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This edition celebrates a full 24 years of The Bônau Cabbage Patch. We hope you have enjoyed reading the magazines over the last 24 years as much as we have enjoyed producing them for you.



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SUMMER'S COMING - CLOCKS GO FORWARD

Don't forget to turn your clocks **FORWARD** one hour before going to bed on Saturday 30th March. British Summer Time officially starts at 2:00am on Sunday 31st March



DIARY DATES

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 st March | St David's Day |
| 10 th March | Mothering Sunday |
| 17 th March | St Patrick's Day |
| 20 th March | Spring Equinox |
| 22 nd March | Ramadan Begins |
| 24 th March | Palm Sunday |
| 28 th March | Maundy Thursday |
| 29 th March | Good Friday |
| 31 st March | Easter Sunday |
| 31 st March | Summer Time Starts |
| 31 st March | Wynne's Easter Quiz at Blue Anchor |
| 1 st April | Easter Monday |
| 23 rd April | St George's Day |
| 6 th May | Early Bank Holiday |
| 8 th May | V.E. Day |
| 9 th May | Ascension Day |
| 19 th May | Pentecost |
| 20 th May | Whit Sunday |
| 26 th May | Trinity Sunday |
| 26 th May | Wynne's Spring Quiz At Blue Anchor |
| 27 th May | Spring Bank Holiday |
| 15 th June | King's Birthday |
| 16 th June | Father's Day |
| 20 th June | Summer Solstice |
| 22 nd June | Windrush Day |

I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."

PWLL REFUSE COLLECTIONS:

Blue bags are collected every Thursday. Black Bags are collected on the following dates.

Black Bags/Black Glass Container will be collected on the following dates:-

March: 7th & 28th

April: 19th

May: 9th & 30th

June: 20th

Above dates are subject to change when Bank Holidays are involved.



PWLL WINTER FESTIVAL - A SUCCESS

Our first

Winter Festival was a huge success and exceeded all our expectations. On a very cold night the village turned out to witness the arrival of Santa and Mrs Claus. Santa gave all the children who visited him in his grotto a small present. The Christmas Tree lights were turned on to the singing of carols and the drinking of mulled wine. Hopefully, next year's Winter Festival will be bigger and better but in between you are all invited to our Summer Fete & Gala on Saturday 29th June 2024. Make a note in your diary!

We would like to thank the following without whose help and support the Festival would not have happened:

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Above: Santa arrives at Cilymaenllwyd

THE SCOLD'S BRIDLE

The Scold's Bridle, also known as the Brank, is a horrifying punishment device that was used during the medieval period and later on in colonial America. The device is essentially a metal mask that covers the entire face of the wearer, with a protrusion that fits into the mouth, holding down the tongue and preventing the person from speaking. This punishment was often used on women who were considered to be too talkative, argumentative or disruptive in public, and it was intended to humiliate and silence them.



The Scold's Bridle was a brutal form of public shaming and a way for authorities to exert control over women who were seen as disobedient. It was a common practice in many parts of Europe, and it was also used in some parts of the United States, including colonial Virginia. The device was often put on women who were accused of being "scolds," which meant that they were viewed as troublemakers who were constantly stirring up conflict.

The use of the Scold's Bridle was highly controversial, even during the time period in which it was used. Many people argued that it was a form of torture and a violation of basic human rights, particularly since it was often used on women who had no way of defending themselves against the accusations made against them. Despite these criticisms, the Scold's Bridle continued to be used in some areas up until the 18th century.



Above: Ellis Olsson Timothy-Williams meets Santa and Mrs Claus

THE MOST SOPHISTICATED CRIME EVER COMMITTED

Sophistication comes in many forms, even for criminals. For two years a man would walk into a bank, pull out a gun and hand a teller a note, demanding money. The F.B.I. calls him the Geezer bandit, due to him being in his late 70s.

Given the fact he's an old age pensioner, he is considered one of the most successful bank robbers in America. He has robbed 16 banks, that the F.B.I know of, and still to this day he hasn't been caught.

There's sophistication in simplicity. Some members of law enforcement don't believe he's as old as he appears. Some detectives have come up with a theory that the old man isn't an old man, but a master of disguise.

Based on photos of his appearance and security footage of him sprinting across a parking-lot, it's been suggested that he is using a professional grade prosthetic mask, and gloves to appear older.

No matter his age, he's really good at robbing banks and despite a \$20,000 reward, he still hasn't been caught.

Discretion is being able to raise your eyebrow instead of your voice.



JOHN SEDGWICK

John Sedgwick (1813 – 1864) was born into a family of Revolutionary War veterans, including a grandfather who had served as a general alongside George Washington. Sedgwick became a respected and competent Union general and corps commander during the Civil War. His kindness and paternal affection, combined with concern

for his soldiers' well-being, won him the love of his men and the nickname "Uncle John". Unfortunately, he is more widely remembered for his ironic last words at the time of his death – a bit of bravado that ended badly – than for his solid military career.

Sedgwick graduated from West Point in 1837 and was commissioned as an artillery officer. He served ably and was still in uniform when the Civil War broke out in 1861. He was given command of a cavalry regiment, and by August 1861, was promoted to command his own brigade in the Army of the Potomac, and by February 1862, was in charge of his own division. He fought bravely in the Peninsula Campaign and was wounded twice during the Seven Days Battles.

At the Battle of Antietam, Sedgwick was sent on a poorly planned charge. His division was shot to pieces, losing 2200 men, while he took three bullets. When he recovered and returned to duty, he was promoted to command of his own corps. He won early success with his Sixth Corps during the Battle of Chancellorsville in 1863, but the battle ended in defeat.

During the Overland Campaign in 1864, he led his corps in the Battle of the Wilderness. On May 9th, 1864, at the start of the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse, Sedgwick was positioning his artillery when his troops came under sniper fire and grew jittery. Chiding them for their timidity under single bullets, he wondered how they would react when they confronted the massed enemy on the firing line, and faced full volleys. The men were ashamed, but continued to flinch. So Uncle John Sedgwick continued: "*Why are you dodging like this? They couldn't hit an elephant at this dista...*", at which point his speech was interrupted by a sniper bullet striking him in the face, beneath his left eye. His death was instantaneous, and he earned the unfortunate distinction of becoming the highest-ranking Union battlefield death of the Civil War.

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MICROWAVE OVENS



Microwaves are a staple appliance in most UK homes as it combines energy efficiency with convenience.

Cheaper to run than ovens, microwaves work well to heat up food, but it is important to know what can and cannot be placed in them.

1. Styrofoam

Some types of styrofoam are safe to microwave, but they "must be labelled" as such.

If a microwave-safe label isn't spotted or people are not sure what type of styrofoam they're using, it's best to keep it out of the microwave.

2. Plastic containers

While some plastic containers are safe for use in the microwave, there are a few "you should avoid".

Single-use plastics like those used for yoghurt, cottage cheese and other foods "should never be microwaved".

The same rule applies to plastic to-go containers that don't clearly state that it is microwave-safe. Similarly, do not use cracked, old or discoloured plastic containers.

Plastic containers meant for longer-term use, such as Tupperware, are generally best for microwave use.

3. Metals - including stainless steel and tin foil

Anything made of or containing steel, iron, copper or other hard metals should never go in your microwave.

Metal surfaces reflect microwaves, which increases the heat inside the appliance and could lead to a fire.

When it comes to tin foil, things can get tricky. Technically foil can be microwaved, but its surface needs to stay as flat as possible.

Wrinkles or crumpled foil can cause 'arcing' which can cause electric sparks to shoot across the surface of the foil, potentially damaging your microwave or causing a fire.

Food wrapped in tin foil may not cook or reheat properly in the microwave as the foil will reflect the radio waves instead.

4. Cardboard

While plain paper plates and towels can be microwaved, cardboard cannot as it can contain glues, waxes and other materials that can make it a safety hazard in the microwave.

My grandma gave me this great advice, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." She was right! You just have to really work on your aim.

GREEN CHILDREN OF WOOLPIT

The legend of the green children of Woolpit concerns two children of unusual skin colour who reportedly appeared in the village of Woolpit in Suffolk, sometime in the 12th century, perhaps during the reign of King Stephen (r. 1135–1154).



The children, found to be brother and sister, were of generally normal appearance except for the green colour of their skin. They spoke in an unknown language and would eat only raw broad beans.

Eventually, they learned to eat other food and lost their green colour, but the boy was sickly and died soon after his sister was baptised.

The girl adjusted to her new life, but she was considered to be "very wanton and impudent".

After she learned to speak English, the girl explained that she and her brother had come from a land where the sun never shone, and the light was like twilight. According to one version of the story, she said that everything there was green; according to another, she said it was called Saint Martin's Land.

PWLL C.P. SCHOOL NEWS!!

Foundation Phase news!!

What a busy year it's been for us at Pwll Primary. We began the school year with our topic Memory Boxes. We loved creating our own memory boxes and sharing them with the class.

"The things in my memory box were really special to me" Brooke (Reception)

"I loved showing my teddies and blankies" Joey (Reception)



Within this topic we looked at how we grow from babies to adults. We used the book Owl Babies to compare the differences between humans and animals. We had lots of fun, especially tasting baby food and spending time with a real baby in class!

"Tasting the baby food was fun! I liked the fruit pot!" Will (Year 2)

"Babies have no teeth, so their food has to be soft." George (Year 2)



We have enjoyed becoming healthy citizens! Every day we get active by dancing and taking part in fine motor skills activities. We have developed skills that have enabled us to become independent learners. We have learnt how to cut up and prepare our own snacks in our snack area and wash up after ourselves!

"I like chopping apples." Arianna (Year 1)

"We dance to get our bodies moving and to get active." Oliver (Year 2)

One of our favourite memories was inviting our parents in for a tea party. We wrote and sent out invites for our party and we also prepared all the food ourselves!

"I loved seeing my mummy in school!" Inigo (Year 2)

"It was tricky making the sandwiches because it was hard to do." Rosie (Reception)

After our party, we wrote thank you letters to our parents and took a walk in our local area to post them!

We had so much fun last term but we can't wait to see what we are going to learn in our new topic 'Little People, Big Dreams.'

CLASS ATF 3

The end of the Autumn Term in ATF 3 can only mean one thing... Christmas Concert time! We spent a lot of time deciding on the theme of our concert and then getting everything prepared. This year the concert was based around 'Big Mother Christmas' and each class was introduced 'Big Brother' style by our very own presenter, Miley.

It was lovely to see each class perform to their strengths. ATF 3 took a pivotal role in writing songs and scripts and then performing on stage. It was the first year whereby the pupils helped in writing their own songs and planning their own performances. Each pupil chose what they were going to do and worked incredibly hard to perfect their performances!

Here are the thoughts of the pupils in ATF 3.

'I loved writing my own Christmas rap and Christmas song. It was so much fun performing to the parents in the audience and I loved that they listened when I asked them not to clap or cheer once I had finished. I wrote my own song called 'All I want for Christmas is a phone' and everyone loved it!' (Romeo, aged 9)

Miley said 'I loved being the presenter, Big Mother Christmas' and I loved doing my performance of 'The Masked Dancer'. The bloopers were the best when my head fell off in the dress rehearsal'. (Miley, aged 10)

'I liked clapping my song and I really liked the audience clapping for me' (Eli, aged 9)

'I have never played the boom whackers before. I was good. Mrs Davies helped me do the song' (Mcorley, aged 7)

'I love the concerts and I liked playing the piano. It made me happy when I finished and all of the parents sitting in the audience liked what I had played'. (Stefan, aged 8)



DID YOU KNOW

PWLL SCHOOL (OLD & NEW)

Before September 1930 the school was in Pwll Road. After its closure it became a library and institute and was opened in March 1934.

In 1962 Carmarthenshire County Council opened their third Community Centre in the building. The centre had about 300 members, attending various classes, which included cookery, dressmaking, woodworking, and discussion groups.

The current school building:-

September 2nd, 1930 – The new school building was opened. The contract price for the construction was £13,000 but extra work was requested which added a further £379 and one penny to the cost.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

British Summer Time, also known as Daylight Saving Time, was the brainchild of a builder from Kent called William Willett. The story goes that one day on his way back from riding his horse in Petts Wood near his home in the early 1900s, he noticed many of the blinds and curtains in the neighbouring houses were still drawn, even though it was light. This led him to consider the idea of adapting the time to better fit daylight hours. Back then the clocks were set all year round to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), meaning it was light by 3am and dark around 9pm in the summer.

Although he was not the first person to advocate this, he was perhaps the most driven, using his own resources to finance a pamphlet outlining his idea for adapting to daylight hours during the summer. His original proposal was for the clocks to be put forward by 80 minutes in total, in four steps of 20 minutes each Sunday at 2am during April and turned back in the same way in September. He argued that this would mean longer daylight hours for recreation, improving health and also saving the country money in lighting costs.

The idea resurfaced during World War One when the need to conserve coal made the suggestion of daylight saving more pertinent. Germany had already introduced a similar scheme when the Summer Time Act was finally passed in the UK on 17th May 1916. The clocks went forward one hour on the following Sunday, 21st May.

The time changes were widely advertised in the press. To return to GMT on 1st October 1916, people were advised to put their clocks forward by 11 hours rather than turning the hands back an hour, as in those days this would break the mechanism.

Sadly William Willett died of the flu in 1915 aged 58 and never lived to see his daylight saving ideas become law. Rather fittingly, in Petts Wood there is a memorial sundial, set permanently to Daylight Saving Time, to honour him.

Today, approximately 70 countries utilise Daylight Saving Time in at least a portion of the country. Japan, India, and China are the only major industrialised countries that do not observe some form of daylight saving.

EXCUSES FOR DRINKING

Some drink to make them wide awake,
And some to make them sleep;
Some drink because they merry are,
And some drink because they weep.

Some drink because they're very hot,
And some because they're cold;
Some drink to cheer them when they're young,
And some because they're old.

Some drink to give them appetite,
And some to aid digestion;
Some, from the doctor says it's right,
And some without question.

Some drink when they a bargain make,
And some because of loss;
Some drink when they their pleasure take,
And some when they are cross.

Some drink for sake of company,
While some drink on the sly;
And many drink but never think
About the reason why.

(J Milton Smith 1890)

DID YOU KNOW

CLEOPATRA - The famed queen of Egypt is well known for several absurd things, including bathing in milk, being unrolled from carpets, and using a snake to kill herself.

But you might not know that she married both of her brothers in keeping with custom. Eventually, they both got killed, one drowned due to golden armour, and the other was probably poisoned on her instructions.

Cleopatra bathed in milk to encourage parasites out of her body. It was a successful remedy of its time.

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA - The Great Wall of China is a graveyard with an indefinitely large number of men buried inside it. It is estimated that more than 400,000 workers died; some are said to be buried in the long wall. That gives it the dreadful name of the 'longest cemetery'.

SOME COWBOY TRUTHS



This picture is 110 years old and shows that western movies do not show everything correctly

First, for a long time there were no bar stools in saloons. They did not exist until the end of Prohibition. Before then, only men could stand directly at the bar.

But when "ladies" were allowed to stand at the bar, stools came too.

Boys' hats are not as stylish as we know them. They are taller. This is because their purpose was to provide good ventilation and thus a cool head.

Most cowboys wore chaps, the leather leg guards.

Tascosa, where this photo was taken, is located northwest of Amarillo. And there are many mesquite trees, which could really cut your legs if you didn't protect them.

At that time Tascosa was known as the "cowboy capital of the plains."

And you can't even see a gun. It was not like in the Western movies. The tradition of guns in the Old West was such that in many towns guns had to be turned in.

Visitors had to surrender their guns to the local sheriff when they entered the town.

Locals had to leave their guns at home.

If you see a cowboy drinking in a saloon with a gun on his hip -, that cowboy is straight out of Hollywood.

DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER



I've never made a fortune
And it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much,
I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got a friend in Jesus,
And that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for His blessings,
And the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke
And sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe
About the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage,
When the way grows steep and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy,
To help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed!

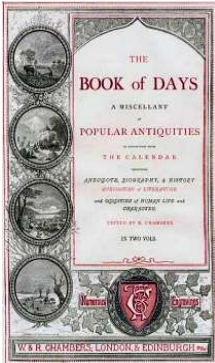
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SOME AMUSING NOTICES

This pub is fully prepared for the zombie apocalypse. Why risk going anywhere else?

No Smoking, , No Dogs, and absolutely No Smoking Dogs.

WARNING. This road crosses US Air Force bombing range for the next 12 miles. Objects may fall from aircraft.



The following are extracts from *Chamber's Book of Days* published in 1869

THE EMBLEM OF WALES

Various reasons are assigned by the Welsh for wearing the leek on St. David's Day. Some

affirm it to be in memory of a great victory obtained over the Saxons. It is said that, during the conflict, the Welshmen, by order of St. David, put leeks into their hats to distinguish them-selves from their enemies. To quote the *Cambria of Rolt*, 1759:

'Tradition's tale Recounting tells how famed Menevia's priest Marshalled his Britons, and the Saxon host.

Discomfited; how the green leek his bands Distinguished, since by Britons annual worn, Commemorates their tutelary saint.'

In the *Diverting Post*, 1705, we have the following lines:

Why, on St. David's Day, do Welshmen seek To beautify their hat with verdant leek Of nauseous smell? For honour 'tis, hur say, "Duke et decorum est pro patria" Right, Sir, to die or fight it is, I think, But how is't Duke, when you for it stink?'

Shakespeare makes the wearing of the leek to have originated at the battle of Cressy.

(Source: *Book of Days*)



APRIL FOOLS

The 1st of April, of all days in the year, enjoys a character of its own, in as far as it, and it alone, is consecrated to practical joking. On this day it becomes the business of a vast number of people, especially the younger sort,

to practise innocent impostures upon their unsuspecting neighbours, by way of making them what in France are called *poissons d'Avril*, and with us April fools. Thus a knowing boy will despatch a younger brother to see a public statue descend from its pedestal at a particular appointed hour. A crew of giggling servant-maids will get hold of some simple swain, and send him to a bookseller's shop for the History of Eve's Grandmother, or to a chemist for a pennyworth of pigeon's milk, or to a cobbler for a little strap oil, in which last case the messenger secures a hearty application of the strap to his shoulders, and is sent home in a state of bewilderment as to what the affair means.

(Source: *Book of Days*)

MAY-DAY CAROL

Two or three years ago we obtained the following song or carol from the mouths of several parties of little girls in the parish of Debden, in Essex, who on May morning go about from house to house, carrying garlands of different sizes, some large, with a doll dressed in white in the middle, which no doubt represents what was once the Virgin Mary. All who sing it, do so with various readings, or rather with corruptions, and it was only by comparing a certain number of these different versions, that we could make it out as intelligible as it appears in this text:

'I, been a rambling all this night,
And sometime of this day;
And now returning back again,
I brought you a garland gay.

A garland gay I brought you here,
And at your door I stand;
'Tis nothing but a sprout, but 'tis well budded
out,
The works of our Lord's hand.

So dear, so dear as Christ lov'd us,
And for our sins was slain,
Christ bids us turn from wickedness,
And turn to the Lord again.'

(Source: *Book of Days*)



PWLL ATHLETIC F.C.

League positions as at
20th Jan 2024

| <u>Premier Div One</u> | P | W | D | L | GD | Pts |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Drefach | 14 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 32 |
| Caerbryb | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 28 |
| Camford Sports | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 26 |
| Ferryside | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 23 |
| Abergwili | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 22 |
| Pwll Athletic | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | -6 | 17 |
| Evans & Williams Res | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | -4 | 15 |
| Llandoverly | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | -3 | 12 |
| Pembrey | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | -19 | 11 |
| CK Swiss Valley Res | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | -23 | 10 |
| Bancffosfelen | 13 | 3 | 0 | 10 | -16 | 9 |
| FC Carmarthen | 11 | 1 | 2 | 8 | -27 | 5 |

| <u>Res Division Two</u> | P | W | D | L | GD | Pts |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Felinfoel Res | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 25 |
| Tumble Reserves | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 21 |
| Pontlliw A | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 20 |
| Johnstown Reserves | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 16 |
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Peter, Stuart & Jeff
Keep up the good work! (Some saucy jokes in the last one!)

A little contribution for the funds.

Best Wishes

NR

DAI'S DAUGHTER



Bloden's daughter asked her one day, "Mummy, how was I born?"

Blodwen smiled and replied, "Once upon a time, me and your daddy decided to plant a wonderful little seed. Daddy put it in the earth and I took care of it every single day."

"After a while the seed started to grow more and more leaves and, in a few months, it turned into a beautiful healthy plant."

"So we took the plant, dried it, smoked it and got so high we forgot to take precautions."

**Some mistakes are too much fun
to only make once.**

WYNNE'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ AT THE BLUE ANCHOR INN

This year's Christmas quiz was held on Thursday 28th December at the Blue Anchor and was very well attended despite the terrible weather.

A huge thank you to Wynne for organising such a brilliant quiz. Thanks as well to Sian for hosting the event. Finally, a big thanks to you, for attending and contributing to making it such an enjoyable evening.

The winning team – The Cocktail Shakers – donated the money raised to the Pwll Carnival Fund.

Wynne's next quiz is the Easter Quiz on Sunday 31st March 2024 at The Blue Anchor, Pwll and another on Sunday 26th May. Both quizzes start at 7:30pm

**The trouble with doing something
right the first time is that
nobody appreciates how difficult
it was.**

THE TITANIC'S BAKER

When RMS *Titanic* hit an iceberg on April 14, 1912, even the ship's staff was in a state of panic. No one stepped up to the plate to take charge. In fact, most of the staff were running around just as frantically as the passengers, but Charles Joughin was remarkably calm.

So, our boy Charles stepped in.

Charles was head baker and fittingly, his first order of business was sending loaves of bread to the lifeboats so people would have food to last until they were rescued.



He continued by helping others onto their boats until he reached his own. Only instead of hopping on, he forced a group of women and children on, saving their lives.

The icy water filled the ship quickly and Charles was fully aware that his chance of survival was slim at best, so he did what any person would do: get drunk out of their mind.

He went to his cabin and got as much whiskey as he could. On his way, he threw chairs into the ocean for people to use as flotation devices.

And then he jumped off the ship, into the freezing water.

He spent hours in the unforgiving Atlantic Ocean.

Most died in minutes.

The alcohol coursing through his body fought off the cold and kept him alive.

"I was just paddling and treading water," he said.

As dawn broke, he found a lifeboat and swam towards it, only to find that there was no space for him.

Luckily, another nearby boat had room and he managed to climb on. They were rescued soon after and there was no illness or injury to even prove he'd been in the water.

Charles would go on to join the Navy and died at 78, living a full life thanks to some whiskey.

TIMOTHY WINTERS

Timothy Winters comes to school
With eyes as wide as a football-pool,
Ears like bombs and teeth like splinters:
A blitz of a boy is Timothy Winters.

His belly is white, his neck is dark,
And his hair is an exclamation-mark.
His clothes are enough to scare a crow
And through his britches the blue winds blow.

When teacher talks he won't hear a word
And he shoots down dead the arithmetic-bird,
He licks the pattern off his plate
And he's not even heard of the Welfare State.

Timothy Winters has bloody feet
And he lives in a house on Suez Street,
He sleeps in a sack on the kitchen floor
And they say there aren't boys like him
anymore.

Old Man Winters likes his beer
And his missus ran off with a bombardier,
Grandma sits in the grate with a gin
And Timothy's dosed with an aspirin.

The welfare Worker lies awake
But the law's as tricky as a ten-foot snake,
So Timothy Winters drinks his cup
And slowly goes on growing up.

At Morning Prayers the Master helms
for children less fortunate than ourselves,
And the loudest response in the room is when
Timothy Winters roars "Amen!"

So come one angel, come on ten
Timothy Winters says "Amen
Amen amen amen amen."
Timothy Winters, Lord. Amen

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**A diplomat is someone who can
tell you to go to hell in such a
way that you will look forward to
the trip.**



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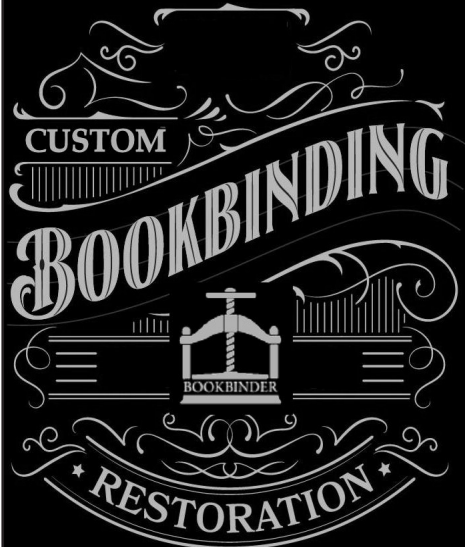
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Wynne's

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and

Sunday 26th May @ 7:30pm



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WALRUS DIP



(Photo: Courtesy of Pembrey Country Park)

Linda and Christian running into the sea at Cefn Sidan as part of the annual Walrus Dip on Boxing Day.

Well done both for braving the ice-cold water.

COMMUNITY HALL MEETING

We are considering the possibility of building and running a Community Centre for our village but we need the support and views of the community.

We intend holding a public meeting in the hall of Pwll County Primary School on **Wednesday 6th March @ 7pm** to discuss and get the views of the community.

You are invited to attend and put forward your views, suggestions and ideas. This will enable us to take the project forward if the consensus is in agreement for a Community Centre.

If there is no consensus for a Community Centre the idea will be scrapped.

Everyone – Young & Old – are welcome to the meeting to give us views, ideas and suggestions.

St DAVID



St. David, was born c. 520, near St. Bride's Bay, Pembrokeshire and died c. 600

Little is known of his life. According to the hagiography (c. 1090) by the Welsh scholar Rhygyfarch, he was the son of the chieftain Sant, who raped David's mother, St. Non. Educated at Henfynyw, Cardigan, he seemingly took a prominent part in the synod of Llanddewi-Brefi (in Cardigan) to suppress the heresy of Pelagius and presided at the Synod of Victory held later at Caerleon-on-Usk, Monmouthshire, which supposedly defeated the Pelagian heresy in Britain. More certainly, he moved the seat of ecclesiastical government from Caerleon to Mynyw, which is, as St. David's (Ty-Dewi), still the cathedral city of the western see.

Many miracles are ascribed to St. David, including the resurrection of a dead child and the restoration of sight to a blind man. One of the more famous miracles associated with him is the formation of a hill beneath him as he preached to a large crowd, allowing them to see and hear him more clearly. During this incident, a white dove is said to have landed on his shoulder, and St. David is often so depicted.

David founded numerous churches throughout South Wales (more than 50 named for him existed in the 21st century). His shrine at St. David's became a notable place of pilgrimage, especially during the Middle Ages. His canonization by Pope Calixtus II (c. 1120) is unproven. His feast day, known as St. David's Day, is widely celebrated in Wales, and many people wear traditional Welsh clothing and daffodils or leeks in commemoration.

(Source: Britannica.com)

Capel LIBANUS Chapel

CAPEL LIBANUS CHAPEL

Dathlu 90 oed

Yn ystod 2023 bu pedwar o'n haelodau yn dathlu eu pen-blwydd yn 90 oed. Tro John Jones oedd hi ar Ragfyr 21 a chynhaliwyd te dathlu iddo wedi oedfa'r Nadolig. Cyflwynwyd anrheg oddi wrth yr aelodau fel arwydd o'n gwerthfawrogiad am ei gyfraniad i'r achos dros y blynnyddoedd. Bu'n drysorydd cydwybodol am nifer fawr o flynyddoedd yn ogystal â gofalu am Fanc yr Ysgol Sul gyda'i wraig Jean. Iechyd da iddo yn 2024.

Diolch i Gwenda Davies ac Anne Hussey am addurno'r capel a'r festri ac am baratoi'r lluniaueth ysgafn. Bore hyfryd iawn.



Te Parti John Jones

Gwasanaeth y Nadolig

Cynhaliwyd gwasanaeth i ddathlu'r Nadolig fore Sul, Rhagfyr 17eg. Thema'r oedfa a drefnwyd gan Deryth Davies oedd mai genedigaeth yr Iesu oedd anrheg bwysicaf Duw i ddynoliaeth. Roedd yn braf gweld cymaint o'n haelodau yn cymryd rhan a hyfrydwch oedd clywed datganiad cerddorol gan un o'n haelodau hynaf sef John Jones a darlleniadau gan y ddwy ieuaf, Ffion a Mari Thomas. Derbyniodd y plant a'r bobl ifainc eu hanrheg Nadolig oddi wrth y capel ynghyd â chwdyn o ddanteithon gan gwmni Asda trwy law Mr Lyndon Thomas.

Gweu a Chrosio i godi arian

Mae tloidi mawr yn ardal Llanelli ac mae'r aelodau yn teimlo ei bod yn bwysig cefnogi gwaith un o'r pum Banc Bwyd sydd yn y dref sef Banc Myrtle House. Diolch arbennig i Elizabeth Thomas am weu a chrosio dwsinau o deganau ac addurniadau Nadolig i'w gwerthu er budd yr achos. Roedd y toreth o anrhegion a brynwyd gyda'r arian yn ychwanegol at ein casgliad bwyd misol arferol. Diolch i Deryth Davies am gydlynu'r cyfan.



Deryth a'r Banc Bwyd Nadoligaidd



Elizabeth a fu wrthi'n crosio dwsinau o deganau

Learning Welsh??

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to join us in worship at 10.00 on Sunday mornings.

Linda Sidgwick
Ysgrifennydd.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Jesus was heralded by the Angels to the Shepherds as 'Prince of Peace' the great hope of the world which brought to the world the promise that the world could be at peace, that people could choose to live with their neighbours and forgive past hurts. The Angels came to the Shepherds the least wealthy in the community, living day to day on what they could earn from meat, wool and selling of their animals. The Shepherds were given the work to spread the Good News of the kingdom that could be heard if they were willing to listen. The Shepherds had no way to do this other than word of mouth, telling each other, telling their families, spreading the word.

We are following on from that Good News from the Shepherds. We know that Peace is possible, we just need to get the word out.

As we journey through Lent towards Easter and see the bulbs popping out of the soil, the sun warming the ground, the blossom budding we're aware of the continual renewal of the world. Death and life, Winter and Spring, same as it was for the Shepherds, and in this time, we can see also the things we thought were important fading into the past and the new things taking place in our lives. Renewal, re-creation, death and birth.

You may be considering joining a church service over Lent – you'll be welcome. You may want to renewal attending a service on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday or Easter Sunday – you'll be welcome.

Or you may have something bigger planned – a baptism at any age is a joy and as a welcome to the church it's an entirely free service – one of delight. It gives us the chance to be like the shepherds. Or you may decide to be married – come and do it with us – simple if you like – a few close friends and family – big if you want, it's up to you.

And if you're concerned about life and eventuality of death – come to us and talk about it. Hear why Easter gives Christian's hope, what was done for us on that terrible fateful day and why.

If the voice in your head is now telling you that you shouldn't, that you're not good enough to go to church, that you'll be judged, then tell that voice to be silent – and we can help you with this.

Churches are full of people trying to understand their faith, asking why God is in their lives and what it means, asking why the world is so broken and hard to understand. Praying and healing, forgiving and trying to love each other and whilst trying, demonstrating why Jesus came to us at all.

Churches are not full of magic people who have all the answers but people like you and me and the shepherds, listening but not fully understanding but knowing that the message is a good one. So come, hear the message, you will be most welcome.

Rev'd *Lorna Bradley*

PLATINUM WEDDING ANNIVERSARY KEN AND NORMA CROCKER



On 23rd January 2024, Norma & Ken Crocker of Elgin Road, Pwll celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Ken and Norma were married in 1954 at Christchurch, New Dock.

Ken and Norma have two daughters, four grandchildren and several grandchildren.

We extend our congratulations to you both.

Words of Faith

WORDS OF FAITH

Andrew Greenway

Psalms 1 verses 1-3

Be like a tree, always fresh and green, bearing fruits of the spirit, love, joy and peace, all the goodness of heaven towards each one of us, the very nature of our heavenly father.

(Galatians Chapter five verses 22-26 – The fruits of the Spirit).

For me, it's making a daily choice to walk in all the abundance of heaven, through spending time being rooted into God's word, the living waters of life.

By this way of focussing on God's promises, our thoughts become transformed from inside out, and the fruits of joy, love and peace, become a heavenly reality in our lives, by this wonderful divine way of meditating we learn how to draw from God's word, the daily strength of joy, peace and love, that our souls deeply hunger for.

We become like the tree in Psalm 1 verses 1 – 3, always fresh and green, bearing the very nature of our heavenly Father, through our action of faith and trust in Christ Jesus.

Note: The bible talks of our souls being made up of our mind, will and emotions.

Psalm 1 verses 1-3 (NIV Version of the Bible)

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

May you have a blessed fruitful year ahead.

Blessings and peace be with you.

Andrew Greenway

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PWLL PARK WILD AREA AND LEAK

We had such a wet autumn in 2023 it wasn't possible to carry out the annual mowing until a welcome dry spell at the end of November, over a month later than usual. This year Llanelli Rural Council's grounds maintenance team were able to use a newly acquired cut-and-collect machine on most of our wild corner which meant we were able to rake off the rest of the grass in half the time. Thank you to the eight volunteers who came out to help.



In late summer 2022 a water leak appeared in the grass near the western corner of Tramway Road, and was investigated by Welsh Water in October. They dug several large holes but were of the opinion that the water was not coming from one of their pipes. The area became progressively wetter over the course of a year and by the summer of 2023, despite the drought, the far northwest corner of the park was completely swamped. Both access paths were inaccessible without wellies and the water was pooling on the corner of the road. Following a site meeting of concerned council officials, a channel was dug in September to help the water to drain away into the Talbot stream. This alleviated the problem, but one path was still impassable. Miraculously, for no apparent reason, the flow of water stopped in early December and the whole area dried out. The Rural Council team were able to clear the silt and grass off the footpath in time for Christmas and all is now back to normal. Let's hope it stays that way. The source of the water and the reason for its disappearance remain a mystery.

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The President Sue David welcomed members to the first meeting of 2024 and hoped everyone had a lovely Christmas with family and friends. This was a strange meeting as it was decided to go back before Christmas to Wednesday 13th December. We did not meet on that afternoon as so many members had different commitments in the run up to Christmas. Members chatted and then we had a small business meeting to catch up on future activities planned. Janet Surman from Pembrey and Burry Port WI demonstrated to members how to make a Christmas tree and angel from the pages of old books. Everyone was pleased with their own special creation. Members then enjoyed a buffet prepared by Sian, the Landlady of the Blue Anchor. Throughout the afternoon hats were worn and decorations displayed to continue the Christmas theme.



Display of Christmas tree decorations made from pages of a book.



Members enjoying Christmas celebrations at the Diplomat Hotel in November.

Christine Wheeler-Jones a founding member of Pwll WI formed in 1984 retired as a member of the County Board of Trustees in November. Thank you Chris, for all the work you have achieved in this important WI position. Pat retired at Christmas time as Federation secretary for 17 years. Four members from Pwll WI enjoyed an informal sit-down meal at Bronwydd Hall on Friday 2nd February celebrating her retirement. Mary Ford a member of the Wandering Willows WI in Carway started her new role as Federation secretary in January.

2024 is a special year for Pwll WI as we celebrated our 40th birthday in February. During these years WI has become an important social part of our lives. We enjoyed a three-course meal at Cegin Merlin Sir Gar Restaurant in Carmarthen. The meal was prepared by and served by the students of the Catering Department.



Sue David in Holy Trinity Church, Pwll with the Poppy display made by WI members, where it will have a permanent home.

The following are just some dates of activities organised for members by County.

Sat 27th Jan – Crocheting green hearts in the WI Office.

Sat 3rd Feb - Walk No 3: Brechfa.

Continued Overleaf

PWLL WI (Continued)

20th Feb - Dominoes at 3 venues – Porth, Llandysul – White Hart, Llandeilo and Fox and Hounds at Bancyfelin.

23rd March - Spring Craft Day at St. Peters Bowls Club – floral corsage, Easter egg decoration and beach huts.

27th March – Darts competition at Quins Club Carmarthen.

4th April – Wales Conference at Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon.

9th May – The Drifters' Girl – Millennium Centre, Cardiff.

Mon 27th May – Trip to Hay Festival.

5th June NFWI –Annual General Meeting at Royal Albert Hall, London.

6th July - Annual WI Show at Plas Gwenllian Kidwelly – theme Brilliant Beatrix.

It is that time of year when members vote on four resolutions, one of which will be taken forward to the NFWI Annual meeting for further discussion. They are Dental Health Matters, Impacts on poor housing conditions, Say 'no' to gambling and advertising and, also Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System.

As you can see there is so much going on in the WI calendar. Something for everyone! We meet in the Blue Anchor, Pwll every second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 2.00 – 4.00. Come along and be part of a women's group which has been part of the community for forty years.

Welcome to everyone/Croeso i chi gyd.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is a special day honouring mothers and it's celebrated in loads of countries throughout the world. It is also known as Mothering Sunday in the UK.

This year, it will fall on Sunday 10th March.

During the Middle Ages, the custom developed of allowing people who had moved away from where they grew up to come back to visit their home or 'mother' churches, and their mothers, on the fourth Sunday of the Christian festival of Lent.

At the time, it wasn't uncommon for children to leave home to work when they were as young as 10 years old, so this was an opportunity for families to meet up again.

This became Mothering Sunday in Britain. As the dates of Lent vary each year, so does the date of Mothering Sunday.

Although it's often called Mother's Day in the UK, it has no connection with the American Mother's Day.

The food item traditionally associated with Mothering Sunday is Simnel cake - a type of fruit cake with two layers of almond paste (one on the top and one in the middle), although these, Simnel cakes are more usually linked with Easter.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet (Maundy) and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the canonical gospels.

It is the fifth day of Holy Week, preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday.

"Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, or commandment, reflecting Jesus' words "I give you a new commandment."

The day comes always between March 19 and April 22, inclusive.

DAI AND THE FISH

Dai was walking down Pwll Road carrying a bag when Ieuan came along.

Ieuan asks, "What's in the bag?"

"Sea bass," Dai replies.

"Cool," Ieuan says. "If I can guess how many there are, can I have one of them?"

Dai laughs and says, "If you can guess how many there are, you can have both of them!"



WHAT ARE THE RULES ABOUT DOMESTIC CCTV?



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4. In most circumstances, delete recordings of people if they ask; and
5. Stop recording a person if they object to being recorded, but only if it is possible to do so. For example, if they can point the camera in a different direction but still use it for the same purposes, e.g. keeping their property safe.

Note, it is difficult to enforce these rules, as it is not easy to find out if the person acts on a request to delete footage.

DAI'S NIGHT AT IEUAN'S

Dai went to Ieuan's house unannounced and wanted to spend the night there.

Ieuan was sorry that he couldn't offer him a bedroom, so he said, "You can sleep on the floor in the living room, or you can sleep in the room with Baby."

Dai said that he would prefer to sleep on the floor.

The next morning Dai went to the bathroom and there he met a gorgeous young blonde.

"Hi," Dai said, "Who are you?"

"I'm Baby, and who are you?"

"I'm stupid," Dai answered.

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If you cannot find your dog, open the fridge door. He's standing right behind you.

SELLING ALCOHOL TO A DRUNK PERSON

It is an offence to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk or disorderly.

Under the Licensing Act 2003, a person who sells alcohol to someone who is drunk can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £90 by the police, which can increase to £1,000 if it goes to court.

The commercial property could also face a fine and risk losing its alcohol licence if its staff serves customers who are intoxicated.

SHOULD WE STILL BE EATING TUNA?



With its delicious taste and agreeable texture, tuna is a favourite option for either a snack or meal choice. A nutrient-rich food, this sleek and streamlined species is among the most commercially valuable fish on the planet. And therein lies the problem. Existing levels of tuna fishing are unsustainable, which could drive the fish to extinction.

So, should we still be eating tuna? Your choice.

BOOST FOR WINTER FESTIVAL FUNDS



Members of the Trevor Kelway Lodge presenting a cheque to Stuart Messer from the Pwll Carnival Committee.

The donation was used to purchase essential items for them to start organising an annual Winter Fair for the local communities.

We are always happy when we can help organisations that provide support in our neighbourhood.

(Thank you – your generosity is very much appreciated. – Pwll Carnival Committee)

SPIRAL STAIRCASE

Ever wonder why most staircases in medieval castles were built to be extremely narrow and spiralling in a clockwise direction? Since medieval castles



were built mainly as fortifications, staircases were designed to make it extremely difficult for enemy combatants to fight their way up.

Since most soldiers were right-handed, they would need to round each curve of the inner wall before attempting to strike, inevitably exposing themselves in the process. The clockwise spiral staircase also allowed the defenders to use the inner wall as a partial shield and easily allow them to swing their weapon without being hindered by the curvature of the outer wall.

The stairs were also intentionally poorly lit and built to be uneven, making it even more difficult for the attackers to gain any sort of balance or momentum during their fight up to capture the castle.

I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

DAI BUYING SHOES

Dai was in a shoe shop in Llanelli yesterday trying on a pair of shoes. He said to the assistant, "It's too tight".

She replied, "Try it with the tongue out."

Dai said, "It' th nho ghoo, it' th thill thoo thight".

DID YOU KNOW

Hitler killed 0.7% of the world's population.

Stalin killed 1.3% of the world's population.

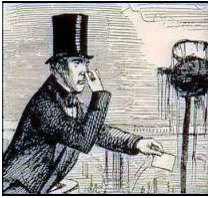
Mao killed 2.3% of the world's population.

Cain killed 25% of the world's population

THE GREAT STINK OF 1858

The **Great Stink** was an event in Central London during July and August 1858 in which the hot weather exacerbated the smell of untreated human waste and industrial effluent that was present on the banks of the river Thames.

The problem had been mounting for some years, with an ageing and inadequate sewer system that emptied directly into the Thames. The miasma from the effluent was thought to transmit contagious diseases, and three outbreaks of cholera before the Great Stink were blamed on the ongoing problems with the river.



The smell, and fears of its possible effects, prompted action from the national and local administrators who had been considering possible solutions for the problem. The authorities accepted a proposal from the civil engineer Joseph Bazalgette to move the effluent eastwards along a series of interconnecting sewers that sloped towards outfalls beyond the metropolitan area. Work on high-, mid- and low-level systems for the new Northern and Southern Outfall Sewers started at the beginning of 1859 and lasted until 1875. To aid the drainage, pumping stations were placed to lift the sewage from lower levels into higher pipes. Two of the more ornate stations, Abbey Mills in Stratford and Crossness on the Erith Marshes, with architectural designs from the consultant engineer, Charles Driver, are listed for protection by English Heritage. Bazalgette's plan introduced the three embankments to London in which the sewers ran—the Victoria, Chelsea and Albert Embankments.

Bazalgette's work ensured that sewage was no longer dumped onto the shores of the Thames and brought an end to the cholera outbreaks; his actions are thought to have saved more lives than the efforts of any other Victorian official. His sewer system operates into the 21st century, servicing a city that has grown to a population of over eight million. The historian Peter Ackroyd argues that Bazalgette should be considered a hero of London.

NO WATER AT NIAGARA FALLS



In 1969, there was no water at Niagara Falls.

A team from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dammed the American Falls in June 1969 to clear rocks from the base of the falls.

Rockslides caused a significant build-up of rock at the bottom of the American side of the falls, and the engineers were there to clean up the rock and repair some faults to prevent eventual erosion of the American side of the waterfall.

A temporary dam 600 feet (180 m.) was built to divert the flow of water to the Canadian side and was made of nearly 30,000 tons of rock.

The engineers cleared the rock debris and tested for safety, finishing the project in November of that year and Water flow was restored on November 25, 1969.

If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your trousers.

DAI'S STABBING PAIN



Blodwen yelled from upstairs and asked Dai, "Do you ever get a shooting pain across your chest, like someone's got a voodoo doll of you and they're stabbing it?"

Dai: "No."

Blodwen, "How about now?"



RUPERT BEAR

Rupert is a bear who lives with his parents in a house in Nutwood, a fictional idyllic English village. He is drawn wearing a red jumper and bright yellow checked trousers, with matching yellow scarf. Originally

depicted as a brown bear, his colour soon changed to white to save on printing costs, though he remained brown on the covers of the annuals.

Most of the other characters in the series are also anthropomorphic animals (animals with humanoid forms). They are all scaled to be about the same size as Rupert, regardless of species. Rupert's animal friends are usually referred to as his "chums" or "pals." Aside from his best friend Bill Badger, some of the most enduring pals are an elephant (Edward Trunk), a mouse (Willie), Pong-Ping the Pekingese, Algy Pug (who actually pre-dates Rupert), Podgy Pig, Bingo the Brainy Pup, Freddie and Ferdy Fox, the identical twins Reggie and Rex Rabbit, and Ming the dragon. The kindly Wise Old Goat also lives in Nutwood, and helps Rupert in some of his adventures. One of the most unusual and evocative characters is Raggety, a woodland troll-creature made from twigs, who is often very grumpy and annoying. In the 2006 television revival of the series, Raggety has been transformed into a friendly elf with broken English. There is also a recurring country Police Officer who is an adult dog named PC Growler.

The series often features fantastic and magical adventures in faraway lands. Each story begins in Nutwood, where Rupert usually sets out on a small errand for his mother or to visit a friend, which then develops into an adventure to an exotic place such as King Frost's Castle, the Kingdom of the Birds, underground, or to the bottom of the sea. Sometimes one of the Professor's inventions opens the door to one of Rupert's adventures. At the end of the story Rupert returns to Nutwood, where all is safe and well, and where his parents seem perfectly sanguine about his adventures.

(Source: Wikipedia)

TY-PHOO TEA

The founder of Typhoo, John Sumner, was born 26 February 1856 in Birmingham where his grandfather (William) and father (John) had established a grocery business in the Bull Ring.

John Sumner senior, left the running of his grocery shop in the Bull Ring to his son. But he wanted more – he wanted to develop a speciality product. His sister, Mary Augusta, had tried a special tea made from tiny particles, which was a great help against her indigestion, and suggested that John sold this in his shop.



John bought 30 chests of tea and spent £200 on advertising – a lot of money in the 1900s – having decided to break new ground by packing the tea under a brand name instead of selling it loose over the counter. This was despite his friends saying he was wasting his money! He chose the name Typhoo Tipps – with Typhoo based on the Chinese word for doctor.

Typhoo was sold with the slogan "The tea that doctors recommend" and stocked by chemists' shops, with medicinal qualities ascribed to the purity of its leaf-edge tea. The stalk was also cut out to remove tannins that caused indigestion. We made a small profit in our first year.

By 1909 Typhoo was making money, and John paid off all his debts. He travelled to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to look into buying the tea directly from the auctions and moving his blending requirements over there. This reduced costs to the public and Typhoo continued to grow in size and popularity.

Ty-Phoo Tipps was the first brand to be sold pre-packaged rather than loose over the counter.

After making a loss of £29.9m in 2020 Typhoo Tea Limited was acquired in 2021 by private equity firm Zetland Capital.

(Source: Typhoo Tea Ltd and Wikipedia)

DAI'S WISE WORDS

Old is when an 'all nighter' means not getting up to pee.

NO BLACKCURRANTS IN AMERICA

There's a fruit that's popular in the UK that they don't often see in the USA.

The fruit, of course, is the blackcurrant, *Ribes nigra*. The problem is that blackcurrant is one of the hosts of the fungus *Cronartium ribicola*—white pine blister rust, which as the name suggests, also attacks white pines (*Pinus strobus*). In fact, the fungus needs both species to complete its life cycle.



In 1911, at the request of the timber industry, the US government banned the growing of all genus *Ribes*—blackcurrants, red currants and white currants (*Ribes rubrum*), and also gooseberries (*Ribes uva-crispa*), another fruit that's well known in the UK but virtually unknown in the USA. Crews with herbicide sprays wiped out cultivated currants and even went after wild species.

In 1966, the US government ended the ban, but individual states could still ban currants, and some still do. However, the development of fungus-resistant varieties of blackcurrant led to several US states lifting the ban.

Both blackcurrants and red currants are now grown in the northeast US and the Pacific Northwest, and since blackcurrants are loaded with antioxidants and vitamin C, there is interest in marketing them as a health food. However, most Americans are still not familiar with them, simply because for over two generations, they couldn't be grown legally in the US. Nobody remembered what they tasted like.

DAI IN THE NIGHT CLUB



Dai was in a club last night and a really ugly woman came up to him. She squeezed his bum and said, "Give me your phone number."

Dai Asked, "Have you got a pen?"

She smiled and said, "Yes."

Dai said, "Well you'd better get back to it before the farmer notices you're missing!"

CALIGULA - ROME'S CRAZIEST EMPEROR



Every Roman emperor has a few crazy stories under his belt, but none of them compare to the tales of Caligula. He's the one Roman emperor historians are fairly sure was certifiably insane.

Six ancient Romans wrote about Caligula's life, and every one of them agreed that he was completely off his rocker. They left stories about him that are so ridiculous that some people now insist that these events couldn't possibly have happened. But that's not because we have any evidence against them. Caligula's life was just too crazy to be believed.

- He invited his horse to drink wine at his dinner table
- He tried to replace the head on the statue of Zeus with his own
- He ordered his army to attack the English Channel
- He ordered a mass execution because he thought people were praying against him
- He built massive floating orgy palaces
- He rode a horse across a gulf just to prove a fortune-teller wrong
- He had an audience devoured alive because he was bored
- He wouldn't let anyone mention goats around him
- He forced a man to drink with him after murdering the man's son
- He threatened to beat up a god

THE PICNIC BATTLE

The First American civil war - the Battle of Bull Run (also known as the Battle of First Manassas) was called "The Picnic Battle" because many wealthy elites and Washington's civilians, including congressmen and their families, went on picnics on the sidelines and watched the battle.

THE SHAMBLES, YORK



The Shambles is an old street in York, England, and one of the best-preserved medieval shopping streets in Europe. With its cobbled streets and overhanging timber-framed buildings, some dating back as far as the fourteenth century.

As recently as 1885, thirty-one butchers' shops were located along the street, but now none remain. Although the butchers have now vanished, a number of the shops on the street still have meat-hooks hanging outside and, below them, shelves on which meat was displayed.

The street was made narrow by design to keep the meat out of direct sunlight.

Today, the beautiful old buildings have been restored and now house cheerful cafés, quirky boutiques and even a coin & stamp dealer and the smells are rather more pleasant with aromas from the chocolate, fudge and sweet shops, clothes and accessories and gift shops.



DAI THE POLICEMAN

Dai walks into Llanelli police station looking for a job. The officer wants to ask him a few questions...

Officer: What's 2+2?

Dai: Ummmmm... 4!

Officer: What's the square root of 100?

Dai: Ummmm... 10!

Officer: Good! Now, who killed Cock Robin?

Dai: Ummmm... I dunno.

Officer: Well, you can go home and think about it. Come back tomorrow.

Dai goes home and calls Ieuan, who asks him if she got the job. Dai says, excitedly, "Not only did I get the job, I'm already working on a murder case!"

Is there anything more painful than stepping on a Lego?

CANNIBALISM IN FIJI

Cannibalism was prevalent in Fiji for at least 2,500 years, such that the land was known by European explorers as the "Cannibal Islands." The locals believed that eating human flesh enabled you to consume the knowledge of the victim.



The practice began to abate as Christian missionaries arrived on the island and converted the locals, although they weren't always successful. In 1867, Reverend Thomas Baker and 7 of his followers ended up as dinner for a previously uncontacted tribe deep in the Fiji jungle (the government issued an official apology to his descendants in 2003).

A historical Fijian chief named Ratu Udre holds the world record for the most humans eaten, having consumed between 800 and 1000 people in his lifetime (he used stones to record the number of victims).

Fiji doesn't hide its cannibalistic past, instead using it as a draw for tourism. This includes tours of the Cannibal Caves, a subterranean cave system that once served as a fortress for a cannibal tribe (it even contains an old cannibal oven).

(Source: Owlcation.com)



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Advice on using e-scooters

What is an e-scooter?

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of "powered transporters"; this covers a range of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Which means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence, insurance and tax.

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces. If you're using a private e-scooter you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance.

If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

Rental e-scooter trials

Trials of rental e-scooters are taking place in the UK. Anyone using a rental e-scooter on a public road or other public space, has to comply with the relevant road traffic legislation or they face potential prosecution.

To rent an e-scooter you must:

- be at least 16 years old
- hold the correct driving licence (category Q or P/M)
- create an account with the rental company

E-scooters can only be used in approved areas.

Legal use of an e-scooter

It's legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner.

Penalties and offences

If you don't have a licence, or the correct licence, or are riding without insurance you could face a Fixed Penalty notice:

- with a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for having no insurance
- up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points for riding without the correct licence

You could also be committing an offence if you're caught:

- riding on a pavement; Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine
- using a mobile phone or other handheld mobile device while riding; £200 and six penalty points
- riding through red lights; Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points
- drink driving: the same as if you were driving a car, you could face court imposed fines, a driving ban and possible imprisonment

If you're using an e-scooter in public in an antisocial manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

When riding an e-scooter, we would always recommend wearing safety protection such as a helmet and to keep to the speed limit.



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THE SHARK AND THE HUMAN ARM



In 1935, a tiger shark that had just been brought to an aquarium in Sydney spat out a human arm. At first it was believed that it was an unfortunate swimmer, but soon the police realised that this case needed investigating.

The shark that vomited the arm was not the same one that had eaten it. To explain, the tiger shark had eaten a smaller shark, and that was the one that had eaten the arm in the beginning.

It turned out that, despite the damage to the limb, it was possible to tell who it was, also because he had quite conspicuous tattoos, and the fingerprints were still well preserved. He had cuts all over his arm from a sharp object, a razor or a blade. This indicated to the police that it had not been an accident.

The arm belonged to an amateur boxer and criminal named James Smith, who had been missing since April 7, 1935.

The initial investigation led the police to a Sydney businessman named Reginald William Lloyd Holmes. Holmes was an impostor and alcohol smuggler who also ran a successful family boatbuilding business.

Holmes had hired Smith several times for insurance scams. Shortly thereafter, the couple met Patrick Francis Brady, a former military member and convicted counterfeiter. Their "friendship", as is often the case in such cases, ended badly.

The investigation revealed that it was Patrick Francis Brady who murdered Smith, dismembered his body and threw it into Gunnamatta Bay. There, his arm was eaten by a shark.

The rest of the body was never found.

One of those cases seems to be taken from a detective novel.

DID YOU KNOW

GRIGORI YEFIMOVICH RASPUTIN was a Russian mystic and self-proclaimed holy man. He was stabbed in the stomach, shot in the chest, Poisoned beat, and finally murdered on December 16th, 1916. When the shooting failed to kill Rasputin, so they beat him, tied up his body, and threw it into the freezing waters of the Neva River.

MOST SUCCESSFUL PIRATE IN HISTORY -

She is Ching Shih, A Chinese woman and the most successful pirate of all time. During the Peak of her power, She commanded over 1,800 pirate ships and an estimated 80,000 men. She is also famous as The Pirate Queen. Who thought the most successful pirate was a Lady.

GENGHIS KHAN'S DESCENDANTS -

The first Mongol Emperor, the Genghis Khan, slept with so many women that in present-day every one man out of two hundred is considered a direct descendant of Genghis Khan. The study was published in the journal "European Journal of Human Genetics".

THE TITANIC - It was never said that the Titanic was an unsinkable ship as per the ship owners. They claim that the 'unsinkable' myth was the result of people's interpretations which grew after the disaster.

THOMAS EDISON -

There were already different versions of light bulbs when Thomas Edison started working on Bulbs but they were somewhat different forms. More than 20 scientists had already worked on the light bulb before Edison with their own patents.

THE BLACK DEATH -

The Black Death, caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis* was the deadliest disease ever recorded by mankind. The Black Death resulted in the deaths of up to 75–200 million people in Eurasia and North Africa, peaking in Europe from 1347 to 1351.

THE 335 YEAR WAR -

The war between the Netherlands and the Isles of Scilly (rather an alleged state of war) was fought for 335 years due to a lack of a peace treaty. The hypothetical war finally came to end with peace declared in 1986.

PWLL HISTORY – HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Previous to the building of Holy Trinity Church services were held in the front room of the police station. The congregation outgrew the space available and the services were transferred to the schoolroom. At the first Harvest Festival no fewer than 300 people formed the congregation. A small group of faithful worshippers started to raise funds for a new church. Among them was Mr D Davies, Mr George Morgan, Mrs Speck, Mrs Ellerton, Miss Morgan and Miss Sarah Lewis.



Holy Trinity was completed in 1904 on land given by Mr Arengo Jones, who was warden of the Parish Church and squire of Clymaenllwyd. It was decided to build the church from stone quarried from the quarry alongside the church. The architect was Mr Arengo Jones and the stonemason was Mr Thomas Evans and his son. The total cost of the church was to be £550 with the building being ventilated and heated by a process patented by the architect. The dedication service was held on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th November 1904.

In 1906 a boundary wall was built from the same stone as the church had been built and the old wooden gate was replaced by an iron one. A chancel and porch were added in 1925 as well as the installation of electricity. In 1928 the need for a Church Hall was great and a hall was built next to the Fire Station for a cost of £360. The size of the hall was increased in 1936 when an extension was added to the rear of the building. A retaining wall was built to the north of the church in 1934 and in 1951 the top part of the churchyard was donated to the church by Lady Howard Stepney.



The original organ was sold in 1959 and replaced by a pipe organ which cost £400. This was used until 1978 when it was replaced by an electric organ. At this time the organ chamber was converted into an Altar vestry.

A man can do more than he thinks he can, but he usually does less than he thinks he does.





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FRUSTRATED PWLL FARMER CHANGES TOWN BORDERS

A busy Pwll farmer fed up with a 330-pound stone blocking his tractor path decided to take the logical next step and move it so he could get through. Except, this was no ordinary rock. It was one of a series of stones that have marked the Llanelli and Burry Port border since 1820.

While taking a stroll through the Pwll area, a local historian noticed the stone had been relocated by 7½ feet, pushed further into Burry Port.

“He made Pwll bigger and Burry Port smaller; it’s not a good idea,” quipped the mayor of Burry Port, adding, “I was not happy, my town was smaller, but the mayor of Llanelli didn’t agree.”

The oblivious farmer will not face legal consequences so long as he returns the stone – and border - before 1st April to its rightful place.

UFO OVER PWLL



A passenger plane with 220 people on board came within 300 feet of colliding with a “blue, yellow and silver” object, which loomed ahead of the Airbus A320 and then flew underneath it.

The startled pilot and co-pilot, who were making their final approach into Heathrow airport, immediately contacted air traffic control to report the sighting, saying “Not quite sure what it was but it’s definitely quite large and it’s blue and yellow.”

On the ground, the A320 pilot gave a further description to the Heathrow aerodrome controller. He said: “We seemed to only miss it

by a couple of hundred feet – it went directly beneath us... Wherever we were when we called it in it was within about 10 seconds. We were just west of Llanelli when the object flew underneath us and flew off at speed in a westerly direction.”

The pilots filed an official report with the UK Airprox Board, who investigate near-misses, stating that the collision risk was high.

The investigation has ruled out a fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter, weather balloon, glider or para-glider, adding to the mystery. While air traffic control did not detect anything in the area, Cardiff airport did detect an “unidentified track history” 1.3 nautical miles east of A320’s position 28 seconds earlier. Shannon airport also detected an unidentified craft in the area.

The investigation board has ruled that it has insufficient information about the incident, which occurred on 1st April 2023, to determine a cause or the risk.

**Accept the world the way it is
and allow yourself to be the way
you are. - Jack Canfield**

Did You Know?

You’ve probably heard that Disney’s ‘Pocahontas’ is a far cry from the truth, but let’s remember that Pocahontas would have not yet been a teenager, and John Smith was in his late 20s. Pocahontas was actually held hostage, taken to England when she was 17, and then died four years later.

The @ sign was officially added to the Morse code alphabet in 2004 to make it possible to transmit email addresses via telegraphy.

Frank Sinatra had a scar on his face and a cauliflower ear caused by the forceps used on his mother when he was born.

WHO ARE GRANDPARENTS

(Written by a class of 7-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no children of their own.

They like other people's children.

They live at the airport from where we need to pick them up and later drop back too.

A grandfather is a man, and a grandmother is a lady.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to fetch them.

They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run.

It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'

They don't say "Hurry Up"

Usually they are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"

When they read to us they don't skip.

They don't mind if we ask them for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack time before bedtime.

They say prayer with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

My Grandpa is the smartest man on earth!

He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as he is.

DAI'S LESSON

Dai's son, Gareth, asked his father, "How were babies born?" Dai said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies made more babies, and so on."

Gareth went to his mother, Blodwen, and asked her the same question and she told him, "We were apes then we evolved to become like we are now."

Gareth ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!"

Dai replied, "No, your mother was talking about her side of the family."

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ATTENTION PWLL RESIDENTS & FRIENDS OF PWLL

We are considering the possibility of building and running a Community Centre for our village but we need the support and views of the community.

We intend holding a public meeting in the hall of Pwll County Primary School on Wednesday 6th March @ 7pm to discuss and get the views of the community.

You are invited to attend and put forward your views, suggestions and ideas. This will enable us to take the project forward if the consensus is in agreement for a Community Centre.

If there is no consensus for a Community Centre the idea will be scrapped.

Everyone – Young & Old – are welcome to the meeting to give us views, ideas and suggestions.



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