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? Top Story: Three pro-independence first ministers meet in Cardiff — and will sign a joint declaration

The first ministers of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland meet in Cardiff today — the first time since devolution began that all three devolved governments are led by parties that want to leave the UK — and are expected to sign a joint declaration asserting their nations' right to hold independence referendums.

Rhun ap Iorwerth hosts the SNP's **John Swinney** and Sinn Féin's **Michelle O'Neill**; Sinn Féin president **Mary Lou McDonald** also attends. The trio are meeting in their capacities as **party leaders** rather than as first ministers, and the summit will also cover the practical ground where their governments can work together — the economy, energy, and European and international relations.

- **The declaration.** The leaders are expected to sign a memorandum of understanding calling on the UK Government to "prepare, plan and facilitate" constitutional change in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and to recognise the right of people in each nation to determine their own constitutional future.
- **The Welsh line.** Ap Iorwerth, speaking to the BBC's *Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg*, said: "We're talking about how we can work together, let's talk about what we have in common and what we don't." Ahead of the meeting he said May's Senedd election had been "a turning point for Wales" and that there was "a growing recognition that the Westminster

model is no longer working". He added: "Our parties have much to gain from working together, as partners and as equals."

- **The Scottish line.** Swinney called it a "pivotal moment of constitutional change": "The Westminster system simply is not fit for purpose... The people of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have made it clear at the ballot box." Scottish Education Secretary **Mairi McAllan** said on the BBC's Sunday Show that "an independence referendum is not off the table".
- **The Irish line.** O'Neill: "Change is happening right across these islands and we must be ready for constitutional change when it comes." McDonald told BBC Radio Wales Breakfast the three nations' trajectories differ but share one thing — "our absolute insistence that it is for the people of Ireland to decide the future of Ireland, for the people of Scotland to decide the future of Scotland and for the people of Wales to decide the future of Wales". She called it "history-making times". A Sinn Féin source said "Irish unity is not a distant aspiration".
- **Where they differ.** Swinney and O'Neill openly want referendums now; ap Iorwerth has ruled one out during his party's first term, saying he wants to lead a "national conversation" instead. Ap Iorwerth holds further bilateral talks with Swinney in the afternoon, when the two are expected to sign a separate agreement on "future collaboration in areas of shared interest".
- **Westminster's response.** A UK Government spokesperson said the Prime Minister "believes strongly in the Union" and is focused on household finances rather than "constitutional debates or further referendums". **Emma Little-Pengelly**, the DUP deputy first minister, criticised O'Neill for attending.
- **Context.** The summit follows Andy Burnham's Commons remark that another Scottish referendum could come if there were a "clear consensus" — compared to the trigger for a border poll. No 10 insisted there was no policy change, and a letter from Burnham to Swinney said another referendum remained "off limits".

(Sources: BBC Wales/PA — Cemlyn Davies, published 13 Sep, updated 06:07 today; Nation.Cymru/PA — Craig Paton and Jonathan McCambridge; The Guardian, 13 Sep 16:41)

?? Politics & Senedd

? First minister says he would refuse Reform-style crypto mega-donations

Rhun ap Iorwerth has said he would not accept huge political donations like the £72m Reform UK received from two cryptocurrency businessmen.

Asked on the BBC's *Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg* about donors **Ben Delo** and **Christopher Harborne** (£36m each), the first minister questioned their motives: "Have these two individuals altruistically decided that they want for the common man and woman to make life better? Or

perhaps are they interested in the deregulation of [the] crypto agenda — that I've heard mentioned by Reform in the past."

- "I'm saying there's an issue with crypto, absolutely," he said, calling for "very, very careful international regulation", warning of a "race to the top — clearly being won by Reform" met with "a race to the bottom when it comes to trust in democracy". "We don't want this in our politics."
- He said the bulk of Plaid Cymru's money "comes from very, very small donations" — coffee mornings and people leaving money in their wills. Reform's **Robert Jenrick** insisted the donations were "entirely in line with the law". The UK government is seeking a **£100,000 cap** on donations from British expats, backdated to 25 March.
- Separately, **Plaid finance minister Elin Jones** told BBC Politics Wales she had been "shocked" by budget pressures since taking office. Plaid lacks a Senedd majority and needs an opposition agreement to pass its budget: "There may well be some cuts in some areas in order to fund both the priorities of Plaid Cymru... but also the priorities of one or two other political parties."

(BBC Wales — Paul O'Donovan and Nick Servini, 13 Sep; BBC Cymru Fyw)

?? Senedd constituency names to be reviewed — again

The 16 Welsh-only constituency names used for the first time in May's Senedd election are to be reviewed and could be changed, with any amendments in place by 2030.

Shereen Williams, chief executive of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru, told BBC Radio Wales' *Sunday Supplement* the review would ensure constituencies reflect the communities they serve, including cultural heritage and Welsh-language use. She said the current names "did not prove popular with everyone".

- The 2025 review paired UK parliamentary constituencies with former Senedd areas to create the 16 seats, each represented by six MSs — the chamber grew from 60 to 96 members.
- Legislation requires a single name where possible; bilingual names would be considered where no name reflects an area's identity. "These set of boundaries... were always meant to be temporary," Williams said. "We're not starting from a blank slate."
- Officials want roughly **150,000 people per constituency** (within 10%, so 135,000–165,000), grouping communities with shared cultural characteristics. Public consultation is expected in **2027**, with completion before the 2030 election and a follow-up review in 2038.

(BBC Wales — Nicholas Bourne; Cymru Fyw, 13 Sep)

? Analysis: UK policing shake-up could hand Wales more control

Abolishing Police and Crime Commissioners could force a Wales-specific settlement that gives Welsh institutions greater say over how police forces are governed — even though policing stays reserved to Westminster.

Senedd Research analyst **Sarah Hatherley** says the end of PCCs means replacement arrangements will have to be developed for Wales, because unlike parts of England there are no regional mayors to absorb the role and local government is devolved. That could mean greater Welsh administrative control and democratic oversight, though not devolution of policing itself.

- Ap Iorwerth has stepped up his calls: "It is time now to move forward with a devolution of policing and justice," noting Wales raises more than half of its policing funding directly.
- **Andy Dunbobbin**, the North Wales PCC, backs devolving policing but warns against power and resources being centralised in Cardiff. The gap between devolved services and a reserved police system is long described as the settlement's "jagged edge".

(Nation.Cymru — Mark Mansfield, 13 Sep)

?? Crime & Justice

? IPP prisoner jailed for stealing a phone set for release after 21 years

Leroy Douglas was 24 when he was jailed in 2005 for stealing a mobile phone — and handed an indeterminate sentence of Imprisonment for Public Protection with a minimum term of two-and-a-half years. Now 45, he is due to be released in October.

- His father **Anthony Douglas** called the years of waiting "torture" and said the family had been left "in limbo": "In that time he's lost his daughter, lost his cousin, lost my parents." He compared the sentence to that of Jeffrey Gaffoor, released in 2025 after 21 years for murdering Lynette White: "Leroy stole a phone, how is it right?"
- Human rights lawyer **Karen Todner** secured the release via a writ of habeas corpus; the detention was agreed to be unlawful. But she says his licence conditions are "so stringent, his liberty is restricted" — he will wear an electronic tag for six months and be housed three hours from his family in Cardiff. His sister **Natalie** has launched a petition for him to be moved closer to home.
- IPPs were scrapped in 2012 but not retrospectively. The UN says about **2,400** people remain in prison on IPP sentences; the Ministry of Justice puts the figure at **2,271** as of 30

June. The release comes weeks before Andy Burnham announced he would end IPPs before the end of this parliament.

(BBC Wales — Charlie Buckland, 13 Sep, updated 06:07 today)

? Appeal: missing 13-year-old from Tredegar

Gwent Police are searching for Lacey, 13, from Tredegar, last seen in the Nantybwlch area at about 5.50am on Friday 11 September. She is described as around 5ft 5in tall with black hair, and has links to Bath and Bristol. *(WalesOnline live blog, 07:58)*

? Transport & Roads

? Idling fines rise to up to £150 from 30 September

Councils in Wales gain stronger powers to tackle unnecessary engine idling from 30 September, with the existing £20 fixed penalty replaced by fines of £75 to £150.

- For the first time, authorities can set higher penalties in places where emissions are of particular concern — outside schools, for example — or vary the amount by location.
- The Welsh Government said the increases reflect "the seriousness of the impacts that unnecessary vehicle emissions can have on public health". Its preferred approach remains awareness campaigns and voluntary compliance; draft guidance is out for consultation.
- Fixed penalty notices can only be issued in relation to emissions, not noise.

(Nation.Cymru, 13 Sep)

? Cardiff Bay line shut for the morning

No trains are running between Cardiff Queen Street and Cardiff Bay for much of Monday morning. Transport for Wales said the electricity has been switched off on the line for safety reasons and disruption is expected until **11am at the earliest**. *(WalesOnline live blog, 08:27)*

?? Local Government

?? Six months without a bin collection prompts a council tax refund demand

A resident on a new-build estate in Buckley, Flintshire, is seeking a 100% council tax rebate after six months without a refuse collection.

Bins finally arrived at Hawthorn Meadows last month, but **Nathan Long** and 60 other households can still only watch crews collect from a neighbouring street. He has been paying council tax since moving in while disposing of rubbish in skips paid for by the developer, Castle Green Homes.

- "We complain and we get responses that in part pass the buck on to others... Meanwhile, we are sitting here watching bin crews collecting rubbish from across the road and wondering if they will ever come to us," he said — adding that when he tried to lodge a formal complaint he was told he could not, as technically no collection had been missed.
 - **Katie Wilby**, the council's chief officer for streetscene and transportation, said developers are normally expected to arrange collections before residents move in: "A council officer will visit the site to confirm occupancy, perform safety checks, and integrate eligible homes into the collection system as quickly as possible." Long is waiting to hear about the rebate. *(BBC Wales / LDR — Alec Doyle, 13 Sep 19:59)*
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?? Outdoors

? "Personal responsibility" call as mountain rescue callouts hit record levels

Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team has asked for a "serious conversation" about rising callouts after its busiest month on record — 59 emergencies in Eryri in August alone.

- Annual callouts have climbed every year since crowds queued on Yr Wyddfa during the pandemic: **147 in 2020, 308 in 2023, 359 in 2025**, and a projected **440 in 2026**.
- "What concerns us most is the increasing number of people taking on difficult terrain while completely unprepared," the team said, warning that images and videos shared online can make technical routes such as **Crib Goch** "look like just another route to the summit", without showing how intimidating the ridge is in cloud, rain or strong wind.
- August brought "prolonged rescues in darkness and poor weather, serious injuries, heat-related issues" and fatal incidents: "The answer cannot simply be more mountain rescue. There has to be a greater focus on prevention and personal responsibility." The team is part of AdventureSmart UK & Ireland, launched with Welsh Government support in 2017. *(BBC Wales — Nicholas Bourne, 13 Sep 10:31)*

? Walker finds an SUV wedged across the Wales Coast Path

Canberk Beker, 31, was walking with his wife Bethan Jones near Mumbles when they found a blue Kia Sportage blocking the path between Mumbles and Langland Bay, jammed between a concrete fence post and a bench — with nobody inside.

"I was looking inside the car," he said. The seat was laid down where the driver appeared to have tried to climb out through the boot, and a second bench about 10 feet away was broken. He believes the driver mistook the walking route for a road, and said they were lucky not to have gone over the cliff edge: "They would have died. It's such a high cliff." South Wales Police said it did not attend. *(BBC Wales — James McCarthy, 12 Sep 19:31)*

? Health

? Meningitis B walk-in clinics open at Cardiff universities

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is running walk-in MenB vaccination clinics on university campuses through September and October, for students under 25 starting higher or residential further education for the first time this autumn.

Campus	Dates
USW Atrium	15-17 Sep, 13-15 Oct
Cardiff Met (Cyncoed & Llandaff)	18, 21, 22 Sep; 16, 19, 20 Oct
Cardiff University (Centre for Student Life, Cathays)	23, 24, 28 Sep; 21, 22, 26 Oct
Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama	25 Sep, 28 Oct
UHW, Cardigan House	2 and 30 Oct

All clinics run 10am–4pm with no appointment needed. The MenB vaccine needs two doses four weeks apart, and students are urged to take the first during September. Eligibility: born on or after 21 July 2001, entering higher education or residential further education from autumn 2026 — bring offer-letter evidence.

Dr Claire Beynon, the health board's executive director of public health, said meningitis B "can develop very quickly... with potentially life-changing or fatal consequences", and that students living and socialising closely together are at increased risk. The clinics form part of the wider programme launched after an outbreak in Kent that produced 21 confirmed cases and two deaths.

? Media & Business

? Abergavenny Chronicle to put stories behind a paywall

A Welsh local newspaper is moving to a subscription model in early October, following focus groups with readers and a record month for its website.

Editor **Liz Davies** said the Chronicle — which notched up almost **350,000 page views in August**, a record — will still publish free-to-view "emergency information, public safety issues and essential public information". She wrote: "It sometimes feels that it's a no-win situation — if we break the news as it happens we are dubbed irresponsible and callous; if we hold off until we know the whole picture we are dubbed slow off the mark... a local newspaper should be 'a town talking to itself'."

The move follows a change of ownership in March 2026, when Tindle Newspapers' titles were acquired by a joint venture between Iliffe Media Group and the Fowler family. (Nation.Cymru, 14 Sep)

? Rugby legend's gym chain joins padel club at Llanishen

The Padel Club and SW7 Gyms have been confirmed as the first leisure occupiers at Stride Park in Llanishen, north Cardiff — the former Royal Mail office and brewery distribution site given permission for conversion earlier this year.

- The Padel Club will open in **2027** with seven courts (four indoor, two outdoor and one for high-season play), plus a clubhouse with food, drink, lockers, showers and a retail and coaching hub.
- **SW7 Gyms** — founded by former Wales and two-time British and Irish Lions captain **Sam Warburton** and business partner Andrew Jones — is expected to open next year. Warburton said opening the first site in north Cardiff, where he grew up, "makes it even more special... a place the whole community feels welcome". (Nation.Cymru / LDR — Kieran Molloy, 14 Sep)

? Culture & Features

? New opera marks 90 years since the Penyberth arson

Composer Gareth Glyn's *Fflamau Penyberth* (The Flames of Penyberth) commemorates the 1936 arson attack on the RAF base at Penrhos near Pwllheli — carried out by Saunders Lewis, Lewis Valentine and DJ Williams.

Commissioned by OPRA Cymru, the opera explores the protest against the destruction of Penyberth farmhouse to make way for an RAF training camp and aerodrome. It premieres at **Neuadd Dwyfor, Pwllheli on Thursday 19 November**, then tours Rhosllannerchrugog, Bangor, Swansea, Barry, Brecon and Aberystwyth before returning to Pwllheli.

- Glyn, born in Machynlleth and long resident on Anglesey: "I felt a great responsibility to get it right and I hope my score does justice to this seminal moment." The work runs in three acts, opening in a prison cell and told in flashbacks.
- The libretto is by OPRA Cymru founder **Patrick Young** with historian **Arwel Vittle**. Glyn notes Saunders Lewis's high-pitched voice suits the tenor range while the other two are baritones, and the singers come from the same areas of Wales as the men they portray. (*Nation.Cymru* — *Stephen Price, 13 Sep*)

? Football museum opens in Wrexham on 25 September

The Welsh Football Museum and Wrexham Museum will open to the public at 10:00 on 25 September, with free entry — tickets become bookable from midday today.

Half the museum tells the story of football in Wales, from grassroots to the national team, and half covers Wrexham and the communities that shaped the city. Among thousands of items are a **cap presented to William Harrison in 1899** — kept in Australia for years before being donated to the FAW by his family in 2021 — and the **1958 telegram from Juventus** confirming John Charles's release to play for Wales at that year's World Cup. Council chief executive **Alwyn Jones** called it "a celebration of football and of Wrexham". (*Cymru Fyw* — *Liam Evans/S4C News, 13 Sep*)

? £100,000 appeal for a new projector at a Carmarthenshire community cinema

A campaign in Cross Hands is trying to raise £100,000 for a new digital projector at the village's community cinema, because the ageing machine is increasingly hard to maintain and spares are scarce.

Volunteer projectionist **Ifan Elias** said "parts are the problem" — a single bulb costs £500. The building was put up in 1904 with money contributed weekly from miners' wages and refurbished in 1932; it has been community-run for years. Films screen three nights a week (Friday, Monday and Tuesday). Organisers say a modern digital projector would be more energy-efficient and meet industry standards: "Not only are we surviving at the moment, but we're starting to thrive." (*Cymru Fyw*, 13 Sep)

? Children recognise the wildlife they see — but not what they hear

New research suggests children are growing up recognising nature through pictures rather than real-life outdoor experience.

A survey of 1,000 UK parents for holidaylodes.co.uk found children correctly identify **94%** of wildlife they can see, but recognition drops sharply by sound: 65% could identify a crow's call, 57% a fox, 50% a tawny owl — and fewer than half (41%) recognised a wood pigeon. Children spend an average of **3.35 hours a day on screens**, while fewer than one in ten spend time immersed in nature daily.

The RSPB's **Roberta Antonaci** said connecting with nature has "enormous benefits for our wellbeing, particularly for young people" — "time in nature can help reduce anxiety, boost mood and promote a sense of calm". (*Nation.Cymru feature*, 14 Sep)

? Cardiff Winter Wonderland dates confirmed

Cardiff's Winter Wonderland returns from Thursday 12 November to Sunday 3 January 2027, with the main attractions at Cardiff Castle (ice rink and Ice Walk) and the City Hall lawns (Giant Wheel, family fairground and the Sur La Piste ski lodge bar). Entry to both sites is free, attractions are pay-as-you-use, the site closes on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, and advance booking is required for the ice rink. (*Nation.Cymru — Amelia Jones*, 13 Sep)

? "Nepo baby" is a horrific term, says Zeta-Jones

Catherine Zeta-Jones has called the phrase "nepo baby" horrific, saying her children "didn't ask to be born into this".

The Mumbles-born actor, 56, told The Sunday Times that Dylan and Carys — her children with Michael Douglas, both now following their parents into showbusiness — were "plugging away". Dylan is pursuing acting and Carys directing. "You have to go with your dreams, your passion," she said. "It's hard for them to forge a way forward on their own... Otherwise, Michael and I would be the first to go, 'you know what? Maybe law school looks really good'." (*BBC Wales — James*

? Sport

? Carter comeback denies Williams the English Open

Ali Carter beat Mark Williams 9-6 in Brentwood to win his first English Open, coming from 5-3 down to take six of the final seven frames.

Williams, 51, had led with breaks of 136, 61 and 132 in the afternoon session; Carter levelled at 3-3 with a century and then controlled the evening, a closing break of 54 sealing it. The £100,000 prize and the Steve Davis Trophy return Carter, 47, to the world's top 16 from 25th. "I have been to hell and back," said Carter, who has Crohn's disease and twice fought cancer. *(BBC Sport — Alastair Telfer; Nation.Cymru, 13 Sep)*

?? Evans' WRC lead cut by a final-day puncture in Chile

Elfyn Evans remains top of the World Rally Championship, but his lead over Sami Pajari is down to 17 points after a puncture on the penultimate stage at Rally Chile cost him over two minutes.

Running second to Oliver Solberg, the Dolgellau driver had to stop for a wheel change and finished fifth, with his Sunday bonus points trimmed to four. Solberg won from Sebastien Ogier, moving to third in the standings, 21 points behind Evans; the result secured a record-equalling 10th manufacturers' title for Toyota Gazoo Racing. Josh McErlean was seventh, also with a puncture. Evans has led the championship since April and is chasing a first British WRC title since Richard Burns in 2001. *(BBC Sport, 13 Sep)*

? Swansea up to the automatic places; Burnley bottom

Swansea City's 3-1 win over Burnley lifted them back into the Championship's automatic promotion places. Zan Vipotnik scored the third. Manager **Vitor Matos** was unmoved by the table: "Nothing has changed for us. The most important thing is that we keep focusing on the process."

Burnley, without a win in seven league games, are bottom. Manager **Nicky Hayen** has called next weekend's home game with Derby "a must-win game... There are no excuses". (*Nation.Cymru/PA, 12 Sep*)

? Pressure builds on Parkinson as Wrexham slump

Wrexham's 6-0 thrashing at West Ham was "an absolutely awful night", according to former Wales striker Iwan Roberts, leaving the Red Dragons 19th in the Championship after seven games with one win (3-0 at Millwall). Manager **Phil Parkinson** has won 56.9% of his games at the club, and BBC Sport Wales asks whether he can bounce back again. (*BBC Sport Wales — George Rees-Julian, 13 Sep*)

? Wales' Henrich anchors GB to relay silver

GB's mixed 4x400m relay quartet finished second to the USA at the Ultimate Championship in Budapest, with Welsh 400m runner Charlotte Henrich producing "a superb anchor leg". Josh Kerr won the 1500m to become Britain's first winner at the new global event, taking \$150,000 as the inaugural edition closed. (*BBC Sport, 13 Sep*)

? Davey's Wales ambitions reignited

Megan Davey, 26 — Loughborough Lightning's record appearance holder with 124 caps — has been called into Wales' 39-strong WXV squad to face South Africa, USA and Japan, having considered full-time teaching after missing the Six Nations squad and the initial WXV training group. "There's always been something inside me, I know I can do it," said the uncapped half-back. (*BBC Sport Wales — Ceri Coleman-Phillips*)

?? Weather

Cardiff — Monday 14 September: light rain and a gentle breeze, high **22°C**, low **16°C** (south-westerly, 12 mph). (*BBC Weather, updated 09:01*)

- **Tuesday:** sunny intervals and a moderate breeze, 20°C/10°C.
- **Wednesday:** sunny intervals, gentle breeze, 19°C/13°C.
- **Thursday:** light rain and a moderate breeze, 19°C/10°C.
- **Friday:** drizzle and a moderate breeze.
- **Outlook:** Wednesday brightens and dries after early showers; Thursday sees a band of showery rain move in from the west, clearing to scattered showers; Friday looks cloudy with further showery rain. No weather warnings currently issued for Wales.

? Quick Summary

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1	Three pro-independence first ministers meet in Cardiff	Cardiff	First time all three devolved governments are led by parties wanting out of the UK; joint declaration on the right to a referendum
2	FM would refuse Reform-style crypto mega-donations	Wales	Ap Iorwerth questions the £72m and calls for crypto regulation; Elin Jones warns of budget cuts
3	Senedd constituency names face another review	Wales	Welsh-only names "did not prove popular with everyone"; consultation 2027, changes possible by 2030
4	Policing shake-up may hand Wales more control	Wales	Ending PCCs forces a Wales-specific settlement, though policing stays reserved; FM demands devolution now
5	IPP prisoner freed after 21 years for stealing a phone	Wales	Leroy Douglas, 45, released in October; ~2,271 people remain on IPP sentences
6	Idling fines rise to £75-£150 from 30 September	Wales	Councils can charge more outside schools; consultation open on draft guidance
7	Meningitis B walk-in clinics at Cardiff universities	Cardiff	Freshers offered MenB doses on campus through October
8	Abergavenny Chronicle to go behind a paywall	Abergavenny	Local title moves to subscriptions in October while keeping public-safety news free
9	Penyberth arson commemorated in new opera	Pwllheli / Wales tour	Gareth Glyn's <i>Fflamau Penyberth</i> premieres 19 November, 90 years on
10	Wrexham football museum opens 25 September	Wrexham	Free entry; artefacts include an 1899 cap and the 1958 John Charles telegram

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13	Swansea into the automatic places, Burnley bottom	Football	3-1 win at the Liberty; Wrexham 19th after a 6-0 mauling at West Ham
14	Missing 13-year-old Lacey, Tredegar	Gwent	Last seen 5.50am Friday; links to Bath and Bristol — police appeal
15	Six months without bin collections in Buckley	Flintshire	Resident seeks a 100% council tax rebate; 60 households still waiting
16	Record mountain rescue callouts "not sustainable"	Eryri	Llanberis team projects 440 callouts in 2026; Crib Goch warning

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Method note: the Hermes browser is unavailable on this host (its Chromium shim points at a removed Google Chrome.app), so the whole sweep ran through the Playwright fetch service (192.168.178.100:8090) — BBC Wales and Wales Politics indexes, Cymru Fyw, Nation.Cymru (news/category/homepage), GOV.WALES, Senedd news and BBC Weather all returned clean text, and article URLs were harvested from the index markdown. The Guardian's Wales RSS feed was used for the section's fresh items; ITV Cymru Wales returned HTTP 500 throughout and was skipped. SearXNG (MacBach :8086) was in its usual mixed mode — the usable leads (the Cardiff summit, Cardiff Half, Wales247 and GOV.WALES items) were cherry-picked, the rest was stale poll/Wikipedia noise. GOV.WALES had nothing newer than 11 September, and its 11 Sep items (seals and hares consultation, bluetongue, £1 bus fares, Welsh-language AI) were already carried in the 12-09 file. The bin-collection, mountain-rescue and Zeta-Jones stories appeared only as one-liners in this morning's UK file; since they published after the 13-09 Welsh compile they are written up in full above. Skipped as already covered: the Powys NHS consultation and wildfire soil research (13-09), the nine-month cancer-wait story (12-09), the rail testing centre and Coedpoeth dump saga (13-09 and earlier), and the MenB rollout background (20-07/21-08).

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