



**EDRYCH YMLAEN**



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the second edition of Edrych Ymlaen. It has been a strange and challenging 8 months, and Dolen Teifi have tried throughout this period to provide a service to meet people's needs and expectations, by providing a safe environment for them to travel in.

Although it has only been a few months ago since the last edition was published, a lot has happened in Dolen Teifi and Llandysul. The minibus services during September and October did resume back to some normality with groups in the Ammanford, Llanelli and Llandysul areas using the buses either to go shopping or for short trips out, after the long lock down, Unfortunately, that was short lived when a two-week firebreak was announced.

We have finally come out of the firebreak, and some groups and organisations have started back using the service again, hopefully this will continue through to Christmas and into the New Year.

### LLANDYSUL CHRISTMAS FAIR

It has been a very uncertain year, and because of the current situation with Covid-19 which has meant there will be no Llandysul Christmas Fair in 2020. A great disappointment to many people, especially in view of the success of the 2019 event. However, we shall look forward to celebrating again in 2021.

But not all is lost. Farmyard Nurseries have kindly donated three big Christmas trees for the Town again this year, and volunteers will help with the lights. Llandysul & Pont-Tyweli Ymlaen will be placing Festive Boards around Llandysul & Pont-Tyweli, hopefully this will put us more in a Festive mood.

LPY will also run the **Best Christmas Decorative** window for businesses. Everyone will have the opportunity to vote for the best window. To vote you can either look on the Llandysul -Pont-Tyweli website for a form or call in at the office. We have great small businesses in Llandysul and Pont-Tyweli – let us shop and support locally.

### AWARD FOR LLANDYSUL PADDLERS

The Llandysul Paddlers have recently received the 2020 Travellers Choice Award from Trip Advisor, which is brilliant news for them and putting Llandysul and Pont-Tyweli on the map. The Paddlers also do training sessions through the medium of Welsh which has proven immensely successful. On behalf of Llandysul a Phont-Tyweli Ymlaen, we would like to congratulate them on this award

## **SAFETY SCREENS**

Just an update on how Dolen Teifi are ensuring compliance with Covid 19 legislation and that all safety procedures are in place both for the passengers and the driver's safety. We have now installed safety screens in all our buses and cars. These screens have been installed between the driver and the passenger area. All our vehicles are deep cleaned after every hire and Covid-19 reminder signage are on every vehicle to remind passengers that everyone needs to wear a mask and abides by the distancing rules.

## **NEW ELECTRIC TRANSPORT PROJECT LAUCHED IN THE LLANDYSUL AND SURROUNDING AREA**

Llandysul a Phont-Tyweli Ymlaen have been successful in securing £446k from the National Lottery's Community Fund to develop an ultra-low emission, low carbon, fully accessible transport solution. The vehicles are fully accessible 7-seater electrically powered Nissan Multi-Purpose Vehicle (MPV) that includes space for a wheelchair. The vehicles will be placed within a flexible eight-mile radius of Llandysul to address the lack of provision of transport for all individuals and groups to access key local and regional services around the area of Llandysul and its hinterland. A small network of rural EV charging points will be strategically placed at the locations the vehicles are located at. The project will also address the difficulties that organisations face in getting individuals to participate in leisure activities, events, and appointments. We will also work with in partnership organisations to complement their activities or programmes.

We will be working with new and established partners encouraging a grass root approach and a solution in developing services which will help our communities feel less isolated, better-connected with improved access to opportunities and individual's wellbeing.

These vehicles can be used by individuals as a car club, Volunteer driven, supported journeys for individuals or for transporting small groups of people to health, leisure, and a wide range of other activities. Training will be provided for all drivers to the nationally recognised MiDAS standard.

If you want to become involved, have suggestions or just find out more, please contact the office on 01559362403 / 07771814401 or send us an email to [rod@dolenteii.org.uk](mailto:rod@dolenteii.org.uk)

## **DOLEN TEIFI COMMUNITY TRANSPORT NEED YOUR HELP!**

Dolen Teifi have created a survey to get a better understanding of your transport needs and how we can best support you.

Dolen Teifi Community Transport are a non-profit making organisation and a registered charity which aims to provide affordable and accessible transport to individuals, organisations, and groups to help achieve social change in our community within the counties of Carmarthen and Ceredigion. We have several types of fully accessible vehicle that are available for use for all sorts of activities: social outings, shopping, hospital appointments, work, community services i.e Minibus, Electric Vehicle (EV) Car, Volkswagen Automatic Car. We provide volunteer drivers as well as train members of community organisations for free to be able to drive our vehicles themselves. If you do not have any transport needs, but know someone who does, then please ask them to complete this survey, or do so with their permission.

The survey should take no longer than a few minutes to complete and will really help us to improve our service.

**You can complete by visiting this link: <https://forms.gle/cA9zUrF7jADAmDT9>**  
**Or request a paper copy from [info@dolenteifi.org.uk](mailto:info@dolenteifi.org.uk) or 01559 362403**

## **BREAK OUT FOR TY DYFFRYN RESIDENTS**

The residents of Ty Dyffryn Ammanford were so pleased to hear that Dolen Teifi had restarted its services in September and were willing to start the bus service from Ty Dyffryn to Ammanford Tesco's again. Since the lockdown from March to September, Ty Dyffryn residents have been in isolation like the rest of us. They were one of the first groups to start back using the bus for shopping trips.

Before lockdown, Joan May, who is a resident and the organiser of the trips, regularly went shopping with eight other residents every Thursday. Due to the new rules and regulations of keeping a safe distance, the minibus can currently only carry six people at a time, and therefore instead of one trip by bus the group are divided into two buses. In the last few weeks, the group have been out on shopping trips to Dobbins in Swansea and Trostre in Llanelli. Joan May said "it has been tough over the last few months here in Ty Dyffryn and it is brilliant that we can now go shopping again, and that the bus is available for us to do so."



## **NEW ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS**

With the recent British Government announcement regarding diesel and petrol driven vehicles, it is good news, for those that have an electric car or maybe are thinking of purchasing one in the future that we will be adding to the current charging point outside our office. In the last few months, two new electric charging points have been installed by FSR electricals, at T L Thomas and Sons shop, LLanllwni and Pencader Pavillion hall. These charging points have been installed with a generous grant that was provided to Dolen Teifi by the Brechfa Wind farm project community fund. The charging points will be operated by an App, that can be downloaded onto your mobile phone. Each charging point will have a QR code on it, that members of the public can scan, this will then take you direct to Dolen Teifi MPV electric car website. This page on the website will show you with an aid of a video on how to connect your car to the charging point. Additional information such as how to download the App, how long it will take to charge the vehicle and the cost will be available on the Dolen Teifi website towards the end of January. For any other information about Dolen teifi services that we provide, please see our website, email us or telephone.

## **TYSUL YOUTH GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY**

leuenctid Tysul Youth have recently been awarded a grant from C.A.V.O. under the Gwirvol Youth Led Grants Scheme for 2020. The young people have requested funding to purchase a range of gardening tools and equipment which will be used to develop the exciting new community growing project that is soon to be launched in Llandysul. The project will have a strong focus on food sustainability, poverty, health, and wellbeing, while bringing the community together in tackling inter-generational isolation. The young people were overjoyed to hear the news and cannot wait to get their "hands dirty". One member of the group said, "It's been really tough during lockdown and we cannot wait to get out on the land, this grant will really help push things along and we are so grateful to be awarded the funds!" Also, members of leuenctid Tysul Youth will be building bird nesting boxes, planters and wildlife habitats which will be installed at local sheltered housing and individuals' homes. If you or someone you know may benefit from this project, please get in touch on 01559362908 or email [admin@tysulyouth.org](mailto:admin@tysulyouth.org) for more details.

## **REJUVENATING BUSINESSES IN LLANDYSUL & PONT-TYWELI**

Over the last few months Llandysul a Phont-Tyweli Ymlaen has continued with the monthly zoom meetings with businesses in the Llandysul and Pont-Tyweli area. These zoom meetings have covered a variety of topics to try and rejuvenate Llandysul town centre. After the September meeting a subgroup was setup made up of representatives from different businesses in and around Llandysul.

This subgroup will now take on the role of developing, researching, and applying for grants. Sandra Richards-Davies, one of the working group volunteers has taken the lead role and put forward various ideas that could be implemented in the town centre:- these included, removing banners from the roundabout at Groesffordd to make it tidier, the potential of installing signs on both ends of the bypass and information boards in the town centre - just to name a few.

Arwyn Davies, Corporate Manager Growth and Enterprise at Ceredigion County Council has continued to keep the businesses up to date on current grants that are available through Ceredigion County Council and other funding streams such as Welsh Government Covid-19 support to businesses. He also shared with the group, activities the County Council is engaged in to further support the counties Towns particularly to combat the impact of this pandemic in the county.

We would warmly welcome more businesses to join our zoom meetings, or to share any ideas on how to rejuvenate Llandysul, please contact Llandysul a Phont-Tyweli Ymlaen.



### **WELSH SPEAKING VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Welsh speakers needed! Could you volunteer to become a befriender for Age Cymru Dyfed? Our Befriending Life Links team have some Welsh speaking older people who would like some company and would love to chat in their first language.

Due to Covid restrictions it will initially be telephone befriending but as matters improve we are hoping to start face to face meetings early next year.

If you are interested please contact Lynne Meredith on 07572630797 or email [lynne.meredith@agecymrudyfed.org.uk](mailto:lynne.meredith@agecymrudyfed.org.uk)



## **NEW VETERAN LODGE OPEN NR LLANDYSUL**

Woody's Lodge is a social hub, which guides veterans to the help & support they need to re-engage with their families and communities. Our vision is to create an inviting meeting space for those who have served within the Armed Forces and Emergency Services, where they can receive expert support & advice as well as the chance to connect with new and old friends & family.

Here at Woody's Lodge, we commemorate Paul Woodland, his life, and his call to duty and service, by naming this Armed Forces Charity after him.

### **Contact us at Woodlodge :-**

**South Wales**, Amelia Trust Farm, 5 Mile Lane, Barry, CF62 3AS  
Tel: **01446 781**

**North Wales:-** Eirias Park, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8BN  
Tel: **01492 53395**

**Mid Wales:-** Lodge Penlan Farm, Woody's Lodge, Penlan Farm, Penrhiwpal, Llandysul SA44 5QH, Tel: **01559361328**

For more information you can also email us: [support@woodyslodge.org](mailto:support@woodyslodge.org)

## A BIG THANK YOU

From all the Directors and staff and at Llandysul a Phont-Tyweli Ymlaen and Dolen Teifi, we would like to thank all our customers for their custom throughout 2020 despite the Covid restrictions. A big thank you to all our dedicated volunteers, who are the backbone of the service. We look forward to working with you all again in 2021 and wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## CONTACT:

- For Llandysul and Pont-Tyweli Business, Organisation and Events information: [www.llandysul-ponttyweli.co.uk](http://www.llandysul-ponttyweli.co.uk)
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