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? Top Story: Idling fines more than triple as Wales' new £75–£150 penalties start today

Drivers in Wales who leave their vehicle engine running while parked face fixed penalties of between £75 and £150 from today (Wednesday 30 September) — up from £20, a level unchanged since 2003. The increase, introduced by the Welsh Government to cut air pollution and protect children's health, is the penalty local authorities can hand out for "idling"; the government says the old £20 fine was too small to act as a deterrent. Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability **Llyr Gruffydd** said the £20 fixed fine was "insufficient" and was not being used "in the way everyone might envision it", adding that raising the available penalty would be a "stronger deterrent". "We really do feel we need to step up here, clamp down on this as a problem and make sure we protect people's health," he said. Gruffydd marked the change at **Marshfield Primary School in Newport**, where pupils have taken part in a Welsh Government-funded anti-idling project. The government says idling contributes to heart and lung disease and disproportionately affects children and vulnerable people, and that traffic-related pollution has been linked to slower response times and reduced attention among schoolchildren. Officials accept idling is sometimes unavoidable — diagnosing an engine fault, traffic conditions, or de-icing and de-misting windows before a journey. Under **Rule 123 of the Highway Code**, drivers must not leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or keep an engine running unnecessarily while stationary on a public road. Reaction on the school run in Cardiff was mixed:

parent **Anna** said it would help with congestion outside Treganna school, where she once waited 45 minutes to get down the road, and **Wendy Vernon-Fulook** called it "a good thing" for the environment. But **Chiara Rinaldi** doubted it would be enforced — "you're never going to get the police out here… it's a great idea but never going to happen" — and **Rhiannon Simmonds** said she was unsure about a "mandatory solution". (BBC Wales — Annell Dyfri / GOV.WALES / Nation.Cymru / BBC Cymru Fyw)

? Appeal: Police search for mother after newborn's body found on Menai Strait shoreline

The body of a newborn baby has been found on the shoreline of the Menai Strait in Bangor, and North Wales Police is searching for the mother, who officers believe may be "extremely vulnerable". A member of the public found the body near **Siliwen Road, Bangor,** shortly before 17:00 on Sunday. Police have released no details of the baby's gender or age, and a Home Office post-mortem examination was due to take place on Wednesday afternoon. The coroner has been informed. In a direct appeal, **Fiona Giraud**, director of midwifery and women's services at **Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**, told the mother: "I want you to know that our immediate concern is for your health, safety and wellbeing. We recognise that you may be feeling frightened, overwhelmed or unsure about what to do next… please know that we want to hear from you." **Det Sgt Kelly Wynne** said police were concerned the mother "may not be in a position to reach out for support", and appealed to the baby's father, and to the mother's family, friends, neighbours or colleagues: "If you have any information regarding a woman or girl you think may have been pregnant or whose behaviour has been unusual… including withdrawing from friends, family or social ties, please contact us. We appreciate coming forward is difficult, but inaction is not an option." There were house-to-house enquiries in Bangor and officers were trawling CCTV; residents were told to expect an increased police presence in the coming days. Anyone with information is asked to call 101, quoting **Operation Melex**, or use the Major Incident Public Portal set up by the force. (BBC Wales / BBC Cymru Fyw / The Guardian)

?? Senedd & Politics

?? FM: Wales' constitutional future is not "for the Kremlin to exploit"

Rhun ap Iorwerth has said Wales' constitutional future within the UK is a matter for its people and not for the Kremlin to "endorse or exploit", distancing himself from reported remarks by Russia's foreign minister **Sergei Lavrov** questioning whether the UK has a future. Speaking in the

Senedd on Tuesday, the first minister questioned the "wisdom" of senior Welsh politicians "quoting a Kremlin propagandist in order to pursue their unionist agenda here". Welsh Conservative Senedd leader **Darren Millar** said Lavrov's comments showed the "folly" of focusing on "constitutional navel gazing". The FM attended a pro-independence march at the weekend and two weeks ago convened Sinn Féin and SNP leaders, when the three parties said Westminster's time "is coming to an end"; Plaid has ruled out a referendum in this Senedd term, which ends in 2030. (BBC Wales — David Deans)

? FM says there is a "small window" for an ALN funding deal

At First Minister's Questions, **Rhun ap Iorwerth** urged Welsh Labour leader **Ken Skates** to work with his minority government to secure more money for children with additional learning needs: "There is still a small window to get out through that door the £40m on the table. It's still an offer, and it's a genuine offer." Finance Minister **Elin Jones** has written to all Senedd party leaders hoping to hold another vote on her spending proposals "as soon as possible". Labour — whose MSs helped defeat the supplementary budget in July alongside Reform, the Conservatives and the only Lib Dem MS — wants **£100m** spent on ALN this financial year; Skates said the money offered was "still not enough". The government's eve-of-vote offer was an extra **£40m** this year with a further **£80m** over the next two financial years, and Jones cited a "significant development" — teaching union **ASCL Cymru** now calling for £100m over the current and next financial years, with ministers to consider the case for more in 2028-29. A Welsh Labour source said the first minister "should reflect on whether repeating the same failed tactics as July is the best approach". (BBC Wales — Cemlyn Davies)

?? Tata Steel: Kinnock says talks ongoing over Port Talbot furnace grid delays

Welsh Secretary **Stephen Kinnock** said discussions with Tata Steel are continuing after reports the company is seeking compensation over grid connection delays to its new **Port Talbot electric arc furnace**. Speaking at a Labour conference event in Liverpool, Kinnock said the delays had been "very challenging for Tata" and that the UK government would "give careful consideration to any proposal that they might have for financial support", while declining to comment on "commercial discussions". Reports warn constraints on national grid capacity could push the **£1.25bn** furnace back to at least late 2028; it had been hoped to be running by the end of 2027. The government says it is already investing **£500m** in the project. "The challenge we have with the electric arc furnace is the grid connection," Kinnock said. (BBC Wales — Catrin Haf Jones)

? Kinnock promises Wales will get care-service funding whoever governs in Cardiff Bay

On ITV Wales' *Sharp End*, Stephen Kinnock said Wales will receive funding for a national care service regardless of which party runs the Welsh Government: "The funding will come so as we see the changes in the triple lock, that will ramp up… in terms of additional funding for adult social care. The right proportion of that funding will come to Wales, it will then be up to the government of the day to implement a new national care service." Social care is devolved; state pensions are reserved. The comments follow PM **Andy Burnham's** conference pledge of an NHS-style care service for England, funded in part by scrapping the pensions triple lock's earnings guarantee from April 2030. (Nation.Cymru — Mark Mansfield)

? Reform MS attacks the Senedd over gender-service reprimand

Joe Martin, Reform's MS for Caerdydd Penarth, has accused the Senedd of denying free speech after the Llywydd **Huw Irranca-Davies** formally ruled that his contribution to a debate on the pause in gender-affirming surgery in the Welsh Gender Service breached standing order 13.9(5) as "disorderly, discriminatory or offensive language". In a Facebook post, Martin called the ruling "the wrong decision" and said it made clear that "free speech does not exist in Wales", describing Cardiff Bay as a "sanctimonious and delusional bubble". The first minister called him a "shadow minister without portfolio, without principles, or without any shame"; Plaid Cymru said Martin was using free speech as a "get out clause from breaking parliamentary rules", while Reform UK said it accepted the ruling but believed his remarks should be protected. (Nation.Cymru — Emily Price)

? Health & Public Services

? New framework gives NHS Wales "earlier support"

Health boards and trusts will be held to account more clearly — and given earlier, more consistent support — under a new **NHS Wales Accountability and Support Framework** that replaces the previous Oversight and Escalation Framework, bringing accountability, assurance and improvement support together for the first time. It uses a five-level system for identifying and responding to problems, with support "proportionate, time-bound and based on clear evidence of progress". Health and Care Minister **Mabon ap Gwynfor** said the aim was to spot risks sooner and give the public greater confidence that services are supported to improve, fulfilling a commitment in the government's first 100-day plan. (GOV.WALES — Tuesday 29 September, 14:56)

? "Pill on a string" trial to spot oesophageal cancer risk

People with chronic heartburn can take part in research that could identify their risk of oesophageal cancer through a "pill on a string" — a tablet that releases a sponge in the stomach and collects cells from the food pipe as it is pulled back up, avoiding the need for a camera. Deputy Chief Medical Officer **Dr James Calvert** called it a "simpler" process and an effective way of detecting individual risk early. There are about **22 oesophageal cancer deaths a day** in the UK; the study is recruiting **120,000 people across the UK** who take regular medication for heartburn, including **Iola Protheroe** of Ffynnon Taf, whose symptoms have worsened over the last 18 months. (BBC Cymru Fyw — Ben Price, Welsh-language)

?? Llanberis mountain rescue: record callouts "not sustainable"

Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team — Wales' busiest — had its busiest month ever in **August**, with **59 callouts**, and says the pressure is "not sustainable". Callouts have risen by roughly **15–20% a year since 2020**; the team has recruited about 30 more volunteers this year to reach around 70, but volunteer **Tom Carrick** said: "At the start of this year we saw it and we were really struggling as a team." **Caradoc Jones**, the first Welshman to reach the summit of Everest, has suggested mountain rescue teams should be considered a national service funded by government. The Welsh Government said it is "in contact with the mountain rescue teams to discuss what support can be offered". (BBC Cymru Fyw — Liam Evans / Newyddion S4C, Welsh-language)

?? Courts & Policing

? Cardiff Sixth Form College: two plead guilty over multi-million pound fraud

Former director and trustee **Nadeem Sarwar**, 50, of Pentwyn, Cardiff, has pleaded guilty at Merthyr Crown Court to stealing **not less than £5m** from **Cardiff Sixth Form College** between February 2008 and October 2016. **Ragu Sivapalan**, 41, of Penylan, admitted causing an auditor's report on a company's annual accounts to include misleading, false or deceptive information between January 2013 and July 2016. Judge **Celia Hughes** told Sarwar there was a "substantial chance" he would go to prison before granting him conditional bail; Sivapalan was granted unconditional bail, and both will be sentenced later. A third defendant, **Yasmin Sarwar**, 48, of Cyncoed — also a director and trustee — faces nine theft and fraud charges totalling more than £5m and is due to stand trial in the coming days. A-level students pay more than **£30,000** a year in fees at the independent college, or in excess of **£70,000** for boarders. (BBC Wales — Lucy Vladev)

? Officer acquitted of sex assault faces misconduct hearing

Fiona Anderson, 33, an officer with Devon and Cornwall Police, has been found not guilty by a jury of two counts of sexually assaulting a woman following a night out in Cardiff in 2018. She has been suspended since her arrest in 2023 and now faces an internal misconduct process. The force said it would be "inappropriate to comment further… while those proceedings are continuing". Anderson, from Exeter, denied any non-consensual activity; the complainant told the jury Anderson said "I know the law and I need you to say yes", which Anderson denied, telling Bristol Crown Court she was "very drunk" and could not remember much of the night. (BBC Wales — Nicholas Bourne)

?? Solicitor jailed after his own drug links were exposed

Criminal defence solicitor **Ben Garvey** has been jailed for **three years and six months** at Bristol Crown Court after a South Wales Police investigation into drug dealing in the **Sandfields area of Port Talbot** exposed his own involvement in supplying cocaine and steroids. **Daniel Baker** was jailed for three years and four months and **Jake Blackburn** for four years and ten months. The investigation began after Baker's arrest in August 2021 over separate cocaine supply offences — Garvey and his firm represented him — and analysis of devices showed Blackburn distributing drugs on Baker's behalf, with messages revealing cocaine was being supplied to Garvey. A search of Garvey's home in September 2021 seized more devices and steroids; he was an active member of a 17-person WhatsApp group discussing sourcing and supplying cocaine in 2020–21. (Nation.Cymru)

? Police describe murder scene "like a horror film"

A new Channel 4 documentary, *999: What Happened Next*, follows the North Wales Police investigation into the murder of **Angela Shellis**, 45, who was beaten to death by her son **Tristan Roberts**, 18, at the **Coed y Morfa nature reserve in Prestatyn** on 25 October 2025. Roberts — who hated women and was obsessed with violence and serial killers — pleaded guilty to murder in February and was sentenced at Mold Crown Court in March to life with a minimum term of **22-and-a-half years**. The programme uses CCTV, doorbell and body-worn camera footage, 999 recordings and officers' accounts of the "planned attack". (BBC Wales — Antonia Matthews)

? Three men deny murder after fatal Gorseinon collision

Three men have denied murdering **Ceiran Evans**, 18, of Swansea, who died after a collision between a car and a motorbike on **Pen Cae Crwn Road, Gorseinon**, on 9 July. Former world kickboxing champion **Tyler Ford**, 18, of Morriston pleaded not guilty to murder, attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm with intent; **Elliot Truelove**, 33, of West Cross, Swansea, and **Liam Thomas**, 18, of Morriston denied the same charges at Swansea Crown Court. (BBC Cymru Fyw — Meleri Williams, Welsh-language)

?? Communities, Housing & Money

? 36 affordable homes approved on the edge of Caernarfon

Cyngor Gwynedd planners agreed a **36-home** development by housing association **Adra** on land off **Ffordd Llanberis** in Peblig, on the outskirts of Caernarfon, on Monday (28 September). All the units will be affordable — a mix of social and intermediate rent, comprising 10 apartments, three bungalows and 23 houses, plus an entrance road, parking, open space and a sustainable drainage area. A report cited "significant demand": more than **2,000 applicants** registered and in need of a social rented home in Gwynedd, **351** on the Tai Teg register for intermediate homes in the Caernarfon area, **363** applicants for social properties in Peblig and **959** who put Caernarfon as their first-choice area. (Nation.Cymru — Dale Spridgeon, Local Democracy Reporter)

? £200m rail plans could bring new stations and more frequent trains

Plans for new railway stations and more frequent services, estimated at **£200 million**, are being updated as part of the **Swansea Bay and West Wales Metro**. Swansea Council leader **Rob Stewart** said Transport for Wales is refreshing the business cases for two phases: the first includes a new station at **Cockett** and a "turnback" at **Pembrey and Burry Port** (put at under £50m), while the larger second phase would upgrade the **Swansea District Line** and add passenger stops at **Pontarddulais, Pontlliw, Felindre, Morriston, Llansamlet, Llandarcy and Skewen**. Better buses, integrated ticketing and improved walking and cycling routes form part of the wider metro. (Nation.Cymru — Richard Youle, Local Democracy Reporter)

? Dog rescue charity: 653 dogs arrived this year

Hope Rescue says **653 dogs** have arrived at its centre so far this year, **63%** of them as strays, with no sign of demand slowing — some neglected, some abandoned and others found on the streets. The charity says the numbers continue to rise with the year far from over, placing continued pressure on its services. (Nation.Cymru — Amelia Jones)

?? "Fat-cat lobbyists" row: rescue charity writes to Reform MS

Hope Rescue's chief executive **Vanessa Waddon** has written to Reform MS **Cai Party Jones** after he used a Facebook post defending greyhound racing to say ordinary owners, trainers and fans "don't have the money to lobby politicians, unlike those who campaigned for the ban", adding: "As a Reform MS, I'm here to be a voice for the people the Senedd has ignored for decades, not for fat-cat lobbyists." The letter says the charity does not dispute his right to his views on greyhound racing but describes his characterisation of animal welfare organisations as "unnecessary and offensive", arguing animal welfare is a cross-party issue and that charities have a legitimate role in advocacy. (Nation.Cymru — Amelia Jones)

? North Wales care trainer shortlisted for Wales Care Awards

Jenna Evans, 42, who leads the **Pendine Academy of Social Care** in Wrexham, has been shortlisted in the commitment to training and development category at this year's **Wales Care Awards**. She heads a team training up to **3,000 care workers a year** from **30 care providers** across north and mid Wales, and has worked in social care for 23 years. The ceremony is at the Holland House Hotel, Cardiff, on 16 October. (Nation.Cymru)

?? Flood-prone riverside farmhouse sells for £300,000

Haimwood, Llandrinio — a period farmhouse with four double bedrooms, three adjoining two-bedroom cottages generating £17,400 a year in rent, and 5.95 acres of level grassland bordering the **River Severn** — sold for **£300,000** against a guide price of £225,000–£250,000 at Halls' auction on 25 September. It was one of 22 lots in the firm's record-breaking **£2.755m** collective property and land auction; The Oaks at Lightwood Green, Overton, Wrexham sold at its £250,000 guide, and nine properties needing modernisation sold for rural housing group Connexus at £102,000–£190,000. (Nation.Cymru)

? Culture, Language & Life

? UNESCO toolkit draws on Wales' bilingual technology expertise

A new **Practical Toolkit for Supporting Multilingual Digital Services**, published by UNESCO, uses Wales' experience of building the Welsh language into websites, apps and public services as a leading international example. It adapts the Welsh Government's own Bilingual Technology Toolkit for an international audience — particularly nations with lesser-resourced and Indigenous languages — and forms part of UNESCO's International Decade of Indigenous Languages. Education and Welsh Language Minister **Anna Brychan** holds the portfolio. (GOV.WALES — Wednesday 30 September, 00:01)

? "Welsh gave us both a focus": Igloo Hearts' Cymraeg journey

Wrexham husband-and-wife folk-pop duo **Igloo Hearts** — Katie and James MacGregor — are learning Welsh at Coleg Cambria's Yale site, where the transformed **Camu Welsh Centre of Excellence** is helping learners of all abilities. Katie signed up for evening classes with her mother after an 858-day Duolingo streak; weeks into lessons the pair auditioned for S4C's *Y Llais (The Voice)*, and her mother was then diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer and died in March. "Our lives were turned upside down, but we kept going through her treatment and Welsh gave us both a focus," said Katie. (Nation.Cymru)

? Llandaff Rowing Club marks 80 years on the Taff

Llandaff Rowing Club is celebrating 80 years of rowing on the **River Taff** in Cardiff, with dozens of illuminated boats taking to the water last weekend. Member **Sion Dafydd Waddington**, a "Master Rower", took up the sport in his late thirties via a pub and club regatta — and says the club welcomes all ages, with some members still rowing at 90. (BBC Cymru Fyw — Iwan Arwel, Welsh-language)

? Michael Sheen: being an actor is a "disadvantage" on Celebrity Traitors

Michael Sheen says he thinks being an actor will count against him in the second series of BBC's **Celebrity Traitors**, which starts on **1 October**: "people immediately go, 'oh well, he pretends for a living'." The Port Talbot-born actor, one of 21 celebrities taking part, said he wanted to join because he is a "big fan" of the show and had previously filmed in the castle. The winner collects **£100,000** for their chosen charity. (BBC Wales — Miriam Barker)

?? Amputee, nine, meets Princess of Wales after Three Peaks feat

Albie-Junior Thomas, nine, from Holywell, Flintshire — who completed the **Three Peaks Challenge** with his father Daniel — was invited to a tea party at **Windsor Castle** with **Catherine, Princess of Wales**, after his dad wrote describing the feat. Albie-Junior was born without a fibula in his left leg and had his foot removed at 15 months, becoming at four the youngest amputee to scale **Yr Wyddfa**; he and his father have raised thousands for their local football club. The princess said it was a "pleasure" to hear stories of "resilience, determination and hope". (BBC Wales — Oscar Edwards)

?? Cosy Club to open Swansea venue in time for Beaujolais Day

Restaurant chain **The Cosy Club** will open its new **Swansea** venue in time for **Beaujolais Day** — the city's big annual celebration of the release of Beaujolais Nouveau on the third Thursday of November — taking over the ground floor of a Grade II-listed landmark in the **Maritime Quarter** designed by Charles T. Ruthen in 1913. It will serve a three-course set menu at £49.95, with live music. (Nation.Cymru — Amelia Jones)

? Sport

? Fury and Joshua in London as Cardiff fight doubts ease

Tyson Fury and **Anthony Joshua** have both arrived in London for Wednesday's launch news conference for their all-British heavyweight fight, which appears to remain on for **11 December at Cardiff's Principality Stadium** after several days of uncertainty. Fury, 38, travelled back from the United States and Joshua, 36, from his training camp in Dubai. The fight was announced on Thursday by Saudi powerbroker **Turki Alalshikh**, but doubts emerged over **Dana White's** promotional role — Joshua's promoter **Eddie Hearn** said his fighter's contract prevented it; White said at the weekend he did not know whether the fight would happen, and BBC Sport understands he will not attend the launch. A further potential hurdle emerged over Fury's enrolment in the Voluntary Anti-Doping Association (VADA) programme. The bout will be broadcast by Netflix in the early hours to suit a US audience. (BBC Sport — Kal Sajad / BBC Cymru Fyw)

? Wales women without seven players for Albania play-off

Ceri Holland is among **seven players** missing through injury for Wales' Women's World Cup play-off semi-final against Albania next month: Olivia Clark, Hayley Ladd, Laura Hughes, Ffion Morgan, Ella Powell and Mia Ross are also out. Head coach **Rhian Wilkinson** has handed first senior call-

ups to two 18-year-olds — Newcastle United forward **Casi Gregson** and Tottenham wide player **Heidi Hills**. Wales travel to Shkoder for the first leg on Friday 9 October (17:00 BST) with the return in **Llanelli** four days later; the winners face Norway or Romania in December's play-off final, with possible inter-confederation play-offs to follow for a place at next year's World Cup in Brazil. (BBC Sport — Gareth Vincent)

? Fishlock to return to Wales — as a coach

Jess Fishlock will rejoin Wales if they reach a Women's World Cup play-off final in December — but as a coach, not a player. The 39-year-old, Wales' most-capped footballer, retired internationally last October but continues to shine for **Seattle Reign**, scoring twice against Boston Legacy last weekend to become the club's all-time leading scorer, passing Megan Rapinoe's record. Head coach **Rhian Wilkinson** said she had turned down Fishlock's tongue-in-cheek offer to come out of retirement: "Jess could play forever, she's incredible… but I think it was absolutely the right time for her to step away." (BBC Sport — Gareth Vincent)

? Sheedy surprised as his "header" goes viral

Cardiff fly-half **Callum Sheedy** says he did not expect his header — chasing his own kick in the URC win over Scarlets on Saturday — to go viral; the clip has had more than **800,000** hits. "I probably wasn't thinking at the time, that was the problem," he said, explaining he had no time to bring the ball down to his foot with Blair Murray closing in. (BBC Sport — Gareth Griffiths)

? Extra £2m for Welsh sport — including a Cardiff cycling circuit before the Tour de France

The Welsh Government has announced a further **£2million** for sport facilities, taking total capital investment in 2026-27 to **£13million** (distributed by Sport Wales). Projects include a **closed-road cycling circuit in Cardiff** — part of a multi-million pound project ahead of the **Tour de France coming to Wales next year** — **"pool pods" at a minimum of six swimming pools** with Swim Wales to improve access for disabled people and older adults, LED floodlights at **Carmarthen Park Velodrome**, an artificial pitch project and a further allocation for the oversubscribed Energy Savings Grant. Culture and Sport Minister **Heledd Fychan** said the money "reflects a deliberate choice to reprioritise capital funding towards the projects that will deliver the biggest impact". (GOV.WALES — Wednesday 30 September, 00:01)

?? Weather

No weather warnings are in force for the UK. BBC Weather for Cardiff (last updated 09:00): once any early cloud clears, **today** is expected to be mostly sunny and dry until scattered showers

develop in the afternoon, with winds easing — thundery showers and a moderate breeze, high **21°C**, low **11°C**, southerly wind around 14mph. **Tonight** brings variable cloud, clear spells and scattered showers, with a slight chance of these turning locally heavy or thundery. **Thursday 1 October** stays changeable with variable cloud, sunny spells and scattered showers easing through the day, high 19°C. **Friday** brings light rain showers (20°C); **Saturday and Sunday** look drier with sunny intervals, 19°C. (BBC Weather)

? Quick Summary

- **Top story — idling fines** — Fixed penalties for leaving an engine running while parked rise from £20 to **£75–£150** in Wales from today; Llyr Gruffydd says the old fine was "insufficient", but some parents doubt enforcement.
- **Menai Strait** — Police and Betsi Cadwaladr midwives appeal to the mother of a newborn found dead on the Bangor shoreline on Sunday (Operation Melex); post-mortem due today.
- **Senedd** — FM says Wales' constitutional future is "not for the Kremlin to exploit"; a "small window" remains for a **£40m ALN** deal as Labour says the offer is "still not enough"; Joe Martin attacks the Senedd over his gender-service reprimand.
- **Steel** — Kinnock says Tata talks continue over grid delays to the **£1.25bn** Port Talbot furnace, and promises Wales care-service funding whoever governs in Cardiff Bay.
- **Courts** — Two plead guilty to the **£5m+** Cardiff Sixth Form College fraud; a solicitor is jailed over his own cocaine and steroid supply; an acquitted officer faces misconduct proceedings; three men deny murdering **Ceiran Evans**, 18, in Gorseinon.
- **Public services** — A new NHS Wales accountability framework promises earlier support; a "pill on a string" trial targets oesophageal cancer risk; Llanberis mountain rescue says record callouts are "not sustainable".
- **Housing & money** — **36 affordable homes** approved at Peblig, Caernarfon; **£200m** rail plans for the Swansea Bay metro; a flood-prone Llandrinio farmhouse sells for £300,000; Hope Rescue reports **653 dogs** taken in this year.
- **Culture** — UNESCO's new multilingual digital toolkit is built on Welsh expertise; Igloo Hearts on learning Cymraeg after loss; Llandaff Rowing Club turns 80; Michael Sheen on Celebrity Traitors; nine-year-old Albie-Junior meets the Princess of Wales.
- **Sport** — Fury and Joshua arrive in London ahead of the **11 December Principality Stadium** fight; Wales women lose seven players for the Albania play-off with Jess Fishlock returning as a coach; **£2m** extra for Welsh sport including a Cardiff cycling circuit before the Tour de France.
- **Weather** — No UK warnings; sunny spells and scattered showers, 21°C today in Cardiff, drier by the weekend.

Method note: compiled in cron mode. SearXNG (:8086) returned a usable index mix this morning (BBC Wales, BBC Wales Politics, Nation.Cymru, ITV Wales, WalesOnline section pages) but no individual article leads, so the sweep ran through the Playwright fetch service (192.168.178.100:8090, MarkItDown): 10 index pages plus 45 article pages at a 100% success rate. GOV.WALES' main index carried four fresh releases — the £2m sport package and the UNESCO toolkit (both 00:01 today), the engine-idling fine rise (29 Sep 23:00) and the NHS

accountability framework (29 Sep 14:56) — while its FM-tagged index remains stale. BBC Cymru Fyw supplied three Welsh-language-only stories with no English counterpart at compile time (the Llanberis mountain rescue pressure warning, the heartburn "pill on a string" trial and the Llandaff rowing club anniversary), all written up here in English, plus the Welsh versions of the idling fine, the Menai shoreline appeal and the FM's Kremlin remarks (paired, not double-counted). The Guardian's Wales RSS feed has produced nothing new beyond Tuesday's shoreline report. WalesOnline remains cookie-walled through the service and senedd.wales returns only its cookie shell. De-duplicated against the 29 September Welsh file and this morning's UK file: the ferry-passport rule, the Flying Start rebrand, Drakeford's mini-budget mea culpa, the north Wales coast rail closure (its English report published after yesterday's compile, but the story is covered), the Ynys Enlli farming couple, the scabies ward closures, the meningitis brothers, the Cluedo 50p, the Wales Rugby League World Cup squad and Ffion Lewis's dual-code milestone, the Reform petition on defections, the 101-acre Menai data centre and the 15 September business-rates cut story were all dropped or left out as already covered. The Three Peaks item is included only for today's new development (the Windsor Castle meeting with the Princess of Wales), the Reform MS reprimand only for the Chamber ruling and Martin's response, and the Kinnock care-funding line as a new angle on Monday's conference coverage.

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