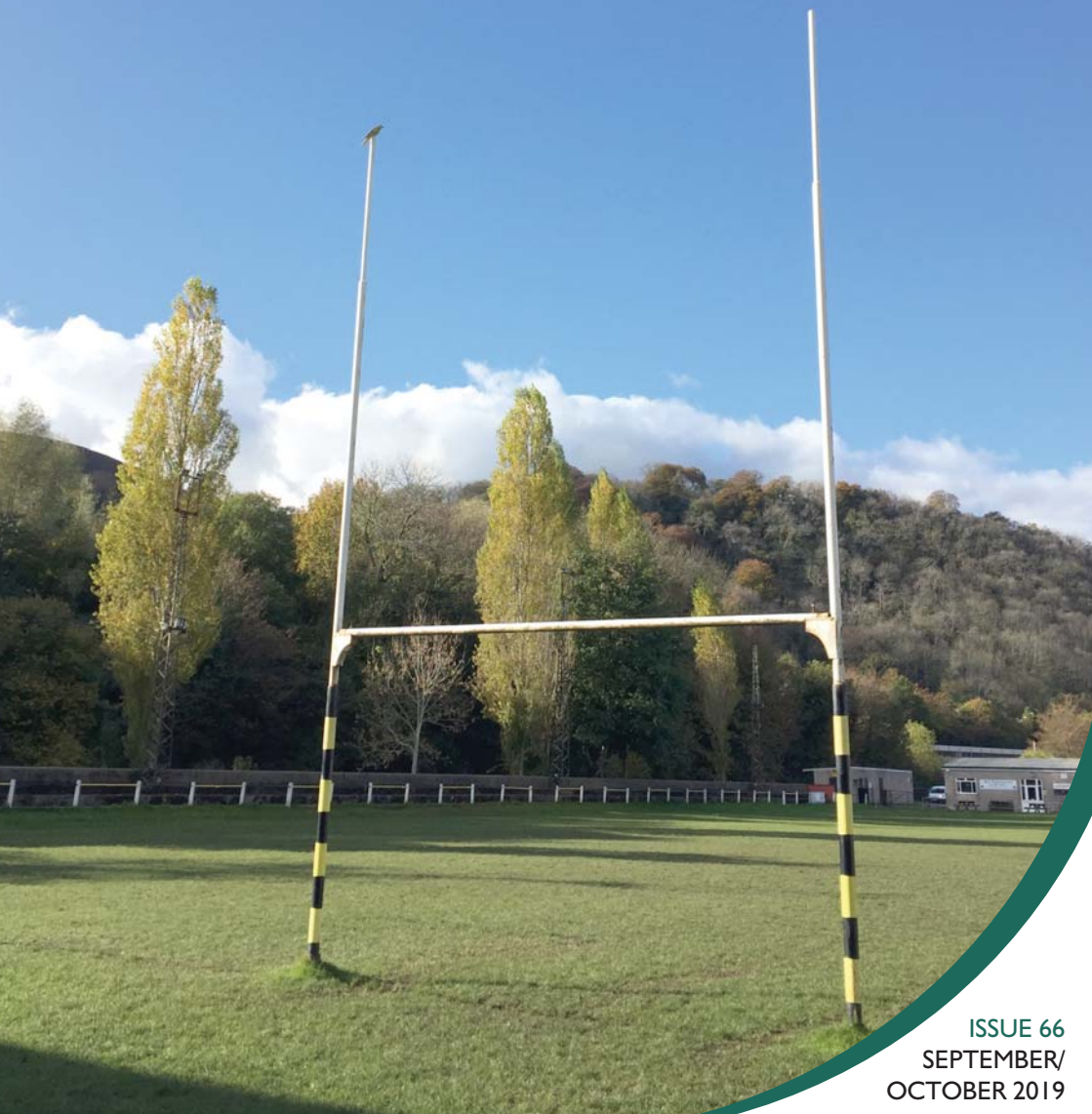


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# Dying to Get Up Twmbarlwm

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**I know this is going to be a sensitive subject and many out there will castigate me for these views – but ask yourself, would your dearly departed really want his or her favourite location treated in this way?**

I am, of course, talking about the increasingly common practice of displaying floral tributes and other memorabilia in public places. You see a lot of this on local beauty spots and Twmbarlwm is no exception.

I have no problem at all with the occasional bunch of flowers which are going to rot down to nothing – but when it's a six foot long wreath spelling out "Grandad" I start to question the sentiment.

Some of these wreaths are works of art and one has to admire the skills of the florist who created them and when they are displayed on that emotion-sapping day of the dearly departed's funeral they look splendid atop the casket – there's no finer indication of the family's love for their beloved relation.

Later, the family decide they need to mark the loss of their loved one in one last commemoration by displaying the wonderful, expensive, floral tributes in the place he/she loved the most. Never mind that it's everybody else's favourite place too. But that doesn't matter because the flowers will rot away naturally and be returned to the earth's bounty in the same symbolic way of the one who is now pushing up the daisies.

But wait a minute – how has the talented florist managed to sculpt the flowers into a meaningful symbol of the expired person's life? As one who has cleared away much of this type of detritus I can tell you – there is half a mile of 16 gauge wire, several kilos of phenolic foam, a ton of plastic and enough polyester ribbon to encircle around the world – none of which is going to melt into the environment any time soon.

Bearing that in mind, I believe that if the site of the tribute was truly the favourite spot of the one who is now at peace, I strongly suspect he/she is considering moving on to a less cluttered location to spend eternity.

As if the floral tributes weren't enough to irk my

*After only two weeks the beautiful floral tributes are reduced to just so much plastic, ribbon and metal.*

ire, don't get me started on balloons, inflated with hydrogen and released in their hundreds to interfere with air-traffic control and land miles away across the country where they can be potentially gobbled up by all sorts of wildlife and farm animals.

To top it all, the distribution of such tributes is often preceded by the bizarre practice of scattering poor old Grandma or Grandad to the four winds.

Now I must admit, I don't object to that too much – indeed, I also intend having the lead role in such a ceremony one day (in the distant future).

Hopefully, those that I leave behind to perform the ceremony will have the sense not to leave me in an untidy pile where visitors to the site are going to want to sit with their egg sandwiches and thermos of tea. I also hope that they check the direction of the wind – I don't fancy being inhaled by my grieving family or faithful hound.

Although this article takes a light hearted view at this subject there is a real message – the passing of somebody close to you is a traumatic, personal time and we in the Twmbarlwm Society who tend the landscape for the sake of the community do not want to impinge on anyone's time of grief. However, please do not be offended when your well-meant tributes are removed after a suitable period – or why not retrieve them yourself before they're past their best?

*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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# Welcome to

## Risca East Community Council

### Newsletter

**It's been a busy couple of months for Risca East Community Council with lots to discuss and for us to get involved with.**

One of our main concerns centred on the closure of the public toilets at the Tredegar Park in Risca town, perhaps better known as Risca Park, and how this impacts our wider community. At a special meeting, it was unanimously decided to support the campaign, 'Save our Toilets', by donating £1000 in the hope that the toilets would be open in time for the summer holidays. Risca East has no direct influence on the work being undertaken to reopen the toilets but we have given a firm commitment to support the charity being set up and we wish the group every success for the future.

Another major decision Risca East Community Council has taken this year is to support the 'Summer Sport Scheme' being run at Risca Leisure Centre. Last year, we agreed to fund free transport for children attending the scheme but this year we decided to fund free places for children from the Risca East ward at a cost of £2500. At the time of writing, children are attending the sport scheme and it's hoped that at least 60 children will have benefited by the end of the summer break. If the Councillors believe it's been a success, we hope to increase the number of free places during the summer of 2020.

Looking forward to the autumn and winter, Risca East



Community Council will, once again, be working in partnership with Risca Town Council in organising the Armistice and Commemoration Service on Friday evening, 8th November at Moriah Church. There will be laying of wreaths on the morning of Saturday, 9th November in the Memorial Garden, Risca town and a service at the cenotaph on Sunday morning, 10th November. Please keep an eye on local Facebook pages for further information.

This winter, Risca East Community Council will be having a Christmas tree in the grounds of St David's Church at the junction of Thistle Way and

Elm Drive, Ty Sign. We're also planning to increase the number of lights along Elm Drive with an official switch-on followed by refreshments and a children's party at St David's Church hall on Friday, 29th November, 5 pm until 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend to join in the fun. Information will be shared via Facebook and on Risca East Community Council noticeboards: one outside St David's Church, one near the 'Top Shops' on Elm Drive leading to Holly Road, another at the junction of Channel View and Manor Road and one by the bus stop at the bottom of Herbert Avenue.

**If you wish to appeal for financial support for your local club, society or charity, etc. please email our Clerk, Mr Gwyn James on [riscaeastcommunitycouncil@outlook.com](mailto:riscaeastcommunitycouncil@outlook.com) or write to him at 13, Cherry Tree Road, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood, NP12 2PY.**





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# The 'Long Bridge' by Geoff Smith

**The feature on the Sirhowy to Newport Tramroad by Uplander in the previous edition of the Directory reminded me that I had long intended to write about this forgotten feature of Risca.**

When the early tramroads were built the route taken was dictated by not only the industry to be served, but also the attitude of the landowners through whose land the route was to pass through. The later railways were built with Parliamentary sanction and thus had compulsory purchase power, but this was not the case with the early tramroads. The Monmouthshire Canal Company's tramroad from Newport into the Western Valley more or less followed the canal on the Eastern side of the Valley, so when it came to building the tramroad to connect with the Sirhowy tramroad at Nine Mile Point, the opportunity was taken to serve those industries on the Western side of the valley Northwards from Risca, rather than branching off at Cross Keys.

I suspect that there was a land ownership issue here, but have no documentary evidence to support this theory.

Thus, the tramroad came South from Nine Mile Point and served the notorious Black Vein Colliery and its coke ovens, a large brickworks, extensive limekilns and a copper works on the Western side at Risca (Danygraig). All of this section of the tramroad is now beneath the A467 road. To join with the Western Valley tramroad a magnificent viaduct, the 'Long Bridge' was constructed. It consisted of 32 arches, built of stone, was 48ft above the valley floor, and is said to have cost around £40,000 in 1805. By 1859 the tramroad had been converted to a conventional railway, which took an easier and less curvaceous course, as the photograph shows. For the next 40 years the 'Long Bridge' slumbered, unused, until from about 1900 it was slowly demolished, and its stonework recycled, being used in numerous

buildings in the area.

It is hard to understand why such an expensive structure was considered necessary. Tramroads were better able to cope with gradients than the later railways, so a ramp down to the river, a simple bridge and another ramp up would have been a much cheaper option.

The later railway is also long gone, and its embankment levelled to provide extensive playing fields. Of the 'Long Bridge' itself just some stonework remains, just to the side of Risca Builders Merchant's yard.

Of the tramroads themselves, remains are few. The course of the railway is a foot and cycle track from near Cross Keys, and a bridge with the stone sleeper blocks of the tramway is to be seen at Nine Mile Point. At Pye Corner, if you stand facing the 'Hair Junction' premises, to the right a lane disappears behind the houses in Western Valley Road. This was the tramroad course.







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## **Tidy Up Before Viewings**

You would be amazed by the number of houses we show people around where the current owners have made no effort to clean the main living spaces. Plates, mugs, clothes, toys etc are left on display instead of being tidied away.

- Keep a few family pictures on display but if possible pack away your knick-knacks, ornaments and other items that some might consider as clutter. Whilst it is still your home, potential buyers want to be able to see themselves living there and constant reminders of you won't help!

- If your kitchen worktop space is limited, make it look as large as possible by putting kettles, toasters, microwaves, storage jars/containers and other items in cupboards.

You might also be interested to know that almost 95% of buyers are looking to buy a house that they can move straight in to. Even though buyers are encouraged to overlook the current furnishings and decoration of a property, ripped or marked wallpaper and stained or worn carpets can turn buyers off.

Some sellers might think that because they are moving they needed invest the time or go to the expense of replacing things like this but we strongly recommend you reconsider because what will cost you a couple of hundred pounds to do might save you thousands when it comes to negotiating the sale price.

## **Don't Forget Your Garden**

Spend a bit of time and money preparing the exterior of your home. Create the right first impression and keep the gardens and driveway well maintained, clean the facias and guttering, paint the front door if necessary and please remove the gnomes from the lawn!

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# In the wrong place, at the wrong time

By Bernard Osment

**At 11.15 on the morning of Sunday the 3rd September 1939, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain announced that a state of war existed between us and Germany. At 19.40 on the evening of the 3rd September 1939, the passenger liner SS Athenia was struck by a torpedo fired by the German submarine U-30.**

The Athenia, en-route from Glasgow to Canada, sank in the North Atlantic some 250 miles off the West coast of Ireland. 98 passengers and 19 of the crew were killed. One of the passengers killed, lost at sea, was a Risca girl, 17 year old Nancy Redgers.

Nancy, along with her sister Eileen and their mother were returning to Canada after coming

over to visit Mrs Olive Jenkins, the eldest daughter of Mrs Redgers, at No.1 Tredegar Street, Risca, the former home of the Redgers family. Mrs Redgers and her daughters had arrived in Risca in July 1939. It was the first time they had visited their old home since July 1929, when Thomas Redgers, his

wife Harriet and four of their children had emigrated from Risca to Toronto, Canada. After spending a short time in a Glasgow hospital recovering from shock and exposure, on the 7th October Mrs Redgers and her daughter Eileen sailed from Liverpool back to their home in Canada.



## 'ONE OF JESUS SUNBEAMS'

These are the words inscribed on a memorial stone flower pot, on a grave in Danygraig Cemetery, the last resting place of DEREK WHITING, a seven year old evacuee from Greenford, London. Derek was one of the hundreds of children, with and without their mothers, evacuated from London and the South Coast, who arrived by train at Risca Station, at the

beginning of WW2.

On the 3rd June 1940, 500 children, evacuated from Dover, Rochester and Chatham, arrived at Risca Station at 10.45am, and by the evening all had been billeted. By the end of 1940, 1,059 unaccompanied children, along with 311 accompanied children and 207 mothers, had been billeted in the Risca Urban District. Derek had arrived in Risca in October 1940 along with other pupils and teachers from Stanhope School in Greenford, Middlesex. 'Father Sees Son Killed at Risca' – This was the heading of an article published in the South Wales Argus on the 4th July 1941. It told of the death of Derek Whiting, a boy evacuee, aged seven, the son of Mr and Mrs John Ralph Whiting. Mr Whiting had come down from Greenford to see his son who



was billeted at No.10 Tredegar Street, Risca. Derek and his father were returning by bus to Risca after visiting friends billeted in Cross Keys. When they alighted from the bus Derek ran across the road ahead of his father and was knocked down and fatally injured by a passing lorry. The funeral service, held at St. Margaret's Church, was attended by teachers and pupil evacuees from Stanhope School, and friends from Risca.

#### **'The greatest gift of all'**

On the 18th August 1944, Alan Hugh Jones, the youngest son of Joseph and Alice Matilda Jones of 'The Café', 36 Tredegar Street, Risca, celebrated his nineteenth birthday as a sailor on the minesweeper H.M.S. Britomart. On the 27th August 1944, Alan died of wounds received in action



when the Britomart was attacked and sank off the north coast of France.

On the 4th September 1944, Alan was buried in Risca Old Cemetery, Cromwell Road. Alan had been pupil of Danygraig and Pontywaun County Schools, and was employed as an apprentice at Yendall's Print Works before joining the Navy in 1943.

For many years after the War, on the 27th August, Alan was remembered by his family in the 'Roll of Honour' column of the South Wales Argus.

Jones – In most cherished memory of our dear son Alan, died August 27th, 1944, by enemy action, off the north coast of France. 'He gave the greatest gift of all. His unfinished life that we might live.' Always in the thoughts of mam, dad and family. In 1994, many years after his mam and dad had passed away, it was revealed that Alan, along with the twenty other crewmen of the Britomart, had not been killed by the Enemy, but by the R.A.F.

"Due to an error in communication", a Flotilla of four minesweepers, included the Britomart, sailing close to an area off the French coast still occupied by the enemy, were assumed to be German ships, and the R.A.F. was ordered to attack them. H.M.S. Britomart and H.M.S. Hussar were sunk and H.M.S. Salamander and H.M.S. Jason damaged. 117 crewmen were killed and 153 wounded. Of those killed, four were local boys. On the Britomart, our Alan Jones, 19, from Risca, and Leon Jones, 21, from Newport, and on the Hussar, Raymond Joseph Anthony, 32, and Douglas

Denham, 27, both from Newport. Alan's death also affected the life of an eight year old evacuee, John Cockett. In the summer of 1940, John along with his sister Lesley and other pupils from Fairlop School in London were evacuated to Risca. Initially John and Lesley were billeted together at the home of Mrs Mounter at 15. Danygraig Road. Although they considered Mrs Mounter 'a very nice lady', their stay there was ended when their mother asked for them to be re-billeted. Unfortunately when they left Mrs Mounter's they went to separate families. Lesley to a lady in Bridge Street, and was not treated very well, beans on toast being her main meal most days. Whereas John 'landed on his feet', being taken in by Mr and Mrs Jones of Jones the Café, Alan's parents, with good food and the most wonderful ice cream almost every day.

John's stay at the Café ended when the dreaded telegram arrived with the news of the death of their son, and the distraught couple were no longer able to keep him. Fortunately again John 'landed on his feet' when he was taken in by Mr and Mrs Charles at 34 Park Place. They soon became his Uncle Jack and Auntie Cis., and at the end of his stay in Risca, wanted to adopt him.

I remember that we had evacuees from Essex living in our front room of No. 1 Millbrook Cottages, Mrs McKelvey and her baby. Her two other children, a boy and a girl were billeted separately in houses on opposite sides of the road in nearby Mill Street.

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With Glasgow being European City of Culture in 1990, Scotland ran a pilot scheme and in 1991 the events were united as European Heritage Days at the initiative of the Council of Europe supported by the EU. England and Wales joined in 1994. Over 20 million people now visit European Open Days and the idea has spread too many countries outside Europe.

Openings last year included 10 Downing Street & the U.S. Embassy in London and, in Bristol, the Redcliffe Caves & Bristol Old Vic whilst Tintern

Abbey & Tredegar House were attractions closer to home. The Risca Museum first took part in 2016 and last year St. Mary's church also participated. Both are taking part this year and are being joined by the Risca Male Choir who occupy the old Risca Urban District Council Offices.

## **Risca Museum**

The Museum is on the ground floor of the old Risca Collieries Workman's Institute which was built in 1916 for the local miners. After the colliery closed in 1967 it was used as the local benefits office for many years and, after that relocated, the vacant building was used as the Islwyn Labour Party campaign office during the 1995 by-election. That same year it was purchased by Islwyn Borough Council using European Heritage money, putting the Museum on the ground floor and additional classrooms for the Oxford House Adult Education Centre on the first floor. Caerphilly CBC disposed of the building in

2016 resulting in a 7-fold rent increase for the Museum which is run by volunteers from the Oxford House Industrial History Society and receives no official financial support. It is a Grade 2 listed building.

Although the Museum is open from 10am to 12.30pm every Saturday, for Open Doors it will be open from 10am to 4pm on both Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th September. As well as the Edwardian Chemist shop and the 1834 printing press from the Starling Press, on display will be many items not usually available including artefacts, photographs & maps. Also, on Sunday 29th there will be a short walk & talk on the Risca Long Bridge (maximum duration 1 hour, flat ground) starting from the Museum at 1pm.

*Risca, St Marys Church*







## St Mary's Church

The current Risca parish church, St. Mary's was built in 1852 in a Gothic revival style. However, it replaced an earlier church on the same site and, during demolition of the earlier building, Roman remains were discovered in the foundations. Whilst a church in Risca is likely to have existed since the 12th century, it has been suggested that the site may be of Celtic origin. As well as the church itself being Grade 2 listed, the entrance gateway and the remains of the churchyard cross are separately Grade 2 listed.

The church will open from 10.30am to 4pm on Saturday 28th September. The historic parish records of Baptisms, Marriages & Burials will be available for inspection. Inside are many interesting monuments and dedications notably the magnificent stained glass window commemorating

the mining history of the parish which was only installed a few years ago following a long campaign. Outside are headstones and grave memorials with historical importance to Risca including the gravestones of two brothers who died in the 1860 Black Vein Colliery explosion. There will be leaflets available indicating the location of some of the most interesting sights both inside and outside the church and booklets on the full history of the church will be on sale. Refreshments will be available.

## Risca Male Choir

The old Council Offices on St. Mary's Street will open from 10.30am to 4pm on Saturday 28th September. The building was completed in 1912 for the Risca Urban District Council and remained its headquarters until it ceased to exist after local



government reorganisation in 1974. Since 1988 it has been the home of RMC, the Risca Male Choir, which has gained a high reputation both in the UK and abroad. The outside of the building is virtually unchanged including the clock which has been renovated by the choir. Internally, many original features remain and the room which operated as the Council chamber can be inspected. Choir members will be in attendance and the illustrated history of the choir 'The First Forty Years' and selected CD's will be available to purchase.





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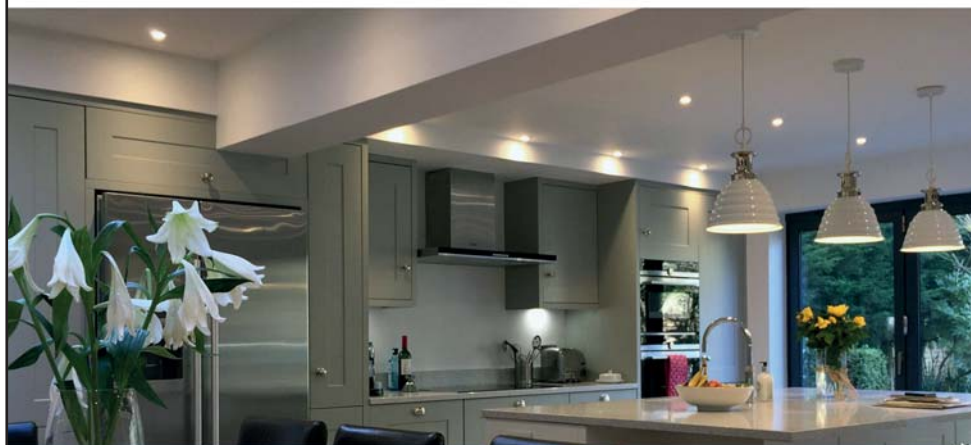
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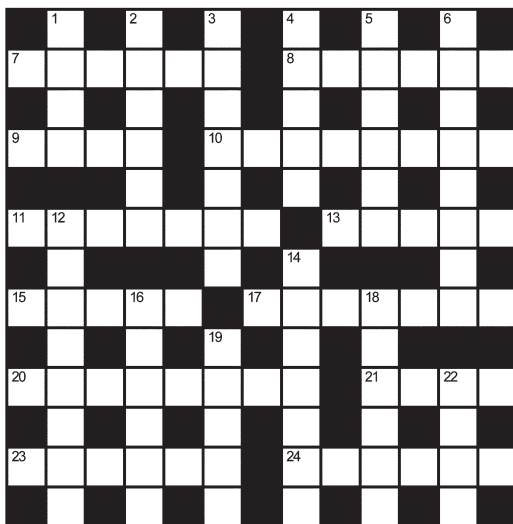
# Crossword

## Across

- 7 Wait upon (6)
- 8 Educated (6)
- 9 Leave out (4)
- 10 Buy (8)
- 11 Rebuked (7)
- 13 Cost (5)
- 15 Areas within a house (5)
- 17 Covered with thorns (7)
- 20 Against the current (8)
- 21 Curve on bottom of foot (4)
- 23 Edible bulbs (6)
- 24 Employ (6)

## Down

- 1 Very small particle (4)
- 2 Relating to the teeth (6)
- 3 Modified (7)
- 4 Celestial bodies (5)
- 5 Writer (6)
- 6 Involving the body (8)
- 12 Cutting with an axe (8)
- 14 Metal wind instrument (7)



- 16 Technique (6)
- 18 Alter (6)
- 19 Sound practical judgment (5)
- 22 Wire enclosure used for birds (4)

# Sudoku

1	3	4	2		9		8	
				1			4	3
7	6	8	3				9	
3				9				
4						5		
		9	1				7	
	4	6	5	7				
5					4		2	
8	1	3		2				

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.

Solution on page 32

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### Crossword

Across: 7 Attend, 8 Taught, 9 Omit, 10 Purchase, 11 Scolded, 13 Price, 15 Rooms, 17 Prickly, 20 Upstream, 21 Arch, 23 Onions, 24 Engage.

Down: 1 Atom, 2 Dental, 3 Adapted, 4 Stars, 5 Author, 6 Physical, 12 Chopping, 14 Trumpet, 16 Method, 18 Change, 19 Sense, 22 Cage.

### Sudoku

1	3	4	2	6	9	7	8	5
9	2	5	7	1	8	6	4	3
7	6	8	3	4	5	2	9	1
3	5	1	4	9	7	8	6	2
4	7	2	6	8	3	5	1	9
6	8	9	1	5	2	3	7	4
2	4	6	5	7	1	9	3	8
5	9	7	8	3	4	1	2	6
8	1	3	9	2	6	4	5	7

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# Gwerinwyr Gwent Diary

On the 12th June we had our second conference booking of the year, this time at Caldicot Castle. International delegates at a medical conference in Cardiff were holding their gala dinner in a marquee in the castle grounds and GG was part of the welcoming events before their meal.

With about 200 people arriving, the timings were well planned and precise, but unfortunately traffic from the M4 to the castle was so heavy that the coaches were over 30 minutes late arriving. This meant our plans to dance for two separate groups and then get people to join in had to be curtailed. We completed our display, and then as the rain started, found some space in the marquee to get a few people to join us - half the delegates were still exploring the castle grounds. A shame but I think particularly the foreign delegates enjoyed seeing our Welsh costumes and dancing, even if it was only for a short while.

The 27th June saw us back at the adult special needs school on the Treforest Industrial Estate. This has become an annual event and



our visit is always eagerly anticipated. Barbara Griffiths had again put together a Welsh culture session with questions for the students to answer, some dance demonstrations, including clogging, music from our band and some simple audience participation dances.

Usually our bookings are arranged well in advance, sometimes almost a year, but at the end of May we had an invitation to dance again at Llanover, this time in the village, on the 4th July for a visiting VIP. Sometime later we were informed that the VIP would be Prince

Charles, who after visiting a school and the Winding House in New Tredegar with the Duchess of Cornwall, would be arriving alone to tour Elizabeth Murray's lovely gardens and hear about the work of her ancestor Lady Llanover. GG would be dancing Llanover Reel for his arrival at the village hall and another dance as he departed.

The 4th July turned out to be a really hot day, and in our woollen costumes with the ladies wearing bonnets and tall hats, we were feeling the heat as we waited for almost an hour past the intended start time. Finally HRH and Mr & Mrs Murray arrived and we started dancing, they then entered the village hall to meet various local dignitaries and we began to prepare for our second dance. Prince Charles' equerry suddenly appeared to say not to dance again but to form a group as HRH wanted to meet us. He shook hands with everyone, was very charming, and suggested we go into the hall for a cup of tea and get out of the sun.

**Many thanks to David Owen for the two photos from Llanover**



**Gwerinwyr Gwent would love to recruit some new dancers, especially men!**

Welsh dance steps are basic and few, it is just the patterns of the dances that need to be learned. We would also be delighted to welcome extra musicians to join our little band. Practice night is Thursday 8-10pm at the Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg (opposite the Ruperra Arms). Either just come along, ring 01495 271953 for more details, or check out our website [www.gwerinwyrghwent.org.uk](http://www.gwerinwyrghwent.org.uk) or Facebook page.

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	10.15-11.00 Independent 3-4yrs*	10.15-11.00 Under 2yrs	10.30-11.15 Independent 3-4yrs*	10.30-11.15 Independent 3-4yrs*		10.15-11.00 Yr3-Yr6
	11.15-12.00 Parent/Child 2-4yrs	11.15-12.00 Parent/Child 2-4yrs	11.30-12.15 Parent/Child 2-4yrs	11.30-12.15 Under 2yrs		11.00-11.45 Rec-Yr2
	12.30-1.15 Independent 3-4yrs*	12.30-1.15 Parent/Child 2-4yrs	12.45-1.30 Independent 3-4yrs*	12.45-1.30 Independent 3-4yrs*		11.45-12.30 Rec-Yr2
	1.30-2.15 Independent 3-4yrs*	1.30-2.15 Independent 3-4yrs*	1.45-2.30 Parent/Child 2-4yrs	1.45-2.30 Parent/Child 2-4yrs		1.00-1.45 Independent 3-4yrs*
	2.15-3.00 Independent 3-4yrs gym/cheerleading	2.15-3.00 Independent 3-4yrs gym/cheerleading				1.45-2.30 Parent/Child 2-4yrs
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4.30-5.15 Rec-Yr2	4.30-5.15 Rec-Yr2	4.30-5.15 Rec-Yr2	4.30-5.15 Rec-Yr2	4.30-5.15 Rec-Yr2		
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## Of Ducklings and Gulls

Those of our readers who have been with us for any length of time will know it's not only swans which need our help, but it is true that by far the majority of our rescues do involve 'water' birds in the broadest sense. This time, its ducklings (mallard) and gulls (Lesser Black Backed); the two stories are not related.

We received a family of eight tiny day old ducklings, their catastrophic separation from mother duck in a totally regrettable incident involving a speeding motorist on the outskirts of Cardiff. We have years of experience in dealing with these tiny creatures; at some stage this always involves moving them on for 'finishing' prior to release, due to limited capacity this might be sooner rather than later. And so it was with this group. A characteristic which marks some mallard families is they are incredible 'athletes', capable of jumping considerable heights from a standing start; doubtless a very useful attribute in their survival kit! So we loaded the ducklings into what we considered a suitable box and set off for Vale Wildlife Rescue at Beckford. Horror of horrors, when we arrived and booked the birds in, we found we had only six ducklings. Despite emptying the back of the car we could find no trace of the two missing ducklings and neither could we hear them, we would have expected their characteristic high pitched contact calls to have been apparent. There was nothing, so we set off for home. Stuck in traffic at some point during the return journey we did hear that call, and eventually found two little ducklings in one of my wellington boots. Clearly, they had jumped from the bottom of the box, locating one of the



carrying slots and transferred themselves to the boot. So, for these two, the whole process had to be repeated, for which, it seems, they were none the worse.

A local food manufacturing /processing company has learnt how careful they have to be regarding the management of open topped road-going containers, by ensuring they are fully covered when they are not in use. One such recently emptied container (but not washed and cleaned because its use is for unwanted leftovers) was found by four adult gulls at some time during the night, and clearly was thought to contain some tasty food items. Whether it did or didn't, the actual residue was in fact a curry sauce colour; let's say turmeric yellow!

The discovery was made at about 5am by members of the workforce. They had to find a certain amount of sophisticated kit in order to remove them from their predicament, whereupon we were



called to arrange transport, care and rehabilitation. In fact we were in a near identical situation three years ago, and so had no hesitation in, once again, involving Vale Wildlife Rescue. The gulls are recovering well. By an odd coincidence, on 6th July, The Times carried a picture of a Herring Gull which had met with a similar misfortune some 100 miles or so away, and was cleaned by the staff at another local wildlife hospital.

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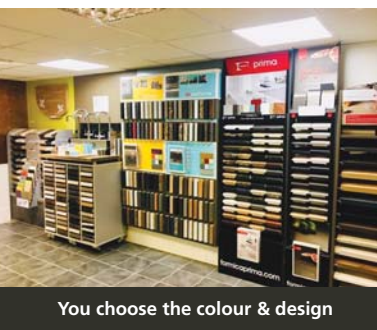
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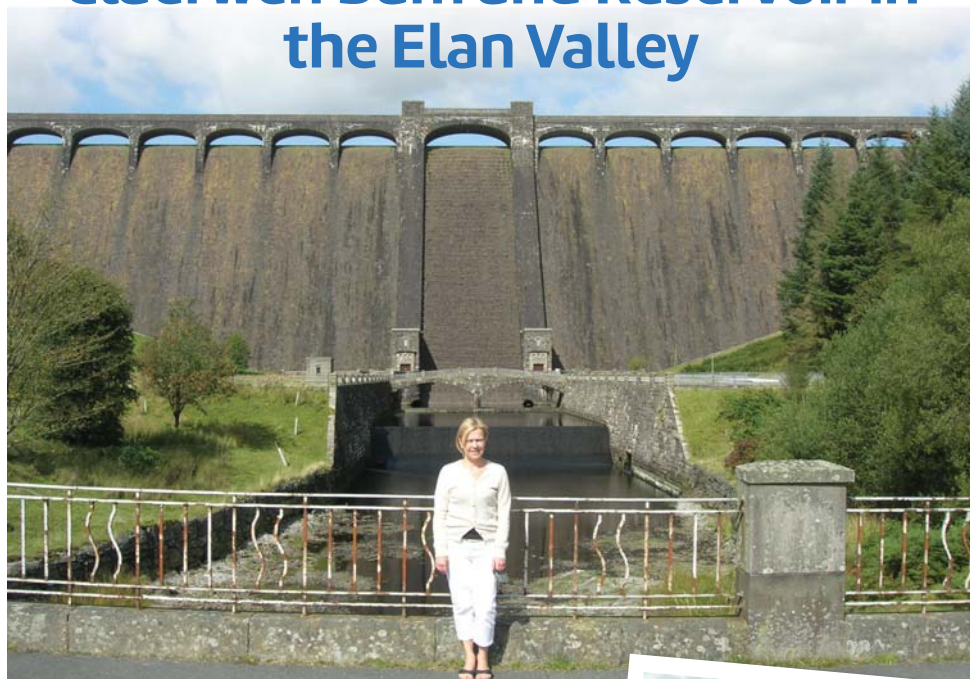
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