

## YNNI A'R AMGYLCHEDD • ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

### **1) £70m tidal power scheme off Anglesey wins approval** (27/2/13)

Wales' first commercial tidal energy farm planned off the coast of Anglesey has won Welsh government approval. The £70m Skerries Tidal Stream Array is also being backed by £10m in UK government funding.

The project will see five tidal generators located in up to 130ft (40m) of water about half a mile from Holyhead. Developers Siemens say the scheme will generate enough power for 10,000 homes

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-21604951>

### **2) Siemens buys Anglesey wave project business** (23/2/13)

Siemens has acquired a majority stake in Marine Current Turbines, (MCT) the business planning a £70m [renewable energy](#) project off the North Wales coast. MCT is currently at the planning stage of the 10-MW Anglesey Skerries project in Wales

The deal concludes a period of stake-building by the German engineering company. Last November, Siemens increased its shareholding in MCT to 45 per cent after acquiring 10 per cent of the company, which develops and builds tidal power systems, in February 2010.

Darllen mwy/read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/66535-/index.html>

### **3) France geo giant buys science company and Llanrhos facility for £830m** (29/1/13)

THE world's leading geophysical company sealed an £830million deal for Fugro's geoscience division.

The acquisition by France's CGGVeritas safeguards the future of up to 150 workers at Fugro's Robertson site in Llanrhos.

From this Thursday, the group will be known as CGG to concentrate on three divisions: equipment, acquisition and geology, and geophysics and reservoirs.

**Darllen mwy /Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/01/29/france-geo-giant-buys-science-company-and-llanrhos-facility-for-830m-55578-32699574/>

#### **4) North Wales energy firms merge to capitalise on Green Deal (20/2/13)**

TWO energy saving specialists joined forces to take full advantage of growth opportunities offered by the Green Deal.

The merger between Advent Energy Management, from Bangor, and Prestatyn-based Coles Knapp was hailed a “marriage made in business heaven”.

The firms are a perfect fit because Advent specialised in domestic properties and Coles Knapp concentrated on the commercial sector.

The combined operation, which will trade as Advent Energy Management, employs 13 people. But with further expansion plans in the offing, they are hoping to recruit more staff soon

**Darllen mwy/ Read more:** <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/local-news/bangor/2013/02/20/north-wales-energy-firms-merge-to-capitalise-on-green-deal-91466-32841569/#ixzz2MaEQPAiq>

#### **5) UK: North Wales AM Supports Wind Turbine Apprenticeship Programme (25/2/13)**

Assembly Member for North Wales, Aled Roberts, has praised the partnership between RWE npower renewables and Grŵp Llandrillo Menai for establishing Wales’ first wind turbine apprenticeship programme and dedicated training centre.

Mr Roberts was commenting during his first tour of the dedicated training centre at Rhos-on-Sea, where he also met with the course tutors and apprentices, all of whom come from Wales.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.offshorewind.biz/2013/02/25/uk-north-wales-am-supports-wind-turbine-apprenticeship-programme/>

#### **6) North Wales Hydropower business moves upstream with investment millions (27/2/13)**

A HYDROPOWER business will move upstream with a multi-million pound investment deal.

The injection of cash into North Wales Hydro Power will enable to the company to expand more rapidly.



The firm was founded two years ago by one of Wales's brightest young entrepreneurs, Richard Rees.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/02/27/north-wales-hydropower-business-moves-upstream-with-investment-millions-55578-32886369/>

### **7) Renewable energy grants incentive for energy firms in Wales (16/2/13)**

In a bid to support growth and jobs in the renewable energy sector, the Welsh Government allocated £1.5 million in order to get the scheme moving. The maximum renewable energy grant that was available to an eligible company was £55,000 per annum or to have their current business rates paid, whichever was the lesser

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.renewableenergygrants.org.uk/renewable-energy/services/EnergyfirmsinWalesreceivearenewableenergygrantboost.aspx>

## **UWCH DDEUNYDDIAU A GWEITHGYNHYRCHU •**

### **ADVANCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING**

#### **1) Big profit rise for Redrow (27/2/13)**

HOUSEBUILDER Redrow reported a 50% rise in first-half profit, slightly above analyst expectations, and said it was cautiously optimistic for its second-half as the market stabilises.

Announcing its interim results yesterday the Flintshire-based company said profit before tax for the six months to the end of December was £23 million compared to £15 million in the same period last year.

Analysts expected the company to report a profit of £21 million.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/02/27/big-profit-rise-for-redrow-55578-32890855/>

#### **2) Toyota to create 70 jobs in Deeside (1/3/13)**

Japanese car giant Toyota has given Wales a St David's Day boost by creating new jobs.

The firm said there will be 70 new posts at its engine plant in Deeside, North Wales.

Welsh Secretary David Jones said Toyota was a "glowing example" of collaboration between a global company and the UK.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/01/toyota-to-create-70-jobs-in-deeside-55578-32904604/>



### **3) BAE profits dip 7% following US budget cuts (22/2/13)**

PROFITS at BAE Systems dipped by 7% yesterday after a year dominated by US budget cuts and its failure to seal a merger with Airbus firm EADS.

BAE's sales reduced by 7% to £17.8 billion in 2012 while the company warned that defence spending in the UK and United States, where it generated 20% of its revenues last year, was expected to continue to be constrained.

However, contracts outside the two countries more than doubled last year to £11.2bn, leading to an 8% increase in its order backlog to £42bn.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/02/22/bae-profits-dip-7-following-us-budget-cuts-55578-32856890/>

### **4) Mold housing firm helps national constructor to £47m profit (20/2/13)**

HOUSING specialists helped a national construction giant to a £47million profit.

Affordable housing, regeneration and maintenance specialist Lovell, based in Mold, contributed to a solid set of preliminary results for parent company Morgan Sindall Group.

However, against a backdrop of challenging trading conditions MSG delivered full year revenues of £2.05 billion and saw a 9% decline in its order book, to £3.1bn.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/02/20/mold-housing-firm-helps-national-constructor-to-47m-profit-55578-32841588/>

## **GWASANAETHAU ARIANNOL A PHROFFESIYNOL ●**

### **FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

#### **1) AM and Minister call time on The Bee and Station(7/2/13)**

Labour AM for the Vale of Clwyd Ann Jones has been joined Jane Hutt, the Welsh Labour Government's Finance Minister, on a visit to the £1.2m regeneration project at the former Bee and Station hotel in Rhyl.

The Bee and Station hotel, opposite Rhyl railway station, was boarded up and derelict for a decade has been turned into an office block which will be able to accommodate three small and medium sized enterprises and 27 employees.



The transformative project has been made possible with a Welsh Labour Government funding package including contributions from the North Wales Coast Regeneration Area programme and the European Regional Development Fund.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://northwalesextra.com/am-and-minister-call-time-on-the-bee-and-station/>

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## **2) Commission issues call for evidence to help boost co-operative and mutuals sector**(11/2/13)

The Welsh Co-operative and Mutuals Commission – set up to help create more **jobs** and wealth in the sector – has put out a call for evidence from interested organisations and individuals throughout Wales.

In Wales, co-operatives generate more than £1 billion in income a year and employ an estimated 7,000 people (2010 figures).

**Darllen mwyl/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2013/7062241/?status=closed&lang=en>

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## **3) Business Wales one stop shop service set to support 15,000 SMEs a year**(7/2/13)

Business Wales, the one stop shop business service, was officially launched by Business Minister Edwina Hart.

The Minister launched the new £6.5m Business Wales service at the Beacon Centre in Dafen, Llanelli, one of the eleven offices in the pan-Wales network that will provide general and specialist business advice, as well as information and signposting services, to more than 15,000 SMEs a year.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2013/7026540/?status=closed&lang=en>

## **DIWYDIANNAU CREADIGOL • CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

### **1) Bryn Terfel helps Sain Records hit the high notes** (27/2/13)

A FUNDRAISER for the Wales Air Ambulance by an opera superstar and a West End star helped boost on-line sales.

Sain Records, Wales' largest recording company, saw an increase in their on-line physical sales as well as digital downloads. Last year it reported a massive 70% increase.



**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/02/27/bryn-terfel-helps-sain-records-hit-the-high-notes-55578-32887277/>

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## **2) Wales' TV and film industry to star in Hollywood (27/2/13)**

As Hollywood gets ready to honour Richard Burton on St David's Day, Business Minister, Edwina Hart is on a mission to ensure Wales is placed firmly on the map as a destination for high-end television drama production.

**Darllen mwy/read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2013/7121873/?status=close&lang=en>

## **3) Llandudno, Bangor and Chester stores escape latest HMV cull (21/2/13)**

HMV stores in Bangor, Chester and Llandudno escaped the latest round of closures.

Administrators Deloitte yesterday announced 37 more shops would shut, having earlier axed 66 outlets, including Wrexham.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/02/21/llandudno-bangor-and-chester-stores-escape-latest-hmv-cull-55578-32849756/>

## **4) Office Ministers: Historic agreement between The BBC Trust and S4C is great news (30/1/13)**

Wales Office Ministers have responded to the announcement that S4C Authority and the BBC Trust have reached a historic agreement today [30 January] securing a new partnership between the broadcasters.

The new Operating Agreement will ensure that Welsh-language television has a secure future as S4C moves to being primarily funded by the BBC until 2017 while ensuring the editorial, managerial and operational independence of S4C.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.walesoffice.gov.uk/2013/01/30/wales-office-ministers-historic-agreement-between-the-bbc-trust-and-s4c-is-great-news/>

## **GWYDDORAU BYWYD • LIFE SCIENCES**

### **1)Wales to inject £50m into biotech sector (25/1/13)**



The Welsh government has earmarked more than £50m to back a new investment fund designed to boost fledgling life science companies based in or willing to move into the country.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/f88d9856-6717-11e2-a805-00144feab49a.html#axzz2MarPMWp7>

## **2) Best of Welsh and Kiwi Genetics (31/1/13)**

INNOVIS, the sheep breeding company, has sealed an exclusive tie-up with New Zealand-based Focus Genetics, the world's largest red meat genetics firm.

The Aberystwyth-based outfit will become the sole supplier of Focus sheep genetics, which include the Primera terminal sire and Highlander damline.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/farming-north-wales/farming-news/2013/01/31/best-of-welsh-and-kiwi-genetics-55578-32715203/>

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

### **1) Minister unveils first fibre broadband cabinet milestone for Superfast Cymru project (22/2/13)**

Parts of Bangor will become the first in Wales to get high speed fibre broadband as part of the multi-million pound Superfast Cymru project.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandecconomy/2013/7107345/?status=closed&lang=en>

## **GWEITHGAREDDAU AWYR AGORED CYNALIADWY, TWRISTIAETH AC**

## **AMAETHYDDIAETH • SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TOURISM &**

## **AGRICULTURE**

### **1) VION buyout safeguards 3,000 Welsh meat processing jobs (4/3/13)**

Nearly 3,000 jobs have been safeguarded at three poultry and meat processing plants in Wales after a buyout by a meat suppliers.

The Birmingham-based 2 Sisters Food Group said the purchase of VION would help the company meet growing demand.



About 300 jobs in Llangefni, 1,300 in Sandycroft, Flintshire, and 1,300 in Merthyr have been safeguarded by the deal.

But it does not include Welsh Country Foods on Anglesey which is up for sale.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-21656077>

## **2) Tomlinson's Dairies secures mega Asda deal (22/2/13)**

A SUPERMARKET giant signed a mega deal with a Wrexham village business to process 30million litres of milk a year.

The contract sustains 100 jobs at Tomlinson's Dairies in Minera, which has taken over processing of all Asda's Welsh milk. It makes Asda the first major supermarket to produce and process its milk in Wales.

Asda expects to sell in excess of 30m litres of milk in Wales in 2013 and the agreement between Tomlinson's and Arla Foods will see 17 dedicated Welsh dairy farmers produce the milk for 32 stores in Wales.

**Darllen mwyl/read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/02/22/tomlinson-s-dairies-secures-mega-asda-deal-55578-32861579/>

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## **3) Wales goes global on St David's Day (1/3/13)**

As Wales Tourism Week draws to a close, Welsh Government campaigns go-live overseas.

A new Visit Wales campaign will go live in Ireland today [1 March], with a view to boosting visitor numbers by at least 10% over the next five years. Wales will take centre stage on our nearest neighbours' TV screens.

The campaign will also incorporate outdoor and display advertising to help showcase Wales and attract greater numbers of Irish visitors and holiday makers. New partnerships with Stena UK and Irish Ferries are currently being finalised, allowing for the roll out of a range of highly targeted marketing initiatives.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/tourism/2013/7127331/?lang=en>

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## **4) Flood defence spending priorities for 2013/14 announced (4/3/13)**

Environment Minister John Griffiths has set out his flood defence spending priorities for 2013/14.

The Minister announced that the Welsh Government would spend £47m on flood and coastal erosion risk management during the coming financial year, and that this



figure would include £4 million from the Wales Infrastructure Plan and over £6m from the European Regional Development Fund.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/environmentandcountryside/2013/130304spendingpriorities/?lang=en>

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### **5) Welsh food industry centre stage at Tokyo exhibition (4/3/13)**

Representatives from the Welsh food industry will travel to Japan this week to promote the export of Welsh food products and attract Japanese investment into Wales.

Foodex 2013, a food and drink exhibition running from 5th to 8th March in Tokyo, is expecting to attract more than 23,000 exhibitors from over 70 countries along with 75,000 visitors.

The Welsh Government-hosted stand will showcase first-rate Welsh food and drink products, and will promote Wales' propositions for inward investment through various events.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/environmentandcountryside/2013/7135196/?lang=en>

### **6) Creating a Patchwork network of micro-breweries (28/2/13)**

WELSH micro breweries are being given the chance to spread their wings in a new product tie-up with Patchwork Traditional Food Company.

The Ruthin-based firm has already developed links with several local producers of beers, ciders and spirits.

Just before Christmas, Conwy brewery Bragdy'r Nant launched a chutney made with Mwnci Nel, its CAMRA champion beer of Wales, that was co-developed with Patchwork.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/farming-north-wales/farming-news/2013/02/28/creating-a-patchwork-network-of-micro-breweries-55578-32895409/>



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### **7) Warm Welsh welcome for fans thanks to EU-backed tourism scheme(29/1/13)**

Irish rugby fans travelling to Wales for this weekend's Six Nations rugby international are amongst some of the visitors to the region who will receive a Grand Slam welcome thanks to an EU-funded project.

The £1 million Celtic Wave project was set up to increase the number of cruise ship visits to Welsh and Irish ports and to improve the level of hospitality skills locally. Visiting fans, as well as other tourists, will benefit from a warm Welsh welcome thanks to the scheme.

Darllen mwy/Read more

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/tourism/2013/6952250/?lang=en>

### **8) Most Welsh farmers saw incomes fall in 2012 (28/2/13)**

MOST farmers in Wales saw a dip in incomes last year, according to a winter survey by NFU Cymru.

Some 86% saw a drop in profits, with rising input costs mostly to blame – 97% reported a rise in feed costs and almost as many were hit by higher energy costs.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/farming-north-wales/farming-news/2013/02/28/most-welsh-farmers-saw-incomes-fall-in-2012-55578-32895406/>

### **9)Arddangos bwydydd Cymru yn Japan (4/3/13)**

Mae cynrychiolwyr o'r diwydiant bwyd wedi teithio i Japan i hyrwyddo cynnyrch Cymreig.

Bydd arddangosfa Foodex yn cychwyn yn ninas Tokyo yfory ac yn parhau tan ddydd Gwener, lle mae disgwyl i 23,000 o arddangoswyr o dros 70 o wledydd ymgasglu.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/cymru/102332-arddangos-bwydydd-cymru-yn-japan>

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### **10) Ymchwiliad i fferm anferth (5/3/13)**

Mae ymchwiliad cyhoeddus yn dechrau heddiw i benderfynu ar gynllun i greu fferm odro anferth ym Mhowys.

Mae mudiad o'r enw CALFe yn gwrthwynebu bwriad ffermwyr o ardal Trefaldwyn i gynyddu ei fuches o 300 o wartheg i fwy na 1,000 ar fferm Lower Leighton.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/cymru/102394-ymchwiliad-i-fferm-anferth>



## **DIDDORDEB CYFFREDINOL • GENERAL INTEREST**

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### **1) North Wales Coast Regeneration Area funding paves the way for further projects** (11/2/13)

Welsh Government Regeneration Area funding of £25,500 for a feasibility study and a design for a car park in Crescent Road, in Rhyl will pave the way for Denbighshire Council to complete projects which will lever in private sector investment £15 million.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/housingandcommunity/2013/130211nwc/?lang=en>

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### **2) Welsh Government to launch new £4.4million Youth Entrepreneurship Services** (1/3/13)

The Welsh Government is investing £4.4million in a range of new youth services to nurture and develop entrepreneurs of the future - building on Wales' lead as a country of young business innovators.

The Welsh Government's new Youth Entrepreneurship Services (YES) launches this month and targets children and young people from primary school through to further and higher education, as well as those outside education and training, through the Big Ideas Wales campaign.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2013/7134924/?status=closed&lang=en>

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### **3) £30million Economic Growth Fund opens for expressions of interest**(1/3/13)

The £30million Wales Economic Growth Fund has opened for expressions of interest from companies looking to access gap funding to support job creating projects.

The first phase is open to businesses across Wales and designed to support the needs of smaller businesses requiring funding of between £50,000 and £100,000.

Expressions of interest can be submitted between March 1 – April 5.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2013/7135461/?status=closed&lang=en>

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### **4) Wales business leaders blast government for “failing” unemployed** (27/2/13)

THE Welsh Government is “failing” to support small businesses and growth is not being realised, says the FSB.



The Federation of Small Businesses joined industry leaders and organisations in blasting politicians in Westminster and Cardiff Bay for letting down SMEs across Wales.

They were responding to last week's labour market statistics, which revealed the Welsh unemployment rate of 8.6% for the last three months of 2012 – up from 8.2% – was higher than the UK figure of 7.8%.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/02/27/wales-business-leaders-blast-government-for-failing-unemployed-55578-32887274/>

### **5)Diogelu tai a busnesau rhag llifogydd (4/3/13)**

Ardaloedd Cwm Tawe, Fairbourne yng Ngwynedd a Chorwen ymysg y lleoedd a fydd yn elwa'n fuan o gynlluniau gwarchod rhag llifogydd.

Cyhoeddodd Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd heddiw y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru'n gwario £47 miliwn ar lifogydd a rheoli risg erydu arfordirol yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol nesaf.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/cymru/102318-diogelu-tai-a-bunesau-rhag-llifogydd>

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