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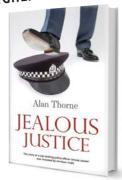
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The Twmbarlwm Glass Collection

Postive proof that the iconic mountain-top has been a popular destination for picnickers since Victorian times

Our litterpick at the end of April was very well attended, which allowed us the opportunity to split the group of volunteers and get a gang to the top of the mountain to do a job we have been planning on doing for the past few months.

That task was to pick up the vast amount of broken glass that was uncovered by the wildfires of last summer. Clearing away the glass was needed for both public safety and the fact that it presents the potential of starting more fires with its magnifying effect in the summer sun.

Half a dozen of us spent a couple of hours up there and each of us collected half a bucket of glass shards. I must stress here that we all used pick-up sticks and thick gloves – picking up broken glass can be an extremely hazardous task if not tackled with care and it's not an exercise for small children.

When we got the glass back down the hill I just couldn't bring myself to simply dump it all in the recycling for collection, so we sifted through it and found that each shard must reveal a part of our social

history. To our inexpert eyes much of the glass was quite thick and with a green hue to it, suggesting it is of considerable age and giving us further proof that people have been climbing Twmbarlwm with their picnics for many generations.

The bottles were all shapes and sizes – there were some flagons with vulcanite screw-in tops and there was also some examples of Codd-Neck bottles – a type of bottle that used a glass-marble as a stopper.

On many pieces you can make out parts of words such as:- ".aber...", "...rtons...", "...ercar...", "...
BRO...", "...miner..." – and we spent a while guessing what some of these could be.

The most common wording we could decipher on the shards were "Newport and Merthyr Bottle Co." and













A few examples from the "Twmbarlwm hoard"

a quick Google search reveal that many of those could date from the early part of the 20th century.

One of our group later identified the piece with "...ERCAR..." on it. It was probably a bottle from the Gwyddon Vale Mineral Water Company that operated in Abercarn from 1880-1920. The bottle itself would have been a Codd bottle made by Cannington & Shaw in St. Helens, Lancashire.

None of us is an expert on the history of glass, so Cadw put us in touch with an expert in this field. We have since met with him and he has already identified much of the glass, and confirmed that some could date back to Victorian times.

We have also had a second foray onto the hill with him and found a great deal more. Together we will be compiling a more thorough report on our findings and will publish it on our website in due course.

I can promise you we won't be pursuing the person who dumped any of these bottles, or their descendants, for littering – and I wonder, if we find a complete bottle, will we still be able to claim back the deposit?

Terry C. Evans, Chairman CTS

CTS meet at the car park below Twmbarlwm's summit for a litter pick and volunteer workday on the last Sunday of every month to which everyone is invited, it's not all hard work and it's a great opportunity to find your way around up there. We organise walks and other events up the mountain and at Crosskeys RFC throughout the year so watch our website and Facebook page for details.



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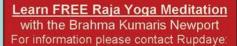


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(and the spare's often an option!)

By Mike Joenn, Founding Director of AJ Garage Services, Ponthir

When I finished my apprenticeship as a HGV mechanic, we were living in a different century and from where we stand now it has never seemed so far away. Back in the 1960s, cars came in one flavour - petrol. Only HGVs & buses ran on diesel and the only thing on the road that was powered by batteries was the dairy's milk float. In 2019, we can look back in awe. We've seen the rise AND THE FALL of the diesel car and more recently, the dawn of the age of the electric car (and Hvbrid). But it's going to take time for us to go all electric. There's a LOT of conventional vehicles out there to be maintained and serviced, so we certainly don't see the need for our skills declining in the foreseeable future.

That said, life in vehicle servicing and repair isn't what it used to be. The car today is tantamount to a fancy computer with four wheels and whilst the fundamentals remain the same... pistons, gearboxes, wheels, brakes, they have become 'computer peripherals'. The modern vehicle is governed, controlled and enabled by computers. Consequently, the modern service centre must employ new technology to service and maintain them and believe me,

it's expensive. Our business, for example, has invested over £45.000 in just the last two years tooling up with new computer systems and the software to analyse customers' vehicles to identify problems and fulfil other specialist functions. And just like your home computer, the software needs constant updating, upgrading and replacement. Troubleshooting a vehicle fault these days often starts with a technological diagnosis before we can get down and dirty with the nuts and bolts.

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Across

- 1 Plant stalks used as roofing material (6)
- Government tax on imports or exports (6)
- Coastal area between La Spezia in Italy and Cannes in France (7)
- 10 Man in chess or draughts (5)
- 11 Well-grounded in logic or truth (5)
- 12 Stretchy fabric (7)
- 13 Substance that stimulates love or desire (11)
- 18 Female ruler of many countries (7)
- 20 Often the last movement
- of a sonata (5)
- 22 King of Judea who ordered the
- death of many children (5)
- 23 Country, capital Quito (7) 24 Beads used in prayer (6)
- 25 Fish-eating bird (6)

Down

- 1 Flourish, prosper (6)
- 2 Block of iron or steel on which hot metals are shaped (5)
- 3 Popular British cheese (7)
- 5 First letter of the Greek alphabet (5) 6 Disposition to remain inactive (7)
- 7 Picture painted on a plaster wall (6)
- 8 Trader who sells sewing and dressmaking materials (11)
- 14 Egyptian paper reed (7)
- 15 Johann ____, Austrian composer of waltzes (1804-1849) (7)
- 16 Rope or light chain used to
- restrain an animal (6)
- 17 Scottish clan leader and outlaw (1671-1734), the subject of a novel by Sir Walter Scott (3,3)
- 19 Duck valued for its soft down (5)
- 21 Point directly opposite the zenith (5)

Sudoku

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The object of sudoku is to insert the missing numbers in the boxes to satisfy just one condition: each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 through to 9 exactly once. This can be done by applying logic - you do not have to guess.

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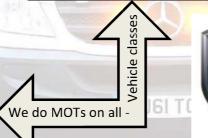
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