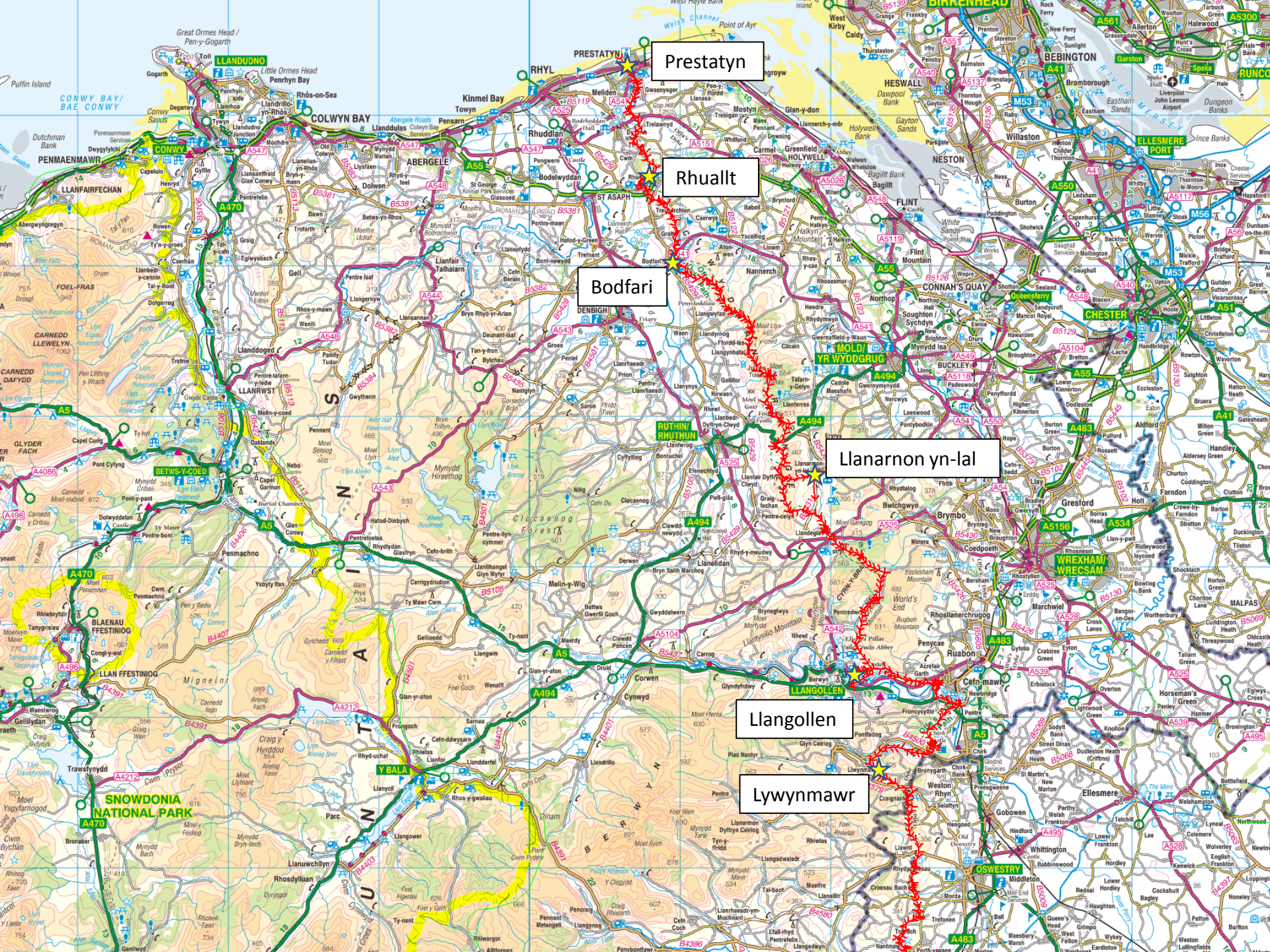




Offa's Dyke 2021

Tues 3rd August – Thursday 12th August 2021. Andy French & Lucinda Pillow





Prestatyn

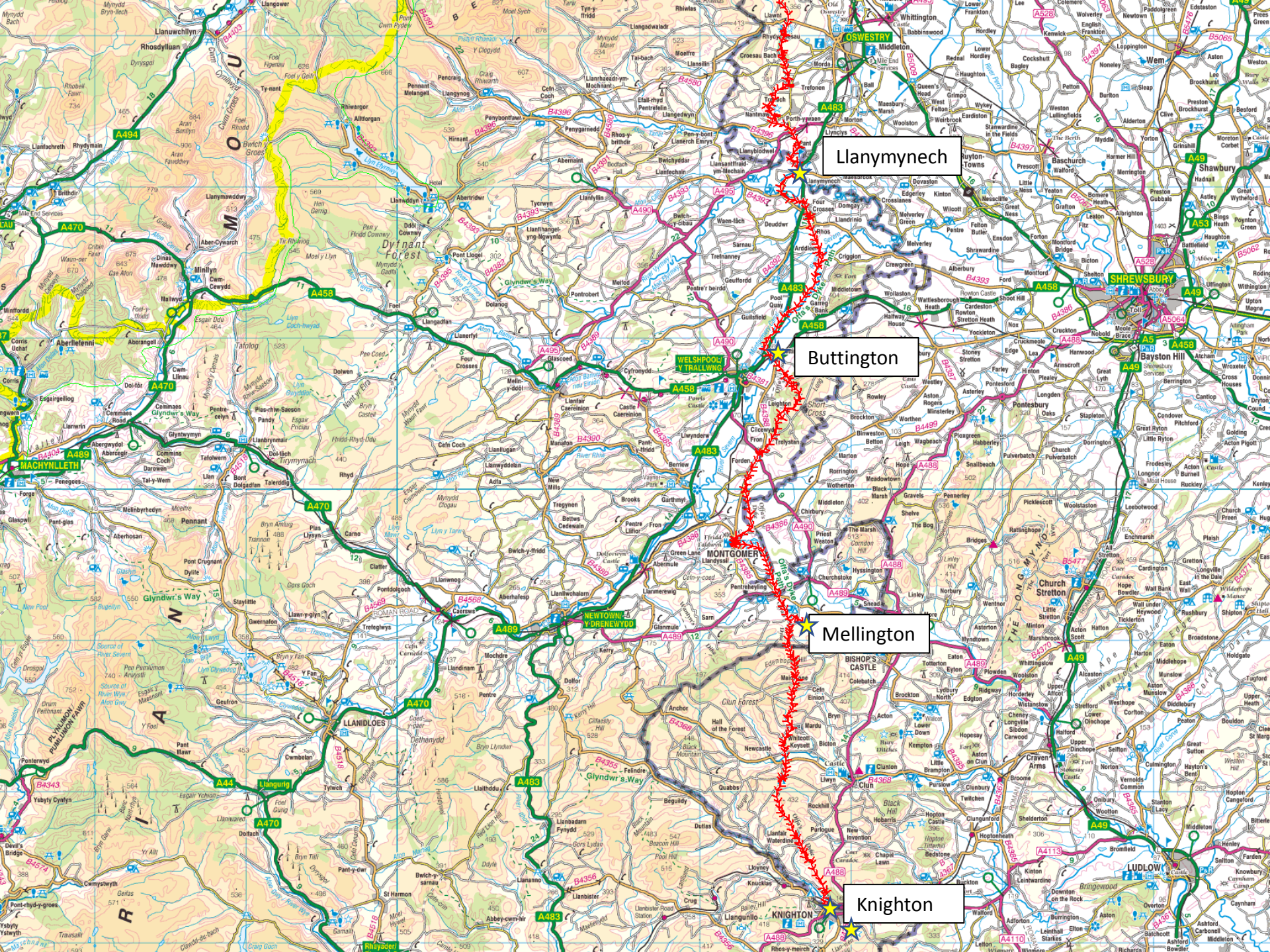
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Llanarnon yn-Ial

Llangollen

Lywynmawr



Llanymynech

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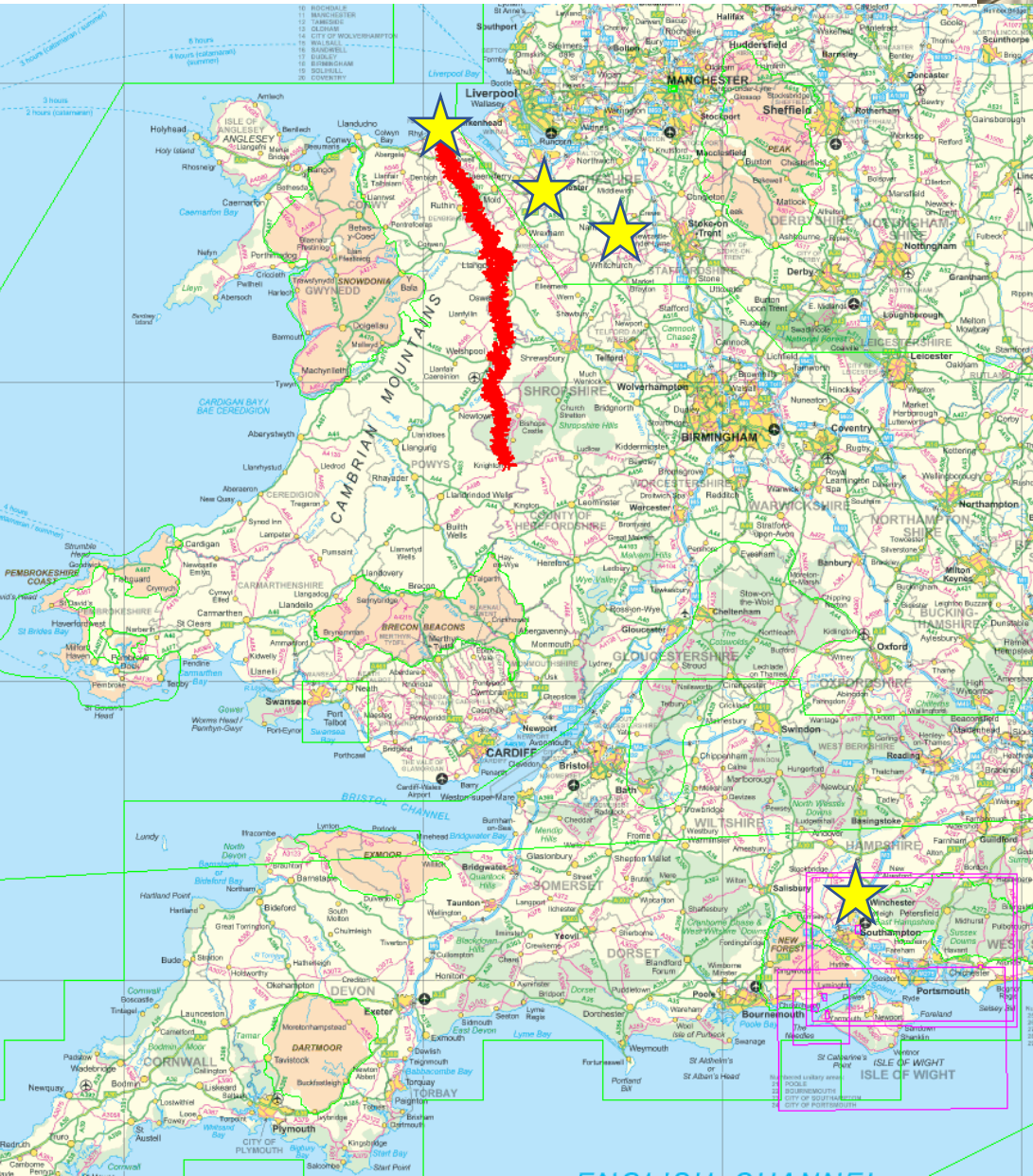
Mellington

Knighton

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		km	miles	average speed (km/hr)	moving time
Mon 2nd August	Train Winchester to Prestatyn. Transfer to White House in Rhallt.				
1 Tues 3rd August	Prestatyn to Bodfari.	21	13.1	4.33	04:51:59
2 Wed 4th August	Bodfari to Llanarmon-yn-lal.	27.4	17.0	4.47	06:07:41
3 Thurs 5th August	Llanarmon yn-lal to Llangollen.	24.2	15.0	4.63	05:14:11
4 Fri 6th August	Llangollen to Mulberry Inn, Lywynmawr.	22.1	13.7	4.44	04:59:09
5 Sat 7th August	Lywynmawr to Cross Keys Hotel, Llanymynech.	26.5	16.5	4.27	06:12:00
6 Sun 8th August	Llanymynech to Moors Farm Hotel, Buttington.	17.9	11.1	4.71	03:48:30
7 Mon 9th August	Moors Farm in Buttington to Oakley B&B, Mellington, via detour to Montgomery.	28.6	17.8	4.53	06:19:13
8 Tues 10th August	Oakley B&B in Mellington to Horse and Jockey, Knighton. End of Headwater Offa's Dyke trail.	23.5	14.6	4.02	05:49:56
Weds 11th August	Train Knighton to Shrewsbury. Then Shrewsbury to Newtown. Accident at Caesrws, so bus from Newtown to Porthmadog. Walk along coast to Borth y Gest beach. Overnight in Royal Sportsman, Porthmadog.				
Thursday 12th August	Run Portmadog to Black Rock sands. Another walk to Borth y Gest.				
Thursday 12th August	Train Porthmadog (12:01) to Shrewsbury to Winchester (20:04). Porthmadog 1201 arr Wolverhampton 1610 Wolverhampton 1640 arr Reading 1843 Reading 1906 arr Basingstoke 1933 Basingstoke 1948 arr Winchester 2004 (taxi!)				
		191.2	118.8		

Train Winchester to Prestatyn. (via London, Crewe, Chester).



Offa's Dyke begins
on the beach in
Prestatyn







Prestatyn beach





Prestatyn, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay and towards Llandudno and the Great Orme.



Welcome bench, possibly near St Beunos





← Rhualt

← Cefn Du
Sodom 2

Fremarchion →



Dinorben Arms,
Bodfari.



Clwydian hill ridge



Penycloddiau hill fort. Burial mound?





The high road to Moel Famau. ("Vameye")



Jubilee tower on Moel Famau.

Tŵr y Jiwbilî

Croeso i Dŵr y Jiwbilî ar ben Moel Famau, sef man uchaf Bryniau Clwyd ac yn 554m/1816 troedfedd o uchder.

Oherwydd y golygydd gwych dros fryniau gogledd Cymru, Gwastur Sir Caer, Glannau Merswy a thu hwnt cafodd pobl eu cennu yma ers canrifoedd felly roedd yn le perffaith i drigellon Sir y Fflint a Sir Ddinbych ddathlu Jiwbilî Aur y Brenin George III, a alwyd herfyd yn George Wallgo!

Roedd teyrnasi am 50 mlynedd yn dilyn e gamp yr adeg honno a gosododd y dathliadau jiwbilî y safon ar gyfer dathliadau brenhinol y dyfodol ledled Prydain. Ar ddydd Iau 25ain Hydref 1810, daeth dros 3000 o bobl yn eu dillad gorau i weld yr Arglwydd Kenyon yn gosod y garreg sylfaen.

Cafodd y golofn ei lunan am lai na hanner canrif ond goroesodd y rhan wedol a ddaneth yn ddiweddar gyfarwydd i'r y garwel. Bu pobl yn mwynhau'r ffyrwr trosgllo i fyny o Ffôn Pen Berras a daw miloedd yma i ddathlu digwyddiadau fel Jiwbilî Diamant Frenhinol yn 2012.

Dyma ddiwrnod a bwysierwydd cenedlaethol mewn Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Sêthriadol, tiriun gwarchodedig rhyngwladol.



Jubilee Tower

Welcome to Jubilee Tower at the top of Moel Famau, the highest point on the Clwydian Range at 554m/1816ft.

Breath taking views over the hills of North Wales, the Cheshire Plain, Merseyside and beyond have drawn people up here for hundreds of years and so it was the perfect place for the people of Denbighshire and Flintshire to celebrate the golden jubilee of George III, known as Mad King George.

To reign for 50 years was quite an achievement in those days and the jubilee celebrations across Britain set the standard for royal celebrations to follow. Over 3000 people gathered in their best clothes to see the foundation stone laid by Lord Kenyon on Thursday 25th October 1810.

The column itself lasted less than fifty years but the base remained and became a familiar landmark on the skyline. For generations people have enjoyed the twisting climb from Pen Berras and thousands still gather here to celebrate major events such as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

A nationally important landmark in an internationally protected Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

A wet grouse moor after Llandegla Forest.



WORLD'S END
Plas Uchaf
Office Cottage
World's End Farm



Approaching panoramic walk under Eglwyseg mountain, en route to Llangollen.





A small bite to eat at the Three Eagles
in Llangollen





Quilted bridge across the river Dee in Llangollen.









River Dee walk, Llangollen.





Oggie, oggie, oggie, oi oi oi!



Castell Dinas Brân – perhaps an inspiration for *Game of Thrones*?





Llangollen from Dinas Bran



Trevor Rocks on Eglwyseg mountain, from Dinas Bran





Castell Dinas Brân Castle

Sut olwg oedd arno?

WRTH GRWYDRO HEDDIW O GWMPAS yr adfeillion, sydd ag ôl tywydd y canrifoedd arnynt, mae'n anodd dychmygu i Gastell Dinas Brân, yn ei ddyddiau cynnar, fod yn gaer ganoloesol aruthrol ac yn blasty ysblennydd lle'r oedd Tywysogion Powys Fadog yn byw, yn llywodraethu, ac yn croesawu gwesteion pwysig.

Prin ddau ddegawd fu oes fer Castell Dinas Brân, o'r 1260'au cynnar tan ei losgi a'i adael ym 1277. Ac eto, yn ei anterth, yr oedd yma borthdy, gorthwr, neuadd, tŵr ffurf D, a chowrt – yn cynnwys, yn ôl pob tebyg, storfeydd, gweithdai, stablau, ac efallai gapel.

What did it look like?

LOOKING AROUND today's weather-beaten ruins, it is hard to imagine that Dinas Brân Castle was originally both a formidable medieval fortress and a splendid mansion where the Princes of Powys Fadog lived, ruled, and entertained important guests.

Dinas Brân Castle's short working life lasted scarcely two decades, from the early 1260s until its burning and abandonment in 1277. Yet in its heyday, the castle featured a gatehouse, keep, hall, D-shaped tower, and a large central courtyard – probably containing storerooms, workshops, stables, and perhaps a chapel.



Y mae arweinyddi dwyieithog darluniadol i Dinas Brân ar gael o Ganolfan Gwrosg Llangollen.

An illustrated bilingual guidebook to Dinas Brân Castle is available from the Llangollen Tourist Information Centre

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Cynllun o adfeilion y castell heddiw
A plan of the ruins today

I gael gwybodaeth, a thafenni i'w gerdio y gellir eu hysborthu i'w tawch ym 1277. For information and downloadable walk leaflets, visit:
www.llywybraudyfryndyfrdwy.com
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Castell Dinas Brân o'r ochr dde-ddwyrainiol, oddeutu 1270
Dinas Brân Castle as it may have looked from the south-east, around 1270







Panorama walk to Trevor (and Telford's aqueduct).





Telford's aqueduct (Pont-Cysyllte) across the Dee

Sculpture constructed from local engineering materials, next to Pont Cysyllte aqueduct.





Telford's aqueduct (Pont Cysyllte) across the Dee

Croeso i Ddyfrbont Pontcysyllte a'r Gamlas SAFLE TREFTADAETH Y BYD

Welcome to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal WORLD HERITAGE SITE



Campwaith

PEIRIANYDDOL

Un filltir ar ddeg o gynllunio ysbrydoledig

Mae ardd yr yffwrdd yn hysgu - gŵn, hawmfaen, caethfawr a fecthau. Ond i'w ddiwyllwr cyntaf, yr her fwyaf oedd sut i'w cludo i farchnadoedd arghyffwrdd.

Erdyn dechrau'r bedwaredd ganrif ar bymtheg, buwyd darn dramatig 11 milltir o gamiau i oddeutu y beddeg trwy gynyllu ddyffwrddau ledi ag allon Mersu ac ymestyn i'r masedd mawr.

Llywydd y penhau'r Thomas Telford a William Jessop i ddisgrifio rhestru amrywiol naturiol y dyfwr trwy greu cyfres o

gynllunio trawadol, gan greu un o ryfediadau mawr eu dydd - Camlas Llangollen, Rwyd y cyffwrdd a'i technegau a ddelwyddwyd yn twnn i'r newydd ac yn cyflwynu at ddiddorol gwerddau ddiwylliedig. Yn 2009, enillodd yr ardal statws Safle Treftadaeth y Byd fel un o lwyddiadau arloesol dynol-rya.

Gasthwr brofi camwethiau Telford a Jessop o Rwyd y Bedol a'i dyfrbontydd ysblennydd ym Mhontcysyllte a'i Waun, gyda themel, agoroddi a thraffordd i'r siopau) diwrdd a welu ni hedd.

A Masterpiece OF ENGINEERING GENIUS

Eleven miles of inspired design

This area is rich in minerals - coal, limestone, limestone and slate. But for early industrialists the question was how to transport them to remote markets.

In the early 18th century a dramatic 11-mile long section of canal solved this problem by connecting local industries to the River Mersey and onward transport by sea.

Engineers Thomas Telford and William Jessop overcame the canal's formidable natural obstacles by a series of daring and bold designs, including the Llangollen

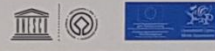
Canal one of the wonders of its age. Despite and industrialised power had been contributed to the development of industrial civilisation. In 2009 the area achieved World Heritage Site status as one of mankind's groundbreaking achievements.

You can experience Telford and Jessop's great works from the Horseshoe Falls to the breathtaking aqueducts at Pontcysyllte and Chirk, with tunnels, embankments and cuttings shaping the landscape as we see it today.



Am wybod mwy?
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Chirk Castle

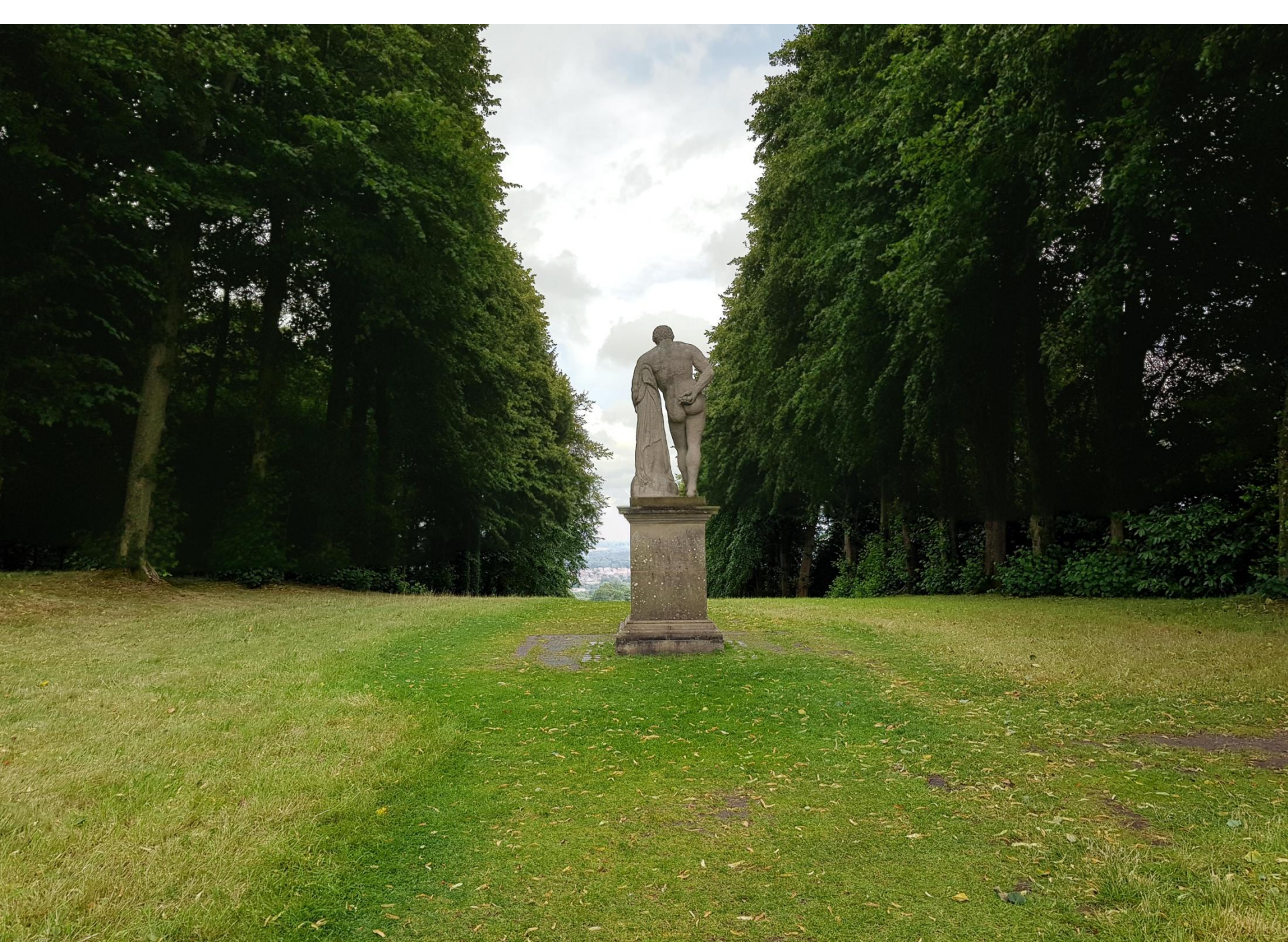




Chirk Castle

Hercules





Chirk Castle







Chirk Castle garden yew topiary, modelled on traditional Welsh ladies' hats.



Mullberry Inn, Llwynmawr.





The old Oswestry racecourse, in a deluge.



Racecourse woods.



Montgomery canal, just beyond Llanymynech.

Four Crosses underpass (A483)



Gorsaf a Thŷ'r
Orsaf Four Crosses



Four Crosses Station
and
Station House

Gorsaf
Four Crosses
a'r Hufenja, (ar y dde)

(Llan.
Branch Lines around Orswestry
Middleton Press



Four Crosses Station and
The Creamery, (right)

(Llan.
Branch Lines around Orswestry
Middleton Press

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fioed yn wlad
y Ddraig a'r Llyg
y Ddraig yn y Ddraig."
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Finally on the Dyke! In the background, a somewhat quarried Breidden Hill, topped with Rodney's Pillar.





The amazing Moors Farm in Buttington.









Looking North towards Buttington and Welshpool





Montgomery

Freddie – the most famous cat
in Montgomery!





Sophisticated space sheep tracking radar



From Mellington to Knighton – a hilly final day of the walk.









Half way point for Offa's Dyke, but not for us.









Approaching Knighton.



Knighton – the finish in sight!







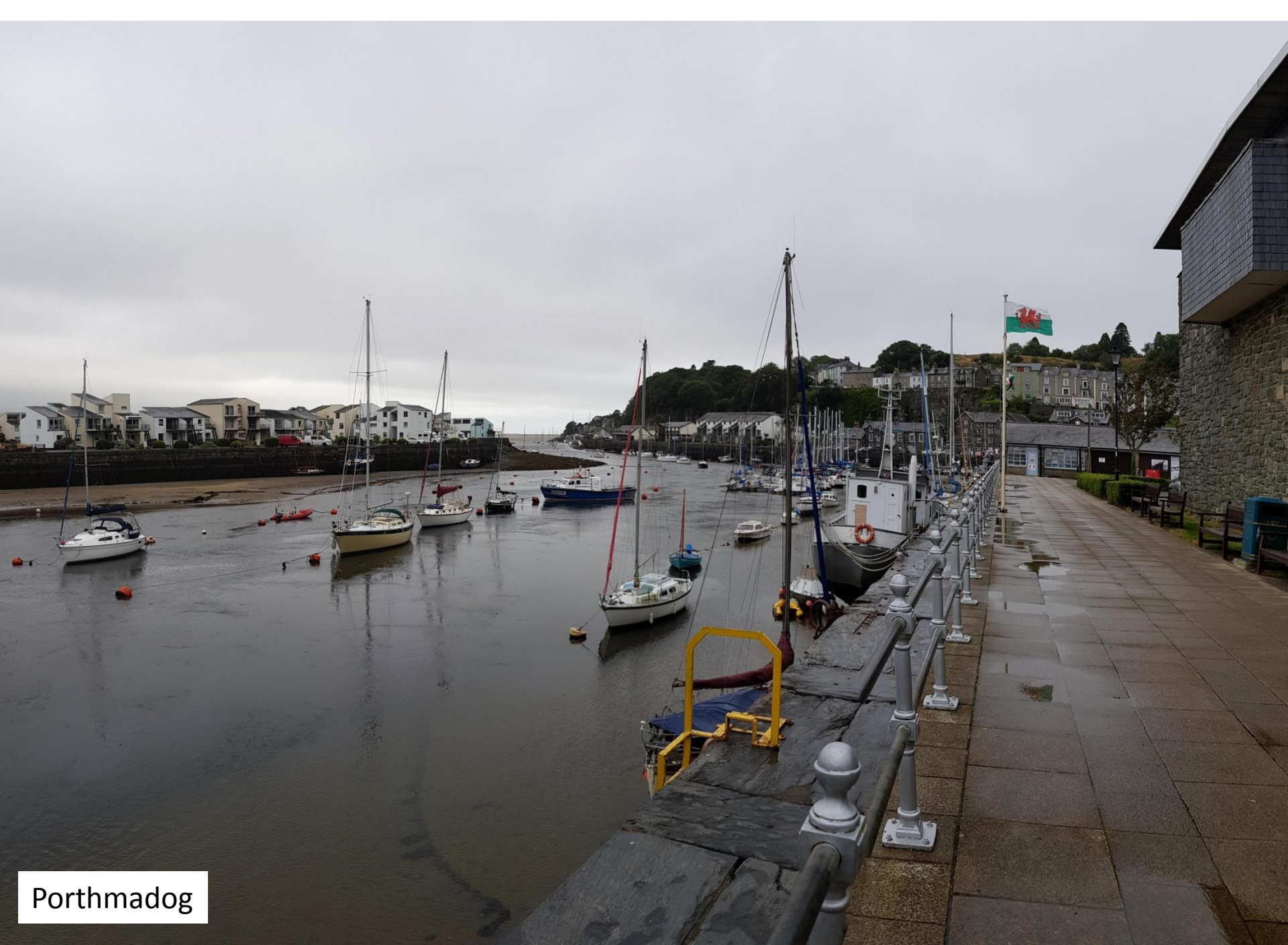


Not that long ago, you could sell many things on a Thursday at the Knighton clock tower, including your wife!





The Darwin sculpture in Shrewsbury



Porthmadog



Hydrangeas in Porthmadog



Borth y Gest











Glaslyn estuary



Borth y Gest at 7am











Ynys Cyngar



Black Rock sands



Black Rock sands, Criccieth castle and town in the background.





















Blasa'r heli, gwel y nen, Rhyddha d'enaïd fry uwchben
Smell the sea, and feel the sky, let your soul and spirit fly





Borth y Gest







Cnicht and Moelwyn Mawr beyond the Glaslyn river



Final view of Snowdonia from the rail bridge across the Barmouth (Mawddach) Estuary.

