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? Top Story: Wales falls silent for Remembrance Sunday

Wales marks Remembrance Sunday this morning with the national service of remembrance at the Welsh National War Memorial in Alexandra Gardens, Cathays Park, Cardiff. A Salvation Army band from Treganna opens proceedings before representatives of the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force and the cadet forces arrive at about 10:40. The National Field of Remembrance of Wales, opened at Cardiff Castle on Wednesday, holds **5,000 tributes** and the public can add more until 17 November.

The service begins shortly before 11:00 with words from the Rev Canon Stewart Lisk BEM, honorary chaplain to Cardiff council. A bugler sounds the Last Post at 10:59, a gun salute from 104 Regiment Royal Artillery in Newport marks the start of the two-minute silence, and a second salute and the Reveille close it.

First Minister Rhun ap Iorwerth said the day honours "the courage, service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces and veterans to whom we owe an enormous debt of gratitude". In a statement he added: "We remember everyone who lost their lives while serving, and we recognise the men and women serving overseas today — the dangers they face, and the demands placed on them and their families." He said that "at a time of continuing global instability, it is more important than ever that we come together to remember".

Services are also being held in Gwynedd, Wrexham (10:55 at Bodhyfryd), Conwy (10:45 at Bodlondeb, then a parade), Swansea (10:30 at the cenotaph, a city parade at 13:30 and a service at the cathedral at 14:30), and across Powys at Newtown, Machynlleth and Builth Wells. In Aberystwyth there is a white poppy wreath-laying ceremony and peace songs, and a memorial race meeting at Trac Môn on Anglesey will pause for a silence.

The Rev Aled Huw Thomas, a former senior chaplain to the armed forces, told BBC Radio Cymru's Bwrw Golwg that remembrance still unites a divided society — "very few things or occasions can unite society and communities, and I believe the rituals of remembrance unite our societies" — while pointing to New York on 9/11, London on 7/7 and the atrocities of 7 October as the losses shaping this generation. Anna Jane Evans of Cymdeithas y Cymod said the day should also prompt reflection on spending: "We spend more every year on what we call defence. We don't invest anything at all now in peace." A further two-minute silence falls at 11:00 on Wednesday 11 November, Armistice Day. *(BBC Cymru Fyw, this morning)*

?? 'Thankful Villages': the Welsh parishes that lost no one

Of the 280,000 Welsh men who served in the First World War, 40,000 died — yet more than fifty parishes across England and Wales lost no residents at all, and three of them are in Wales: Herbrandston in Pembrokeshire, Llanfihangel-y-creuddyn in Ceredigion and Tregolwyn in the Vale of Glamorgan. The historian Elin Tomos marks Remembrance Sunday by tracing what happened to them.

Tregolwyn sent 23 men and boys to the forces and every one came home — including the Arthur brothers, John Windsor, William David and Arthur Wyndham, all of the Machine Gun Corps, a unit nicknamed "The Suicide Club" for its casualty rate. The village's luck did not hold: four Tregolwyn men died in the Second World War, among them Private Leonard Charles Pugh of the South Wales Borderers, who served in Egypt and Libya, died on 3 September 1942 and is buried at Tripoli War Cemetery. **Herbrandston is "doubly thankful"**, having lost no one in either war: George Leonard Hughes won the Military Cross in 1919 for service with the Royal Garrison Artillery in France and Flanders, then — as a lieutenant colonel leading the 22nd Mountain Artillery Regiment in south-east Asia — survived more than two years as a prisoner at Changi after the fall of Singapore. Llanfihangel-y-creuddyn's claim is more ambiguous: no resident of the parish was killed, but men with strong ties to it were, including Private David Samuel Roberts, who had moved to Crosshands in 1917 and died in the Somme area on 4 September 1918, aged 27. *(BBC Cymru Fyw — Elin Tomos, this morning)*

? Health: a £2.95m price tag on a Swansea boy's dementia treatment

Tammy McDaid has been told the one treatment that could slow her five-year-old son's dementia will cost £2.95m — and she has raised just over £160,000, about 5% of it. Tate McDaid, from Swansea, was diagnosed at four with Sanfilippo Syndrome Type A, a neurodegenerative condition described as "childhood Alzheimer's" that affects about 140 children in the UK. In September the US Food and Drug Administration approved the first gene therapy for

it, FAYUVI, developed by Ultragenyx — priced at $3.95 million per patient.

"I was excited when the treatment initially got approved but then reality hit hard the next day," Tammy said. She contacted Ultragenyx to ask how families outside the US, without US health insurance, could pay; the company said "there is not a single estimate we can provide for the total cost of care for an international patient, as those costs would depend on the patient's individual medical needs and the treating institution". It added that it is "pursuing a global regulatory strategy" and recommended families work with their child's clinician before assuming travelling to the US is the only option.

Tate, who turns six this month, does not speak, and his mobility is what his mother is fighting to preserve. "The older he gets the less the treatment will work and the more ability he will lose in the process," she said. "I feel like we are at a turning point and I'm petrified." Staff at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital in Cardiff are discussing potential access pathways with officials in the US on the family's behalf. *(BBC Wales — Danielle Herbert, 7 Nov, updated this morning)*

?? Politics & broadcasting: MPs take on the BBC over *Ar y Marc*

Plaid Cymru MP Liz Saville Roberts has demanded the BBC explain how it will keep Welsh-language coverage of domestic and grassroots football if Radio Cymru's *Ar y Marc* is axed. The Dwyfor Meirionnydd MP said the programme gave younger Welsh speakers a route into Welsh-language broadcasting and gave clubs and communities attention they would otherwise struggle to get. Her intervention was echoed by Caernarfon Town chairman Paul Evans, who questioned the timing of the cut as Welsh football tries to grow its domestic leagues — pointing to Friday-night Cymru Premier fixtures and asking how supporters would get timely discussion without a dedicated programme. The loss of *Ar y Marc* and *Dros Ginio* comes alongside cuts to editorial and research posts at the BBC's Bangor base and plans to downgrade its studio. *(Nation.Cymru, today)*

BBC director of Nations Rhuanedd Richards has pledged to fight for Welsh-language broadcasting "while there is breath in my body", warning the corporation faces the most serious financial pressures she has seen. Her comments follow BBC Wales' announcement of 58 job losses and a 20-hour reduction in annual television output as part of a £500m savings programme. "I have never seen such a serious situation for the corporation, and that is after a decade of cuts that have already taken place in real terms," she told Radio Cymru's *Dros Frecwast*. First Minister Rhun ap Iorwerth has written to director-general Matt Brittin warning that cuts in Wales could leave the BBC in breach of its Royal Charter obligations. *(Nation.Cymru, 7 Nov)*

The fallout from Rhondda-born Bridgend councillor Owain Clatworthy's defence of Russell Brand has widened, with every political group leader on Bridgend council issuing a joint statement rejecting his comments. The Restore Britain councillor — elected for Reform UK, who later attempted to join the ruling Labour group — wrote that Brand was the victim

of a "show trial" and "two-tier justice" after being convicted of one count of rape and three of sexual assault. Council leader John Spanswick, Independent leader Amanda Williams and Democratic Alliance leader Ross Penhale-Thomas said the comments "do not represent the views or values of Bridgend County Borough Council" and that they "stand firmly with victims and survivors of sexual abuse", while noting the council cannot itself investigate. A petition calling for his removal has passed **2,700 signatures**. *(Nation.Cymru, 7 Nov — update on the 6 November roundup)*

?? Housing & local government

Bridgend delivered the fewest additional affordable homes in Wales in 2025-26, according to Welsh Government figures. Of 3,865 additional affordable units delivered across Wales between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, only 53 were in Bridgend — 8.3 per 10,000 households, the lowest rate in the country. Cardiff delivered the most (709 units, 18% of the Wales total), while Pembrokeshire had the highest rate at 52.7 per 10,000 households. Bridgend council said several developments are in the planning pipeline and that it aims to deliver 1,700 homes by 2033 under its replacement Local Development Plan. *(Nation.Cymru — Lewis Smith, LDR, today)*

Plans to turn the former Jubilee Hotel in Tylorstown into 12 one-bedroom flats have been deferred so Rhondda Cynon Taf planners can press the developer for a wider mix of homes. Councillor Julie Edwards said she supported bringing the empty East Road building back into use but warned that concentrating more single-person properties in a small area would not create "a cohesive community". *(Nation.Cymru — Anthony Lewis, LDR, today)*

A community group that took on Abergavenny's former day centre is set to lose its lease. The Gathering, formed in 2024 by campaigners who fought to reopen a centre supporting adults with learning disabilities, was given the Tudor Street building from January 2025 on a year-long lease to prove its model; Monmouthshire council then switched it to a tenancy at will. Cabinet is now recommended to terminate it and invite fresh expressions of interest, with the building earmarked for organisations serving "under-represented groups". The council's Ben Callard said he was "very sad" to bring the report but that the charity was not yet able to maintain a tenancy on "quite a large and complex building", with maintenance needs estimated at £80,000 against £10,000 of work actually carried out; the report insists the decision is "not a judgement on the value of community provision". *(Nation.Cymru — Twm Owen, LDR, today)*

An award-winning Pembrokeshire sauna has found a permanent home after the national park refused to let it stay on Saundersfoot seafront. Hwyl Outdoor Sauna was allowed to overlook the harbour for two years from June 2024; Kerry Evans' application to make that permanent was rejected in July over harm to the conservation area and loss of promenade access, despite residents calling it "a major asset to the village". The business won Sauna of the Year 2026/27 at the Wales Prestige Awards in February. *(Nation.Cymru — Bruce Sinclair, LDR, 7 Nov)*

? Transport & environment

Network Rail is expanding a rail treatment that stops leaves making lines slippery after a trial on the Conwy Valley Line recorded no leaf-related delays. The Interflon Leaf Guard treatment, tested between Tal-y-Cafn and Blaenau Ffestiniog last autumn, is now being applied on the North Wales Coast Line between Conwy and Anglesey — about 650 cumulative treatment miles over a 12-week programme, reapplied every seven days. The trial line had six incidents and almost 500 minutes of delays in 2024. *(Nation.Cymru, today)*

Plans to release up to 60 white-tailed eagles in Gwent have split the conservation movement, with experts warning the reintroduction could wipe out seabird colonies. Puffins, guillemots, razorbills, fulmars and kittiwakes are among the species at risk, according to academics and the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, which opposes the scheme while Gwent Wildlife Trust supports it. An eagle from the Exmoor release was sighted over Skomer last month. Prof Tim Birkhead, who has studied Skomer's guillemots since 1972, said the risk "seems to have been completely overlooked"; Sarah Kessell of WTSWW said Skomer and Skokholm hold "globally important" populations already under threat. The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, which leads the Gwent project, argues eagles are generalist feeders — a 2020 Baltic study found species of conservation concern made up about 1% of identified prey — and aims for seven to nine breeding pairs over 10 years. *(Guardian — Patrick Barkham, this morning)*

Cardiff's forecast has a sting in it for anyone heading to a cenotaph: a Met Office yellow warning of fog covers Wales until 10:00 this morning, with slower journey times and possible bus, train and flight delays. *(BBC Weather)*

? Heritage & culture

A "very significant" Roman settlement, including a jewellery workshop, has been found under a new-build housing estate in Mancot, Flintshire. Heneb, the trust for Welsh archaeology, made the discovery during mining surveys for the development and described it as one of the biggest collections of Roman artefacts recovered in the area, with brooches still carrying their green enamel. *(BBC Wales — Sarah Easedale, 7 Nov)*

The Golden Lion in Newport, Pembrokeshire — a coaching inn that has served visitors for 400 years — has been named Wales' Most Loved Local Pub at the Muddy Stilettos Awards, beating nine finalists including the Black Boy Inn in Caernarfon and the Bunch of Grapes in Pontypridd. It now runs as a 13-room boutique hotel and restaurant just off the Pembrokeshire Coast Path. *(Nation.Cymru, today)*

Rob Brydon has been talking about the difficulty of staying in character as Peter O'Toole — and announced a Swansea book signing. The comedian told Radio 4's *Today* that playing an actor portraying a man frequently too hungover to do his job left him talking like O'Toole after recording finished; he appears in the radio drama *Peter O'Toole Is Unwell*. He will be at Waterstones in Swansea at 12:00 on Saturday 28 November with illustrator Ellie Snowdon to sign *The Cat in the Cupboard*, his first children's book, inspired by his ginger cat Crumble. *(BBC Wales — Angela Ferguson, 7 Nov; Nation.Cymru — Amelia Jones, 7 Nov)*

Cardiff's one-time "Little Ireland" features in a new S4C series. *Cyrraedd Cymru*, presented by Seren Jones, traces immigration to Wales; the Newtown episode covers the Irish arriving in the 1840s after the Famine, the racism they met, and the rescue of the Vulcan pub, moved brick by brick to St Fagans — all that remains of the district today. *(Nation.Cymru, today)*

From the Rhondda to the Royal Shakespeare Company: artistic director Daniel Evans has been talking to Nation.Cymru about chapels, eisteddfodau and the imagination as *Matilda* comes to Cardiff. *(Nation.Cymru, 7 Nov)*

? Crime

A third person has been arrested over the shooting of a car on the A48 in Morriston, Swansea. A 29-year-old man from Swansea was arrested on suspicion of affray and possessing an offensive weapon, joining a 41-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy, both from Llansamlet, who remain in custody. One person suffered minor injuries in Friday's incident; Ch Supt Stephen Jones said the force believes "the individuals involved are likely to be known to one another" and that there is no wider threat to the public, while asking people not to share unverified speculation. *(BBC Wales — Angharad Thomas, 7 Nov)*

? Sport

Wales 28-21 Japan: Wales labour to a bonus-point win in front of 52,425 at the Principality Stadium. Tries from Archie Griffin, Josh Adams (two) and Louis Rees-Zammit — his first in eight internationals — gave Wales a 21-14 half-time lead, and Adams' second put them clear before Kenta Fukuda's late score set up a frantic finish. It was only a fourth win in 13 Tests for Steve Tandy, who said "I thought we'd be better than that in some elements", with six line-outs lost and a string of handling errors. Dewi Lake said Wales "let themselves down" at times but insisted "a win is massive for this group"; Eddie Jones called it "a missed opportunity" for a first Japan win in Cardiff. New Zealand visit next Saturday. *(BBC Sport Wales — Gareth Griffiths; Nation.Cymru, 7 Nov)*

Cardiff City came back from 4-1 down to beat Burnley 5-4 in a nine-goal Championship thriller at Cardiff City Stadium. Alex Robertson scored a spectacular winner in added time as the Bluebirds scored four in the final half hour to climb to 14th, despite an injury crisis that left them without centre-backs Dylan Lawlor, Calum Chambers and Gabriel Osho. "Even at 4-1 down we felt as if we could be dangerous if we could get the next goal," said Brian Barry-Murphy, who praised players "playing on one leg". *(BBC Sport Wales — Dafydd Pritchard, 7 Nov)*

Newport's FA Cup first-round tie against Walsall was halted for five minutes after alleged homophobic chants, with referee Robert Massey-Ellis consulting both managers and captains and gesturing towards home supporters near the dugouts. The FA and South Wales Police could be asked to investigate; homophobic chanting breaches FA rules and is classed as a hate crime. Newport still won through, Kion Etete scoring twice in a fightback. Manager Hayden Mullins

said: "I think it was homophobic stuff that was heard in the crowd, which is not on. We don't condone it." *(BBC Sport, 7 Nov; Nation.Cymru)*

Elsewhere: Swansea City lost as Stansfield's double sent Birmingham top of the Championship, with Vitor Matos disputing Marko Stamenic's red card; Wrexham held Wolves to a draw — Phil Parkinson said the presence of Ryan Reynolds and Rob Mac was "uplifting" — **and Leicester's Aaron Wainwright says the move has made him a better leader.** *(BBC Sport, Nation.Cymru, 7 Nov)*

?? Weather

A Met Office yellow warning of fog runs across Wales until 10:00 this morning, with dense fog in places and slower journeys, possible bus and train delays and a chance of flight delays or cancellations. In south-east Wales, mist and low cloud will clear to sunny intervals with the odd coastal shower, turning drier with longer clear spells through the afternoon and evening; fog re-forms inland tonight before a breeze picks up by dawn. Cardiff: high **10°C**, low **4°C**; Monday sunny intervals with a moderate breeze, 10/6; Tuesday unsettled with spells of rain, some heavy in the afternoon, 10/8; Wednesday rain clearing to cloud. Sunrise 07:40, sunset **16:16**. *(BBC Weather, updated 08:56)*

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