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## Coronavirus

We are all now in lockdown and encourage everyone to stay safe and follow Government Guidelines. Stay 2 m apart when you go out and only go out if absolutely necessary for food or exercise. Wash your hands regularly and do not meet up with anyone outside your household.

We will get through this if we all work together.

## Acknowledgement

A conference call meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> February at Outward Bound to try and help resolve the problem of the Picnic Island Bridge closure.

Representing Aberdyfi was ACC Clerk Neil Storkey, ACC Councillor and Gwynedd County Councillor Dewi Owen, Outward Bound Head of Centre Al Crisp, Outward Bound Head of Facilities Jim Lee, and Gwynedd Maritime representative Barry Davies. Representing Network Rail (from Cardiff) was James O’Gorman and Alice Clements.

The conference call meeting was very fruitful and resulted in promised funding from this community, Outward Bound and Gwynedd Council - potentially sufficient to get the job done.

Network Rail also acknowledged that the bridge was used by their own maintenance staff and that a financial ‘consideration’ would be appropriate in the context of the community effort. In the light of the positive consensus view regarding the installation, possibly a modular plastic construction, the meeting agreed to target October 2020 for completion of new bridge installation.

A huge thank you to an Aberdyfi second home owner, whose identity is confidential for the time being, in offering financially to underwrite the entire project. A triumph for joint enterprise, resolve, and common purpose.





## Aberdyfi Events Calendar

Given the current situation regarding the Coronavirus outbreak and its impact on social gatherings, we need to act in accordance with Government guidelines. As a result all social activity and planned events in the Neuadd Dyfi have been cancelled or severely curtailed for the foreseeable future.

Needless to say this is disappointing for us all but we must respect and follow given advice.

We look forward to welcoming the resumption of normal service

Our thanks to Des George for managing a complex situation at this difficult time.

## Dyfi Stores Thank you & Goodbye

“After three fantastic years I am handing the Post Office and shop baton on to ensure that the community carries on with such an important service. This very difficult decision that I’ve had to make comes with a very heavy heart and is due to my father’s terminal illness and my own worsening health condition. I’m giving the business back to Caroline and Tom who I know will ensure that it carries on for the foreseeable future. I wish them success and trust that you will continue to support them as well as you supported me.

A big thank you to all my customers in Aberdyfi, Tywyn, Pennal and the surrounding areas, it has been my pleasure to try and ensure we could deliver out service to you all. A huge thank you to my team, for their hard work and efforts over the years, that have made the business so successful and for the days full of laughter and only a few tears. I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for making me feel part of such an amazing village and community and for helping me along the journey. I certainly couldn’t have done it without you all and I will miss all of you enormously. Hopefully I will see some of you again on the beach when I’m walking Sonny & Monty, but feel free to keep in contact through facebook, e-mail [anna@dyfistores.com](mailto:anna@dyfistores.com) or phone 07971 453624.”

Best wishes, Anna Grundy