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1) £100m Snowdonia power station to create 130 jobs (02/11/12)

PLANS for a new £100m power station on the edge of Snowdonia National Park will create 130 jobs.

London-based Quarry Battery wants to transform the area around Glyn Rhonwy Quarry and the open hillside of Cefn Du, above Llanberis, into a major sustainable energy scheme.

Based on the same principle as Dinorwig's Electric Mountain across the valley, water will be pumped uphill to a reservoir when electricity is cheap and then released back down through a turbine to generate power, stored in a battery, and sell it to the National Grid when it's more expensive for suppliers to buy

Darllen mwy/ read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2012/12/02/100m-snowdonia-power-station-to-create-130-jobs-55578-32350586/#.ULxr7AkZDMQ.twitter>

2) Anglesey MP calls for Hitachi to look local when employing Wylfa B workforce (30/11/12)

A POLITICIAN renewed his call for businesses on Anglesey to be awarded contracts for the new Wylfa B project.

The island's MP Albert Owen paid a visit to AAC Waterproofing in Gaerwen and urged the power plant's new owners Hitachi to look local for its supply chain and permanent workforce.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/11/30/anglesey-mp-calls-for-hitachi-to-look-local-when-employing-wylfa-b-workforce-55578-32334786/>

3) National Grid's pylon plans meet opposition in north Wales (21/11/12)

National Grid is inviting views on its plans to bring power from offshore wind farms and Wylfa B into the electricity network in the next 10 to 15 years.

Five initial proposals include laying cables under sea to Deeside or burying power lines from Anglesey underground.

Burying lines would cost £1bn more than National Grid's preferred option of pylons and overhead lines between Wylfa and the Pentir substation near Bangor.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-20416600>

4) Rhiannon wind farm: Plans on show in Amlwch (16/11/12)

Proposals for a massive offshore wind farm in the Irish Sea are being shown on Anglesey.

The proposed Rhiannon wind farm, between Anglesey and the Isle of Man, could see up to 440 turbines built.

The initial proposals from Celtic Array were submitted to the UK government in the summer.

The first public exhibition takes place on Friday at Amlwch Memorial Hall before moving to other locations in north Wales until 28 November.

Read more <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-20347004>

5) Bangor University contributes to 'Buildings as Power Stations' technology

Bangor University's [School of Chemistry](#) is contributing to a research project which could put Wales at the forefront of global renewable energy technology.

A 'Buildings as Power Stations' pilot manufacturing facility, launched recently by Business Secretary Vince Cable and Wales First Minister Carwyn Jones at Baglan Energy Park, near Port Talbot, puts the UK on the threshold of a £1 billion pound new industry which will revolutionise building construction and make a major contribution to renewable energy targets.

Darllen mwy/ read more

<http://www.bangor.ac.uk/chemistry/full.php.en?nid=11181&tnid=11181>



6) Kingspan secures £5m of green bank cash (29/11/12)

Manufacturer Kingspan has become one of the first companies to secure cash from the UK government's new Green Investment Bank (GIB).

The business has secured £5m to retrofit its UK industrial facilities in Holywell, North Wales, with systems and services which will reduce its energy consumption by as much as 15 per cent.

The factory is part of Kingspan's insulated panels division and is the largest panel factory of its kind in the world.

Darllen mwyl/read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/north-west/81089-/index.html>

7) Ruthin engineers secure £6.6m contract to replace pipes at Dolgarrog Power Station (5/12/12)

A £6.6MILLION pipeline contract will create up to 30 jobs at a civil engineering firm and secure the workforce at Dolgarrog Hydroelectric Power Station.

Ruthin-based Jones Bros signed the deal with RWE npower renewables this week.

The Denbighshire company will now carry out a major pipeline replacement scheme at the Conwy Valley site.

The contract for work will provide a welcome jobs boost, as Jones Bros seeks local labour, as well as contractors to carry out specialist work.

Darllen mwyl/read more

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/12/05/ruthin-engineers-secure-6-6m-contract-to-replace-pipes-at-dolgarrog-power-station-55578-32363370/>



UWCH DDEUNYDDIAU A GWEITHGYNHYRCHU ● **ADVANCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING**

1) Deeside: 38 jobs could be created at Tata Steel 23/11/30

TATA Steel is cutting 580 jobs at plants in Wales – but about 38 roles could be created with a £2.5m investment in Deeside.

The company is to axe about 900 jobs across the UK, but spokesman Bob Jones said the Shotton site, which employs more than 700 people, will

benefit from the major shake-up.

Darllen mwy/ read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2012/11/23/deeside-jobs-38-roles-could-be-created-at-tata-steel-55578-32293100/>

2) Welshpool manufacturer has drive to secure £6m deals (21/11/12)

NEW jobs will be created after a Welshpool manufacturer sealed deals worth £6million a year.

Welshpool-based variable speed drives maker Invertek Drives secured new contracts with two major international automation companies.

It will now supply a full range of its products throughout the global operations of both companies.

The new contracts are worth £6m per year to Invertek and will grow significantly over the coming years, creating a “significant number” of new jobs.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/11/21/welshpool-manufacturer-has-drive-to-secure-6m-deals-55578-32273170/>



3) Airbus Apprenticeship Open Day - 8 December 2012 (28/11/12)

Airbus in the UK opens its doors to apprentice hopefuls, Saturday 8 December 2012

Notice from Airbus:

Leading aircraft manufacturer Airbus is extending an open invitation to anyone thinking about starting out in a career in aeronautical engineering to drop in to their apprenticeship open day.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.careersinaerospace.com/home/news/latest-news/article/airbus-apprenticeship-open-day-8-december-2012.html>

4) St Asaph's Qioptiq leaves rivals green with EEF awards glory (23/11/12)

A RESEARCH facility won a prestigious business award.

St Asaph-based Qioptiq Ltd was a regional winner at the EEF Future Manufacturing Awards 2012.

The firm was presented with the EEF North West Region Environmental Efficiency Award by sponsor ENER-G.

Qioptiq, which designs and manufactures advanced photonic solutions for the defence and aerospace industries, reorganised its green strategy with the objective of reducing the waste going to landfill by 50%.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/11/23/st-asaph-s-qioptiq-leaves-rivals-green-with-eef-awards-glory-55578-32290338/>

5) Wrexham pharmaceuticals firm unveils advanced manufacturing site (28/11/12)

A PHARMACEUTICALS company unveiled its new advanced manufacturing site in Wrexham.

Ipsen Biopharm, which employs 280 people in the town, was visited by Wrexham leader Neil Rogers and chief executive Dr Helen Paterson.

The site was established in the 1970s under the ownership of Speywood Chemical.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/11/28/wrexham-pharmaceuticals-firm-unveils-advanced-manufacturing-site-55578-32319362/>



6) Outstanding achievement for Wylva apprentice (no date)

An Instruments Apprentice from Wylfa was recently shortlisted for a prestigious award. Nick Edwards, 20, from Llanrhuddlad, secured second place in the 'Outstanding Achievement by a Third Year Apprentice Award' in the EEF Future Manufacturing Awards 2012. The awards recognise the outstanding achievements of manufacturing and engineering apprentices in Wales in their first, second, third and final years.

Darllen mwy/ read more

<http://www.menai.ac.uk/News/4294968365/?LangType=2057>

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FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1) Power to devolve Welsh income tax by 2020, says Silk Commission - but only after referendum (20/11/12)

VOTERS in Wales could take part in a fourth devolution referendum to decide if the Welsh Government should have powers to vary income tax.

The move – unlikely before 2017 at the earliest – was part of a major package of measures unveiled yesterday by the Silk Commission.

The Welsh Assembly should be granted new powers to raise taxes and borrow funds to boost capital spending, the commission said.

But its year-long inquiry concluded that the ability to vary income tax in Wales should first be approved by a new referendum.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2012/11/20/power-to-devolve-welsh-income-tax-by-2020-says-silk-commission-but-only-after-referendum-55578-32266111/>



DIWYDIANNAU CREADIGOL • CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

1) Chef Michael Caines cooks-up a deal with Bethesda slate company (05/12/12)

MICHELIN-STARRED Michael Caines has a new venture on his plate.

The celebrity chef teamed-up with Bethesda-based Welsh Slate to launch a range of tableware products.

Slateware by Michael Caines was produced using Caines' designs.

Darllen mwy/ read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/12/05/chef-michael-caines-cooks-up-a-deal-with-bethesda-slate-company-55578-32363380/>

2) Gwyliau cerddorol Cymru yn dod i'r brig (4/12/12)

Roedd hi'n noson lwyddiannus neithiwr i ddwy ŵyl gerddorol sy'n cael eu cynnal yng Nghymru.

Cafodd y nawfed UK Festival Awards ei chynnal yn y Roundhouse, Llundain, ac maen nhw'n gwobrwyo'r gwyliau cerddorol gorau pob blwyddyn.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/cymru/93595-gwyliau-cerddorol-cymru-yn-dod-i-r-brig>

3) Three prizes for Portmeirion's Festival No.6 at UK Festival Awards (04/12/12)

The first music festival to be held in the ornate surroundings of Portmeirion has won three awards, including best new festival, at the UK Festival Awards. Festival No.6, held at the Italianate coastal village near Porthmadog in September, also won awards for best headline performance, for New Order, and promoter of the year, for its organiser Gareth Cooper.

Darllen mwy/ Read more: <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/showbiz-and-lifestyle/showbiz/2012/12/04/three-prizes-for-portmeirion-s-festival-no-6-at-uk-festival-awards-91466-32358315/#ixzz2EC9rXbRg>



4) Virgin Media viewers across UK now switched on to S4C (01/12/12)

VIRGIN Media customers will be able to watch many rugby and football games on S4C in Welsh or English.

English-language commentary will be available via the Red Button from this weekend.

The news comes two weeks after Virgin Media TV and S4C announced that S4C will be available throughout the UK

Darllen mwy/ Read more: <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2012/12/01/virgin-media-viewers-across-uk-now-switched-on-to-s4c-91466-32341367/#ixzz2ECAapYGE>

GWYDDORAU BYWYD • LIFE SCIENCES

No stories this week

TECHNOLEG GWYBODAETH A CHYFATHREBU (TGCH) • INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

1) Minister welcomes next step in securing next generation broadband for Wales (21/11/12)

Business Minister Edwina Hart has welcomed the decision by the EC to approve the UK's National Broadband Scheme, which paves the way for the roll-out of plans to deliver Next Generation Broadband for Wales by 2015.

The Welsh Government can now obtain formal approval of its Next Generation Broadband for Wales Scheme from the UK Government, which is expected shortly.

The Welsh Government is seeking to ensure that all residential premises and businesses in Wales have access to next generation broadband by 2015 and will intervene in areas where the private sector is not investing.

Total public funding of £205million to deliver this strategic project for Wales includes £56.9m from the UK Government and £89.5m from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). .

Darllen mwy/read more

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandeconomy/2012/6778963/?lang=en>



2) Geo Networks unveils fibre ring between UK and Ireland (4/12/12)

Geo Networks has completed a new fibre network running between London and Dublin, enabling the company to bring its offerings to Ireland as well as creating a faster connection between the two capital cities.

The East-West fibre ring runs through North Wales, connecting the locales and offering speeds of up to 100Gbps for low-latency, high-volume traffic.

Darllen mwyr/read more <http://www.computerweekly.com/news/2240173780/Geo-Networks-unveils-fibre-ring-between-UK-and-Ireland>

3) Hwb update (27/11/12)

On 17 November Welsh Government published an update about Hwb and Education Wales on the Learning Wales site including details of the main actions being undertaken in response to the independent review of the Digital Classroom Teaching Task and Finish Group published in March 2012. The main developments outlined in the bulletin are:

- the launch of the all Wales virtual learning environment in December 2012;
- an iTunes U Wales channel called Education Wales in December 2012;
- a National Digital Learning Event in June 2013;
- a centrally-funded professional development programme for teachers and associate staff will be available from September 2013.

Darllen mwyr/read more <http://www.jiscrsc.ac.uk/wales/news/2012/november/hwb-update.aspx>

4) Saltney telecom group sold to communications giant for ‘substantial’ sum (5/12/12)

ONE of North Wales’ top telecom companies was sold to a communications giant for a “substantial” sum.

Saltney-based Parkway Telecom has been acquired by Olive Group.

The Buckinghamshire firm will retain Parkway’s managing director Paul Maddocks and his 12 staff to move the business forward.

Darllen mwyr/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/12/05/saltney-telecom-group-sold-to-communications-giant-for-substantial-sum-55578-32363663/>



SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE

1) Fferm Ffactor prize goes to Anglesey (29/11/12)

COUNCIL tenant farmer Dilwyn Owen last night brought the Fferm Ffactor title to Anglesey for the first time – along with a £20,000 pick-up truck.

“I’m still pinching myself! Things like this don’t happen to me,” he said.

“I’ve never seen the family look so proud of me. It was a relief in a way to get it over with because we’ve been competing for so long.”

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/farming-north-wales/farming-news/2012/11/29/fferm-ffactor-prize-goes-to-anglesey-55578-32327609/>

2) Recipe For New Uk Apprenticeships For Chefs Devised In Wales (30/11/12)

Chefs across the UK will be given a clear career pathway following the launch of exciting new Apprenticeships, which began life as a pioneering training programme piloted in Wales.

The newly accredited BTEC Level 2 Intermediate and Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeships – Foundation Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship in Wales - in Craft Cuisine, which were launched on November 28, have been exclusively designed and developed by Pearson Work Based Learning in association with the Applied Ability Awards (AAA) National Committee.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://catererlicensee.com/recipe-for-new-uk-apprenticeships-for-chefs-devised-in-wales/#more-2291>

3) Tourism in North Wales 'would be hit' by marine conservation zones (5/11/12)

TOURISM in North Wales would be seriously hit by the imposition of highly protected marine conservation zones around the coast, an inquiry will be warned.

The Royal Yachting Association said proposals around the Lln peninsula and Anglesey would harm recreational boating which fuels the local economy.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2012/11/05/tourism-in-north-wales-would-be-hit-by-marine-conservation-zones-55578-32168625/>



4) New Destination North Wales website launched (1/11/12)

A MAJOR digital tourism campaign has been launched to help put Conwy county on the map.

Tourism Partnership North Wales has developed a new website which will bring all the organisation's digital marketing campaigns together so they can be accessed through a single website called Destination North Wales.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.northwalesweeklynews.co.uk/conwy-county-news/local-conwy-news/2012/11/01/new-destination-north-wales-website-launched-55243-32138515/>

5) Cosbi archfarchnadoedd – ffermwyr yn hapus (5/12/12)

Mae undebau ffermwyr a gwleidyddion cefn gwlad wedi croesawu'r newydd y gallai archfarchnadoedd gael eu cosbi am ddelio'n annheg â'u cyflenwyr.

Fe gafodd y datblygiad newydd ei gyhoeddi gan y Gweinidog Cystadleuaeth yn San Steffan, Jo Swinson, wrth i fesur fynd trwy'r Senedd i greu swydd Ombwdsman ar gyfer y fasnach fwydydd.

Darllen mwy/ read more <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/cefn-gwlad/93607-cosbi-archfarchnadoedd-ffermwyr-yn-hapus>



DIDDORDEB CYFFREDINOL • GENERAL INTEREST

1) Wales Business Minister Edwina Hart delivers praise and progress report on Enterprise Zones (30/11/12)

DEESIDE and Anglesey's Enterprise Zones will benefit from a £20million business rates jackpot.

In a written statement, Wales' Business Minister Edwina Hart said the Welsh Government will match the £10m business rates incentive from UK government, adding this would "go live" in January.

Mrs Hart revealed Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECAs) are already secured for certain sites in Deeside and said proposals for ECAs in Wales are now under consideration by the Treasury.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/11/30/wales-business-minister-edwina-hart-delivers-praise-and-progress-report-on-enterprise-zones-55578-32334784/>

2) Councils and Welsh Government justify £200million spending loss to North Wales businesses (28/11/12)

THE six county councils in North Wales were quick to defend their spending after a report revealed businesses are missing out on £200million a year in lost contracts. The study by Plaid Cymru revealed how much each council commissions locally.

Of the £552m in goods and services procured by the authorities last year, just £154.5m was spent in North Wales.

Darllen mwy/ read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2012/11/28/councils-and-welsh-government-justify-200million-spending-loss-to-north-wales-businesses-55578-32319359/>



3) College Offers £600,000 worth of Free Training to Local Businesses (29/11/12)

Coleg Llandrillo has announced that it will be offering £600,000 worth of free training to local businesses, with the aim of raising the levels of literacy, numeracy, ICT and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) skills of their employees.

Coleg Llandrillo will be offering free training to employees to help them up their skills, without leaving their place of work

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.llandrillo.ac.uk/2012/11/29/college-offers-600000-worth-of-free-training-to-local-businesses/>

4) Welsh Government releases grants and land funding (29/11/12)

The Welsh Government has launched a new phase of its Economic Growth Fund and pledged more money so that homes can be built on public sector land. In its budget for 2013/14, the administration said it would provide £30m for the Economic Growth Fund grant scheme for companies. It will spend £10m in 2013/13 and £20m in 2014/15.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/81067-welsh-government-releases-grants-and-land-funding/index.html>

5) £220m capital boost to help the Welsh economy (27/11/12)

"The Welsh Government is delivering growth and jobs at the toughest of times," Finance Minister Jane Hutt said today when she announced almost £47m of extra capital funding to meet economic and infrastructure needs.

The Final Budget for 2013-14 that was published today includes:

- an additional £30m for a second phase of the Economic Growth Fund and;
- £16.7m for the use of public sector land for housing.



Darllwn mwy/ read more

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2012/6792438/?lang=en>

6) Minister announces members of Welsh Co-operative and Mutuals Commission (26/11/12)

Membership of the newly formed Welsh Co-operative and Mutuals Commission - tasked with examining how the co-operative sector can create more jobs and wealth and improve services in Wales - is announced today by Business Minister Edwina Hart

Darllen mwy/read more

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2012/121126coops/?lang=en>

7) Datganiad yr Hydref: £227m ychwanegol i Gymru (05/12/12)

Yn ei ddatganiad prynhawn ma fe gyhoeddodd George Osborne y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn elwa o £227 miliwn o arian cyfalaf.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/cymru/93691-datganiad-yr-hydref-227m-ychwanegol-i-gymru>

8) Autumn Statement: Wales gets £227m capital windfall (05/12/12)

The Welsh government will get a £227m windfall of capital as a result of changes to public spending.

The UK government said Wales will get a share of money announced in Chancellor George Osborne's Autumn Statement.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-20609839>

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