

YNNI A'R AMGYLCHEDD • ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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1) Conwy reservoir ready by end of year (22/3/13)

WORKMEN are halfway through building a new reservoir to serve 70,000 customers – or enough to fill 10 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Welsh Water is building the £9m facility in Glan Conwy over 18 months to supply treated water.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/22/conwy-reservoir-ready-by-end-of-year-55578-33041142/>

2) Sand pumped onto Colwyn Bay beach to boost flood defences (21/3/13)

WORK has started on raising beach levels by laying more than 500,000 tonnes of sand on a popular beach as part of an £81m flood defence strategy.

The first load of sand was pumped ashore from an offshore dredger through a specially constructed steel pipeline to the beach in front of the new Porth Eirias watersports centre at Colwyn Bay yesterday lunchtime.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/21/sand-pumped-onto-colwyn-bay-beach-to-boost-flood-defences-55578-33033340/>

3) Anglesey home improvements firm in major solar deal (27/3/13)

A HOME improvements firm is planning to recruit more staff after clinching a prestigious new deal.

Peninsula signed an agreement with Solarlux, the top German manufacturer of glass houses, sliding folding doors and high spec 'Wintergarden' **conservatories** who helped transform the famous Yankee Stadium in New York.

A 100% customer satisfaction rating helped seal the deal for Peninsula, based in Gaerwen on Anglesey.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/27/anglesey-home-improvements-firm-in-major-solar-deal-55578-33066211/>

4) GIB acquires stake in Rhyl wind farm (26/3/13)

The UK Green Investment Bank (GIB) has made a direct equity investment in a North Wales offshore wind farm business worth almost £60m.

The bank, set up by the government to back energy projects, has taken a 24.95 per cent stake in Rhyl Flats Wind Farm from companies owned by RWE AG for £57.5m.

Darllen mwy/Read more <https://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/87221-gib-acquires-stake-rhyl-wind-farm>

5) Coastal funding up for grabs (14/3/13)

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Applications have opened for this year's Coastal Communities Fund with a total of £27.8m available for projects.

The funds available have increased by more than £4m from last year's £23.7m.

Successful projects are expected to have a significant impact on their local economy and were chosen because of their ability to support sustainable growth and jobs in coastal communities.

Darllen mwy/Read more <https://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/86563->

ADVANCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING

1) ISC develops key component for zip wire (27/3/13)

A BANGOR-BASED engineering specialist has played a key role in one of the world's longest zip wire attractions which opened last weekend.

International Safety Components (ISC) was tasked with developing a key component for Zip World's new attraction in Bethesda.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/27/isc-develops-key-component-for-zip-wire-91466-33065251/#ixzz2Ok4563Mi>

2) Revolmer's future "very promising" says chairman (13/3/13)

THE Chairman of Revolmer yesterday described the outlook for the business as "very promising" as it posted its first annual results since floating.

The Deeside-based company which develops polymers to improve the performance of existing consumer products floated on the Alternative Investment Market in July.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/13/revolymer-s-future-very-promising-says-chairman-91466-32983277/#ixzz2Ok9USIQZ>

3) 150 jobs to go at Airbus (27/3/13)

WORKERS at the Airbus plant in Broughton say 150 staff are to lose their jobs.

Airbus employs more than 6,500 people at the Flintshire factory, making wings for their aircraft, including the double-decker A380.

One worker, who asked to remain anonymous, said that between 120 and 150 staff had received e-mail messages to say that their contracts were not being renewed after March 31.

He said they were mostly semi-skilled contract workers with recruitment firm Blue Arrow who worked on the A380 and A320 aircraft.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/27/150-jobs-to-go-at-airbus-55578-33069601/>

4) Search and rescue operation to move to Caernarfon base (26/3/13)

A NEW helicopter Search and Rescue (SAR) base is to be established in Caernarfon following Bristow Helicopters Ltd's successful bid for delivery of UK-wide SAR services.

The move is likely to create a number of new jobs as well as opportunities for local businesses through the company's commitment to sourcing services and supplies locally.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/26/search-and-rescue-operation-to-move-to-caernarfon-base-55578-33061468/>

5) Contractors can scoop slice of £2.5m Abergele HQ housing development (27/3/13)

CONTRACTORS are hoping to grab a share of a £2.5 million cash pot put to build an eco-friendly HQ for a housing association.

They attended a meet the buyer event at Bodelwyddan-based Wynne Construction, which has started building the new Cartrefi Conwy offices on the outskirts of Abergele.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/27/contractors-can-scoop-slice-of-2-5m-abergele-hq-housing-development-55578-33066208/>



6) New jobs take off at ex-airfield (27/3/13)

BUSINESS Minister Edwina Hart heard first hand how the new owners of a North Wales airfield are already creating opportunities for the region's economy. To date eight businesses have moved on site at Llanbedr Airfield near Harlech employing more than 30 people between them and Llanbedr Airfield Estates say they are in talks with other potential customers.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/27/new-jobs-take-off-at-ex-airfield-55578-33066209/>

7) Rhyl builder lays foundations for £3million affordable housing schemes (26/3/13)

AN award-winning builder is to start work on £3million worth of contracts for new affordable homes.

Rhyl-based Anwyl Construction has been awarded the work by leading social housing experts Pennaf.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/26/rhyl-builder-lays-foundations-for-3million-affordable-housing-schemes-55578-33058114/>

8) Airbus on target to reach 750 orders (20/3/13)

AIRBUS' record order from Indonesian budget carrier Lion Air earlier this week was already incorporated in its 2013 target of 700 to 750 plane orders officials said..

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/20/airbus-on-target-to-reach-750-orders-55578-33025855/>

9) Physics brain drain poses threat Wales' economy, fear (25/3/13)

A brain drain of physics graduates to other areas of the UK could threaten Wales' position as a UK leader in the sector, science leaders have warned.

The Institute of Physics (IoP) made the warning as it revealed a report this week into the state of the physics-based industry in Wales, which laid bare a significant decline in jobs provided by the sector.

It found that while the sector was worth £2.3bn and 40,000 jobs to the Welsh economy, it had seen a 10% contraction in employment from the sector between 2008 and 2010, and a loss of £300m in gross-value added (GVA) (the value of goods and services produced) to the Welsh economy.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/25/physics-brain-drain-poses-threat-wales-economy-fear-91466-33050770/#ixzz2Ok78Vycl>



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FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1) Moneysupermarket.com posts strong full-year results (5/3/13)

Moneysupermarket.com is expecting another record year in 2013 after posting a 26% rise in profits.

The North Wales-based price comparison site posted adjusted EBITDA profits of £66.5m in the year to December 31.

Revenues increased 15% to £204.8m.

Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/05/moneysupermarket-com-posts-strong-full-year-results-91466-32925849/#ixzz2OkCT5QUl>

2) Three firms reach national awards finals (20/3/13)

THREE small businesses from North Wales and Chester have reached the finals of the inaugural FSB Streamline Awards, an initiative to promote and celebrate innovation and success in small businesses across the UK.

All three will go through to the UK final in April 2013 to find the best small business in the UK... Phytorigins from Caernarfon who won in the Business Innovation category

Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/20/three-firms-reach-national-awards-finals-55578-33025839/>

3) Leading ladies shine at Network She Awards in Llandudno (14/3/13)

LEADING ladies stole the show at this year's Network She Awards.

The bumper prize giving, organised by Ruth Lloyd-Williams and her Llandudno-based team, welcomed Olympian Diane Modahl as their star guest.

She was on hand to present awards for business, social inspiration and community involvement at Venue Cymru.

Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/14/leading-ladies-shine-at-network-she-awards-in-llandudno-55578-32984556/>



DIWYDIANNAU CREADIGOL • CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

1) Llangollen sales surge ahead as Eisteddfod turns corner (27/3/13)

THE Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod has moved into the black for the first time in five years.

Last year the international cultural event defied the challenging economic environment and weather to post a surplus of £22,662, compared with a deficit of £199,345 in 2011.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/27/llangollen-sales-surge-ahead-as-eisteddfod-turns-corner-91466-33065708/#ixzz2Ok4pTJeQ>

2) Bill Kenwright backs saucy North Wales show after getting bra in post (23/3/13)

THEATRE producer Bill Kenwright has agreed to back a saucy stage show made in North Wales – after getting a bra in the post.

The producer and director of Whingeing Women, Craig Ryder, sent the lingerie to give the Evita and Blood Brothers impresario a flavour of the risqué show – with ladies talking openly about sex, pregnancy, shopping and cosmetic surgery. And the show which started out in the relatively humble Berry building on Plough Street, Llanrwst, is now booked at Theatre Royal in Windsor from July 8-13 – with hopes high that a West End run may follow.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/23/bill-kenwright-backs-saucy-north-wales-show-after-getting-bra-in-post-55578-33044101/>

GWYDDORAU BYWYD • LIFE SCIENCES

1) £100m Wales Life Sciences Fund has gone live (19/3/13)

THE £100m Wales Life Sciences Investment Fund is now up and running, Business Minister Edwina Hart will confirm this morning at the launch of BioWales 2013.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/19/100m-wales-life-sciences-fund-has-gone-live-91466-33015400/#ixzz2OjyTFS8q>

2) Waitrose and universities join forces to use Welsh grass for food packaging (20/3/13)

UNIVERSITIES joined forces with a supermarket chain to deliver a research project aimed at using Welsh ryegrass to create sustainable products for the food packaging and cosmetics industries.



The Sustainable Ryegrass Products (STARS) project will be led by the BioComposites Centre at Bangor University and the Institute of Biological Environmental and Rural Sciences at Aberystwyth University and informed by industry partners including Waitrose.

Funding of almost £600,000 from the Welsh Government's Academic Expertise for Business (A4B) programme is supporting the project

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/20/waitrose-and-universities-join-forces-to-use-welsh-grass-for-food-packaging-55578-33022608/>

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

1) Small town wins award as best in Wales for e-commerce (27/3/13)

NEWTOWN in Powys has been named one of the best towns in the UK for e-commerce. The Google eTown Awards are designed to recognise those towns whose businesses are most actively embracing the internet.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/27/small-town-wins-award-as-best-in-wales-for-e-commerce-91466-33065248/#ixzz2OjzH0rgT>

2) BT to create 100 jobs in Wales as part of broadband expansion plans (7/3/13)

BT is to create 100 new jobs in Wales as part of plans unveiled today to create 1,000 new posts across the UK.

The engineering jobs are being created at the company's Openreach business, with most of the new recruits set to install fibre broadband in customers' homes, and are in addition to 1,500 extra engineers taken on in the past year.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/07/bt-to-create-100-jobs-in-wales-as-part-of-broadband-expansion-plans-91466-32937632/#ixzz2OkBqpnF6>

3) Work to provide superfast broadband in Gwynedd underway (16/3/13)

WORK to provide superfast broadband across Gwynedd, as part of a multi-million pound initiative, has begun

Following the launch of the Welsh Government's £425 million Superfast Wales initiative in Bangor last month, work on installing the new infrastructure in Bangor, Caernarfon, Dolgellau, Porthmadog and Pwllheli started this week



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/16/work-to-provide-superfast-broadband-in-gwynedd-underway-55578-33001518/>

4) Wrexham telephone answering business makes Sunday Times 'Best Companies' list for third time (13/3/13)

STAFF at Moneypenny are celebrating after the company was again recognised as one of the best to work for in the UK.

For the third time the Wrexham-based telephone call handling company has been accredited in the Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work For' rankings and for the second time was awarded the highest accolade of three stars.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/13/wrexham-telephone-answering-business-makes-sunday-times-best-companies-list-for-third-time-55578-32976148/>

5) Bangor students Pitch-in with final business performance (13/3/13)

UNIVERSITY students gave a pitch-perfect performance to seal a place at the Senedd.

A team of three from Bangor University impressed Wales' leading marketers when they reached the final round of Brolio/The Pitch, a competition organised by The Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) with the support of Big Ideas Wales.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/13/bangor-students-pitch-in-with-final-business-performance-55578-32975766/>

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SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE

1) Strike at Welsh Country Foods called off (27/3/13)

A STRIKE at an abattoir has been called off at the eleventh hour after workers received an improved pay offer. The two-day strike by employees at Welsh Country Foods (WCF), Gaerwen, was due to start today.

But last night Unite union Wales regional officer Paddy McNaught said: "The Welsh Country Foods dispute has been resolved."



“We have agreed an enhanced pay offer for staff and the strike has been called off.” More than 300 workers at the Vion-owned site were unhappy at redundancy terms compared to those offered to workers at a sister site in Scotland.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/27/strike-at-welsh-country-foods-called-off-55578-33069691/>

2) Bethesda granddad first to go on longest zip wire in the northern hemisphere (21/3/13)

A grandfather of six became the first to experience the longest zip wire in the northern hemisphere today.

Robert Davies, 72, who lives near the new attraction in Penryhn Quarry, Bethesda, North Wales, described whizzing down the mile-long zip wire suspended 700ft in the air as “one of the most amazing things I’ve ever done”.

Darllen mwy/Read more

http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/need_to_read/2013/03/21/bethesda-granddad-first-to-go-on-longest-zip-wire-in-the-northern-hemisphere-video-55578-33033922/

3) Sheep farmers face worst lambing disaster in 50 years (25/3/13)

SHEEP farmers across North Wales are braced for the worst lambing disaster since the snow crises of 1947 and 1963.

Hundreds, and possibly thousands, of sheep are feared dead under mountainous snowdrifts. Animals sheltering behind stone walls get trapped in snowdrifts and families are working around the clock to find and dig them out. Many sheep are likely to suffocate or freeze to death.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/25/sheep-farmers-face-worst-lambing-disaster-in-50-years-55578-33057145/>

4) Sowing the seeds of success at Conwy Seed Fayre (27/3/13)

SCORES of people descended on an historic town for a traditional seed fair yesterday.

Conwy Seed Fair was held in both the High Street and Lancaster Square in the medieval walled town. Stallholders sold plant and seeds, crafts, local produce and charity goods.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/27/sowing-the-seeds-of-success-at-conwy-seed-fayre-55578-33067150/>



5) Tourism leader hope cycle race can bring North Wales boost (23/3/13)

TOURISM leaders hope the UK's biggest professional cycle race will provide a boost to the local economy.

The Tour of Britain will pay its first visit to Snowdonia with Llanberis and Machynlleth hosting stages in September

Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/23/tourism-leader-hope-cycle-race-can-bring-north-wales-boost-55578-33046475/>

6) Glimpse of what Conwy Valley surf centre will look like (22/3/13)

THE first images have been released of what a new surf attraction will look like.

Conwy Adventure Leisure hopes to transform the former Dolgarrog aluminium factory site in the Conwy Valley into an outdoor wave centre.

It is hoped more than 100 new jobs will be created at Surf Snowdonia, and the company is about to submit a planning application for their final proposals.

Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/22/glimpse-of-what-conwy-valley-surf-centre-will-look-at-55578-33041176/>

7) SPECIAL REPORT: Food, glorious food a key driver for North Wales economy (27/3/13)

FOOD, glorious food could be the key driver for the North Wales tourist economy over the coming decades. The sharp rise in producers and bespoke, traditional fare pitched from field to fork has become increasingly popular with holidaymakers and the local population.

The sector already injects £2.1billion a year into the Welsh economy, and 82% of visitors say good quality locally produced food is a very important part of their holiday experience.

Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/27/special-report-food-glorious-food-a-key-driver-for-north-wales-economy-55578-33066207/>

DIDDORDEB CYFFREDINOL • GENERAL INTEREST

1) Welsh SMEs upbeat on job creation in 2013 shows CitySprint report (25/3/13)

Small and medium sized businesses in Wales are expecting to create more than 21,000 new jobs this year, according to research published today by CitySprint.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/25/welsh-smes-upbeat-on-job-creation-in-2013-shows-citysprint-report-91466-33051401/#ixzz2OjywIOOB>

2) 'Seismic shift' in labour market (27/3/13)

THE loss of hundreds of thousands of public sector jobs has led to a “seismic shift” in the labour market, according to an expert.

John Philpott of The Jobs Economist said the UK Government is on course to shed 700,000 public sector jobs during the current parliament, rising to 1.1 million by 2018. The projected fall will have cut the public sector workforce by a fifth and reduced its share from 20% of total employment to 15%, said Dr Philpott.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/27/seismic-shift-in-labour-market-91466-33065252/#ixzz2Ok4U6ThF>

3) 'To increase exports nation must aim to promote Brand Wales beyond eurozone' (27/3/13)

Robert Llewellyn Jones talks to chief executive of UKTI Nick Baird on the prospects for exports from, and investment into, Wales

THE Westminster Government’s UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) has a strong interest in supporting inward investment efforts into Wales, as well as assisting firms to grow exports.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/27/to-increase-exports-nation-must-aim-to-promote-brand-wales-beyond-eurozone-91466-33066026/#ixzz2Ok5IjU8w>

4) Deadline warning for popular growth fund (27/3/13)

THE demand for funding from the Welsh Government’s £30m Economic Growth Fund has exceeded expectation with more than 200 expressions of interest lodged by businesses around Wales to date.

The closing date for the first phase – designed to support smaller businesses requiring funding of between £50,000 and £100,000 – is April 5.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/27/deadline-warning-for-popular-growth-fund-91466-33066029/#ixzz2Ok5c4tdS>

5) Micro-businesses 'struggling' to find the training they need to ensure success (20/3/13)

MANAGEMENT training that provides practical and relevant solutions has the potential to support the success of micro-businesses in Wales.

In a survey of Welsh micro-businesses, more than 75% believed that developing their business management skills would enhance their long-term success. However, they struggled to identify their development needs and to find suitable and affordable training.

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<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/20/micro-businesses-struggling-to-find-the-training-they-need-to-ensure-success-91466-33022119/#ixzz2Ok8VIETz>

6) Welsh exports plunged by 29% at the end of 2012 (14/3/13)

Wales' export market is the worst-performing in Britain

WELSH exports were down by 29% in the final quarter of last year new figures have revealed.

The official figures from HMRC show that goods valued at £2.35bn were exported from Wales in the final three months of 2012, down from £3.29bn in the final quarter of 2011.

Darllen mwy/Read more

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/14/welsh-exports-plunged-by-29-at-the-end-of-2012-91466-32989364/#ixzz2Ok9ELXXp>

7) Afonwen Laundry confirms its first operation in England (12/3/13)

Afonwen Laundry has announced plans to open its first laundry in England.

The £4m investment in Reading will create a state-of-the-art laundry capable of processing more than 800,000 items of linen a week and creating more than 100 jobs.

Family-owned Afonwen, which is headquarter Pwllheli, has been partnered with Kannegiesser, the world's leading laundry equipment supplier, to build a highly efficient production facility.



Darllen mwy/Read more

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/12/afonwen-laundry-confirms-its-first-operation-in-england-91466-32975224/#ixzz2OkAGIOvw>

8) Positive signs for Welsh private sector shows Lloyds TSB research (11/3/13)

New orders in the private sector in Wales have increased at their fastest pace in four months, according to new research today from Lloyds TSB.

The bank's latest Business Activity Index for February shows further improvement in business conditions in the Welsh private sector companies – although growth in business activity slowed slightly from January.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/11/positive-signs-for-welsh-private-sector-shows-lloyds-tsb-research-91466-32961308/#ixzz2OkATenX3>

9) Wales business rates revaluation pushed back to 2017 (5/3/13)

THE next review of business rates in Wales is to be put back until 2017, Business Minister Edwina Hart has announced.

The move, which brings Wales in line with England and Scotland follows recommendations from the Rates Review Task and Finish group.

However, it comes as a blow to many small businesses who are paying rates based on valuations carried out in 2008 when the property market was at its peak.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/2013/03/05/wales-business-rates-revaluation-pushed-back-to-2017-91466-32928185/#ixzz2OkCElj8U>

10) Up to 1,000 North Wales nuclear workers retraining for alternative industries (27/3/13)

UP TO 1,000 nuclear energy staff in north west Wales are being retrained and re-educated to work in other industries.

Menter Môn's £4million Shaping the Future initiative is attempting to get every member of the Trawsfynydd and Wylfa workforces into other jobs in a bid to retain £42m for the region's economy.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/27/up-to-1-000-north-wales-nuclear-workers-retraining-for-alternative-industries-55578-33066213/>



11) Jobless up 8,000 (21/3/13)

WELSH unemployment rose by 7,000 in the three months to January, reaching a total of 125,000, latest figures showed yesterday.

Over the year the jobless total was down by 8,000 and the claimant count dropped by 2,000, according to the Office for National Statistics.

But the numbers in jobs fell in the quarter by 8,000, although employment in Wales remained 7,000 higher over the year at 1.35m.

The unemployment rate rose by 0.5% to 8.4%, compared to 7.8% in England and the UK as a whole.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/21/jobless-up-8-000-55578-33033032/>

12) Safety fears in signal box axe (20/3/13)

UNION bosses fear up to 35 jobs could be axed and rail crossing safety jeopardised in a service shake-up.

Eight manually operated signal boxes between Chester and Llandudno Junction could be shut, with workers' posts lost, under plans by Network Rail to move to an automated system.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/20/safety-fears-in-signal-box-axe-55578-33025769/>

13) Môn a Menai regeneration project cut short (20/3/13)

A REGENERATION scheme to help recession-hit Anglesey and north Gwynedd has been cut short by the Welsh Government.

The Môn a Menai scheme has pumped more than £26m of direct Welsh Government cash into capital projects and community schemes since 2008 – and attracted extra funds from the EU.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/03/20/m-n-a-menai-regeneration-project-cut-short-55578-33025698/>

14) SPECIAL REPORT - National Apprenticeship Week in North Wales (13/3/13)

THE value of apprentices to the economy and growth in North Wales' private sector is being championed this week. National Apprenticeship Week began on Monday and colleges and universities across the region have united with SMEs and anchor companies to push the importance of vocational qualifications, which will reportedly contribute £3.4billion to the British economy by 2022.

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