



Whilst everyone enjoys the company of families and friends in the next couple of weeks, let's reflect on what happened in Machynlleth this 2025.

Sadly the year started with the aftermath of storm Darragh which severely damaged the building at the Machynlleth Community Children's Project (MCCP) our only nursery in town. The building was condemned, causing the staff and children to move out and disperse through the town. Y Plas and Machynlleth Town Council welcomed a group of them to make their home in the ground floor Gallery.

Last spring the Community Hall had its new entrance and a much better access for all users. A big thank you to donations and grants from Mr & Mrs Wheeler, the Garthgwynion Trust, Powys County Council Transforming Town Initiative (PCCTT) and very many others.



The variety of events held in the Hall ranges from the weekly Cubs meeting, the campaign to keep the stroke unit at Bronglais hospital in Aberystwyth, the Welsh Blodd donation Services, a wrestling evening event, the Comedy Festival, The Corris Railway Society for their annual exhibition and many more other events.

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The Plas Garden Allotment holders had their plots back ready to work on for the spring after an extensive redesign of the garden. So successful it was that it featured in a full page article in the National Allotment Association magazine. Many thanks to the plot holders working together with the Plas Facilities Manager to apply successfully for grants from the National Heritage Fund.

The Public Toilets were re-opened early in the year. Thank you to PAVO (Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations) and the Councillors involved in organising the funding towards the project. Machynlleth Town Council (MTC) is working towards the installation of payment facilities and the installation of solar panels on its roof, to ease the expense of running such a building. This work has been made possible with the help of a grant from the Brilliant Basic Scheme overseen by Powys County Council and Visit Wales.



In May the Comedy Festival rolled into town for its 14th year. The weekend was a success with big crowds and good weather. We are looking forward to celebrating a 15th year when it returns on 1st May 2026.

The Hen Stablau, better known to the locals as the Plas Kennels, has seen its structure and roof completely renovated. This phase 1 of the project was carried out with grants from the Architectural Heritage Fund, CADW and again PCCTT initiative. A phase 2 to renovate the interior of the building is in the pipeline with more work happening during 2026. Once all done it will be a welcomed addition to Machynlleth as an accommodation unit for the walking and cycling tourists coming to visit our town in the centre of the beautiful Dyfi valley.

The summer arrived with the Carnival. A joyous week of festivities ending with the Saturday parade along the streets of Machynlleth. The Carnival committee proved how good they are at putting on a good day for everyone, a big thank you to them. We are looking forward to next July for a repeat.



Our weekly chartered street market, going since 1291, is thriving and yet again the applications to have a stall on a Wednesday were numerous.

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On Remembrance Sunday, Cllr J.Paige our Mayor laid a wreath on our behalf at the War Memorial service which was well attended. A debt of gratitude is due to Mr Phil Williams who tirelessly look after the Remembrance Garden at Y Plas.

And with the year going by so quickly, we are already at Christmas time to gather by the Clock Tower and light up the Christmas tree. Thank you to the person who donated the tree, to the team at Y Plas and Conrad with his cherry picker to help with the installation and Dai Disco creating good Xmas vibes for the switching-on ceremony. Many people commented on how tall and beautiful it all looks. Thank you to our Mayor for organising a disco for our youngsters. Thank you too to the Rotary Club for organising a visit from Santa and Rudolf.



This December Machynlleth senior citizens gathered at Neuadd Y Plas Hall to enjoy their Christmas lunch sponsored by the Mayor's fund.



Quite a year it has been and so much more to do. For the moment let's take a few days aside to enjoy our nearest and dearest before getting back to the hard work. The staff at Y Plas and at Machynlleth Town Council wish you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

