



*Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol  
Llandysul a'r Fro  
Local History Society*

By request, we are now sending you some more newspaper cuttings below. It seems that these reports are very popular!

It starts with a mixture of articles about life (and death) in and around Llandysul, and includes several interesting reports of how Royal occasions were celebrated. Then we have some reports about the Public Hall - not our present hall, but its predecessor. Sadly, we have very few photographs of that first hall.

We end with an fascinating insight into Llandysul's relations with France, long before our present Twinning !

Keep safe.

Jane

Chairman

**The Aberystwith Observer**

**19 January 1884**

**"CALAN HEN"**

The annual meeting of the Church Sunday schools of this district took place at Llandysul last Saturday. It is estimated that some 1,500 persons attended, who comprised eleven schools. The litany was ably intoned by the vicar of Llangeler, after which the various schools recited their portions of the Holy Scriptures, in which they were catechised. The singing throughout was very good, and testified that much care and labour had been bestowed by all. It was a decided success.

**Cambrian News & Merionethshire Standard**

**4 June 1870**

**NEWCASTLE EMLYN**

**POLICE BUSINESS**

On the 25th ult., at Adpar, before E.C.L. Fitzwilliams, Esq., Mary Ann Evans, a travelling gipsy, was brought up in custody of P.C. D. Davies, charged with fortune-telling. It appears that the fair sex at Adpar, by describing to them their sweethearts, also obtaining a shilling from Evan Hughes, of Penddol, Llandyfriog, by telling him that a young lady was in love with him and would marry him before the end of the summer.

While the "gipsy queen" was busily engaged in giving a description of Hughes's "dark future" the "gentleman in blue" walked up, cut short the gipsy's thrilling story, and took her "worship" before Mr. Fitzwilliams, who ordered her to spend two months of her "gipsy life" within the lofty walls of Cardigan county goal.

On the same day, at Adpar, before E.C.L. Fitzwilliams, David Jones of Lampeter, tramp, was brought up in custody of P.D. Davies, charged with begging at Llandysul. Committed to Cardigan goal for seven days' hard labour.

**Evening Express****3 January 1893****MYSTERIOUS DEATH AT LLANGELER**

Very early on Monday morning Thomas Neill, a navy employed on the new line from Llandyssul to Newcastle-Emlyn, was found dead in the house of a woman named "Dinah" at Pentrecwrt. Neill was a widower of about 35 years of age. As "Dinah's" house was not the deceased place of abode, Dr. Evans, of Llandyssul, has refused to give a certificate of death, so that in all likelihood an inquest will be held to-day (Tuesday).

**Cambrian News & Merionethshire Standard****1 November 1895****SON OF A VISCOUNT FINED**

At the Petty Sessions held on Wednesday, before Messrs. J.P.V. Pryse, A.H. Jones, Col. Lewes, C. Lloyd, J. Stewart, T. Davies, T. Thomas, and W. James - Mr. A.G. Campbell, Southwell House, ... London, son of Viscount Emlyn, was charged by Evan Griffiths, Water Bailiff, with fishing with rod and line without a licence. Defendant did not appear. Fined 1s. and costs.

**The Aberystwyth Observer****21 June 1906****RE-STOCKING THE TEIFY****PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE 20,000 YEARLING TROUT**

At the quarterly meeting of the Teify Board of Conservators on Friday, Mr. Daniel Evans, Llandyssul, said that it was full time the River Teifi was stocked with new blood, and moved that 20,000 yearling trout be procured, at a cost of £116. It was stated that the lower portion of the river had plenty of trout, it being the upper reaches that were so bare. Ultimately the matter was referred to a committee to fully go into the matter and report at the next meeting.

The Head Water-bailiff reported that the coracle net fishing had been fairly good, the fish being large. The average weight was 15lb., the largest fish caught being 30lb.

**Cambrian News & Merionethshire Standard****17 February 1893****FAIR**

The annual fair was held on Saturday, February 11th, and was not so largely attended as the September fair. The number of horses was very large, but that of cattle was comparatively meagre. Cows with calves realized from £8 to £10; two year old steers and heifers, £5 10s., and £5 5s.; farm and cart horses fetched from £20 to £30, and cobs, two to three year old, made £16 to £24, and ponies, £10. Home spun cloth made from 2s. 9d. to 3s. 3d. per yard, and flannels from 1s. 1d. to 1s. 4d. per yard

**Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser****7 May 1915****ACCIDENT**

On Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult., whilst negotiating the turn from the New Road into the main street, a motor-car belonging to the Rev. E.D. Henry, vicar of Llandyssul, collided with the G.W.R. Co.'s motor lorry returning from New Quay. Fortunately, the occupants of both vehicles escaped injury, but the vicar's car was somewhat damaged. This turning is a very dangerous one, and something should be done at once lest a serious mishap occur.

**The Cambria Daily Leader****29 September 1913****CURIOUS GUN EXPLOSION****FARMER'S SON WOUNDED AT LLANDYSSUL**

Evan Jones, son of the owner of Ceginan Farm, Tregroes, and James Jones, Glasfryn, Crosslan, when returning from rabbit-shooting extracted the cartridges from their guns. While doing so the two charges in James Jones's gun exploded, hitting Evan Jones's rifle and shattering it. The shots scattered, and a number of the pellets penetrated Evan Jones's legs. He was medically attended, and the injury was found not to be very serious.

**Cambrian News****20 January 1893****TREGROES****FIRE**

Between six and seven o'clock on Monday morning, January 16<sup>th</sup>, a serious fire broke out at Tregroes Shop and Castle. The shop was completely gutted, and all the goods were destroyed except the books. Superintendent Williams and P.C. Jones were sent for and were immediately on the scene. Mr. E.O. Evans was upstairs at the time, but Mrs. Evans (his sister) was downstairs. A large number of persons, under the superintendence of the police, rendered great service in trying to prevent the extension of the fire. The house, shop, and stock are insured in the Alliance Company. Messrs. Evans and Company, went to the scene as soon as possible. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. & Mrs. Evans.

*Queen Victoria reigned for 63 years and her Golden Jubilee, to mark the 50th anniversary of her reign, was celebrated in June 1887. European heads of state, as well as delegations of officials from throughout the empire, attended lavish events in Britain. And celebrations were also held in Llandysul and Pont Twelli.*

**Weekly Mail****25 June 1887**

At eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, the bells of the Parish Church rang a merry peal, and continued to do so throughout the day at regular intervals. At 1.30 p.m. Divine service was held in the church. The Rev E.D. Jones, B.A., (curate), read the service, and the appointed lesson was read by the Rev. E.G. Jenkins (vicar). The church was overcrowded with worshippers. Immediately after the Benediction the children of the four Sunday Schools of the parish, joined by the scholars of the National School, headed by the Bronwydd Brass Band, and followed by Church ladies and gentlemen, formed themselves into a procession and marked through the town and Pont Twelly, as far as the railway station; thence they returned, and after parading the streets, singing the National Anthem over several times, and repeatedly cheering, all marked into a field at Abercerdin, kindly placed at their disposal by Mr. E. Jones, of Tyssul Castle. Here all partook of tea, cake, buns, etc. Sports were afterwards held. After the sports various rustic games were indulged in, and some dancing took place. The whole of the expenses of the great were defrayed by Mrs. Bowen, Castle-street. The scholars of the Sunday Schools have great cause to be thankful to this benevolent lady, as she always shows that she is ever ready to assist them in any good object. At ten o'clock at night a huge bonfire was lit upon the summit of Coed Foel.

**Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard****8 February 1901**

PETTY SESSIONS. Wednesday, January 30th.

Before J.P.V. Pryse, A.N. Jones, W.C. Bowen Esquires, and Capt. Stewart.

**DEATH OF THE QUEEN**

The Court passed a resolution expressing regret with his Majesty the King at the great loss the nation had sustained by the death of the late Queen. The Chairman of the Court has lived under five reigns, viz., George III, George IV, William IV, Victoria, and King Edward VII. He has served as a magistrate for nearly the whole of the late Queen's reign and is still hale and hearty and is hardly ever absent from his place on the Bench.

*Prince George, Duke of York and Princess Mary of Teck were married at 12:30 on 6 July 1893 at the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace. Their wedding was the first royal wedding to take place in St James's Chapel since the death of Prince Albert in 1861, which plunged Queen Victoria into deep mourning. Most of Albert and Victoria's own children were married in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, in relative seclusion.*

#### **Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser**

**14 July 1893**

The Royal wedding was celebrated here by a tea party and sports got up by Colonel and Mrs. Newland, Llanfair, and Mr and Mrs. Jones, Tyssul Castle; Mrs. Wylie, Blaendyffryn; Mr. Davies, Vaerdre, and Mrs. Lewis, Llanayron, also most kindly contributed to the funds. The parish Church bells gave the signal that the nuptial knot had been tied, and they rang out their merry peals during the afternoon. The children of the day elementary schools, numbering about 300, were marched to the Abercerdin meadow, where they were regaled with tea, cake, etc. Sports followed, and prizes were distributed, most of which were given by the tradesmen in the place. Cheers for the Duke and Duchess of York were heartily given, and the proceedings were brought to a close with "God save the Queen."

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#### **Carmarthen Journal & South Wales Weekly Advertiser**

**1 February 1901**

News of the death of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was not received here until Wednesday morning. Though her Majesty was known to be in a most precarious state of health, yet the shock caused by the sad loss of the nation was none the less felt, and the sympathy and sorrow none the less sincere. The bells of the Parish Church tolled mournfully throughout the day. On Sunday, from all the pulpits of the town, the various clergy and ministers paid loving tributes to the memory of her that had ruled so wisely and so long. The Parish Church had been most impressively draped by Mrs. Williams, The Tonn; Mrs. R.M. Davies, Post Office; Mrs. Griffith Davies, Albion; and Miss Browne assisted by Deputy Chief constable Williams and the Rev. D. Jones, curate, while in perfect harmony with such sombre surroundings, the *elite* of the congregation were all dressed in black. Both at the morning and evening services the Death March in *Saul* was played on the organ by Mr. J. Slater, headmaster of the National Schools, while at the close of the evening service at the Seion Congregational Chapel the same dirge was played by the organist, Mr. D. Jones, The Shop.

#### **Welsh Gazette**

**7 May 1908**

##### **Proposed Public Hall**

A representative meeting was held last week in the National Schoolroom, Llandyssul, to consider the proposal to erect a public hall and the advisability of holding a large eisteddfod in 1909, the proceeds to be devoted to the public hall fund. Mr. Evan Jones, Tyssul Castle, took the chair. It was decided to hold an eisteddfod, Mr. Jones was appointed chairman of committees, with Mr. Thomas, solicitor, as vice-chairman. Mr. J.R. Harris, Metropolitan Bank, was appointed treasurer; Mr. W.J. Jones, Brondeifi, general secretary; Mr J.D. Lewis, Gomerian Press, literary secretary, and the Rev. T. Arthur Thomas, C.C., music secretary. The committee of the Easter Eisteddfod have set aside this year's surplus, about £10, as a nucleus of the fund. There is a balance in hand of about £14 from the 1900 eisteddfod.

**Evening Express**

**29 October 1909**

**LLANDYSSUL EISTEDDFOD**

At the final meeting of the Llandyssul August Eisteddfod Committee (Mr. Evan Jones, Tyssul Castle, presiding) the accounts were presented showing total receipts of £565, and a balance of £112. It was resolved to deposit £100 in the bank as the nucleus of a fund for the building of a public-hall. The next eisteddfod will be on the first Wednesday in August 1912.

**Welsh Gazette**

**2 March 1922**

**The New Hall**

Considerable progress is being made with the erection of a hall in New-road, and at the present rate it will be completed in about months, after which it will be the centre of many varied attractions, particularly Eisteddfodau.

**Welsh Gazette**

**8 June 1922**

**THE NEW HALL**

This building is nearing completion and it was used on Monday by the Baptist denomination as a refreshment depot. It is stated that the Eisteddfod will mark its formal opening.

**Welsh Gazette**

**31 August 1922**

**AMUSEMENTS**

The Tyssul Amusement Syndicate has acquired a new cinematograph apparatus, which will be ready for opening in a fortnight's time.

**Welsh Gazette**

**28 September 1922**

**THE CINEMA**

The Tyssul Hall was well filled on Thursday evening for a cinematography entertainment under the auspices of the Tyssul Hall Co. Ltd.

**Welsh Gazette**

**19 October 1922**

**THE CINEMA**

The Tyssul Cinema Co. are to be congratulated on securing such fine programmes for the winter months. Next week they have on the films "By Berwyn Banks" that popular novel by the late Allen Raine which will be shown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This should be well patronised.

**Welsh Gazette**

**2 November 1922**

**CINEMA**

The local committee have entered into contract with several of the leading cinema companies for the hire of excellent films during the coming weeks. The cinema is well patronised.

## **AND FINALLY,**

### **Carmarthen Journal & South Wales Weekly Advertiser**

**30 August 1918**

In accordance with a resolution passed at a public meeting at Llandyssul, under the presidency of Mrs. Lloyd, of Waunifor, a telegram of greeting was despatched on France's National Day to the President of the French Republic. Subsequently, a communication reached Mrs. Lloyd from the National War Aims Committee, enclosing a copy of the President's message to the King, and regretting that the French President had found it quite impossible to send individual replies.

In the meantime, however, a reply had reached Llandyssul, bearing the autograph signature of the President, of whom the following is a translation:- "The President of the French Republic, being very much touched by the congratulations and good wishes which you have addressed to him on "France's Day" thanks you for the same with a full heart in the name of the French People, who are firmly united with the British People, in the defence of right and of liberty. Paris, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1918. Poincare."