



Pwy oedd Joe Taylor?



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Mae'r llun uchod yn ymddangos yn llyfr 'Llandudno Through Time', gan Christopher Draper a John Lawson-Reay. Mae'n dangos gweithwyr Warws Dunphy's ar Market Street, Llandudno tua 1910. Ymysg y ddau ar hugain o wynebau sydd wedi pylu, mae dau ddyn Du sydd efallai'n syndod ar gyfer y cyfnod. Ar ben pellaf yr ochr chwith yn y rhes flaen mae Joe Taylor, fel mae'r capsiwn yn ei ddweud wrthom ni, "Cymro du a oedd yn rhedeg clwb bocsio yn Back Madoc Street". A ninnau'n chwilfrydig, gwnaethom ni geisio darganfod hanes bywyd Joe Taylor yn Llandudno, gan ddefnyddio'r adnoddau sydd ar gael i ni yn Archifau Conwy. Yr hyn y gwnaethom ni ei ganfod oedd bywyd diddorol wedi'i fyw yn dda.

Joe Taylor a'r Cyfrifiad:

Pa le gwell i ddechrau ymchwilio na'r cyfrifiad?



Gan neidio degawd i'r flwyddyn 1911, roedd Joe wedi symud i Taliesin Street, Llandudno – taith gerdded fer o'i waith yn Warws Dunphy's – lle byddai'n byw am weddill ei oes. Datgelodd cyfrifiad 1911 fewnwelediad newydd arwyddocaol. Ar y pryd roedd Joe yn 37, roedd yn weddw ac yn byw gyda'i ferch, Elsie Josephine, a oedd yn naw oed. Yn ddiddorol iawn, ni chafodd Elsie ei geni yn Llandudno, ond yn Longton, Swydd Stafford, un o'r pum tref yn rhan o Stoke-on-Trent. Byddwn ni'n dychwelyd at Elsie a'i mam nes ymlaen.

BOXING IN NORTH WALES.

VICTORIA GYMNASIUM, LLANDUDNO.

THIS COSY LITTLE CLUB, presided over by Joe Taylor (black), was packed to its utmost capacity to witness a couple of contests between local men. The first was a six rounds contest between Bob Roberts, of Llandudno, and an unknown; and the second, which created a considerable amount of interest, was between W. Williams, of Llandudno, and Jack Roberts, a well-known footballer, of Llandudno, who met to box the best of eight rounds for a gold medal and purse subscribed by a few gentlemen. **Six Rounds Contest.**—Bob Roberts and an Unknown.—The first three rounds were well contested, but both seemed to tire in the following rounds, and after an interesting bout the referee declared it a draw. **Eight Rounds Contest.**—W. Williams beat Jack Roberts.—Roberts had the advantage of

height and reach, but Williams was the cleverer boxer. The first round was pretty even, both going for all they were worth, but in the second Williams had got the measure of his man, sent in a terrible left on the ribs which seemed to stagger Roberts, and then crossed in with the right, knocking his man out. Referee, Bill Johnson; timekeeper, D. Roberts. During the evening Joe Taylor boxed three interesting rounds with Bill Johnson, which pleased the audience. The wind-up was between Edwin Williams, an old veteran who has boxed with all the old champions, and Joe Taylor (black), both displaying a considerable amount of science, and both were deservedly applauded at the end of three rounds.

JOE TAYLOR,

A Coloured Youth who has Travelled Great Britain with a Boxing Booth.

(With Portrait.)

JOE TAYLOR, the black, late of America but now of Llandudno, North Wales, was born in Baltimore, America, on January 26, 1875, stands 5ft 8½in, and weighs 11st. He has travelled the whole of Great Britain with a boxing booth, and has boxed with some of the best men in England, including Jackson, of Crewe; Lachie Thomson, of Glasgow; Jack Brierly, of Liverpool; John Seenan, of Belfast, and many others of some note. He has also beaten in contests "Darkey" Parker, 1rd; Hutchinson, of Newcastle, 1rd; sparred four rounds with Bert Smith at Llandudno; fought a draw of six rounds with Alf Banister, of Camden Town; sparred four rounds with George Nixon, of Hyde; and is now instructor to the Victoria Gymnasium, Llandudno, North Wales.

BOXING. — A (boxing exhibition) was given at the boxing saloon last week as a benefit to Joe Taylor and Billy Johnson. There was a large audience, and a good sum was realised for the object in view.

ASSAULT - AT - ARMS AT THE

Masonic Hall, Llandudno.—The above hall was packed again on Wednesday last, when Joe Taylor and Bill Johnson had their annual benefit. The programme consisted chiefly of boxing, but in addition to that there were a few variety turns, the most prominent being that of Professor Delmar, the great Continental ventriloquist and society entertainer, whose performance alone brought the house down. Then came Professor Morton's cinematograph, showing some of the war scenes in South Africa, which was very touching. Alf Mackey, the well-known comic singer, sang three of his favourite songs, which were well received, after which the ring was occupied by the boxers, the first pair being Harry Sharples, of Liverpool, and Frank Briscoe, of Cheltenham, who boxed four rounds for a splendid meerschaum pipe. Sharples always held the trump card and won comfortably. Six rounds contest between Jem Owen, of Llandudno, and Young Breese, of Birmingham.—Owen led off twice without a return, which seemed to stagger Breese, but Breese being the heavier and stronger, went in to have a fight, and Owen, not being able to mix it, lost after an extra round. Bill Johnson, of Farnworth, and Jack Owen, of Liverpool, next donned the gloves for a three rounds display, Johnson showing that he had lost none of his old cleverness. Charlie Blackburn, of Liverpool, and Glen Revell, of Newcastle, boxed three merry rounds; also did "Dido" Lorne, of Liverpool, and Harry Brown (black). Then came Wallace and Johnson in their funny boxing act, entitled, "Fun in a French Boxing School," who surprised the audience by their feet and hands. The grand wind-up was between Joe Taylor, of Llandudno, and Harry Brown (black), whose boxing was enjoyed by all present. The referee for the contests was W. Williams, of Llandudno, and the timekeeper, that Llandudno sportsman, Will Owen.

BOXING AT LLANDUDNO. — ON

Wednesday evening last a grand boxing tournament was held at the Victoria Club, Llandudno, under the able management of Prof. Joe Taylor, when the following programme interested the audience. Prof. Joe Taylor (Llandudno) and Alf Harry (Cardiff) boxed three exhibition rounds, which continually brought forth rounds of applause, as both men were in excellent trim. The spectators now got ready for the event of the evening, a six rounds go between Johnny Roberts (Llandudno) and Frank Everett (America), Roberts being seconded by Alf Bright (Newcastle-on-Tyne) and Willie Williams (Llandudno); Everett was looked after by George Harry (Cardiff) and Willie Thornton (Llandudno). Referee, Alf Harry (Cardiff), while Will Owen held the watch. The fight was very hotly contested throughout and kept the onlookers brimful of excitement, a draw being the verdict after the lads had gone the full six rounds. Neither of the contestants looked any the worse after the encounter, and a return battle between the two will be waited for with interest. The evening's performance ended with a four rounds bout between Alf Harry (Cardiff) and Alf Bright (Newcastle-on-Tyne), and here again the spectators were treated to a rare display of ring craft, and everyone left after thoroughly enjoying themselves. Professor Taylor wishes to thank Davy Roberts, M.C., Will Owen, timekeeper, Alf Harry and Alf Bright for their assistance at the performance.

BOXING. — Boxing took place at Professor Taylor's Rooms, in Back Madoc-street, on Thursday evening. There was a good attendance. Four scientific rounds were given by Alf. Harry, Cardiff, champion of North and South Wales, and Alf. Bright, Newcastle-on-Tyne, heavy-weight champion of the North of England. Frank Everett, America, and Jack Roberts, Llandudno, boxed for a silver watch. The former was declared the winner. Professor Joe Taylor, Llandudno, and Alf. Harry, Cardiff, gave four exhibition rounds.

JOE TAYLOR'S ANNUAL BOXING AND WRESTLING EXHIBITION.

Mr Joe Taylor announces in our columns that a boxing and wrestling entertainment will be given at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday next, September 29th, when some of the present day champions will take part. Nixon, the colouredbantam of America, will meet Charlie Arrowmith, of Walsall, the 9st. undefeated champion of the Midlands; Charlie Blackburn, of Liverpool, 9st. 4 champion of Lancashire, and Harry Mansfield, of Bristol, 9st. 7 champion of England, will box four rounds. Bob Agle, of Austria, 10st. 4 champion and Ernie Vogel, of Australia, will engage in a wrestling bout, best of three falls in Graeco-Roman style, and Harry Eaman, of Wellington and Johnnie Roberts, of Llandudno, will box four rounds. For a grand wind-up Harry Brown, the coloured 9st. 8 champion of England, who has just beaten Ted Costello, of Birmingham, in ten rounds, will meet Joe Taylor, of Llandudno.

BOXING AND WRESTLING AT LLAN-DUDNO.—On Wednesday evening last at the Masonic Hall some good sport was witnessed at Prof. Joe Taylor's annual boxing and wrestling entertainment, which was altogether free from that bad feeling and brutality, which some of the public would have us believe, is part and parcel of anything appertaining to the noble art of self-defence. By this we of course refer to the action of certain of the officials in cancelling an agreement to let the Town Hall to Joe Taylor. In view of the recent deplorable reports re the lack of stamina and low standard of physique amongst the would-be candidates for the army, it is somewhat surprising that cold water should be thrown over the desire of working men to take

exercise in this manner, and we would advise the well meaning but mistaken gentleman who were responsible for this cancelling of the agreement to attend the next entertainment and see for himself whether the roughness takes place which they pretend does. Amongst the items a good three-round contest was witnessed between Breeze and Rawlins, in which the verdict was awarded Rawlins. The contest between Tommy Pop, of Llandudno, and Pat Strong, of Dublin (who is shortly entering the bords of matrimony) was a very vigorous contest, as was to be expected from the ominous look in Tommy Pop's eye, which bade evil for his Hibernian opponent. The sport of wrestling now so popular found its exponents in the young Austrians, Alge and Vogel, both the possessors of several medals. They contested in the Græco-Roman style, and the hearty burst of applause at the termination of their efforts testified to the unmistakable approval of the large audience present. The tit-bit of the evening was the four-round contest between Charlie Arrowsmith, of Walsall, and the coloured boxer, Geo. Dixon, of Boston, U.S.A., ex-feather weight champion of the world, whose visit 16 years ago the sporting public will remember. Dixon, it may be added, has won more money in stakes than any man since the days of John L. Sullivan, and when one saw the lean, little broad-shouldered figure step into the ring with the action unexplainable, yet different from the amateurs, one could understand that here was a man to reckon with. The show concluded with an exhibition match between Prof. Taylor and Blackburn, of Liverpool, which was by no means a gentle affair, but shewed strong hitting between these veterans.—Communicated.

Yn ôl erthygl gan Boxing World ar 16 Awst 1899, cafodd Joe Taylor ei eni yn Baltimore, Maryland ar 26 Ionawr 1875, ac roedd wedi teithio ledled Prydain Fawr â bwth bocsio, cyn ymgartrefu yn Llandudno a chael swydd hyfforddwr yn y Gampfa Fictoriaidd ar Back Madoc Street. Roedd bythau bocsio yn nodwedd o ffeiriau teithiol ym Mhrydain am tua 200 mlynedd, nes iddyn nhw ddiflannu yn y 1970au. Roedd y bocswyr bwth yn teithio o dref i dref gyda'r ffair. Ar gyfer pob sioe, neu 'dŷ', byddai torf yn ymgynnull i wylïo'r bocswyr yn herio un cystadleuydd ar ôl y llall – dynion yn y dorf a oedd yn credu eu bod nhw'n ddigon caled i ennill. Fel arfer, byddai'r un sy'n herio'n ennill gwobr ariannol pe bai'n llwyddo i oroesi tair rownd yn erbyn y bocsiwr proffesiynol.

Mae'r bythau'n bwysig yn hanes bocsio Prydain oherwydd dyma oedd mannau hyfforddi llawer o focswyr llwyddiannus, er hyn, mae'n siŵr yr oedd yn fywyd llawn ergydion caled. Er bod traddodiad o focswyr Du yn cymryd rhan yn y bythau, roedd 'gwaharddiad lliw' a oedd yn eu hatal nhw rhag cystadlu am wregysau proffesiwn ym Mhrydain tan ganol yr 20fed ganrif. Mae'n amlwg o sawl un o'r erthyglau bocsio a ddaethom ni o hyd iddyn nhw, bod sylw'n cael ei dynnu'n aml at ethnigrwydd bocsiwr Du. Yn anffodus, dydyn ni ddim yn gwybod sut na pham ddaeth Joe Taylor yn focsiwr ar gylchdaith bwth bocsio Prydain. Rydym yn gwybod bod Joe yn dod o ardal dlawd iawn. Efallai ei fod wedi'i recriwtio gan berchennog teg a dalodd iddo groesi Môr yr Iwerydd, ond ni allwn fod yn siŵr beth ddigwyddodd go iawn a sut daeth Joe i ymwneud â bocsio yn y lle cyntaf.

Ni wyddom yn union sut a pham wnaeth Joe ymgartrefu yn Llandudno chwaith. Mae'n debygol ei fod wedi ymweld â Llandudno pan yr oedd yn teithio. Gan fod Llandudno'n dref lan môr boblogaidd, roedd yn croesawu amrywiaeth di-rif o berfformwyr teithiol. Efallai yr oedd Joe yn hoffi bod yma a phenderfynodd aros. Efallai yr oedd wedi cael llond bol ar deithio ac eisiau ymgartrefu. Efallai yr oedd yn sownd yma am ryw reswm neu'i gilydd, fel Richard Codman – y mae ei ddisgynyddion yn dal i redeg sioe Punch and Judy Llandudno hyd heddiw! Yn anffodus, dydyn ni ddim yn gwybod.

Rhwng 1898 a 1904, trefnodd Joe nifer o adloniannau yn Llandudno - yn y Gampfa Fictoraidd a'r Neuadd Fasonaidd ar Upper Mostyn Street. Roedd pob un yn cynnwys nifer o gystadlaethau, ac fel arfer byddai Joe yn cymryd rhan mewn rowndiau arddangos. Er hyn, fel yr adroddodd y Llandudno Advertiser ar 1 Hydref 1904, er mai rowndiau arddangos yr oedden nhw, doedden nhw ddim o reidrwydd yn ornestau mwyn ond yn hytrach yn arddangos ergydion cryf rhwng y ddau gyfranogwr! Ar yr un achlysur, mae'r papur yn adrodd bod Charlie Arrowsmith o Walsall wedi cael gornest yn erbyn George Dixon, bocsiwr Du o Ganada (nid Americanwr fel mae'r papur yn ei nodi), a oedd yn Bencampwr Pwysau Plu y Byd, a'r athletwr Du cyntaf i ennill pencampwriaeth y byd mewn unrhyw gamp.





Joe a Chysylltiad Pêl-droed Annisgwyl:

Yn ystod ein hymchwil daethom ni ar draws dipyn o gyfeiriadau at Joe Taylor mewn cysylltiad â phêl-droed. Mae'r rhain i gyd yn dyddio o'r cyfnod rhwng 1906 ac 1910. Mae'n debyg bod Joe wedi dod â'i gysylltiad â bocsio i ben tua 1905, gan ganolbwyntio ei fedrau mewn chwaraeon ar hyfforddi un o'r timau pêl-droed lleol sef y Llandudno Celts. Roedd y Celts yn rhan o Gynghrair Dydd Mercher Gogledd Cymru. Yn draddodiadol, roedd gweithwyr yn cael hanner diwrnod ar ddydd Mercher, ac roedden nhw'n aml yn cystadlu mewn chwaraeon yn y prynhawn - mae Sheffield Wednesday FC yn cadw eu tarddiad fel tim canol wythnos yn eu henw. Yn ôl adroddiadau papur newydd, roedd chwaraewyr y Celts yn iau na chwaraewyr eraill y Gynghrair Dydd Mercher, ac roedd Joe Taylor yn ffigwr tadol iddynt. Datblygodd ei gynllun hyfforddi ei hun ac erbyn 1910 roedd yn is-gadeirydd y clwb ac yn uchel iawn ei barch. Erbyn i Joe ddechrau ymwneud â phêl-droed roedd ychydig o chwaraewyr Du arloesol ym Mhrydain, yn arbennig Arthur Wharton a Walter Tull; ond roedd llawer o hiliaeth ym myd pêl-droed, ac mae'n dal i fod felly. I roi rhywfaint o bersbectif, ni chafodd yr FA ei reolwr Du cyntaf tan 1960, ac ni roddodd tîm cenedlaethol Lloegr ei gap llawn cyntaf i chwaraewr Du (Viv Anderson o Nottingham Forest) tan 1978. Mae'r ffaith fod Joe yn hyfforddwr Du uchel ei barch a fu'n weithredol yn y DU ar ddechrau'r 1900au yn ysbrydoledig a hynod o bwysig i fyd chwaraeon a hanes lleol.

A RISING FOOTBALL CLUB—THE CELTS.

Under the excellent system of training invented by Prof. Joe Taylor this club is just now making progress, and is a shining example of how the knowledge of this one-time "Bruiser" stands a young club in good stead when the reducing of weight and raising the muscles is the main idea. Mr Taylor at one time believed in the fruit diet, but although he took a light stock with him to the last Bangor match he must have changed his mind and consumed it himself, at least so it is surmised.

There were two matches to be played that afternoon, the other being the Llandudno Celts and Colwyn Bay Wednesdays. This came off, but what a wind was blowing, completely spoiling any attempts at decent play. The surprise in what took place was the excellent play of the Colwyn Bayites—the All Blacks—who were really on the day's performance superior to the Celts. The latter disappointed their supporters, and Joe Taylor will have to see to the better display of his pets. I think it only right to say, though, that the Celts have something in them, providing they do not get over-elated and place too much confidence in themselves.

That the Llandudno Celts have an air of surprising confidence as to their doings in the Duncan Cup competition.

That they have expressed a hope even thus early of meeting the Corinthians in the final.

That this may or may not be a trifle too previous.

That should they manage it, the battle will be a great one.

That Joe Taylor will be in his element, and many more besides.

That the Celts v. Corinthians football match on Wednesday last was a treat.

That a column of notes thereon appears in another column.

That the Corinthians were mostly members of the famous Swifts, who in their time gave us the most fascinating chapter in the history of local football.

That the scorer of the "Celts'" goal, Del Brookes, was in his cradle when F. W. Jones captained the best team Llandudno ever possessed.

That Joe Taylor, trainer of the "Celts," will at an early date furnish our readers with an account of how his team is trained.

That Joe Taylor's interest in the Celts is fatherly.

Llandudno Wednesdays v. Llandudno Celts.

FINAL FOR THE DUNCAN CUP.
VICTORY OF THE LLANDUDNO
WEDNESDAYS.

Much interest was shewn in the final at Llandudno, yesterday (Wednesday) on the Council Field, when the finalists, as above, met to decide who should be the proud possessors of the very handsome Duncan Cup and the splendid gold medals. The weather, unfortunately, turned out gloomy and wet at first. But notwithstanding this, there was a capital attendance. The

commencement of the second half, and was cheered by the Wednesdays' supporters. The ball was down the other end, and up again in a trice, with Francis sending in a perfect centre, which Chase headed strongly over the bar, following his attempt with a flying side run into the net, and he rebounded, falling out of it. There was no denying the superiority of the Wednesdays hereabouts. Thomas saved grandly from a corner, and David Williams shot wide. Keeping up a pressure, the Celts had very hard lines, and Thomas had to concede a corner, from which an exciting bully in front of him took place, and ultimately the sphere was cleared. The Celts shot in again to Thomas, who saved grandly, and a penalty shortly afterwards was

colours of the respective sides were worn, and the Celts' supporters had a fine display of cards "Play up, Celts." There was a large number of ladies present. Referee Frank Beech, of Rhyl (Secretary to the N.W.C.F. League), was in charge of the players, who were as follows:—

Llandudno Wednesdays: W. Thomas, goal; J. Davies (captain) and S. Hammond, backs; Lewis Owen, O. E. Hughes and Sam Stubbs, halves; E. Francis, D. P. Williams, E. Chase, D. H. Jones, and H. Wynne, forwards

Llandudno Celts: Stallard, goal; T. J. Brookes and R. Foulkes, backs; Cureton, Lloyd Elias and Hongreaves, halves; J. Owen (captain), L. Williams, MacKenzie, H. Brookes and D. Williams, forwards.

Linesmen, Messrs Thomas (Secretary of the Wednesday League) and A. C. Slater.

The Wednesdays won the toss and played towards the sea goal. The Celts worked down the right and forced a corner, and a tough tussle took place in front of Thomas until the ball was put out of play. Later David Williams centred beautifully; but the Wednesday defence prevailed, and getting down a shot from the Wednesday front rank went flying over the bar, and a moment later Francis shot miles over with an open goal. Chase tried his luck with a hot shot that was wide, and Stallard, in a trice, was saving well. Down came the Celts, and Mackenzie shot a beauty over the bar. The Celts pressed, and Thomas saved cleverly on two occasions. Then came some good play from the Wednesdays, and Stallard's charge had a very narrow squeak. The Celts came down again, and kept Thomas busy. Davies gave a corner, and from this David Williams forced another corner, which was splendidly placed and cleared, and Len Williams ultimately shot over. Stallard saved from Francis, and Chase was showing some smart play. A magnificent run was made by the Celts' captain (Owen), and he centred grandly, and Thomas was lucky to clear. At this stage the Celts were the superior side, until Wynne ran down and a corner ensued, bringing forth some exciting play; and just before half-time Francis made a glorious run and centre, which Stallard saved in splendid fashion. Thomas was being tested just before half-time, but there was no score.

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In the second half the Wednesdays early on made a dashing run, and forced the play, and Chase netted the ball in the first minute. Francis was showing grand form, and had hard lines with a try. Now the Celts pressed and gained a corner, which was cleared, and getting possession, Chase made a splendid run, beating all opposition, and defeated Stallard who made no attempt to save a grand shot. This second success came in ten minutes from the com.

awarded the Celts. David Williams took the kick, and Thomas saved. Another exciting bully occurred before Thomas, who was bowled over, and a corner followed, which availed nothing. David Williams was accidentally hurt at this

period, and was carried off the field by Joe Taylor, to the regret of evryone. Shortly afterwards the game ended in a victory for the Wednesdays, the score being:

Llandudno Wednesdays, 2; Celts, 0.

The cup and medals were presented, amidst great cheering, to the captain (Davies) by Mrs Mellor, wife of Colonel Mellor, of Abergele (President of the League), in a graceful little speech from a brougham. Mr Vincent proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Mellor, and Mr Thomas, Abergele, seconded. Cheers were raised for Mr Duncan, Mrs Mellor, and others.

THE CELTS FOOTBALL CLUB.—The Committee of this excellent Wednesday football club evidently means business next season, for the following last year's members of the Amateurs' club have joined:—Messrs. Ike Marsh, Jack Lunt, Will Lunt, Brookes-Evans, and Ted Hobson. The following have re-signed:—Charlie Stallard, Johnny Owen, W. D. Williams, James Hargraves, T. J. Brookes, Will Wynne, L. Elias, Len Williams, Hughes, Will Smith, D. Breese, G. MacKenzie, Jim Owen, and J. T. Jones. Others will follow. The trainer, Joe Taylor, is in rare spirits for training them, and the other "Joe," of Junction fame, is on the alert for wonders.

Again, in Llandudno, there are the Celts, a set of very promising, dashing, and evenly-balanced young players, prettily jerseyed in claret and blue, and with a paternal-like trainer in Joe Taylor. The ranks of the Celts have been greatly strengthened for this season, and methinks the battles between the Corinthians and them will be brimful of interest, and absorbingly exciting. With four good teams in Llandudno, the game is certainly going to be well fostered.

That all the same the Celts are a very promising team, and it is said they were not at full strength.

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That they are a team of young triers that will go all the way and wear down many and older and more experienced team.

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That Trainer Joe Taylor intends to make a bold bid for the chief honours this season.

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FOOTBALL THATS.

That the Celts on Wednesday last met and defeated the Penmaenmawr team at Conway in a league encounter.

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That this is the second meeting of these teams this season, and on both occasions the Celts have been the victors.

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That Joe Taylor and Co. are naturally delighted with their boys.

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That the Corinthians should have been visited by a Rhyl team.

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That fortunately the visitors cried off.

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That the outlook, from a climatic point of view, at 2 o'clock was something appalling.

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That a rain and hail storm visited the district of a severity rarely equalled.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT. — On Thursday night a benefit entertainment to Mr Joe Taylor was held in the Prince's Theatre. Taylor is the vice-chairman of the Celts' Football Club.

NORTH WALES WEDNES- DAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SUCCESSFUL DINNER AT LLANDUDNO
JUNCTION.

OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE.

The North Wales Wednesday Football League held their annual dinner at the North Western Junction Hotel on Wednesday evening, when Councillor T. E. Purdy, of Colwyn Bay, presided, and Mr T. J. Jones, Dinarth Hall, occupied the vice-chair. The others present included Messrs Robert Greenfield, F.R.H.S. (chairman of the League), Fred. W. Jones (secretary of the League), Harold Hayden, J. M. Jones, J. H. Hughes, Joseph Owen, Joe Taylor, Llew. Jones, George Snow, J. H. Brookes, Geo. Hitchen, J. W. Arrowsmith, Will Capel, E. Price, H. E. Robertson, Llewelyn Roberts, Wm. Jones, L. J. Luther, Ted Williams, Robert Hill, J. E. Edwards, J. G. Owen, Wm. Rowlands, John Roberts, J. E. Lloyd, J. Edwards, R. J. Hill, H. Roberts (junr.), H. E. Palmer, H. Davies, and D. Clwyd Griffith ("Welsh Coast Pioneer").

North Wales Wednesday Football League.

A FESTIVE GATHERING.

A very successful dinner and social evening in connection with the above League was held on Wednesday evening of last week, at the North-Western Hotel, Llandudno Junction. The dinner was served in the spacious billiard room, which had been transformed, for the nonce, into a brilliant dining room. The tables were tastefully adorned with an abundance of stately daffodils, which had been supplied by the Chairman of the League, Mr. R. Greenfield, F.R.H.S., and the catering of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kerridge was all that could be desired.

Councillor T. E. Purdy, of Colwyn Bay (Vice-President of the Coast Association, and Treasurer of the North Wales Coast League), presided, and he was supported by Mr. R. Greenfield and Mr. T. J. Jones (Vice-Chairman), Dinarth Hall. The following guests were also present:—Messrs. J. G. Owen (Llandudno), George Hitchen, L. J. Luther, George F. Snow, J. H. Hughes, William Rowlands, Harold Hayden, John Roberts (member of the old Llandudno Swifts' Football Club), J. M. Jones (Old Crewe), H. E. Robertson, Joe Taylor (trainer of the Llandudno Celts), Llewelyn Jones, Ted Price, J. H. Brooke, Llewelyn Roberts, Will Jones, Will Capell, J. W. P. Arrowsmith, J. E. Lloyd, J. Edwards, R. J. Hill, H. Roberts (jun.), H. E. Palmer, Fred W. Jones (Secretary of the Wednesday League), D. Clwyd Griffiths, and Hugh Davies ("Vigilant").

Wrth chwilio yn ein casgliadau archif ein hunain, daethom ni o hyd i'r llun hwn o Joe gyda thîm y Celts a dynnwyd tua 1910.



Mae'r darnau a dorrwyd o'r papur newydd hefyd yn rhoi cipolwg i ni o iechyd Joe Taylor yn ystod y cyfnod hwn. Rhwng mis Medi 1907 a Hydref 1908 mae sylwadau am ei "salwch diweddar" a'i fod "ar wella", tan iddo gael ei gyhoeddi ar 9 Hydref 1908 ei fod yn ddigon da i hyfforddi'r Celts eto. Yna, ym mis Mai 1910, mae'r Weekly News yn adrodd iddo gael "anaf difrifol" wrth ddanfôn cwrw i'r Cross Keys Inn ar Madoc Street - yn rhan o'i swydd fel gweithiwr warws i Dunphy's, mae'n debyg.

The Llandudno Celts are in for the Duncan Cup and the League.

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Joe Taylor is taking up the training of the team when he has fully recovered from the effects of his recent illness.

* * * *

That we glad to hear that the Celts' trainer, Joe Taylor, is convalescent.

Mr Joe Taylor is again training the Llandudno Celts Football Club.

ACCIDENT. — Whilst carrying some beer upon his back from the road to the cellar of the Cross Keys Inn, Madoc-street, on Tuesday evening, Joe Taylor caught his foot in the kerbstone with the result that he fell heavily with his burden and sustained serious injury to his hand and arm. Taylor, who is the trainer of the Llandudno Celts Football Club, has been rather unfortunate with accidents lately. His many friends wish that he may soon be able to be about his business again.



Achos Rhyfedd Lladrad Bwyd Colomennod

Dechreuodd y stori hon â llun o Joe Taylor a'i gydweithwyr yn Warws Dunphy's. Roedd Dunphy's yn gadwyn leol o siopau groser, ac roedd ganddyn nhw ganghennau yn Llandudno, Craig y Don a Phenmaenmawr.



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Datgelodd ymchwiliad o'n catalog bapurau o Lys y Sesiwn Fach Llandudno (rhagflaenydd y Llys Ynadon modern) o 1911, yn ymwneud ag achos gan R.B Dunphy yn erbyn Hugh Wynne a Joseph Taylor am ddwyn 64 pwys o rawn cymysg o Dunphy and Sons. Ni wnaeth y ddau ddyn wadu'r lladrad a dyfarnwyd nhw'n euog. Yr hyn sy'n anghyffredin iawn yw na wnaeth y llys na Dunphy and Sons gosbi'r ddau ddyn. Roedd Joe Taylor wedi gweithio i Dunphy and Sons am 12 neu 13 o flynyddoedd adeg y lladrad, gan barhau i wneud am ddegawdau wedi hynny. Mae adroddiad papur newydd ar yr achos yn rhoi mewnwelediad manylach.

County of. Carnarvon
Division of. Conway.

Llandudno. 14th August. 1911.

R. B. Dunphy

- v -
Hugh Wynne &
Joseph Taylor

Depositions.
for Larceny.

for signature

James Porter.
clerk to the Justices.

PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION OF CONWAY.

BEFORE the Court of Summary Jurisdiction sitting at ~~the~~
~~Townhall, Llandudno.~~

The ^{14th} day of August One
 thousand nine hundred and eleven
 Hugh Wynne and Joseph Taylor, both
 of 2 Taliesyn ^{Int} Llandudno
 (hereinafter called the Defendants) ~~(being under the age of~~
~~sixteen years)~~ are this day charged for that they on the
^{19th} day of July One thousand nine hundred
 and eleven at Llandudno
 in the County aforesaid did feloniously steal 64 pounds
 of Mixed Corn of the value of 6/4 the property
 of Dumphry & Sons. Against the Peace of Our
 Sovereign Lord the King His Crown & Dignity.

~~contrary to the Statute in such case made and provided.~~

AND the Court thinks that the said charge is proved, but is
 of opinion that, having regard to the character, ^{of the said Defendants} or antecedents,
 or age, or health, or mental condition of the said Defendant
 (or to the trivial nature of the offence, or to the extenuating
 circumstances under which the said offence was committed) it is
 inexpedient to inflict any (or any other than a nominal)
 punishment, or that it is expedient to release the said
 Defendant on probation.

IT IS ORDERED ~~that the said charge (or information) be~~
~~dismissed,~~ or that the said Defendant be discharged conditionally
 on their entering into a recognizance without sureties to be
 of good behaviour and to appear for conviction and sentence
 when called on at any time during a period of six months
 from this day, and during the said period shall be under the
 supervision of
 of
 and

and also

AND in addition IT IS ORDERED that the said Defendant pay to
 the Informant for damages for injury
 (or compensation for loss) and for costs
 (by instalments of for every
 days, the first instalment to be paid forthwith,
 (or on the day of 19)

~~AND WHEREAS it appears to the Court that~~

being the parent (or guardian) of the said Defendant has conduced to the commission of the said offence by wilful default (or by habitually neglecting to exercise due care of h) IT IS ORDERED that the damages and costs aforesaid shall be paid by the said parent (or guardian) instead of by the said Defendant.

AND in default of payment IT IS ORDERED that the sums due under this Order be levied by distress and sale of the said parent's (or guardian's) goods, and in default of sufficient distress that the said parent (or guardian) be imprisoned in His Majesty's Prison at and there kept for the space of unless the said sums (and all costs and charges of the (said distress and) commitment and of conveyance to the said prison) be sooner paid.

Thomas Dalton



J. A. W.
Mair



Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid.

County of
CARNARVON,
to wit.

The Examination of *Arthur Dumphy and*
Hugh Ellis.

taken on Oath this *14th* day of *August* in the
year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and *eleven*
at *the Townhall. Llandudno*
in the County aforesaid, before the undersigned, *Two* of His Majesty's
Justices of the Peace for the said County in the presence and hearing
of *Hugh Wynne and Joseph Taylor both*
of 2 Taliesyn. Llandudno
who were charged this day, before the Court for that they the said
Hugh Wynne and Joseph Taylor
on the *19th* day of *July* One Thousand
Nine Hundred and *eleven* at the Parish of *Llandudno*
in the County aforesaid, feloniously did steal *64 pounds*
of Mixed corn of the value of 6/1 the property
of Dumphy & Sons limited.
Against the Peace of Our Sovereign Lord the
King His Crown and Dignity.

This Deponent, *Arthur Dumphy.*

on his Oath saith as follows:—

On the 9th July 1911
Ellis came to defendants Taylor's

I had some communication
with both defendants and Ellis.

The Constable charged the
two defendants with the larceny.
The defendant Wynne said that
Taylor had asked him to take
straw to his house. I did so.

I asked Taylor to come
and show the straw. He said "There
was no straw there."

The property produced is Drumph
and Sons, value is 7/-.

Arthur Drumph

This deponent Hugh Ellis: on his
oath saith as follows:-

I am a Constable at
Llandudno

At 3:40 a.m.
on 19th July I saw Wynne
with a sack in New Street.
He said it contained corn.

Subsequently I cautioned
and charged the defendants with
the larceny.

Taylor said "I have
nothing to say it's right."
I carried it to Joe Taylor.

(2) Hugh Ellis. P. 22.

The foregoing depositions of *Arthur
Dumphy and Hugh Ellis.*

were severally taken and sworn before us
the day and year first before written

Thomas Dalton
Harry Miller
Two of His Majesty's Justices of the
Peace for the Division of Conway.

IN THE COUNTY OF CARNARVON.

Petty Sessional Division of Conway.

BEFORE the Court of Summary Jurisdiction (being a Petty Sessional Court) sitting at Trumhall, Llandudno.

The 14th day of August One thousand nine hundred and eleven
Hugh Wynne and Joseph Taylor. both
of Llandudno
(hereinafter called the Defendants) stand charged for they on
the 19th day of July One thousand nine hundred
and eleven at the Parish of Llandudno
in the said County feloniously did steal 64 pounds of
Mixed corn of the value of 6/4 the property of
Dunphy & sons.

against the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity (~~Contrary to the Statute in such case made and provided~~)

And the said Charge having been reduced in writing as aforesaid and read to the accused, and the witnesses for the Prosecution having been severally examined in his presence, ~~they~~ he now addressed by me, one of the Justices of the said Court as follows:-

"Do you desire to be tried by a Jury, or do you consent to the case being dealt with summarily, Being dealt with summarily means that you will be now tried by this Court. If you desire to be tried by a Jury you can be so tried at the next (Assizes) or Quarter Sessions for this County.

AND the said Defendant, on being so addressed, consenting to the case being dealt with summarily, ~~they~~ he further addressed by me as follows. "Are you Guilty or Not Guilty?"

WHEREUPON the said Defendant, state~~d~~ as follows:-

"We are guilty."

Taken before us at the place }
and on the day and year first }
before written.

Thomas Daffow

W. J. J. J.

Two of His Majesty's Justices
of the Peace for the said County
of Carnarvon.

EMPLOYEES' LAPSE.

Joseph Taylor, a coloured man, and Hugh Wynne, both of 2, Taliesin-street, were charged with the theft of a sack containing 64 lbs. of pigeon corn and valued at 6s. 7d., the property of Messrs. Dunphy and Sons.

Mr. Charles Dunphy, who appeared to prosecute, said that both men were in the employ of Messrs. Dunphy, Taylor having been with them for 12 or 13 years. On the 19th July P.C. Ellis was on duty in New-street, just off Deganwy-street, at 5.40 a.m., and saw Wynne carrying a small sack on his back. The officer asked him what he had, and he replied "Corn." The officer became suspicious, believing it to be too early to deliver goods. He saw the firm, and Mr. Arthur Dunphy, in reply to a question, said there was no order to be sent out so early as the officer stated. The men were then charged, and Wynne confessed that he had done it at the instigation of Taylor.

Arthur Dunphy, giving evidence, said the men when charged in his presence said it was straw that was in the sack, and ultimately he asked Taylor to show him the straw. He was very confused, and afterwards said there was no straw. He identified the bag of corn produced as the property of the firm, and valued it at 6s. 7d.

In reply to Mr. Chamberlain, who appeared for the defence, witness said he believed the men said it was straw in order to minimise the offence. Taylor had been a good servant to the firm, and they did not wish to press the case against him.

P.C. Ellis gave evidence corroborating the advocate, adding that when charged Taylor replied, "I have nothing to say. It is right." Wynne replied, "I carried it for Joe."

Mr. Charles Dunphy said the firm did not wish to press the case against Taylor, but at the same time they wished it to be known that for long periods at a time he was on sick leave, and was allowed 12s. weekly in addition to his Tontine money, and they thought it was ungrateful on his part to do this.

Both men were charged, and they pleaded guilty.

Mr. Chamberlain, on their behalf, said it was fair to Wynne to say that he did it entirely on Taylor's instructions. The goods were taken, not for the purpose of selling, but Taylor happened to have pigeons, and he was tempted and gave way. He pleaded for the defendants to be dealt with under the First Offenders' Act.

Deputy Chief Constable Rees said that both men had borne very good characters hitherto.

The magistrates decided to bind the defendants over under the First Offenders' Act in the sum of £10 to come up for judgment if called upon within six months.



"Roedd Taylor wedi bod yn was da i'r cwmni, a doedden nhw ddim yn dymuno gwthio'r achos yn ei erbyn." Fodd bynnag, nododd Charles Dunphy bod y cwmni wedi cefnogi Joe drwy gynnig tâl salwch ychwanegol yn ystod cyfnodau hir o absenoldeb, a bod y lladrad yn teimlo'n "anniolchgar". Rydym ni'n gwybod bod ei ddamwain ddifrifol yn 1910 wedi digwydd yn y gwaith, felly efallai nad oedd y tâl salwch gan Dunphy's mor hael ag y mae'n ymddangos a gallai fod yn cuddio cyfrifoldeb Dunphy am y ddamwain. Beth bynnag fo'r union sefyllfa, mae'n amlwg bod y cwmni'n parchu gwaith a chymeriad Joe Taylor, a gwnaethon nhw benderfynu trin y digwyddiad yn gamgymeriad y gellir maddau iddo amdano yn y pen draw. Efallai mai'r ffactor a lywiodd y

penderfyniad oedd na wnaeth y ddau ddyn ddwyn y grawn i'w werthu er budd personol – roedd er mwyn bwydo colomennod Joe!

Bywyd Teuluol

Felly beth am wraig a merch Joe? Yng nghyfrifiad 1901 roedd Joe yn byw ar ei ben ei hun yn ddyn sengl. Cynhaliwyd cyfrifiad y flwyddyn honno ar 31 Mawrth, a llai na thri mis ar ôl hynny, ar 27 Mehefin, priododd Joe ag Elizabeth Dimlowe yn y Swyddfa Gofrestru yng Nghonwy. Roedd hon yn briodas orfod a chafodd eu merch, Elsie, ei geni llai na phum mis wedyn, ar 23 Tachwedd. Yn drist iawn, bu farw Elizabeth Taylor ar 30 Mai y flwyddyn ganlynol, ym 1902.

Mae ei thystysgrif marwolaeth yn dangos ei bod hi wedi marw yn yr Ysbyty Heintiau ar Maesdu Road yn Llandudno o dwymyn goludd a methiant y galon. Hen enw ar deiffoid yw twymyn goludd, haint bacterol yn gysylltiedig â glanweithdra gwael ac amodau byw gwael. Pan aeth Elizabeth yn sâl, roedd hi, Joe a'u merch fach yn dal i fyw yn Back Madoc Street, ond roedden nhw wedi symud o'r salŵn bocsio un ystafell i Rif 2 Hughes Yard, a oedd â 3 ystafell. Mae llyfrau trethi'r cyngor ar y pryd yn dangos mai ardal o stablau, gweithdai a hyd yn oed lladd-dy oedd Back Madoc Street yn bennaf; ac eto mae'n amlwg o gyfrifiad 1901 fod tua 150 o bobl yn byw'n agos iawn at ei gilydd – does ryfedd, felly, fod clefydau heintus fel teiffoid yn ffynnu.

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Application Number 13307918-1
Rhif y Cais

1901 Marriage solemnized at The Register Office
in the District of Conway in the County of Carmarvon

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
142	Twentieth June 1901	Joe Taylor	26 years	Bachelor	General Labourer	1 Victoria Building, Madoc Street, Llandudno	George Taylor	Farmer
		Elizabeth Dimlowe	24 years	Spinster	Domestic Servant	The Cecil Hotel, Llanmaenmawr, Llangyfelach	George Dimlowe	Gardener

Married in the Register Office according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Licence before me,
This Marriage was solemnized between us, Joe Taylor in the Presence of us, William Johnson James Jones Registrar
Elizabeth Dimlowe Catherine Dempsey St. Barry, Deputy Superintendent Registrar

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office the } 9th day of } November 2022
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BURIALS in the Parish of Llandudno
in the County of Gaernarvon
in the year one thousand ~~nine~~ ^{nine} hundred and ~~eight~~ ^{two}

Name.	Abode.	When Buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Elizabeth Taylor No. 743	Hughes' Yard BK Madoc St	June 2nd	26 years	William

Roedd Joe a'i ferch yn dal i fyw yn Hughes Yard yn 1905, pan ddechreuodd Elsie yn Ysgol Fabanod Lloyd Street, ond erbyn 1906 dengys llyfrau trethi'r cyngor eu bod nhw wedi symud i ardal well sef Stryd Taliesin. Gwnaethon nhw fyw yn gyntaf yn Rhif 6 ac yna yn Rhif 23, lle yr arhosodd Joe Taylor am weddill ei oes.

Roedd Elsie yn naw mlwydd oed pan fu cyfrifiad 1911, ac nid oedd Joe wedi ailbrïodi. Felly ochr yn ochr â gweithio yn Dunphy's, trefnu a chymryd rhan mewn cystadlaethau bocsio, a hyfforddi tîm pêl-droed y Celts, roedd hefyd yn rhiant sengl. Er bod sefyllfa o'r fath yn wynebu llawer o

fenywod gweddw, ymddengys ei bod yn gymharol anarferol ar y pryd i ddyn weithio'n llawn amser a bod yn rhiant sengl.

Yn amlwg roedd Elsie yn blentyn disglair, oherwydd pasiodd yr arholiad mynediad i fynd i'r ysgol ramadeg leol (John Bright's), ond yn hytrach na hyn, aeth i Ysgol Uwchradd Mostyn ar Trinity Avenue. Mae'n bosib mai am resymau ariannol yr oedd hyn – efallai na allai Joe, fel rhieni eraill ar incwm isel, fforddio'r costau'n gysylltiedig ag anfon plentyn i ysgol ramadeg. Er hyn, gadawodd yr ysgol wedi'i haddysgu ddigon i weithio yn Dunphy and Sons ond yn y swyddfa fel clerc y cyfrifylfr, tra bod ei thad yn dal i weithio yn y warws.

Dim ond ym mis Hydref 1918, pan oedd Elsie yn un ar bymtheg oed, y priododd Joe ei ail wraig, Eunice Bryan, a oedd yn un ar bymtheg o flynyddoedd yn iau nag ef. Aethon nhw ymlaen i gael pedair o ferched gyda'i gilydd; Gladys May (1918 - 2004), Dorothy (geni 1921), Lillian (geni 1923), ac Elizabeth (geni 1926).

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Application Number 13291321-1
Rhif y Cais

1918 . Marriage solemnized at the Register office in the District of <i>Conway</i> in the County of <i>Carnarvon</i> .									
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.	
106	October	<i>Joseph Taylor</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>widower</i>	<i>grocer</i>	<i>Boston Grove Llanfair Street Llanfair</i>	<i>George Taylor</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	
	1918	<i>Eunice Bryan</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>spinster</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Bungay Villa Llanfair Street Llanfair</i>	<i>Alfred Bryan</i>	<i>Barber</i>	

Married in the Register office
This Marriage was solemnized between us
Joseph Taylor
Eunice Bryan

According to the Rites and Ceremonies of the
In the Presence of us
Harold Haydon
Alfred Bryan

by *Joseph Taylor* & me.
A. J. Jones Registrar
W. H. Jones Registrar

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Blynyddoedd Olaf a Marwolaeth

Mae'r hyn yr ydym ni'n ei wybod am flynyddoedd olaf Joe Taylor yn dod o ddwy erthygl papur newydd. Mae un o'r Liverpool Daily Post o Hydref 1941 yn dangos fod Joe yn arddwr brwd a

galluog iawn, oherwydd enillodd y drydedd wobwr yng nghystadleuaeth flynyddol Clwb Garddwyr Llandudno am y rhandir gorau – roedd 600 o ddeiliaid rhandiroedd, felly roedd hyn yn dipyn o gamp! Mae'r erthygl arall, ysgrif goffa Joe, hefyd yn sôn am ei angerdd am arddio, a'r gwaith a wnaeth yn trin rhandiroedd ar ran y Pwyllgor Lles Diweithdra. Ef oedd gofalwr yr Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Saesneg hefyd ar Gloddaeth Avenue, lle cafodd ei wasanaeth angladd ei gynnal. Bu farw Joseph Taylor ym mis Medi 1943 pan oedd yn 68 oed, a chafodd ei gladdu ym mynwent Y Gogarth.



LLANDUDNO GARDENERS' CLUB

At the annual meeting of Llandudno Gardeners' Club it was stated that the 600 local allotment holders produced over £12,000 worth of foodstuffs during the year. The Sir William Letts Cup for the best allotment was won by Mr. T. Fisher, Hazel Bank, Council Street, who returned the money prize of £4 which went with the cup to augment next year's prize fund. The other prize-winners were:—2, Mr. W. H. Thorndyke, 41 Lloyd Street; 3, Mr. Joseph Taylor, Taliesin Street; special ladies, Miss Mabel Reading, Mostyn Avenue.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOSEPH TAYLOR

The death took place on Thursday, at the age of 68, of Mr. Joseph Taylor, 23, Taliesyn Street. Mr. Taylor, who is survived by his wife and five daughters, had been caretaker of the English Presbyterian Church for the past four years. He had lived in Llandudno for over 40 years, and for 35 years was in the service of Messrs. Dunphy's, Ltd. A keen gardener, Mr. Taylor, as a member of the Unemployment Welfare Committee, cultivated plots under the auspices of that body and continued to do so until illness prevented him from active work.

The funeral took place at the Great Orme cemetery on Monday, following a service at the English Presbyterian Church.



Gwnaeth Joe Taylor fyw yn Llandudno am dros 40 mlynedd. Magodd 5 o ferched yno. Gwnaethom ni ddechrau â chapsiwn llun yr oedd yn ei ddisgrifio'n 'Gymro Du'. Does dim syniad gennym ni sut yr oedd yn ystyried ei hun erbyn diwedd ei oes - oedd e'n Gymro, neu'n dal i fod yn Americanwr yn ei qalon?

Rydym ni'n gwybod i Joe adael America ddiwedd y 1800au, ond a gafodd ef erioed gyfle i fynd yn ôl i ymweld? A wnaeth ef gadw mewn cysylltiad â'i deulu? Dydyn ni ddim yn gwybod llawer am fywyd Joe yn UDA, ond gallwn ni ddyfalu rhywfaint ohono. Mae un erthygl papur newydd yn nodi iddo ddod o Baltimore, Maryland; ond ar gyfrifiad 1921 mae'n nodi Prince George County, UDA fel ei fan geni. Mae'n debyg mai dyma'r Prince George County yn Maryland.

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NAME AND ADDRESS

1 Joseph Taylor Head of 5 of 1000
 2 Currier Taylor Wife 21 9 3 of 1000
 3 Frankie C Taylor Daughter 1 4 1 of 1000
 4 Gladys Mary Taylor Daughter 2 8 2 of 1000
 5 George Henry Taylor Son 1 9 4 of 1000

RELATIONSHIP OR CHARACTER

1 George Taylor Head of 5 of 1000
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 5 George Henry Taylor Son 1 9 4 of 1000

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYMENT

1 Head of 5 of 1000
 2 General Warehouseman
 3 General Warehouseman
 4 General Warehouseman
 5 General Warehouseman

Place of Work

1 111 Madison St
 2 111 Madison St
 3 111 Madison St
 4 111 Madison St
 5 111 Madison St

I declare that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the facts as to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: Joseph Taylor
 (Head of Household, Manager of Household, or other person responsible for making the return.)

Rydym ni hefyd yn gwybod mai 'fffermwr' oedd ei dad o'r enw George Taylor. Cafodd Joe ei eni yn 1875. Roedd Maryland yn dalaith gaethiwol hyd nes deng mlynedd yn unig cyn iddo gael ei eni. Roedd Prince George's County yn wledig a dyma ble'r oedd y crynhoad uchaf o gaethweision yn Maryland. Fyddwn ni byth yn gwybod yn iawn, ond mae'n debygol iawn y cafodd George Taylor ei eni i gaethwasiaeth; a drwy 'fffermwr', roedd Joe fwy na thebyg yn golygu bod ei dad yn dollgnydiwr ar ôl ei ryddfrenio. Yn y mynegai o'r rhai a ryddhawyd o gaethwasiaeth yn Prince George's County yn y 1860au, mae un George Taylor wedi'i restru yn un a gafodd ei ryddhau gan John Henry Waring yn y 1860au. John Henry Waring a'i deulu oedd rhai o berchnogion planhigfeydd mwyaf cyfoethog Prince George's County. Roedd George Taylor yn 26 oed pan gafodd ei ryddhau. Ai dyma pwy yw tad Joe?

Taylor, George, age 26

Declared by John Henry Waring of the 4th Election District

**Prince George's
Slave Statistics, 1867-1868, p. 259**



Mae'n ymddangos bod bywyd hynod Joe wedi bod yn llawn, yn brysur a dinasgar. Mae'n rhaid bod ei bresenoldeb ar y strydoedd Llandudno yn dyn Du wedi bod yn eithaf anarferol yn y cyfnod. Does gennym ni ddim syniad o'r math o ragfarnau y gallai ef fod wedi eu hwynebu, ond cawn gipolwg ar sut y gallai fod wedi delio â nhw... Mewn rhyw fath o golofn glecs yn y Llandudno Advertiser ar 12 Chwefror 1904, daethom ni o hyd i'r canlynol:

"Nid oes unrhyw wirionedd i'r si bod y L.A.D.S. [Cymdeithas Ddrama Amatur Llandudno / Llandudno Amateur Dramatics Society] yn ystyried llwyfannu "Uncle Tom's Cabin"... Rydym ni wedi cael gwybodaeth ddibynadwy na chysylltwyd â Joe Taylor erioed ynghylch ymgymryd â

rhan Ewythr Tom [caethwas], ond... ei fod yn credu na fyddai fforman Messrs Dunphy's Stores yn gwrthwynebu ei fod yn ymgymryd â rhan "Y Bachgen Tew o Peckham"...

Mae'n ymddangos, yn briodol iawn i fociwr, y byddai Joe Taylor yn gallu brwydro ei achos ei hun wrth wynebu hiliaeth.

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That there is no truth in the rumour 'hat
the L.A.D.S. contemplate staging
"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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That we are authoratively informed that
Joe Taylor has never been approached
with the idea of taking the role of
Uncle Tom, but

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That he thinks Messrs Dunphy's Stores'
foreman would not object to taking the
part of "The Fat Boy from Peckham."

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Ydych chi'n gwybod rhagor am fywyd Joe Taylor? Ydych chi'n ddisgynnydd? Byddem ni wrth ein bodd yn clywed gennych chi. Gallwch chi gysylltu ag Archifau ar archives.archifau@conwy.gov.uk ac ar 01492 577550 neu galwch heibio i'n gweld ni yn y Ganolfan Ddiwylliant yng Nghonwy.

Cydnabyddiaeth:

Diolch i Chrisopher Draper am dynnu ein sylw yn gyntaf at lun o Joe Taylor yn Warws Dunphy's. Diolch hefyd i Huw Pritchard am ei sylwadau ar ein neges Facebook wreiddiol.

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