages for the winter months. Moister, shorter days trigger the growth of a myriad of edible fungi, both on the woodland floor and out in the meadows.

There is a wilted dampness about the leaves of chestnut and field maple, now turning ochre and crimson, soon to be followed by the russet shades of oak and ash, before they all tumble gently earthwards.

Low, almost magical, feathery mists turn grazing cattle into ghostly ships floating on a vaporous sea, the nip in the air turning their every exhalation into a cloud of steam. I always think my Sussex cattle look their best at this time of year. Their sleek summer coats have been replaced by a mass of rich, dark red curls – far more aesthetically pleasing than the boring ginger or blue that most beef cattle seem to be these days.

The robin has switched to his winter song which is a more wistful, melodious tune - more in keeping with the tranquillity of autumn than the shriller, more urgent, summer refrain when he is trying to hang on to his mate and his territory. Swarms of finches join the ubiquitous woodpigeon on stubble fields, Hoovering up what the combine has missed and the maize, if I can misquote Hammerstein, is as high as an elephant's eye. Pheasants that were

gawky poult 3 weeks ago are now fully feathered and tailed and ready to give sporting guns a run for their money come the beginning of October.

Summer visiting warblers, chiffchaffs and blackcaps, along with flycatchers, redstarts and wheatears have long since departed to warmer climes. Inland nesting waders, the namesake uttering curlew and peewit, return to shore and estuary for the winter. Swallows and martins tarry a while longer though. They congregate on telegraph wires like avian sheet music, twittering joyously as if excitedly planning their holidays. But when the rapidly shortening day length dries up their insect supply, they too head for Africa and when they do, it seems that they take the last remnant of summer with them.

But the void is soon filled by in-coming redwings, fieldfares and mistle thrushes that join resident blackbirds and song thrushes to feast on the berries of hawthorn, holly and dog-rose. Vast flocks of knot and dunlin, back from arctic breeding grounds, form low, dappled clouds of energy along the shoreline. Shyer visitors like siskins, linnets and bramblings join the omnipresent blue and great tit in search of free handouts on garden bird tables.

Dusk too brings its own autumn treasures. Erratic flying bats feast on the insects that are still abroad in order to gain weight prior to winter hibernation. Snuffling hedgehogs do likewise on lawns and among flower beds, the heavier dews and longer nights tempting more worms and slugs from hiding.

Visiting European starlings unite with huge numbers of British birds in massive murmurations to perform one of the most spectacular sights in nature. Just before dark and in perfect synchronicity, countless tens of thousands of them produce an aerial display that defies description before plummeting into reed beds that afford them a warm, safe haven for the night. Autumn is nature's most bounteous season, but it is all tempered with an air of calm. It's a time to enjoy an unhurried harvest after the frenzied activity of spring and summer, a time to take pleasure in the fruits of her labours before the torpor of winter. And the time to enjoy all this largesse at its serene best is definitely at dawn.

In fact, I'm sure Edvard Grieg must have been out early one autumn day when he was inspired to write 'Morning Mood' for Ibsen's Peer Gynt. And I'd like to think he was over here on holiday at the time.

#### **Editor's note :-**

Eryl has an honesty stall for vegetables and eggs at South Lodge Llanfair

# YSGOL REOLEDIG LLANFAIR D.C.

Mae wedi bod yn braf cael croesawu pawb yn ôl i'r ysgol ar ôl cyfnod rhyfedd i bawb i ffwrdd o'r ysgol. Erbyn hyn mae plant y feithrin i gyd wedi cychwyn a setlo yn andros o dda serch iddynt fethu ar gyfleoedd i ymweld a chyfarwyddo gyda'r ysgol cyn yr haf.

Mae'n braf gweld y bwrlwm yn ôl yn yr ysgol a'r plant i gyd yn mwynhau profiadau addysgiadol o fewn y dosbarthiadau gyda'u ffrindiau. Diolch yn fawr iawn i'r rhieni am eu cydweithrediad yn ystod y cyfnod o ail agor. Diolch hefyd i'r staff am eu holl waith caled yn sicrhau bod yna gweithdrefnau mewn lle i leihau'r risg o ymled i'r feirws.

Rydym yn dymuno pob lwc i gyn disgyblion sydd yn dechrau mewn ysgolion, colegau neu brifysgolion newydd dros yr wythnosau nesaf.

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after a strange time away from school. By now all the nursery children have started and settled in very well although they missed out on opportunities to visit and familiarise with the school before the summer.

It's nice to see the vibrancy back around school and all the children enjoying educational experiences within the classes with their friends. Many thanks to the parents for their co-operation during the reopening period. Thanks also to the staff for all their hard work in ensuring that procedures are in place to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

We wish all past pupils who are starting new

schools, colleges or universities the best of luck in the coming weeks.

Helen Oldfield - Pennaeth



Dyma'r Dosbarth Derbyn sydd newydd ddechrau yn yr ysgol llawn amser.

Here are the Reception Class who have just started full time at school

## **Review Of Llanfair D C Community Council's Activities During The Year Ending 31 March 2020**

- 12 meetings including an Open Meeting held in March 2020 to address resident concerns about highway and footpath closures and how the village had come to a standstill due to all the development work in Llanfair over many months.
- 8 guest speakers
- negotiations are ongoing with Grwp Cynefin to ensure that the almshouses in Llanfair are refurbished and brought back into use
- the Council's Asset Register was reviewed, updated, amounts adjusted, and insurer informed accordingly
- 6 consultation documents considered, and responses sent
- 14 voluntary groups were awarded grants totalling £3620
- 36 matters of local concern were referred to Denbighshire County Council on a range of issues ranging from bus services, caravans to highway & flood issues
- 28 planning applications were considered
- the third issue of the Neighbourhood Plan was updated and published - Councillor Steve Whipp and Mr P Bennett Lloyd are thanked for their valued and continued input into the Neighbourhood Plan group
- the Neuadd Eleanor Management Committee published the results of a feasibility study into local services - the community council contributed towards the cost
- Councillors Owen Evans and Steve Whipp



replaced Moira Edwards and Paul Weston

- the new school in Llanfair opened in February 2020. Discussions are ongoing about the future use of the old school site
- the first edition of the quarterly Dyffryn Clwyd Chronicle was produced in April 2019 – the Community Council contributed towards the cost
- a bench paid for by private donation was placed by the War Memorial in memory of aircrew who crashed and were killed locally on 17 July 1942
- the Community Council gave the go ahead in September 2019 for improvements and repairs to be carried out to the war memorial - for completion summer/autumn 2020
- steps taken to review and update the Council website to comply with accessibility regulations - the new website was launched in July 2020
- the Brenig Wind Farm became operational on 30 March 2019 and the Clocaenog Wind Farm started generating electricity in June 2019

NOTE Due to Covid 19 restrictions the Community Council continues to hold virtual meetings using a Zoom video/telephone conferencing platform. Please contact the Clerk for details. clerk.  
llanfairdc@gmail.com

# **Trosolwg O Weithgareddau Cyngor Cymuned Llanfair D C Yn Ystod Y Flwyddyn Yn Diweddu 31 Mawrth 2020**

- 12 cyfarfod, yn cynnwys Cyfarfod Agored a gynhaliwyd ym mis Mawrth 2020 i ymdrin â phryderon trigolion am gau priffyrdd a llwybrau a sut roedd y pentref wedi dod i stop oherwydd yr holl waith datblygu yn Llanfair dros nifer o fisoedd
- 8 siaradwr gwadd
- Trafodaethau'n parhau gyda Grŵp Cynefin i sicrhau fod yr elusendai yn Llanfair yn cael eu hadnewyddu a'u defnyddio eto
- Adolygwyd Cofrestr Asedau'r Cyngor, a'i diweddarau, addasu symiau a hysbysu'r cwmni yswiriant yn unol â hynny
- Ystyriwyd 6 dogfen ymgynghori, ac anfonwyd ymatebion
- Dyfarnwyd grantiau gwerth £3,620 i 14 grŵp gwirfoddol
- Cyfeiriwyd 36 mater o bryder lleol i Gyngor Sir Ddinbych yn ymwneud ag amrywiaeth o faterion o wasanaethau bws, carafanau i broblemau priffyrdd a llifogydd
- Cafodd 28 o geisiadau cynllunio eu hystyried
- Diweddarwyd trydydd rhifyn y Cynllun Cymdogaeth a'i gyhoeddi – diolch i'r Cynghorydd Steve Whipp a Mr P Bennett Lloyd am eu mewnbwn gwerthfawr a pharhaus i'r grŵp Cynllun Cymdogaeth
- Cyhoeddodd Pwyllgor Rheoli Neuadd Eleanor ganlyniadau astudiaeth ddichonoldeb gwasanaethau lleol – cyfrannodd y Cyngor Cymuned tuag at y gost.



- Croesawyd y Cyngorwyr Owen Evans a Steve Whipp yn lle Moira Edwards a Paul Weston.
- Agorodd yr ysgol newydd yn Llanfair yn Chwefror 2020 – mae trafodaethau'n parhau ynghylch defnydd safle'r hen ysgol yn y dyfodol
- Cynhyrchwyd rhifyn cyntaf Cronicl Dyffryn Clwyd ym mis Ebrill 2019, i'w gyhoeddi'n chwarterol wedi hynny – cyfrannodd y Cyngor Cymuned tuag at y costau.
- Gosodwyd mainc y talwyd amdani trwy gyfraniad preifat ger y Gofeb Rhyfel er cof am griw awyrlu a gafodd ddamwain yn eu hawyren a'u lladd yn lleol ar 17 Gorffennaf 1942.
- Ym mis Medi 2019 cytunodd y Cyngor Cymuned i waith trwsio a gwella'r Gofeb – i'w gwblhau erbyn haf/hydref 2020.
- Adolygwyd a diweddarwyd gwefan y Cyngor i gydymffurfio â rheoliadau hygyrchedd – lansiodd y wefan newydd ym mis Gorffennaf 2020.
- Daeth Fferm Wynt Brenig yn weithredol ar 30 Mawrth 2019 a dechreuodd Fferm Wynt Clocaenog gynhyrchu trydan ym mis Mehefin 2019.
- NODER Oherwydd cyfyngion Covid 19 mae'r Cyngor yn dal i gynnal cyfarfodydd trwy ddefnyddio platfform fideo gynadleda/ ffon Zoom. Cysylltwch a'r Clerc am ychwaneg o wybodaeth. [clerk.llanfairdc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.llanfairdc@gmail.com)

## **A True Story**

(How to rid of unwanted guests)

A friend was busy preparing his poultry in the kitchen for a show that weekend. He hears a knock on the door and opens the door (with his plastic marigold gloves) to two smartly dressed young men with bibles in hand. "Good morning sir" is the welcome at which my friend replies "You will have to wait a moment young men, I am just in the process of washing my cock". On returning a few moments later there was no-one to be seen.

## **My Old Friend**

Where are you now my old friend.  
Do your eyes still sparkle as you mend  
Those broken soles just as you did  
When I could hold your hand

Oh how I wish that you were here  
I'd make you laugh and hold you near  
And give you back a tiny part  
of what you gave to me

That last touch was Oh so cold  
That last goodbye that told me  
I would never see that face again  
Those craggy hands out in the rain

Where are you now? Is it fine?  
Do you talk of us and think at times  
Of those days so long ago  
When I could hold your hand

## Neuadd Eleanor post COVID-19

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Neuadd Eleanor is hoping to open in mid to late September for our regular bookings but regrettably we will not be accepting casual one-off bookings for some time yet. Some of our regular bookings are waiting to see what happens with the pandemic by the end of October and will review their decision whether to return or not then.

The Management Committee have, during lockdown, replaced all the fencing and the gate along the main road. We have continued with chasing up grant applications for replacing all the windows with double glazing, the current cost is £63,000. Unfortunately, we were asked to withdraw two applications because the funding bodies wanted to give support to COVID 19 and any associated needs. We are, however, able to reapply as soon as the pandemic settles down.

### Preparations for reopening

The Management Committee has drawn up a comprehensive risk assessment and all user groups will need have their own risk assessment in addition to this.

Notices about hand washing, sanitising, social distancing, 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It,' limiting numbers in various rooms, etc. have been put up as reminders to everyone. Sanitiser stations, paper hand towels, disinfectant sprays and paper cloths have all been purchased to ensure that everyone who visits Neuadd Eleanor will feel safe and be able to enjoy meeting up with other members of their interest group.

If you are a regular member of one of our user groups they will contact you to let you know when they are restarting.

# Pwllglas Village Hall

Mae Pwyllgor Neuadd Bentref Pwllglas yn hapus i fod yn agor drysau'r Neuadd unwaith eto o dan ganllawiau manwl Llywodraeth Cymru. Er mwyn diogelu pawb fydd yn mynd i mewn i'r Neuadd, dyma rai o'r rheolau rydym am i bawb ddilyn.

- Mae'r Pwyllgor wedi creu asesiad risg ar gyfer y Neuadd. Bydd pob huriwr yn cyflwyno asesiad risg ysgrifenedig ar gyfer eu grŵp/dosbarth.
- Bydd pob huriwr yn cadw cofrestr i bob sesiwn er mwyn galluogi camau Tracio ac Orlhain, pe bai'r angen yn codi.
- Bydd y Neuadd wedi cael ei saniteiddio cyn pob sesiwn.
- Cyfrifoldeb yr huriwr fydd sicrhau bod pob aelod o'u grŵp/dosbarth yn cadw at reolau pellter cymdeithasol tra yn y Neuadd ac i ddefnyddio'r saniteiddiwr a ddarperir gan y Neuadd.
- Bydd y gegin ar gau.
- Bydd pob cadair a ddefnyddir mewn sesiwn yn cael ei roi i'r neilltu am dri diwrnod cyn cael ei ail gyflwyno i'w ddefnyddio.

Yn anffodus, dydym ni ddim yn derbyn huriadau sesiynau sengl ar hyn o bryd. Hoffem ddiolch i'r huriwyr am eu cydweithrediad a chefnogaeth parhaol yn ystod yr amserau anodd yma.

Sian Morus Jones (cadeirydd)

Pwllglas Village Hall committee are happy to be opening the doors of the Hall once again under strict guidelines given by the Welsh Government. So as to safeguard all persons entering the Hall, here are some of the rules we are following.



- A risk assessment has been made by the Committee for the Hall. All hirers are submitting their own written risk assessments for their particular group/class.
- Each hirer will keep a register for each session so as to enable Track and Trace procedures if need be.
- The Hall will be sanitized before each session.
- It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure all members of their class/group adhere to social distancing rules while in the Hall and also use the sanitizers provided.
- Kitchen will be closed.
- All chairs used during session will be set aside for 3 days before being re-introduced into circulation.

Unfortunately, we are not taking "one-off" bookings for the time being.

We would like to thank all hirers for their co-operation and continued support during these difficult times.

Sian Morus Jones (chairperson)

# Tithes and Inclosures

Andrew Sumner

The tithe maps for Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd are a wonderful snapshot recording a landscape that had only just begun to change since the later Middle Ages. The tithe maps show each field with a number. The number refers to the accompanying apportionments that give the details of the landowner and occupier, a description and name of each field or premises, the state of cultivation of the land, and the area and the value payable as tithe. For example, take Garthgynan; the apportionment states that the property belonged to Sir Watkin Williams Wynn Baronet but was occupied by William Williams. Then we see the field names, Hen Blas Woods, Ffrithy Hafotty, Hafod Wastad, Caer Brennin, Cae Sarnau ucha and issa, each name hinting at the history and use.

An area of the Tithe Map for the Parish of Llanfair DC, which I have poured over at length, shows the southern part of the parish, around Llysfasi. Here the soft and fertile vale is filled with large rectangular fields contained by straight hedges. These were once the unenclosed open fields of the medieval townships that stood nearby on the higher ground. This land was ploughed in strips (in English, a 'furlong'), with each householder given a selection of strips in different fields. These were cultivated in a three-year cycle to maintain fertility and protect the soil. At some point, probably in the 18th century, these fields were inclosed. We can see the influence of the 18th-century surveyors who brought the Age of Reason into the vale. They measured and straightened, flattened and reorganised. They drove out the last hints of higgledy-piggledy medieval thinking,

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they filled in hollows, drained pools and damp patches, knocked down the hovels and cottages, felled ancient trees and little woods, and they straightened watercourses. They swept away the crannies and wrinkles of the ancient landscape that were once home to local myths, memory and folklore.

These rationalised fields were allocated to a series of new farms, for example Llysfasi, Ty Newydd, Ty Isa. Ty Newydd is the perfect example; in the years following inclosure of the land, this new brick-built Georgian house rose to stand sentinel over its wide flat fields. The house would have stood out from its older limestone-built neighbours. Most importantly, it was visible from the new turnpike road, the forerunner of the A525.

To the south and west, the soft fertile lands of the vale give way to the sudden hills that flank the Nant y Garth Pass. You can see how the topography and soils suddenly change from deep rich valley clay soils to the irregular slopes and shallower soils over limestone or shale and slate. Here the fields are smaller and irregular in shape with curved boundaries and intervening patches of woodland and scrub. These take the form of what is known as 'assart fields', land that was cleared progressively to open up the best hill land to graze or cultivate. Assarting was not necessarily done by cutting down trees. This gradual taming of waste and woodland was most often achieved by shepherds and cowherders who lived on the lower slopes of the hills, allowing their stock to browse on the scrubby vegetation under the trees and then to graze the grass that took its place. Stock would prefer the better

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grass and would leave their rich dung to fertilize the soil where they grazed. Slowly, year by year, wasteland was changed into woodland pasture, marked by mature trees standing in grassland. Young trees would be felled for firewood, fence posts or building materials. Any new shoots put out by felled trees was browsed by stock. Over time the remaining trees died. In those areas where the soil was thin, wet, rocky or steep, the stock would graze less, and these areas remained as woodland. Assart fields were retained by individual householders who chose to fence off the area. Slowly, the clearance spread further and further up the hills, reducing the area of commonland, but allowing the gradual growth of the farming population. By the early 19th century, the best land on the hills was cleared and inclosed and the remaining waste, or commonland, was separated from farmland by hedges. These hilltops were not considered worthy of further assarting, being too poor, cold and unproductive. But then, fertilizer in the form of bone meal and guano and lime became available and the last wave of inclosure came about with the Inclosure Acts. There are inclosure maps for Llanfair that show how the last of the commonland was taken, ploughed and fertilized as grazing. A new wave of farm building began, funded by the estates that owned the newly inclosed common. The earliest of the houses that exist scattered across the upper slopes of our hills date from the 19th-century inclosures and, like their Georgian predecessors, they are stark statements of control sited by surveyors rather than by the ancient understanding of the land.

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# Denbighshire County Council Update

Hugh Evans

“As I write this, I am about to give a Presentation to all the councillors in Denbighshire regarding the Recovery Plan re covid. On reflection we have coped well over the last 6 months and Officers and staff have adjusted well.

In terms of moving forward it is important that we work out the opportunities and challenges that we now face. The authority intends to have a more thematic approach to recovery by adapting services to the different context required. An example would be more emphasis on remote working.

We are now learning to live with covid as it seems that a second wave is probably due and because of the lessons learnt so far we are better placed to deal with another outbreak.

During the summer I was asked to provide some evidence to the Senedd about lessons learnt and listed three important issues, A flexible workforce, remote working and resilient communities as considerations for the future.

Prior to covid climate change and Brexit were key challenges. I am pleased to say that DCC has made massive strides with the climate change agenda. We await the implications of Brexit.

Finally, when we have got through covid and it is no longer a problem I do believe that we will prefer the world that we found to the one we left behind.

Regards

Hugh

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# You're in the Army Now

The Reverend Richard William Carter

What happened there? I blinked and it was September, and now I am at Shrivenham to begin initial training with Royal Army Chaplains' Department. We are, at the time of writing, the very first cohort at Beckett House the newly refurbished Defence Academy's Leadership and Management Training Centre.

For the next few years I will be serving as Reserve Chaplain to the Forces part time while continuing in my current post as Priest to Dyffryn Clwyd Mission Area. This means that Rachel and I will be able to continue enjoying living in the community of Llanfair and I will be able to continue celebrating Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, and weekly services; while exploring the world of Army Chaplaincy. I am sure that what I have learnt in parochial ministry will be valuable in the Army, and vice versa, what I learn in the Army will enhance my parochial ministry. Thank you to all who have been supporting me in this.

The resuming of public worship has gone very well and it is a delight to see people in church again. There is now a blend of physical gatherings and invitation to join online worship. The weekly services which take place at Llanfair are now as follows:

- 10.00 am Wednesday midweek Communion which is live streamed on Facebook (See <https://www.facebook.com/ACDyffrynClwydMA/>)
- 10.00 am Friday Group Meditation which is partly live streamed, or introduced through

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pre-recorded video (See <https://www.facebook.com/ACDyffrynClwydMA>)



- 10.30 am Sunday Worship
- All services are socially distanced and you need to give notification of your intention to attend in line with track & trace procedures

We have been reaching almost full capacity the last couple of weeks and so it is important to notify us of your intention to attend so that we can ensure there is a seat for you. If you wish to book yourself in then you can do so at the following webpage.

To make a book for any church service in Dyffryn Clwyd Mission Area:

<https://acdyffrynclwydma.wordpress.com/services/>

All is in place to ensure that these church gatherings are as safe as possible, as well as being a way to reconnect with our social selves and not let isolation infect our psyches.

The Reverend Richard William Carter  
[reverendcarter@gmail.com](mailto:reverendcarter@gmail.com)



# Meanderings

Anon

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison

To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.

Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight

The older I get, the earlier it gets

When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects

I had my patience tested. I'm negative.

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.

I run like the winded.

I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminium can stuffed with celery?

I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.

Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

Cheers

# Dig with Di

Dian Mouldsdaie



March, April, May, June, July, August and now September. The coronavirus has had a massive impact on our gardening year. Little did we realise how long restrictions would and still go on. We've had to cope with a limited selection of bedding and pot plants usually from the supermarkets. Thankfully garden centres are now open and once again we can browse and select ready-to-plant-up baskets and pots for the winter. Now is the time to plant the prepared hyacinths ready for a gift for Christmas. Although my garden has lots of bulbs. I still can't resist the plump bulbs in their packs in the shops at the moment.

The recent storms have caused problems in the garden. The runner beans suffered the most, I straightened them up after the first winds but decided enough was enough the second time.

The start of autumn brings its own rewards.

Already my black currants have been processed into jelly to be enjoyed, especially at breakfast time, over the winter months.

Slowly the leaves will change colour and the autumn clean-up will begin getting the garden ready for the winter. The garden has been my salvation during the lockdown and I know that many other people have found peace and solace in their garden during the last difficult months. I look forward to the autumn and hope that the next few weeks bring good weather and the chance to share our gardens once more. Stay calm and keep gardening.

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