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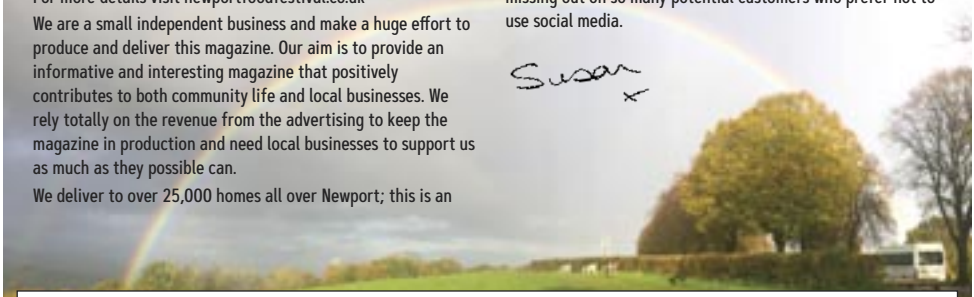
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# The Break

**I thought just for a change I'd start my article before I get the very much needed nod from the editor. I thought I'd start it mainly because it's so hot I can't imagine doing anything that involves large movements of any sort, but using two or three fingers might just be alright. Yes, I still basically use my index fingers to type, unlike the youth who manage to tap out messages at incredible speeds with their thumbs.**

It was obviously wrong of me to decry the weather because just as the school term ends the weather becomes rather changeable, certainly more comfortable for doing anything vital to maintaining the status quo, but there is no sign of the much needed rain and gardens look parched and brown. Will we like others in the U.K. eventually have a hosepipe ban?

You may wonder why I'm writing about the weather when the whole idea of this article is to promote Rogerstone Roses W.I. It's because like schools we have a break too and so there are no meetings to comment on. Our last meetings, a hog roast and a picnic in the park are distant happy memories.



Although meetings ceased for August, the committee still met to ensure that the programme for the following months is a varied selection of talks, demonstrations and hands on evenings.

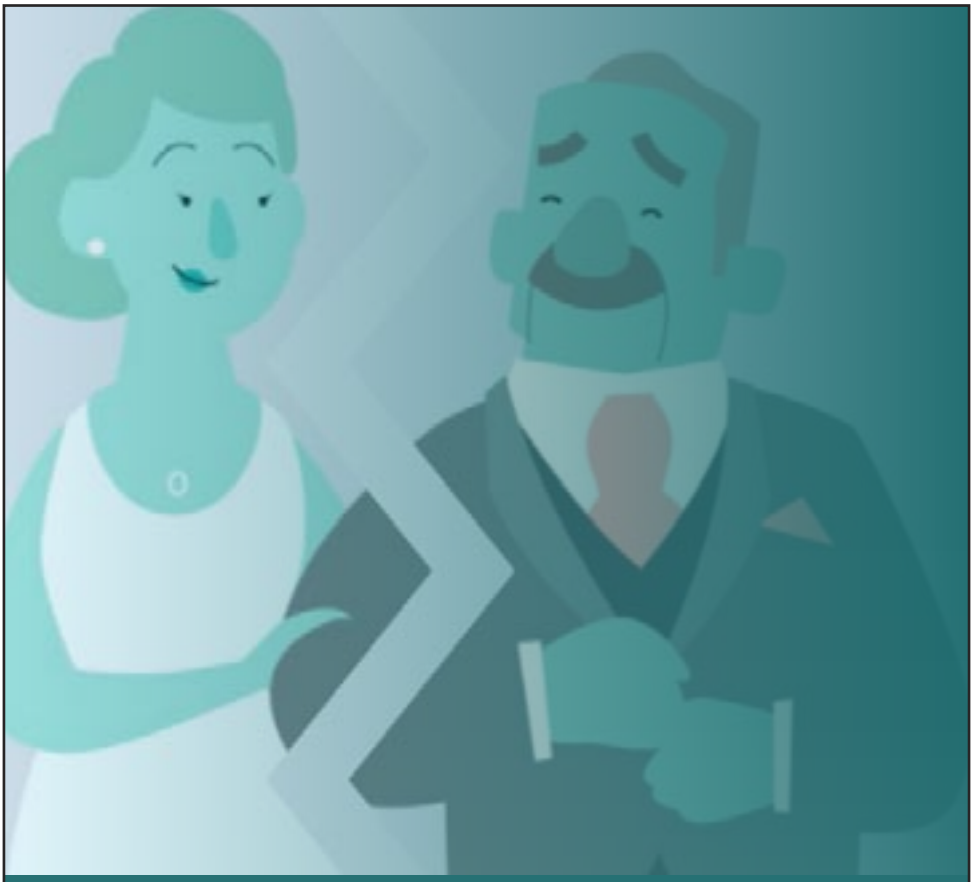
I hope that by the time you read this the summer will have been a Camelot experience, whereby it has rained only at night and the days have been suitably temperate and that you have managed to enjoy the long days doing whatever floats your boat, as the saying goes.

By the time you read this autumn will be upon us upon us, the light evenings will be shorter and the heat waves and holidays probably another distant memory.



On the second Tuesday of September, the W.I., starts a completely new programme. It ranges from talks by a local vet, art appreciation, skittles (playing them, not too taxing!) and a Christmas party with appropriate entertainment and buffet. These are just some of the evenings our social secretaries have planned. If you think some of these activities would interest you, you are more than welcome to come and join us. We meet at St John the Baptist Church Hall, Bryngwyn Road, 7.15pm to 9.00pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

**Liz James**



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# Gwerinwyr Gwent Diary

**Our first booking of the year was at the end of February, when we spent a very pleasant evening with the ladies of Machen WI. This was swiftly followed by St David's Day at Foxhunters Care Community near Abergavenny. We danced and played for them, with Barbara Griffiths again as MC, and even got some residents to join in with one of our simple dances, most, but not all, from the comfort of their armchairs.**

On 30th March we had our annual visit to Llanover for the NGS open gardens day. Lovely weather, lots of visitors, and record amounts raised for the charities.

Then a short break before the 10th May found us at another regular...the Tredegar House Folk Festival. Yet more good weather which brought out the crowds over the weekend. We danced on the Saturday and did a spot in both dance marquees. As well as the free dance displays, there were plenty of concerts, workshops, free entertainment, real ale bar, food and most importantly...sunshine.

As a consequence of having a local Hungarian dance group at the festival, GG was proud to be asked to take part in a Welsh/Hungarian day at Lisvane

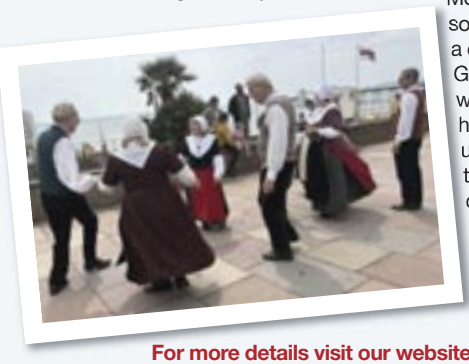






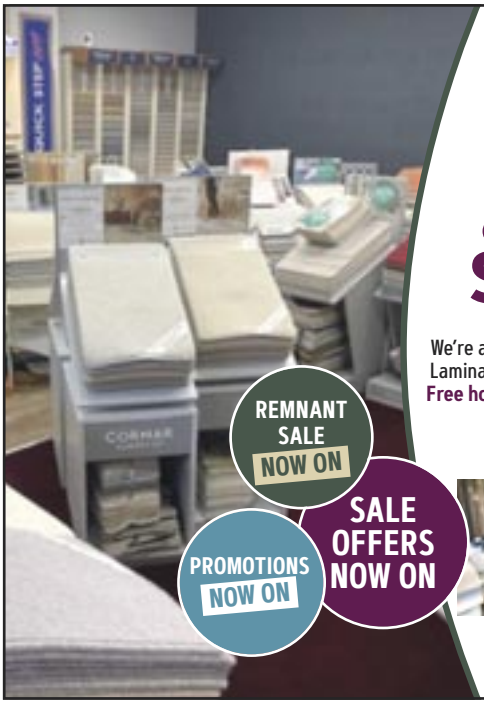
Memorial Hall in Cardiff, celebrating our two cultures. It was a wonderful afternoon and we were entertained by singer Daf Jones and Hungarian musicians and dancers. GG demonstrated three dances, then got the audience on their feet for a twmpath dance. Colourful crafts were on sale as well as tasty Hungarian food.

It is many years (well before Covid) since we have been away as a group to a weekend festival, so we thoroughly enjoyed our time at the Teignmouth Folk Festival in June. This is mainly a Morris dancing event, with some Appalachian sides and a couple of extras, of which GG was one. The forecast was for it to be exceptionally hot (which would have been unbearable for the ladies in their long woollen costumes), but fortunately it was cooler than we feared, and we even got rained on and didn't mind! We danced at three spots along the promenade on Saturday, plus we had the honour of the 45 minute guest performance at the main venue (The Triangle), all dance venues are outdoors. On Sunday we did two spots before the lunch break and then made our way back to South Wales. Quite a few of us stayed at the lovely Cliffden Hotel in Teignmouth. It has extensive grounds which, happily for us, meander down to exactly the part of the promenade where Saturday's procession started. It also has an excellent indoor swimming pool.



During the last 18 months, we have been delighted to recruit four new dancers, however, Gwerinwyr Gwent is still seeking new members, and beginners or experienced dancers/musicians are very welcome. Practice night (numbers permitting) is Thursday 8-10pm at the Graig Community Hall (opposite the Ruperra PH).

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# Taking Care of Twmbarlwm Gets Expensive…

## … thanks to those who persist in trying to destroy it all.



**I make no apologies for "banging on" again about the vandalism and fly-tipping we continue to experience on Twmbarlwm – but the fact is, apart from the obvious complaints of such anti-social behaviour being an eyesore and bad for the environment, it gets blooming expensive for the society and the farmers and, indirectly, every council tax payer out there.**

Last month at our litter pick we discovered the fence on the slope to the top of Twmbarlwm had been deliberately cut through again, despite there being a gate not ten metres away from the breach. This comprises two lines of stock fence, with trees planted in between them, that the society installed a few years ago, paid for with a government grant that was available at the time.

The fence is there to do a job, to keep livestock from straying onto the scheduled monument and further afield, so we will have to effect a repair, but at what cost? There's the material costs, the manpower and time costs and even administrative costs in trying to find the funding to do it – which is no easy task in today's economic climate.

Similarly, where the fence continues on the far side of the Twmp, a stretch of fence was repeatedly cut alongside a stile – we can't fathom why. The landowners and the society must have repaired it a dozen times, at our own expense, only to find it cut a few days later.

As I said above, the fence is absolutely necessary so it had to be repaired and fortunately, earlier this year, we successfully applied for funding through Cadw to install a stronger fence at this location. This will now allow us to continue with the conservation project we are involved with on Twmbarlwm – but this is probably a funding stream we won't be able to access again.



*Councils need to spend precious resources to clean up and investigate illegal fly-tipping*



*Above: Vandals come fully equipped, ready to destroy livestock fencing. Right: The expensive fence reinforcement we recently installed.*

They are just two examples of the quite deliberate destruction of the hard work our members have put into the area – I could fill these pages with photos of the damage continually inflicted on and around Twmbarlwm.

Of course, I haven't yet mentioned the other abhorrent crime that besets us – fly-tipping. It is a constant battle, the cost of which, to all of us as tax-payers and decent citizens, is difficult to estimate. CTS gathers as much as possible on our monthly litter pick days but much of it must be left for the council to collect.

Everybody moans about their council tax bills and question where the money goes – but if more members of the public were diligent enough of how and where they dispose of their rubbish maybe, just maybe, there would be more money to spend elsewhere.

For millennia the mountain has been revered by the communities that have grown up in its shadow – that's why the local tribes built a stronghold at the top, they thought it was a special place to be.

Unfortunately, there are those who ignore accepted common decency and see no wrong in the destruction and littering of an area most people in the community have respected and cherished for generations.

*Terry Evans, Chairman*
*Cymdeithas Twmbarlwm Society*

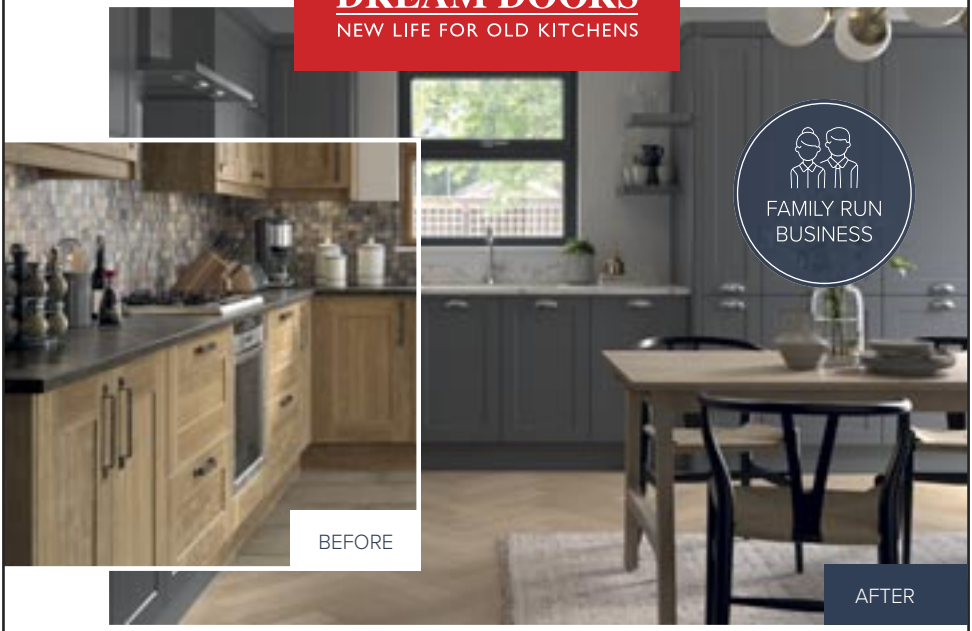
**Cymdeithas Twmbarlwm Society** meet at the car park below Twmbarlwm's summit for a litter pick and volunteer workday on the first Sunday of every month to which everyone is invited, it's not all hard work and it's a great opportunity to find your way around up there. We organise walks and other events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

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# Changes in Rogerstone

## since 1974 when it officially became part of Wales

**Educational Institutions**

Rogerstone has seen changes in its primary schools during this period. Firstly, the old board school near the Welfare Grounds moved to a more modern school at the Cefn Wood site and was renamed as such, then in 2003 the school was destroyed by fire. After a period of using portable classrooms and the use of an empty school at Malpas a new, bigger, state of the art school was built and opened in 2006. The other major educational development was the building of the new Jubilee Park School on the estate which opened in 2016.



*The old Rogerstone Board School and the replacement Cefn Wood School*



**Recreational Spaces**

Despite the loss of the aluminium factory outdoor sports facilities, partly due to the bypass, the village also benefited from the construction of the bypass, the old 'make do' facilities at the Welfare were replaced by a modern community hall, sports changing rooms and showers in the early 1980s. Then in 1987 Rogerstone Welfare Cricket Club secured a sports lottery grant for the building of a new two storey cricket clubhouse. More recently, the children's playground was upgraded as was the drainage on the football field. A new all-weather cricket net was also a featured addition with help from Cricket Wales/ECB and Rogerstone Community Council. There have been continual improvements at the Newport Fugitives Athletic Club, both on field and in the clubhouse, again with help from the same parties. These spaces have become integral to community life, offering residents places to gather, engage in physical activities, and foster social connections. The enhancement of these facilities underscores Rogerstone's focus on community well-being and cohesion.





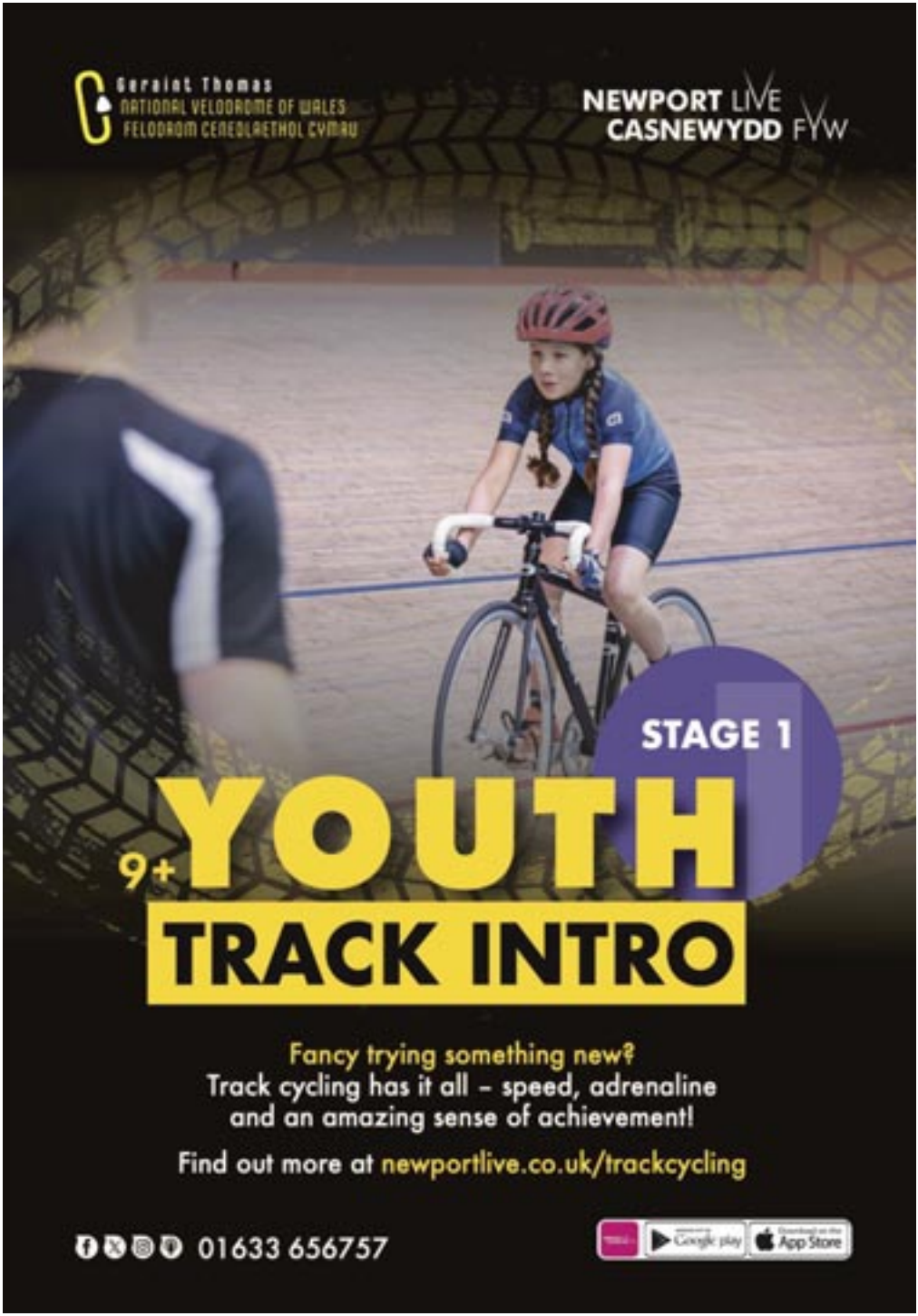
*The new Rogerstone Primary School in 2011 and Jubilee Park Primary School in 2025*







*The old Welfare Grounds from the 1930s, the 1970s and the modern Grounds in 2010s*


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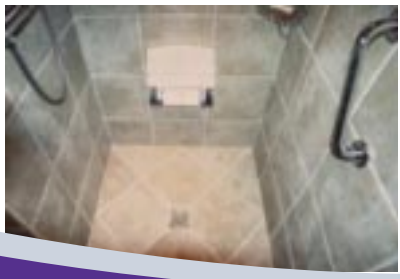
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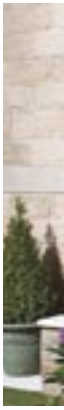




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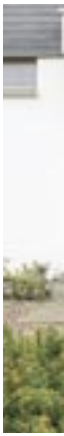




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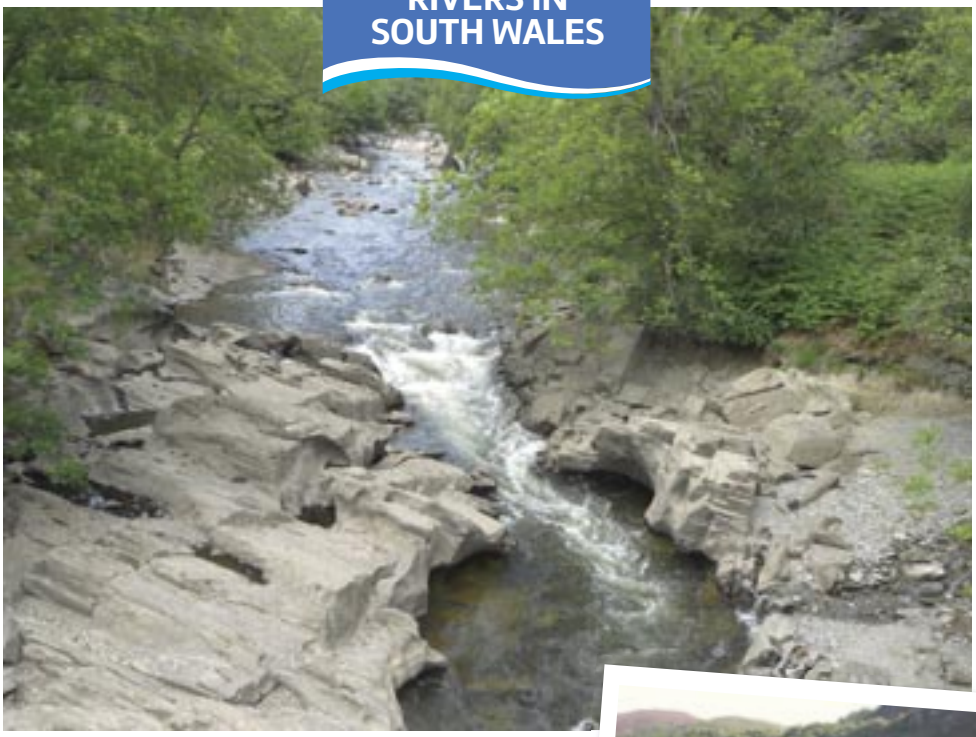
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We have visited the area several times and each time see the river & dams in various states of water levels. It takes just under two hours to get to from the Newport area and is most definitely worth the drive to bask in the outstanding beauty.

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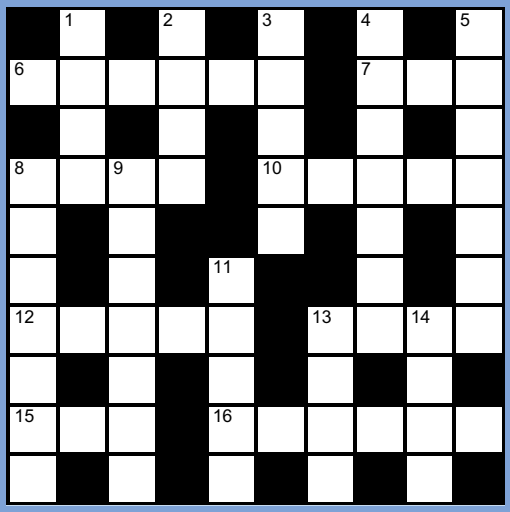
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# Puzzles

## CROSSWORD

**Across**
6 Education centre (6)
7 Used for listening (3)
8 Groups (4)
10 Special occurrence (5)
12 Flowing water (5)
13 Group of cows (4)
15 Lubricant (3)
16 Loving touch (6)

**Down**
1 Dull pain (4)
2 Faithful pets (4)
3 Passageway (5)
4 Protection (7)
5 Make believe (7)
8 Common small bird (7)
9 Journeys (7)
11 Building block (5)
13 Cause injury (4)
14 Element of danger (4)



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## SUDOKU

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.

Solutions on page 29



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# The Moult


*On the water again at last after how long*

Memory plays funny To moult in animals and birds is to shed skin, hair or fur and feathers in order to make way for new growth. In the case of swans, of course, it's feathers and there are very many of them, providing waterproofing, insulation and streamlining. They don't last forever and need to be replaced annually, a process which starts in late July or early August and consumes a lot of energy. It can take four-seven weeks to complete and obviously, during this time they are flightless, as, are the cygnets, which have not yet learnt to fly.


*Peace at last*

In the context of swan rescue, it is very much the case that one learns as one goes along. Many years ago, our attention was drawn to what appeared to be a very sick adult male swan at Brynhill Golf Course (Barry). He was taken into care for a few days, given a vitamin boost and ensured he had free access to lots of good wholesome swan food, before returning him to his territory.

This memory was jogged as the end of July approached, when we received a call from the canal near the Harvester in Malpas; the report referred to a near motionless lethargic swan surrounded by a large quantity of poo.

It would be totally wrong to assume anything, such reports must be investigated regardless of inconvenience. It was as described, so we started by offering wheat on which he started to feed immediately, a good sign. Shortly he struggled to his feet, and very laboriously made his way down the bank, a long way, given the very low water level in the canal. At this point it was time to try some floating swan and duck food which was also acceptable. This was the moment which his family, female and six cygnets chose to appear. There can be little doubt they became aware 'easy access food' was available!

It is so easy to be tempted to superimpose human interpretations on events as they unfold. The enthusiasm with which the adult female and particularly the six cygnets were tucking in, made it look as if the cob decided he couldn't be bothered to compete. The response was to find a packet of energy and as we watched, the male was paddling away from the scene, at speed, up towards the Harvester bridge. Clearly, there was nothing more to be done here, so we followed him on our way back to the car.

Just short of the bridge, he stopped, stretched fully upwards and outwards and then started to preen. Given the nature of this story, our pictures are self-explanatory!


*Family arrive with the lure of food*

Two days later, normal service was resumed. We received a call that reported the same swan in exactly the same position on the canal bank, but this time there was fishing line attached to the swan's black berry above his beak by means of a small hook, trailing line and float, mercifully, an easy one to solve.

Story & Photos: Peter. For swan problems please contact Peter on 07802 472788

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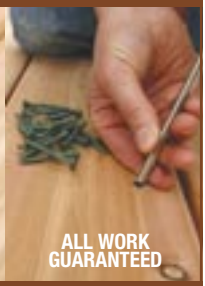
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# Newport u3a

**Members of Newport u3a went on a day trip arranged by its History Group.**
We visited the Royal Mint at Llantrisant for their award-winning tour where we learnt about its 1100 year history including the move to Wales from the Tower of London and Tower Hill and the manufacturing process of coins. Expansion into the global currency production means it is now the world's leading export mint supplying 30 different countries each year. In addition, it produces a wide range of military, sporting and commemorative medals such as those awarded at the 2012 London Olympic Games. In the exhibition rooms we saw some of the rarest and most unique coins in the world and here we all are around a Mini covered in pennies.



**Newport u3a offers 40 more active, social and cultural groups for the retired at the Dolman Theatre Wednesday to Friday during term time. If you would like to enrich your retirement, try out some free taster sessions, visit newport.u3asite.uk or phone Angela Robins on 07983 130541.**

# Hardy Plant Society

**The HPS Monmouthshire group is for people who love plants and gardening and enjoy sharing their enthusiasm with other like-minded people.**
Non-members are very welcome to come along. Our meetings provide an excellent opportunity to meet people with similar interests in a friendly atmosphere and afterwards to take time to chat and enjoy refreshments and perhaps buy some plants. In addition to the monthly meetings at 2.30pm in Little Mill village hall NP4 0HE on the second Saturday of each month from September to May, the group organises garden visits and discussions, dinners, a plant sale and more.


*Chris Beardshaw*

On Thursday September 25th at the Blake Theatre, Monmouth at 7.30pm, we are delighted to welcome Chris Beardshaw, the well-known TV gardener and presenter, whose theme will be 'Painting with Plants'. Tickets are available by email, telephone or post from boxoffice@theblaketheatre.org at £15 for Hardy Plant Society members and £18 for non-members.
At our October 11th meeting at the Hall in Little Mill at 2.30pm, Marion Stainton will be talking on 'The Winter Garden' with lots of practical advice on your garden during the colder months. All welcome. Members £4, non-members £6.

**For more information on all the above, our website is www.hpsmonmouthshire.co.uk**

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# WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

As the hot summer comes to a close, the Team in Bellevue is embracing Autumn with all the russets and reds, yellows and browns of the Park. We want you to enjoy the cooler afternoons as we head towards the exciting festive season.

**Sunday September 7th 11.00am – 4.00pm Sunday Market**
**Sunday September 14th 2.00pm – 5.00pm**
**Final Sunday Session with Three O'clock Club accompanied by street food vendors and a horsebox bar.**
**Sunday 21st September 11.00am – 4.00pm**
**Little Market. You will find new traders trying out their talents at our mid-month market; plus: Belle Vue presents its own chilled food, veg and farm meat stall.**
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Hannah and her White Light stall, produces by hand an amazing selection of perfumes, soaps, melts and scrubs. She even has shampoo bars.
Margaret and Tina are talented crafters, creating bespoke cards and teddy clothing respectively. Just For You is inspirational stitched and knitted items beautifully made by Elaine.
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# THE ORIGINS OF ROGERSTONE LIBRARY

The next time you're travelling along Tregwilym Road in Rogerstone, the road that stretches between St John's Church and the entrance to Jubilee Park, take time to stop about half-way down and take a look at Rogerstone Library.

Because it is above street level and back from the road it is easy to miss but from the opposite side of Tregwilym Road you will have a splendid view of this imposing, 120 year-old, Grade II listed building. It was built 'in a prime site... overlooking the broad Ebbw valley' and, to quote the experts, in 'an Edwardian free Classical style of squared purple sandstone with a slate roof and a lantern dome'.

What makes Rogerstone Library special is that it came into existence because of the generosity of one man, namely Andrew Carnegie and is one of 35 free libraries that Carnegie funded throughout Wales at the beginning of the twentieth century. Andrew Carnegie was an iron and steel entrepreneur, a billionaire described as the richest man in the world in his lifetime and as the world's first modern philanthropist. A patriotic Scotsman from a poor family in Dunfermline, he relocated to America and as an avid reader 'this first great patron of public libraries in Britain and America' dreamed of providing free libraries for all in every town and village. Carnegie worked assiduously with local communities to ensure that the buildings he funded had security of tenure over time and would have






sufficient books either donated or paid for from the 'penny rate' that local authorities could levy. His largesse enabled 660 free libraries to be set up in the UK at a cost of 15 million dollars. His friendship with people like David Lloyd George and with Gladstone, who lived in Wales, and his contacts in the world of Welsh iron and steel ensured that his philanthropy reached many areas of Wales particularly those, like Rogerstone, which were heavily industrialised.

On 29th September 1903 Rogerstone Parish Council resolved to thank Andrew Carnegie for his promise of £1400 for a new library building and so it was that only just over two years later the Rogerstone Library, free for all to use, was opened. It was fitting, perhaps, that the Lord Lieutenant of Monmouthshire, Lord Tredegar, officially opened the library for, as a philanthropist in his own right, he had provided the 'prime site' and at Carnegie's request had also gifted the freehold of the land. There were some behind-the-scenes negotiations before the deal was struck in that the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Monmouthshire button-holed Carnegie about the matter at a meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute of Great Britain, both men being prominent members of the institute.

Andrew Carnegie has generally remained an unsung hero in Welsh history despite his philanthropic work in The Principality. However, there is no doubt that his love of books translated into the provision of free libraries for all has had a profound and lasting effect on communities all around Wales. Rogerstone should certainly be proud that its library is a thriving legacy of this great benefactor's vision.

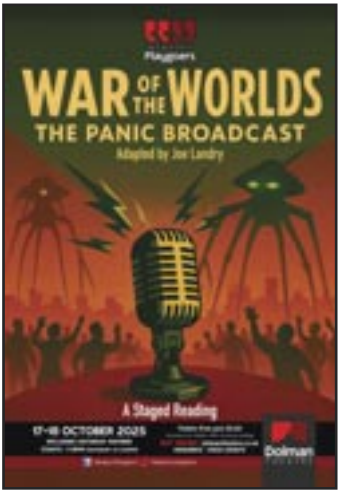
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We walked around the stunning cliffs and saw a variety of seabirds and even some seals basking on the rocks. The Ministry of Defence has been using the area around Castle Martin as a firing range since the 1940s. It was fascinating seeing some of the old bunkers that have now been abandoned.



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