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? Top Story: £121m for a new NHS hip-and-knee surgery hub at Llantrisant

The Welsh Government is investing a further £121m in a Regional Orthopaedic Arthroplasty Hub at Llantrisant Health Park — six new operating theatres, 54 beds and around 3,000 hip and knee replacements a year, aimed squarely at cutting NHS Wales waiting times.

The funding, announced by the Health and Care Cabinet Minister **Mabon ap Gwynfor** in a Welsh Government release dated **00:01 this morning**, covers the next phase of the health park being built on the site of the former British Airways avionics engineering building at Gwaun Elai, near the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

The hub is meant to help hit a target of **no patient waiting longer than 36 weeks for treatment by 2030**, and officials hope more patients will be able to go home the same day as their operation.

- **Mabon ap Gwynfor:** "This funding is a significant boost to the construction of a new purpose-built facility at Llantrisant Health Park – designed to cut waiting times and get people the treatment they need faster... This is what real investment in the NHS looks like – not a quick fix, but the capacity we need to clear the backlog and keep waiting times down for the future."
- Construction is expected to begin **later this month** and finish by **late 2028**, with the hub opening to patients in **early 2029**. The first phase — a Community Diagnostic Hub —

began in **March 2026**.

- Three health boards are working together on the project: **Cwm Taf Morgannwg, Aneurin Bevan and Cardiff and Vale**.
- The development has previously faced scrutiny over the private sector's role, after concerns that phase-one diagnostic services would be run by an independent provider.

(GOV.WALES press release, Sunday 20 Sep 00:01; Nation.Cymru, 20 Sep)

? Health

? Nine-month waits to be tackled by the new hub

- The orthopaedic hub is the **second phase** of Llantrisant Health Park and will initially concentrate on **hip and knee arthroplasty** before widening its scope. Wales has seen NHS waiting lists rise for **four consecutive months** (BBC Wales, 17 Sep).
 - The project is jointly funded between the Welsh Government and the three health boards, with the new hub described as "embedding lasting sustainability into the system".
- (GOV.WALES, 20 Sep)
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?? Senedd & Politics

? Illegal dumping petition races past 900 signatures in two days

A Senedd petition launched by Wrexham MP Andrew Ranger calling for stronger council powers to stop illegal waste dumping has passed its first milestone within two days — nearly 900 signatures against the 250 needed to qualify for a hearing by the Senedd's Petitions Committee.

It is a direct response to incidents in **Coedpoeth and Minera**, where wagonloads of waste have been tipped on former mine workings near a protected landscape.

- Natural Resources Wales issued a **Section 59 notice** to halt dumping on land off **Castle Road and Talwrn Road** in Coedpoeth and remove the waste — it was **ignored**, and weeks later no enforcement action had followed. Dumping then began at **Nant Lais and Old Smelt Road** on the Minera border, where Travellers took over the site. A Wrexham

Council interim High Court injunction simply moved tipping activity **back to Talwrn**.

- The petition says notices "can be appealed, temporary powers lapse after 28 days and injunctions take time and public money that local authorities cannot always commit", and points out that **waste and planning are devolved** so Wales can match England's new enforcement measures (drones, more Environment Agency officers, higher fines).
- **Andrew Ranger**: "I am hearing daily from concerned residents in Coedpoeth and Minera about illegal dumping and changes being made to the landscape... In England, the Prime Minister has made changes to planning enforcement. This is something we need to see action on here in Wales."
- A second petition, proposed by Cllrs **Anthony Wedlake** and **Kate Coventry** and due to launch at a protest outside NRW's Buckley offices, was **rejected by the Senedd for being too similar**. If Ranger's reaches **10,000 signatures it forces a full Senedd debate**.

(Nation.Cymru — Alec Doyle, Local Democracy Reporter, 19 Sep. The Coedpoeth dumping saga itself was covered in the 10-14 Sep roundups; this is the petition milestone.)

?? BBC reconstructs Reform's "challenging" week

BBC Wales published a weekend reconstruction of the seven days that saw Reform Wales leader Dan Thomas arrested, an MS defect to Plaid Cymru and a new leader-in-waiting emerge.

- Chief whip **Liŷr Powell**: "**It's been challenging but we've come through it.**" The piece details how MSs were told only of "personal reasons" for Thomas's absence from First Minister's Questions, how a Reform barrister's legal letter failed to block reporting of the arrest, and how Thomas then sent a WhatsApp message to his own MSs explaining the situation.
- Thomas was arrested on suspicion of assault and controlling or coercive behaviour; he says he was "released without charge" and has "done nothing wrong", and remains MS for **Casnewydd Islwyn**. **Helen Jenner** is expected to replace him as leader.

(BBC Wales — Cemlyn Davies, 20 Sep 07:14. The arrest, resignation, defection and Tice's "lied about her beliefs" claim were all covered in the 19 Sep roundup.)

? Crime & Justice

? Four jailed over loaded gun and £1.5m of class A drugs at Cardiff flat

Four men from Cardiff have been jailed after police investigating a suspected drug deal found a loaded firearm and large quantities of cocaine and heroin at a city flat.

Sentenced at **Cardiff Crown Court** after a South Wales Police Cardiff and Vale Serious Organised Crime investigation that began on **25 February**:

- **Connor Preece, 26, of Tremorfa — 11 years** — pleaded guilty to possessing a prohibited firearm, possessing ammunition while prohibited, and possessing heroin and cocaine with intent to supply. Police found a **loaded firearm containing 11 live cartridges, one kilogram of cocaine** and **half a kilogram of heroin**.
- **Kai Phillips, 22, of Roath — 5 years 1 month; George Payne, 27, of Riverside — 4 years 3 months; Shay Eedy, 24, of Atlantic Wharf — 4 years 1 month.** Phillips and Eedy admitted being concerned in the supply of heroin, cocaine and crack cocaine; Payne admitted supplying crack cocaine and possessing heroin and cocaine with intent to supply.
- **Det Insp Alexander Bartley:** "Our Serious Organised Crime team is committed to disrupting and dismantling drug gangs and the hard work of investigators meant the group had no choice but to plead guilty."

(Nation.Cymru, 20 Sep)

?? Local & Community

? Fridge collections suspended as tens of thousands pile up at Newport Docks

Almost a quarter of Welsh councils have suspended household collections of fridges and freezers because of a national shortage of processing capacity — leaving tens of thousands of appliances stacked at Newport Docks.

- The closure of the **Newport site** is thought to have removed about **30% of the UK's fridge recycling capacity**, after recycling company **Unimetals** — which had dozens of UK sites — filed for liquidation in 2025.
- The **Local Government Association** says dozens of councils across Wales and England have been forced to stop or restrict collections, with more expected to follow. **Oxfordshire County Council** has urged the UK government to reopen the Newport plant.
- **Lee Young** of Cardiff has been trying to get rid of a broken fridge-freezer for two months: **"I tried to take it to the recycling centre in July but was told it wasn't accepted. Someone said the council would collect it, but they won't either."** It has sat in his back garden since, repurposed as overnight plant storage. He is also confused that neighbouring Vale of Glamorgan will still collect from the kerb.

- **Michael Enea**, a Newport campaigner who blogs about fly-tipping: "**I think there'll be a lot of people in local communities where they don't have the ability to dispose of their fridges and freezers, who will end up literally dumping them in the street.**"
- **Associated British Ports**, which took over the Newport site, said it was "in discussions with third parties" and that material "is being managed responsibly". **Dr David Santillo** of Greenpeace warned some appliances could still contain hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), powerful greenhouse gases. **Defra** said it was working to manage the shortages.

(BBC Wales — Oscar Edwards, published 19 Sep, updated this morning)

? Gwynedd to demand action on e-scooters

Cyngor Gwynedd is to ask the Welsh and UK governments what action and regulations they can introduce to tackle the risks posed by children and young people riding e-scooters on pavements and public roads.

- Cllr **Paul Rowlinson** (Rachub) will bring a Notice of Motion to full council in **Caernarfon on Thursday 24 September**, arguing e-scooters fall within the legal definition of a **motor vehicle** and so cannot lawfully be used except on private land with the landowner's consent — meaning police can confiscate them and issue a traffic offence report for driving without third-party insurance, carrying a **£300 fine and six points**.
- The motion says many parents and young people "do not realise that the use of e-scooters on public roads is illegal". Government-approved rental scooters are capped at about **12.5 mph**, and none of the UK trials are in Gwynedd; privately owned models typically reach **15-25 mph**, with high-performance versions up to 30-60 mph.

(Nation.Cymru — Dale Spridgeon, Local Democracy Reporter, 20 Sep)

? Education

?? "Heartbreaking" state of Lampeter's historic campus

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David has been criticised over the condition of some of its buildings at the Lampeter campus — with the town's mayor describing the state of a Grade II listed cricket pavilion as "heartbreaking".

- **Gabrielle Davies**, shop owner and town mayor: "**Several buildings, especially on the far side of the river, are starting to show their teeth... It's heartbreaking to be honest. It's Grade II listed, there's fencing around it, there's graffiti, it's been**

boarded up, and it's just rotting." She said children play there because "maybe they know nobody's around".

- With undergraduate teaching having ended at Lampeter last year, there are concerns the "empty campus" is drawing more attention to the buildings' condition.
- A university spokesperson said UWTSD was **"actively exploring funding opportunities to support refurbishment and redevelopment of key parts of the estate"**. The institution has been in the town since **1822**, making it the oldest academic institution in Wales.

(BBC Cymru Fyw — Elen Davies, 20 Sep. Welsh-language report, translated here.)

? Cardiff named Welsh University of the Year — but falls out of the UK top 30

Cardiff University tops The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2027 for Wales, but drops four places nationally to 32nd — meaning no Welsh institution now stands in the UK-wide top 30.

- **Aberystwyth recorded the biggest fall in Wales — down 21 places to 63rd**, exiting the top 50. **Swansea was 38th** (down one), **Bangor 53rd** (up six), **University of South Wales 75th** (up seven), **Cardiff Metropolitan 78th** (down seven), **Trinity Saint David 97th** (up two) and **Wrexham 114th** (up eight).
- The guide's UK top five: **St Andrews** first, then **LSE, Imperial, Cambridge and Oxford**.
- Cardiff's slide comes amid controversy over its cuts programme and its spending of more than **£1m in the past year** alone on the **Nous Group** consultancy — dubbed "Nousferatu" by critics in higher education. An academic source said: "It's appalling that so much is being spent on expensive consultants when staff are losing their jobs."

(Nation.Cymru — Stephen Price, 19 Sep)

? First Welsh vet students graduate as Aberystwyth eyes a full degree

The first 23 students ever to train as vets in Wales have graduated — and their lecturer hopes Aberystwyth will eventually offer the full five-year degree on site.

- Wales's first veterinary school opened at Aberystwyth in **September 2021**. Students spend the first two years at the university's School of Veterinary Science, with the final three at the Royal Veterinary College's Hawkshead campus in Hertfordshire under a **joint degree**.
- **Dr Sharon King: "That's the aspiration, certainly. It makes sense for us to have a completely full school there and for the five years to be part of their studies in Aberystwyth. It all depends on the agricultural industry, the veterinary industry**

and funding, unfortunately."

- She said the 23 graduates had a ceremony at the RVC in London but also a separate celebration in Aberystwyth. Dr King won the British Veterinary Association's **Veterinary Mentor of the Year 2026** award. She was speaking on BBC Radio Cymru's *Beti a'i Phobol*, broadcast **Sunday 20 September at 18:00**.

(BBC Cymru Fyw, 20 Sep. Welsh-language report, translated here.)

? Culture, Heritage & Media

? New Bishop of Bangor installed — and says the cathedral "has been transformed"

Manon Ceridwen James has been installed as Bishop of Bangor, in a service at Bangor Cathedral on Saturday afternoon.

- Raised in **Nefyn, Pen Llŷn**, she was ordained deacon at Bangor Cathedral in **1994** and was among the **first women ordained priest in the diocese in 1997**. She was consecrated bishop at a service in **Newport** the previous weekend.
- The post had been **vacant since August 2025** after the retirement of former bishop **Andy John**, following a troubled period for the diocese. Concerns raised last year included complaints about a **"culture where sexual boundaries appeared blurred"**, excessive drinking, and weaknesses in governance and safeguarding.
- **Bishop Manon James: "The cathedral has been transformed, and we've been working on 30 recommendations — they're nearly all in place. We have a review next week... Restoring faith takes time, it won't happen overnight."** She added that the most important thing is that people "can have their say and be heard".

(BBC Cymru Fyw, 19 Sep. Welsh-language report, translated here.)

?? Twm Morys on his "legendary" parents — and a new S4C documentary on Jan Morris

The Welsh poet Twm Morys presents a new two-part S4C documentary about his mother, the travel writer and historian Jan Morris.

- His father, **James Morris**, was *The Times* correspondent embedded with the **1953 Everest expedition** — the only reporter invited — and was the man who told the world that **Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay** had reached the summit. He also reported the **1956 Suez Crisis**, revealing that France and Israel had colluded to attack Egypt; his

work contributed to Anthony Eden's resignation as prime minister months later.

- Jan Morris had Welsh family roots — a grandfather from Monmouthshire and relatives in Abergavenny — and wrote about Wales in the 1950s "a little contemptuously" about Welsh nationalism, Twm says; **J E Jones** of Plaid Cymru wrote to urge her to write about Wales from inside the fold rather than from outside — and from then on she wrote more and more as someone who belonged. Twm believes that is what she wanted to happen, recalling her essays about seeing her father's mountains from the other side of the Severn in Clevedon.
- **Twm Morys: "You have to remember this is one son's view — I have a sister and brothers and they think very differently to me about Jan as a person. She's enormously complicated, and every family's history is very complicated."**

(BBC Cymru Fyw, 20 Sep. Welsh-language report, translated here.)

? Equity: a 30% rates cut won't fix an "insecure" cultural workforce

The performing arts union Equity has welcomed the Welsh Government's new culture funding but warned that support for buildings must be matched by support for the people who work in them.

- The measures include a **permanent 30% cut in business rates** for hospitality and leisure venues — theatres, cinemas, clubs and music venues with a rateable value under £51,000, taking effect **1 April 2027** subject to Senedd approval — and **£10m of arts capital investment** this year, with 58 organisations funded in the first phase and a further £2m round opened.
- **Simon Curtis**, Equity's National Official for Wales: "**Wales cannot build a cultural powerhouse on an insecure workforce. These announcements must be matched by a long-term commitment to the people who create our cultural life. A refurbished theatre or venue needs the resources to commission and stage work, pay people properly and sustain creative careers.**"
- Culture Minister **Heledd Fychan** told the Senedd: "You need a strategy, you need investment, you need collaboration", and said she was concerned "to see jobs being lost because of AI" — a worry Equity says must shape funding, commissioning, informed consent and fair payment. The union has secured AI protections for Welsh-language television performers through the **TAC/Equity** agreement.

(Nation.Cymru, 19 Sep)

? "Wales is in England" — officially

A Nation.Cymru feature points out the awkward truth that *Wales is also a village and civil parish in Rotherham, South Yorkshire*, with a population of just over 7,000.

- The name of the Yorkshire village shares its etymology with the nation — the Germanic "**Walhaz**", a term for "foreigners" or Romanised inhabitants of the former empire, suggesting a surviving Romano-British population in the area. The alternative derivation, "**Waelas**", means "field of battle".
- One resident recalled a coachload of Belgium fans for the Euros following their sat-nav to the wrong Wales: "We think you've got the wrong Wales."

(Nation.Cymru, 19 Sep)

?? Also in the community

- **A former Monsanto secretary says her happy memories of working there have been replaced by fears after the BBC's *Buried* documentary.** Susan Smith worked as a secretary at the Ruabon works aged 19; her Acrefair home, where she has lived 53 years, is separated from the decommissioned chemical plant by a thin tree line. She developed breast cancer at 38 and her husband **Geraint** has had prostate cancer and, more recently, skin cancer. Dust and powders blew through the open glass hatch of the telex office where she worked: "**No-one ever gave us a safety briefing, protective clothing or anything... I loved my job at Monsanto - now I worry about it may have harmed my family's health.**" Her blood was tested by the documentary team; PCB levels were not deemed high, but there is no known safe level of PCB. *(Nation.Cymru — Alec Doyle, LDR, 19 Sep)*
- **Dolaucothi Gold Mines near Pumsaint — the only known Roman gold mine in the UK — is free to enter this weekend**, from 10:00 to 16:00 on Saturday 19 and **Sunday 20 September**, including the self-led Roman Mine Trail (collect a hard hat and fob; guided Victorian tours are still ticketed). The Romans began mining there around **AD 70-80**, and some of their pick marks can still be seen underground; the final period of mining ended in **1938**. *(Nation.Cymru — Amelia Jones, 19 Sep; today is the last free day.)*
- **Matthew Rhys's sister says the family has been "pinching ourselves all week" after his historic Emmy double.** Rachel Evans accompanied her brother to Los Angeles, where he became the first person to win two lead acting Emmys in one night — best lead actor in a limited series for *The Beast In Me* and best lead actor in a comedy for *Widow's Bay*. She told BBC Radio Wales's Lucy Owen that they called their parents, "sat at home in their dressing gowns": "**I think we just all giggled for a long time... We're so proud of him.**" *(BBC Wales — Angharad Thomas, 19 Sep)*
- **A 17-year-old from Felinheli is among the youngest Welsh people ever to swim the English Channel.** Owen "Owi" Williams completed the crossing from England to France on **Monday 14 September in 10 hours 45 minutes**, raising money for **Alder Hey Children's Hospital** in Liverpool, which has cared for him as he lives with **haemophilia**. He set off at 01:30 after just 24 hours' notice and hit "rough" water in the first half. Fewer than 3,100 people have ever completed the swim and about half of attempts fail. "**Nofio'r Sianel ydi'r Everest o nofio dŵr agored.**" *(BBC Cymru Fyw, 20 Sep. Welsh-language report, translated here.)*

? Sport

? Bellamy reveals ruptured appendix left him in intensive care

Wales manager Craig Bellamy has revealed how a ruptured appendix put him in intensive care for about a week during a family holiday in Spain in August 2025.

- "I was in agony all day... I had a coffee but then I was sweating and I just keeled over. My missus said: 'You need to go to the doctors now'. My appendix had ruptured and I was in intensive care for a good week. It used to kill you before surgery came in."
- Weeks later he made a **6,000-mile round trip** for Wales' World Cup qualifier in **Kazakhstan**, which Wales won 1-0: "**If you look back at the Kazakhstan game, you could see how white I was. I was really struggling.**" He told the players because he wanted to know whether anyone else had been through it: "**My first words to them were: 'How painful is this?' I've never known anything like it. It was a bad summer.**"
- Wales begin an extended four-match international break **against Portugal in Lisbon on Thursday**, then Denmark in Copenhagen three days later, before home games with Norway and Denmark.

(Nation.Cymru / Press Association — Phil Blanche, 20 Sep)

? Colwill: sharing a pitch with Ronaldo would be "surreal"

Cardiff midfielder Joel Colwill, 21, says facing Cristiano Ronaldo in Wales' Nations League opener would be "pretty surreal, especially Ronaldo, one of the greatest players of all time... If I find myself on the same pitch as him, I'll be in shock."

- Twelve months ago Colwill was facing a then-uncapped Icelandic midfielder as Cardiff drew 1-1 at Stockport in **League One**; he is now in Craig Bellamy's **28-man squad** for the League A campaign against Portugal, Norway and Denmark.
- **Ronaldo, 41, has been named in the first Portugal squad selected by new coach Jorge Jesus**, and is in line to face Wales in Lisbon on **Thursday 24 September**.

(BBC Sport Wales, 20 Sep)

? "This is going to be our new DNA" — Wales' new standard

Wales' eight-try 50-19 win over South Africa has been greeted as the start of a new identity under head coach Sean Lynn.

- **Lynn: "There have been some tough times, but you've got to have those adverse times. This is just the start for us, this is going to be our new DNA. Those 23 players were aligned in everything, both sides of the ball... Keira Bevan said to me, she's had 84 caps and that's the first time Wales have scored 50 points. That for me is up there."**
- **Sisilia Tuipulotu's** two-try display was called "world class" by former Wales and Lions centre **Jonathan Davies**; **Georgia Evans** impressed at lock; **Freya Bell** was "outstanding" on her first Wales start and former **Cardiff City** footballer **Amy Williams** caught the eye on the wing. British and Irish Lions Women's coach **Jo Yapp** watched from the stands.
- South Africa went into the game ranked **10th in the world**, three places above Wales.

(BBC Sport Wales — Ceri Coleman-Phillips, 19 Sep. The match report was yesterday's top story.)

? Championship: Swansea back on top, Cardiff off the mark, Wrexham's late winner

- **Swansea City returned to the top of the Championship** with a **2-1** win at **Lincoln City** — Reeco Hackett's 39th-minute penalty put Lincoln ahead at the break, but **Moussa Yeo (47')** and **Stephen Eustaquio (51')** scored twice in four minutes to turn it round. It is Swansea's third win in four away games, and they go top after **West Ham dropped points at Millwall**. Attendance 10,559. *(BBC Sport)*
 - **Cardiff City 3-1 Charlton Athletic** — **Jack Moylan** scored twice (8', 61') with **Yousef Salech** adding the second, for the Bluebirds' **first league win since returning to the Championship**. **Tyreece Campbell** replied for Charlton. Attendance 21,108 at Cardiff City Stadium. *(BBC Sport)*
 - **Wrexham 2-1 Southampton** — **Kieffer Moore** headed the hosts in front on 35 minutes, **James Ward-Prowse** levelled five minutes after the break, and **Keven Schlotterbeck's 89th-minute own goal** from Jacques Ekomie's cross gave Wrexham their **first home win of the season** — a boost after a 6-0 humbling at West Ham. Southampton's six-game unbeaten run ended. Attendance 10,543. *(BBC Sport / Nation.Cymru)*
 - **Also:** Newport County's **Hayden Mullins** wants the Exiles to build on their first away point of the season, while Swans' boss **Vitor Matos** is keen to keep his high-flying players grounded. *(Nation.Cymru, 19 Sep)*
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?? Weather

Cardiff — Sunday 20 September: sunny intervals and light winds, high **19°C**, low **8°C** (north-westerly, 7 mph).

Day	Forecast	High / Low
Sun 20 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	19° / 8°
Mon 21 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	21° / 13°
Tue 22 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	21° / 13°
Wed 23 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	20° / 8°
Thu 24 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	20° / 10°
Fri 25 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	22° / 11°
Sat 26 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	21° / 12°

- A settled, dry week with light winds after Saturday's rain. **Sunrise 06:55, sunset 19:17** in Cardiff today. *(BBC Weather, last updated 09:01)*
- The Guardian reports the **rain is finally greening up England and Wales** after the hottest summer on record, with before-and-after images showing grasslands regaining colour — but much of the UK remains **officially in drought** and the Environment Agency warns some areas could still be in drought into the spring.

? Quick Summary

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1	£121m for Llantrisant orthopaedic hub	Llantrisant	Six theatres, 54 beds, ~3,000 hip and knee ops a year; open early 2029
2	Fridge-freezer collections suspended	Wales-wide	A quarter of Welsh councils affected; tens of thousands stuck at Newport Docks
3	Lampeter campus "heartbreaking"	Lampeter	Grade II listed cricket pavilion fenced, boarded and "rotting"; university seeking funding
4	Cardiff Welsh University of the Year — but 32nd in UK	Wales	No Welsh institution in the UK top 30; Aberystwyth falls 21 places to 63rd

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6	Four jailed over Cardiff gun and drugs	Cardiff	Loaded firearm with 11 cartridges, 1kg cocaine, 0.5kg heroin
7	Gwynedd demands action on e-scooters	Caernarfon	Motion to full council on 24 September; £300 fines and six points
8	New Bishop of Bangor installed	Bangor	First woman bishop of the diocese; post vacant since Aug 2025
9	Bellamy's ruptured appendix	Wales football	A week in intensive care, then a 6,000-mile trip to Kazakhstan
10	First Welsh vet students graduate	Aberystwyth	23 graduates; hopes for a full five-year degree on site
11	Swansea top of the Championship	Lincoln	Yeo and Eustaquio score twice in four minutes in a 2-1 win
12	Equity: culture funding must support workers	Cardiff Bay	"Wales cannot build a cultural powerhouse on an insecure workforce"
13	Roman gold mine free entry	Pumsaint	Dolaucothi's last free day today; only Roman gold mine in the UK
14	Ronaldo could face Wales	Lisbon	Named in Portugal's first squad under Jorge Jesus; Wales away 24 Sep
15	17-year-old swims the Channel	Felinheli → France	Owen Williams, 10h 45m, raising money for Alder Hey

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Method note: the Hermes browser remains unavailable on this host, so the whole sweep ran through the Playwright fetch service (192.168.178.100:8090, MarkItDown) — 9 index pages and 35 article/release pages at a 100% success rate. SearXNG (:8086) was in its usual mixed mode — mostly index and aggregator pages (WalesOnline, BBC Wales, ITV Wales, North Wales Live, the Senedd site) plus non-news noise (a German ZDF fake-news episode, a Wikipedia constituencies article, a 1921 census release), so the direct index sweep carried the roundup as usual; no fresh article leads came from search. GOV.WALES had one new release (the £121m Llantrisant hub, Sunday 00:01), which also appeared as a one-liner in today's UK file and is written up in full here.

WalesOnline's Senedd index was last updated 05:40 on 19 September and carried nothing new. De-duplicated against yesterday's Welsh file and today's UK file: the Reform arrest/defection/resignation saga and Tice's "lied about her beliefs" claim (19 Sep), the Rhooose 338-home approval, the £121m's UK-file one-liner now expanded, the Santa/Sheen/RNLI/pay-as-you-go rail/apprentice items, the Heart of Wales closure, the Cardiff bus delays, the Llangefni chemical works and the soft-plastics recycling trial (all 19 Sep) were dropped or condensed. Checked and excluded after reading their own publication dates: Nation.Cymru's Admiral kit revival (22 Aug), Noah Anyadike (25 Aug), Tour de France volunteers (24 Aug) and Swans signings (22 Aug) sport cards, and the BBC's "Wales deliver performance of serious promise" is included only for its new quotes since the match report was yesterday's top story. Reddit, Nitter, Phice and FlareSolvrr steps were skipped — services down.

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