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? Top Story: Endometriosis centres "at risk" as women's health called "broken"

Gynaecologists have warned that specialist endometriosis centres in Wales are in jeopardy, as the Welsh Government's deputy minister for women's health admitted the current set-up is "not sustainable".

New accreditation requirements from the British Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (BSGE) have exposed the resource pressures facing hospitals in Wales. Clinical staff say it has been made worse by the funding differences between England and Wales. They warn that unless more resources are found to increase capacity and dedicate teams to endometriosis care, BSGE accreditation requirements will not be met — leading to a downgrading of services, a potential skills exodus and large numbers of patients being sent to England for treatment. At a recent cross-party Senedd group on women's health, gynaecologists said Wales needed either a nationally commissioned service or an overhaul of the funding model to reflect the true cost of specialist care. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists backed the call, saying the Welsh Government must "commit to sustainable resourcing of gynaecology services — including adequate workforce numbers, staff training and appropriate facilities across the country". The deputy minister for women's health said options for a regional or national service are being discussed.

Kelly O'Shea, 32, has lived in chronic daily pain for three and a half years — her symptoms began as a teenager. She says she has woken from more than one operation to be told adequate resources were not available to carry out the procedure she needed, and eventually paid £20,000 for the treatment she needed "out of frustration and desperation". As her endometriosis also affects her bowel, she has been told she needs bowel and bladder specialists alongside endometriosis specialists during surgery. "My organs have been affected" is the experience of other patients quoted in the BBC's reporting; campaigners say women's health in Wales is

"broken". (BBC Wales — today, 08:54 BST; BBC Cymru Fyw — 3 hours ago, Welsh-language)

?? Politics & the Senedd

?? Glynd?r national park: statement due today

Ministers are considering whether to go ahead with a public inquiry into the proposed Glyndŵr National Park in north-east Wales — with a government statement expected today (Tuesday).

The Welsh government, now led by Plaid Cymru, said Constitution Minister Dafydd Trystan Davies would make a statement on the next steps for the park, which would be Wales' first new national park since 1957. The previous Labour-led government said in March it would hold a public inquiry after councils raised concerns about funding and planning rules. The park would be based around the existing Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, stretching from Prestatyn to Nant-y-dugoed, about 20 miles west of Welshpool. Gareth Ludkin, of the Campaign for National Parks, told BBC Radio Wales' *Sunday Supplement*: "We don't know what the statement is going to say on Tuesday, but we would fear that the government are set to cancel the public inquiry. "What we are saying really is allow the inquiry to take place. The government can make a decision after that, but allow the full facts of the case… there are a lot of outstanding questions and the local communities need to be heard." Wales currently has three national parks — Eryri, the Pembrokeshire Coast and Bannau Brycheiniog — among the UK's 15. (BBC Wales — 12 Oct, 11:39 BST; BBC Cymru Fyw, 11 Oct)

? Reform MS claimed £569 for a hotel in the city he represents

A Reform UK MS who has made a name attacking what he calls wasteful public spending claimed more than £500 for a hotel stay in the area he represents.

Cai Parry-Jones was elected for Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf, but lives on Anglesey and was allocated the Cardiff seat by Nigel Farage — local party members had no say in his selection. In his first Senedd debate in June 2026 he called for an end to all Welsh Government international spending, then £9.2m (0.031% of its budget), and he and other Reform MSs have repeatedly called for Wales' overseas offices to be closed. Nation.Cymru previously found his claims about £2,000 laptops and a £1,000 phone were contradicted by Senedd IT figures (£1,521 and £1,771 laptops, a £799 iPhone), and he was criticised over calling accessibility signs for autistic attendees a waste of money — a complaint he referred to IPSO, which rejected it as Nation.Cymru's reporting was factual. In July he faced scrutiny over shares worth over £38,000 in the US oil company Phillips 66, and last week he posted details of Welsh Government credit-card spending, writing: "Whisky tasting in France. Cannes Film Festival tickets. A £1,300 dinner in Dublin." (Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)

? Welsh Tories silent on claim a Reform MS is preparing to defect

The Welsh Conservatives have declined to comment on "private conversations" with other political groups after Nation.Cymru told the party it had information that a Reform MS was preparing to defect.

A Reform Wales branch source said Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd MS James Evans — who left the Tories for Reform nine months ago — has been in talks with Welsh Conservative leader Darren Millar about returning. Evans has been absent from the Senedd in recent weeks; he is understood to have denied the suggestion but declined to comment on the record, and posted on X attacking the Conservatives: "Why on earth would anyone trust the Conservative Party again?… It's time for Reform UK." The Conservative Senedd group office is said to have been inundated with questions about several Reform members amid speculation in Cardiff Bay. (Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

? Plaid presses UK Government for child payment "green light"

Plaid Cymru has called on the UK Government to confirm that Wales' proposed £10-a-week child payment will not be clawed back through the benefits system.

Ann Davies MP asked Work and Pensions Secretary Pat McFadden in the Commons whether payments under the Welsh Government's planned Cynnal pilot — £10 a week for 15,000 under-sixes in households on Universal Credit — would be disregarded when calculating benefits. Mr McFadden referred instead to the abolition of the two-child benefit limit and the UK's child poverty strategy, without answering on Cynnal. The Welsh Government needs assurances from the DWP and HMRC that the payments would not be taxed or lead to reductions in other benefits; Ms Davies has tabled a written question. Deputy First Minister Sioned Williams warned last week there was "no time to waste", and Andy Burnham has said he is willing to consider the proposal. (Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

? Reform MS interviewed by journalist who mocked Burnham's father

A Reform UK MS appeared on a far-right journalist's YouTube show — the same journalist who mocked Andy Burnham's late father for having dementia.

Cristina Emsley, the Romanian-born MS for Fflint Wrecsam, told Mike Graham's show that Plaid Cymru was obsessed with independence because it supports devolving policing and justice. Roy Burnham died from Alzheimer's last month; Graham mocked him on the day of the funeral, saying: "Who fucking cares what his dad wanted?" Like other Reform MSs, Emsley refuses to engage with Welsh news outlets including Nation.Cymru. (Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

? Economy & Business

? New robotics hub will let firms test before they invest

Businesses will be able to try out robots and get independent advice before buying equipment through a new multi-million-pound project led by a Welsh university.

The Robotics Adoption Hub – South Wales will be based at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David's SA1 Innovation Quarter in Swansea, part of Innovate UK's national Robotics Adoption Programme. It will work with manufacturing, energy, utilities and infrastructure companies, helping them judge which tasks could be automated, test equipment, find suppliers, arrange training and explore finance options. Richard Morgan, assistant dean of UWTSD's Faculty of Science & Art, said: "Many organisations recognise the potential benefits of robotics but remain uncertain about where to begin or how to adopt effectively." Students, apprentices and employees will also get practical experience with industrial robots. (Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)

?? £21m Caerphilly town-centre housing plans near decision

Plans for up to 72 flats on the site of Caerphilly's former indoor market go before councillors this week as part of a £21m redevelopment.

The mix of open-market and social housing would sit on Pentrebane Street, where the market and neighbouring buildings were demolished last year, over four upper floors with six retail units and a co-working space. Officers say the "car-free" scheme, 130 metres from the town's bus and railway stations, is "extremely sustainable", and want developer Linc Cymru to contribute £5,000 towards a Traffic Regulation Order stopping future residents from getting parking permits. It forms part of the wider Caerphilly Town 2035 masterplan, which also includes the Ffos Caerffili market, a new railway and bus station, and ambitions for a hotel overlooking the castle. (Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)

? Health & Public Services

? Winter vaccine push: "RSV is separate and easy to forget"

Eligible people in Wales are being urged to come forward for their flu jab, COVID-19 booster and RSV vaccine — with the Welsh Government warning the RSV vaccine in particular is easy to overlook.

Deputy Minister for Public and Preventative Health Nerys Evans said the RSV vaccine is separate from the others and easily forgotten, though respiratory syncytial virus circulates every winter and can lead to serious illness. The appeal is echoed by BBC Cymru Fyw, which carries the story of a mother whose baby nearly died from RSV and who is now urging others to be vaccinated. (GOV.WALES — Monday 12 Oct, 23:00; BBC Cymru Fyw — 3 hours ago, Welsh-language; Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

? Gwent Police consider "zero-hours" detectives after murder surge

A police force is considering hiring detectives on "zero-hours" style contracts after an unprecedented surge in murder investigations.

Gwent Police has launched 11 murder investigations in 10 months, compared with the two or three it would normally handle in a year, chief constable Mark Hobrough told Monmouthshire councillors. The demand has brought record, unplanned overtime spending and seen neighbourhood officers diverted from community duties; he said other Welsh chief constables had contacted him about the pressures on a force of 1,535 officers. "We're looking at alternatives and I've got an assistant chief constable looking at an almost zero hours type situation to conduct interviews or specialist investigations outside of Gwent Police's natural boundaries as a cheaper option but that has to be of the same quality," he said. He said there was no connection between the cases — they range from organised crime and domestic violence to mental health and substance misuse, with different weapons and methods. An investigation into a death in Pontypool in August, linked to suspected biker gang violence, generated 60% more entries on the Holmes database than any previous Gwent incident, with 45 arrests and 55 scenes protected. (Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)

? New dean for Bangor Cathedral after safeguarding scandal

A new dean has been elected at Bangor Cathedral, the Church in Wales has confirmed, at a cathedral criticised by a safeguarding review.

Nia Catrin Williams will succeed the Right Reverend Manon Ceridwen James, who became Bishop of Bangor in June. Two reports in 2025 revealed a culture where "sexual boundaries seemed blurred", alongside inappropriate language and excessive alcohol consumption. The Church in Wales said Williams will continue to "address concerns" by "supporting staff and congregations" and "rebuilding trust and confidence". She takes up the role in January 2027, and is currently ministry area leader of Bro Beuno Sant Uwch Gwyrfai; ordained priest at St Asaph Cathedral in 1999, she later served as an armed forces chaplain, including in Cyprus and with RAF Valley. She described

the appointment as "an enormous privilege". (BBC Wales — 15 hours ago; BBC Cymru Fyw — 19 hours ago, Welsh-language)

?? People & Justice

? Mum's anger as drink-driver who killed her two children is released

A mother has described the justice system as a "disgrace" after a driver who killed her two children was released from prison having served less than half his sentence.

Martin Newman, 45, killed four-year-old Gracie-Ann and three-year-old Jayden-Lee after crashing his van into the family's stationary car on the hard shoulder of the M4 near Newport on 5 February 2022. He had been drinking red wine while driving and had traces of cocaine in his system. Rhiannon Lucas, 30, from Tredegar in Blaenau Gwent, said Newman had been released halfway through a sentence of nine years and four months: "He's a free man to do whatever he pleases while my two babies are lying in a grave." She described the sentence as "pathetic" and said she had been trying to speak to the parole board. Newman was not released under the government's early release scheme; the Ministry of Justice said offenders released on licence "must abide by strict conditions or risk being sent back to prison", and that it had blocked death by drunk or dangerous driving offences from recent sentencing changes. (BBC Wales — today, 05:56 BST)

? Inquest opens into death of six-year-old Harrison Jones

An inquest into the death of a six-year-old boy hit by a van while playing on his bike in Conwy has been opened and adjourned.

Harrison Jones fell into the road outside his home in Llanfairfechan at about 17:30 BST on 1 October and was struck by a passing Ford Transit tipper van. A post-mortem examination found he died from severe head injuries. John Gittins, senior coroner for north Wales east and central, said the death required further investigation and adjourned the hearing at Denbighshire Coroner's Court. The van driver was arrested and released under investigation; the police investigation continues. A fundraising page set up by Kate Jones described Harrison as a "cheeky chappy, full of character with a personality that could light up a room", adding: "There are no words that can truly describe the heartbreak and devastation." (BBC Wales — 20 hours ago; BBC Cymru Fyw — 12 Oct, Welsh-language)

? "Total nightmare" as caravan blocks Tanyfron road

A static caravan has been stuck blocking a single-track road in Wrexham for days, with police now arranging to move it themselves.

The caravan was seen scraping bushes and trees as it was carried by lorry up Llewelyn Road in Tanyfron on Friday, and could not be delivered because access to the property was blocked. North Wales Police said the recipient was asked to move it and said they could not, so officers are arranging removal and will "consider any potential offences in due course". Councillor Paul Rogers (Brymbo) said the diversion past the local primary school was putting pressure on other roads and could affect emergency vehicles; one resident called it "a complete and total nightmare". (BBC Wales — 12 Oct, 20:10 BST)

? Prestatyn van fire death: inquest opened

A pregnant woman died from inhaling smoke and fire gases after her body was found in a burnt-out van in Prestatyn, an inquest has heard.

Sammi Phythian, 35, from Rhyl, was found in a vehicle on Gas Works Lane near the town centre on the night of Sunday 4 October. Senior coroner John Gittins said she was alive when the fire started and died as a result of it; the inquest was adjourned because criminal proceedings continue. Thomas Bell, 38, of Rhyl, has been charged with murder and is in custody, with a provisional trial date next April; another local man, 47, was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit arson and possession of drugs with intent to supply. (BBC Cymru Fyw — 12 Oct, Welsh-language)

Also in court: the trial of four men accused of murdering 17-year-old Tristan Kerr in Abertridwr on 5 February heard he was stabbed in the heart and lung with a "Zombie" knife after bursting into a flat; Connor Palfrey, 25, Georgie Mears, 19, Elexi Manny, 25, and Ricardo Elliot, 27, all deny murder by joint enterprise, and Newport Crown Court heard of a "beef" between Palfrey and Kerr that had been "squashed" weeks earlier. *(BBC Wales — 16 hours ago)*

?? Cymru Fyw (Welsh-language)

? Call to pause small-school closures in Carmarthenshire

Campaigners have called on Carmarthenshire Council to delay closures of small schools and adopt a "strategic" approach in partnership with the Welsh Government.

The county's education scrutiny committee meets today (Tuesday) to consider whether to consult on the futures of Ysgol Carwe, Ysgol Bancffosfelen, Ysgol Blaenau and Ysgol Pontiets. Officers' preferred option in the committee papers is to close all four and move pupils to other schools at the end of December 2027, with consultation running in November and December if members back the recommendations. Full council is also expected to decide on Wednesday on the future of Ysgol Meidrim and Ysgol y Fro in Llangyndeyrn. Dr Huw Williams, a governor at Pontiets, said Cwm Gwendraeth felt "targeted": "It feels at the moment that they are just going ahead thinking these schools need to be closed as soon as possible… what we are asking is that the council pauses, plans strategically and works with central government." Cymdeithas yr Iaith's Ffred Ffransis has called the plans the biggest threat to the Welsh language in the area since the pits closed in the 1980s — and a Nation.Cymru opinion piece notes four of the seven schools identified for closure so far are in Cwm Gwendraeth, against a backdrop of a £16m schools overspend. (BBC Cymru Fyw — 12 Oct, Welsh-language; Nation.Cymru opinion, 12 Oct)

? Wales' first spiking conference

A woman from Carmarthenshire has said "you have to be vigilant no matter where you are" ahead of Wales' first conference on the dangers of spiking.

Tirion Richards, 31, from Brechfa, was spiked on a night out with friends in Cardigan. She told BBC Radio Wales Breakfast she had not "expected something like this to happen in rural Wales", and that she had not gone to police immediately because she was unsure whether she had simply drunk too much — until she realised she had gone blind and could not move while still conscious. Spiking carries a prison sentence of up to 10 years. Latest North Wales Police figures show only eight of 656 spiking cases in the north since 2021 have led to a charge, but the problem runs across Wales, in rural areas as well as cities. The conference was held at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd on Monday. (BBC Cymru Fyw — 12 Oct, Welsh-language)

? Cerdd dant figure Catherine Watkin dies aged 96

Catherine Watkin, recognised for her outstanding contribution to cerdd dant and Welsh music, has died aged 96.

Born in Rhydymain, Meirionnydd, on 19 May 1930, she took a music degree at University College Cardiff in 1952 and began her career teaching at Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni, later working at Ysgol y Preseli and as a lecturer at Trinity College, Carmarthen. She was a renowned cerdd dant setter and adjudicator, chaired the National Eisteddfod's Cerdd Dant Central Panel for six years and led Cymdeithas Cerdd Dant Cymru; in 2001 she received the Sir T H Parry-Williams Medal at the Denbigh National Eisteddfod. She founded the Hogie'r Berfeddwlad party, whose Prysor Williams said members were "extremely sad" at the news: "We had many years of enjoyment and fun in Mrs Watkin's company, experiences that will stay with us forever." (BBC Cymru Fyw — 12 Oct, Welsh-language)

? Tiwns Cymru: one Welsh song every day

A young Welsh music fan is sharing one Welsh-language song a day on social media, hoping to show his generation what the language's music has to offer.

Gruff Davies started the Tiwns Cymru account in June and is already known as "Gruff Tiwns". "I noticed there was almost no way of promoting Welsh music on TikTok," he said. "Around 90% of my school friends don't like Welsh music, and I tell them: you just haven't found the right band or genre!" His 74-hour playlist spans Bryn Fôn, Dafydd Iwan and Eden to the rock bands of his father's record collection, Big Leaves and Y Cyrff, and he picks a different artist each day — sometimes waking up with a song stuck in his head. (BBC Cymru Fyw — today, Welsh-language)

? Culture

? Iris Prize opens its 20th edition in Cardiff

An LGBTQ+ film festival is celebrating its 20th anniversary this week, with more internationally acclaimed filmmakers and performers set to attend than ever before.

The Iris Prize returned to Cardiff on Monday 12 October for a week of screenings, opening with five new films, four of them from Wales. Its £40,000 Iris Prize is the largest LGBTQ+ short film prize in the world, supported by The Michael Bishop Foundation; Festival Director Berwyn Rowlands said: "Sharing stories that the mainstream ignore is one of our USPs." The festival runs to Sunday 18 October. (Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

? Chesney Hawkes to play Cardiff's Gate in 2027

One of the 90s' biggest names is heading to a small Cardiff venue on a spring 2027 tour.

Chesney Hawkes announced UK and Ireland dates for March and April 2027 on Facebook: "On the road again!… we have plenty of surprises in the bag." "The One and Only", from the 1991 film *Buddy's Song*, topped the UK singles chart for five weeks and reached the US top 10. He will play the Gate Arts Centre in Roath, Cardiff; tickets go on sale on Friday. (Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)

? Cardiff Coffee Passport launches

Cardiff's independent coffee scene gets its own £19 passport this month — with just 300 physical copies in the first release.

Going on sale on Friday 23 October, the passport offers six coffee redemptions across six venues over six weeks, with a choice of two coffees at each: Donald's, Hard Lines at Cardiff Market, Society Café, Pettigrew Bakeries, Corner Coffee and Brodies. It was created by Jane Cook, who also set up the Cardiff Wine Passport. (Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)

? Welsh-language Santa sets a record in Conwy

A grotto in Wales has sold out faster than ever, with more than 1,000 children booked to meet Siôn Corn — and a dramatic shift towards Welsh.

The Jester's Tower grotto welcomed 275 children in its first year, in 2021. Then, more than 80% of families requested English; for Christmas 2026 more than 60% have chosen Welsh, and Father Christmas conducts the entire visit in either language. "He speaks Welsh. I mean, of course he does. He's Father Christmas," said owner Russel Erwood, who said the growth means "so many more people speaking Welsh in Conwy". Every family gets a full ten minutes with Siôn Corn, played by actor Christopher Baglin, known professionally as Professor Llusern. (Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

? Welsh publisher launches £3,300 appeal

A Cardiff-based independent publisher has launched a fundraising appeal after an unexpected funding gap put pressure on its programme.

Lucent Dreaming, founded by Jannat Ahmed, is seeking donations by 4 November and says supporters have already given 88% of the £3,300 target. Its anthology *Beyond/Tu Hwnt* was shortlisted in the Discovery category at this year's British Book Awards, and it says it has featured 142 writers over five years. (Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)

Also: the Grade II-listed Pontymoile Park Gates in Pontypool — known locally as the "Sally Gates" and thought to be almost three centuries old — have been restored to matte black and gold after 17 years painted pale green in a long-running colour row *(Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)*. A new Men's Shed has opened at the Cae Felin community growing project near Morriston Hospital, Swansea, funded by an £1,800 council grant *(Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)*. Three Welsh destinations made a UK top 20 for October breaks: the Pembrokeshire Coast (10th) and the Gower (15th) *(Nation.Cymru, 13 Oct)*. Amy Dowden has been praised for her "iconic" clapback at a former Strictly professional dancer *(BBC Wales — 20 hours ago)*.

? Sport

? Wales v Albania: Llanelli decider tonight

Wales take a 1-0 lead into the second leg of their World Cup play-off semi-final against Albania at Parc y Scarlets tonight (Tuesday).

Captain Angharad James revealed the squad had a players' meeting on the first day of camp to make sure everyone — including the numerous youngsters — understood what is at stake: "It's a final game for us and every game is." Wales are ranked 31st by FIFA against Albania's 36-places-lower ranking, have won all three previous meetings without conceding, and would equal a national record of 10 games unbeaten by avoiding defeat. Boss Rhian Wilkinson was blunt about the first leg: "We definitely got away with one. They had some great chances and we talk about that openly… we can't be leaving things to chance." It is Wales' third play-off campaign: the 2023 World Cup attempt ended in extra-time agony in Switzerland, while the Euro 2025 route brought a first major tournament. The winners face Norway or Romania; the game is live across BBC TV, radio and online. Off the pitch, the supporters' charity Gôl Cymru! donated €1,000 to the One Heart Children's Foundation in Shkodër during the first leg. (BBC Sport — 4 hours ago; Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

? WRU names Lyndon Faulkner as new chairman

The WRU has appointed former Newport and Pontypool player Lyndon Faulkner as its new chairman, amid continued opposition to plans to cut the professional game from four teams to three.

Faulkner, 66 — the nephew of the Wales and Pontypool prop Tony "Charlie" Faulkner — will take over from Richard Collier-Keywood at the WRU's annual general meeting on 22 November. Born near Newport and educated at Bassaleg Comprehensive, he played for Newport Youth, Newport RFC and Pontypool before a serious knee injury ended his playing career; he went on to senior roles at Nimbus CD International, Technicolor and Microsoft, worked on the launches of Xbox and Windows XP, and led Pelican Products before retiring in 2021. The WRU called the appointment "a major coup". Faulkner said: "This is a pivotal time for the game and I will start by listening to those around me and of course remaining open to credible challenge." The WRU has already confirmed Cardiff and Dragons will continue beyond 2027-28, leaving Ospreys and Scarlets vying to avoid becoming surplus to requirements. Chief executive Abi Tierney said she and Faulkner were ready to form "a formidable team". (BBC Sport — 20 hours ago; Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

? Swansea flying high, Cardiff warned

Swansea City take their place at the top of the Championship to Millwall tonight (19:45), while Cardiff City host Watford (19:45) with the critics circling.

Swansea's 2-1 win over Norwich was their sixth in nine games, and the third time this season they have taken three points from a losing position — no other side in the division can match that. Much of the improvement has come from wide areas: after just four goals from wide forwards last

season, summer signings Moussa Yeo (three in three) and Joseph Opoku have already helped double it, with the wide players accounting for more than half their league goals. Cardiff's 2-1 reverse at Blackburn was a fourth defeat since promotion, with manager Brian Barry-Murphy admitting they "have to take it on the chin the fact we weren't good enough"; former captain Kevin Ratcliffe told BBC Radio Wales Sport it "could be a long season". Also at the weekend, John Toshack returned to Swansea to mark 45 years since he took the club from the Fourth Division to the top of the First, joined pitchside by members of his 1981 team including Alan Curtis and Ian Walsh — and met current boss Vitor Matos after the Norwich win. (BBC Sport — 4 hours ago; Nation.Cymru, 11-12 Oct)

? Price rules out Shields but promises a "massive" 2027 fight

Lauren Price will defend her unified WBA, WBC and IBF welterweight titles against Michaela Kotaskova at Cardiff's Utilita Arena on 20 November, live on the BBC — but a clash with Claressa Shields is off.

Price said talks over the Shields fight broke down, prompting her to take the bout with the Czech fighter instead: "I wanted to get out before the end of the year… I'll be back out early next year in a massive fight." "I can just say every boxer wants to hold all the belts and it'll be massive for Wales, massive for Britain and massive for world boxing." It is her first fight since April's gruelling title defence against Stephanie Pineiro. (BBC Sport — 14 hours ago)

? Glamorgan head coach leaves for England

Richard Dawson is leaving Glamorgan with immediate effect to become assistant coach of England's Test team on a three-year contract, also continuing his work with England Lions.

Dawson arrived at Sophia Gardens two years ago, led Glamorgan to promotion to Division One of the County Championship and kept them there, and saw Mason Crane earn an England white-ball call-up while four players were selected for England Men U19s. Director of cricket Mark Wallace said: "We knew when Richard arrived that we were appointing one of the best coaches in the country… with this comes the understanding that at some point he will likely get an offer that he can't or shouldn't refuse." The club will now begin the search for a successor. (Nation.Cymru, 12 Oct)

?? Weather

No weather warnings are in force for the UK (BBC Weather, checked 09:55 BST).

Cardiff outlook (BBC Weather, updated 09:00 today): Today — sunny intervals and a moderate breeze, 18°C/9°C. Wednesday 14th — sunny intervals, 18°C/12°C. Thursday 15th — light rain showers, 20°C/11°C. Friday 16th — sunny and a gentle breeze, 15°C/5°C. Saturday 17th — sunny, 14°C/5°C. Sunday 18th — sunny intervals, 14°C/7°C. Monday 19th — light rain, 15°C/10°C. The remnants of a hurricane are expected to bring a spell of tropical warmth to the UK later this week.

? Quick Summary

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fake-news episode, Wikipedia and party sites) with no usable article leads — used only as corroboration for the sweep. The sweep ran through the Playwright fetch service (192.168.178.100:8090, MarkItDown): 15 index/feed pages and 52 article pages, all successful. The WalesOnline live blog returned the Reach consent wall again and senedd.wales remains unusable; Nitter, Phice, Flaresolverr, Reddit and ITV were skipped. De-duplicated against yesterday's 12 October Welsh file, this morning's UK file and folder-wide keyword greps over the Headlines archive. Dropped as repeats or stale: the UK file's "new deal" letter to Burnham (a ***2 October*** *Plaid conference story, already covered), the Welsh folklore/Reverse: 1999 gaming feature (covered 11 October), the Iris Prize programme detail (09-09), the Llanfairfechan death itself (02-05-10) — only the inquest was new — the WRU regions debate, Adam Price's Boston trip, the NRW flood warning and the Makenzy Beard/Clayton/Costelow sport items. BBC Cymru Fyw article pages carry no dateline except the Welsh date line (12 Hydref 2026); the homepage's relative stamps ("3 awr yn ôl", "19 awr yn ôl") were used alongside.*

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