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Thanks to Margie Mac for the recent, this and some future pics

LANDUDNO NEWS MUCH, MUCH LATER-WINTER'S DAY 2020

EDITOR'S CHIRP

Getting on to middle August and we have ploughed most of our Winter furrow but there is yet a bit to come...at least according to the weather service I use: YR. The outstanding mixed weather of late has produced sufficient rain to well water our patches, including the New Forest, sun to encourage growth and I bet we will have a splendid Spring and Summer show. My Llandudno hike this morning, showed the early blossoming of so much to come...YAY!

There are so many plusses for us all in Llandudnoland and I waxed on about them much in the past but every now and then we have cause to really vent spleen over the odd but significant negative. Most of us have, over the years, had a hearty whinge about one of those view wrecking, blots on the horizon: construction site cranes and my million dollar view has been shredded by one for something approaching two years now. I know the contractor went bust and the crane disappeared, then returned and the infamous lockdown on construction impeded progress but I must confess a tinge of irritation and I am not the worst affected. I guess we can only wish them a touch of speed!

The other needle sticking in everyone's throat is the brain dead rash of graffiti that appeared on God's own granite rocks on our beach two weeks ago. The social media outcry was somewhat justified by the apparent lack of action by the Llandudno SRA but in a city where the bulk of the municipal services remain on fully paid lockdown, getting any meaningful response was not a cake walk. Thanks to efforts by Ashley Weaver and a kind donation by Paolo Lupini of some special muti, we should soon see pristine rocks again. There is a plan B in the wings however and it will swing into play if needed: a newish resident, Andrew Jakins has offered a pressure water and grit hosing if plan A fails. Good on yer all. Good news: I was down there this morning and the weather, plus, I suspect elbow grease from a number of different folk has reduced the blight to, "you gotta know where to look to find them" and they should be "licked" clean in days...

There has also been a wail of anguish re the overflowing green litter bins...my query with Solid Waste this morning elicited that they had attended but had "run out of blue bags" for the same City lockdown reason as above but again, Ashley Weaver has stepped in and emptied some of them. Of course, you might deduct that every non-standard job Ash takes on means some other work is left undone or deferred. I know of two residents who empty green bins which are not on Solid Waste's route.



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LLANDUDNO TRAILS

The classic coast path starting at Sunset Rocks or from the beach car park...let's take the latter. Follow the diagonal tarred path down to Gully Stream, cross the stone bridge and carry straight on. When the path opens up, one passes historic "Steen's Cottage". The path undulates and produces stunning close up views of our rugged coast line, some magnificent granite boulders and a myriad of indigenous flora including cool stretches of milk woods. Of note is the famous "Blow

Hole” and the chance of spotting porcupine, Cape clawless otter, spotted genet and caracal plus a lot of bird life. Historically this trail was a bit of an obstacle course with protruding and entangled milk wood roots and some difficult boulders to circumnavigate. Initially the City introduced a few boardwalks, then a year or so back, we undertook a huge boardwalk upgrade and now, even the less agile can enjoy this stunning route.

On reaching Sunset Rocks, one can return by the same path or pick Sunset Ave against the one way traffic, ascend to the Sandy Bay car park and take the even more beautiful trail to Sandy Bay. The first few hundred metres tunnels through dense vegetation and then superb vistas open up of Klein Leeukoppie above, Karbonkelberg and its Rocket Road trail and pristine and isolated Sandy Bay itself, ahead. Of course, all along the way, one has the Atlantic pounding the rocky shore on one’s right. Sandy Bay beach is something special and I have happy memories of, some 60 years ago, camping in its milk wood forest, beach cricket, touch rugby, body surfing and feasting on, dare I say, poached crayfish...poaching was the way we cooked them...

Sandy Bay is popular with surfers and when conditions are right, the breaks a quite close to the beach and one has a really close up view this breath taking sport.

A word of caution. In recent years, security has become a bit scary, so be sure to hike in a group, perhaps with a dog and to be out of the area by mid-afternoon.

Cheers

Huck and your Llandudno Team