

# Menter y Tŵr Newsletter



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## First phase of the renovation completed



### The task of removing the scaffolding has begun

Since the start of the renovation work in January, the white plastic cover has hidden the hard work of D R Williams builders. They have worked tirelessly demolishing, repairing and clearing the exterior of the building completing thorough and specialist work.

Parts of the building that were in poor condition had to be demolished, the essential structures repaired, and the site prepared for the next steps.

This essential work, funded by the Welsh Government's Town Transformation Fund, has

managed to prevent the wind and rain from deteriorating the building internally.

Over the next few weeks, the newly refurbished exterior will be unveiled as the covering and scaffolding are removed.

This is a key step forward and we trust that the hard work will be appreciated.

We can assure you that this is an impressive development and will inject new life to this iconic building and make it the center of the community once again.

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Early history of  
Y Tŵr

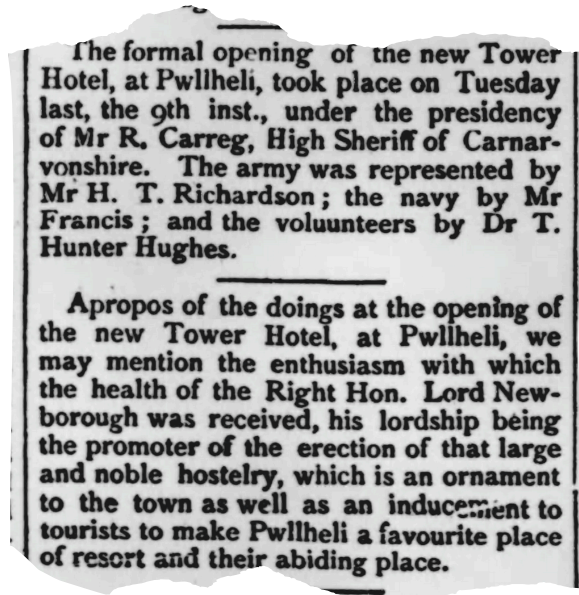
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Your help  
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# History and memories of Y Tŵr

Over the past two years, Robin-Rhys Jones has become something of an expert on the history of Y Tŵr and we are grateful to him for his work and for sharing some of the interesting stories. What better way as we celebrate another milestone than to start with the history of the official opening of Y Tŵr almost 150 years ago as described in the newspaper report below.



A Grand Dinner was held on Tuesday 9 January 1877 at 4.00pm to officially open Y Tŵr. Mr Griffith's friends and supporters were invited to the dinner and the chairman was R Carreg, High Sheriff of Caernarfonshire. The vice-chairman was the Mayor of Pwllheli, namely R Owen Jones. The building's architect was called Mr Picton.

During the dinner, a toast was raised to Lord Newborough who was very supportive of the idea of having a grand hotel on the high street that would attract visitors and increase the popularity of Pwllheli as a holiday destination.

## Pwllheli Women's Institute



Wendy entertaining the group

Recently, Keith Webster, one of the directors, supported by his faithful dog Wendy, visited Pwllheli Women's Institute to talk about recent developments.

During the visit Keith shared the interesting history of Y Tŵr, and its historical significance. He also described the challenges faced in restoring the building and the extensive work completed in order to protect the structure, renew the roof and repair the walls and windows. In addition, Keith talked

about the next steps and the plans to renew the interior of the building and the site surrounding Y Tŵr. Keith's thorough knowledge was an eye-opener for the WI members, drawing attention to the effort that has gone into protecting and developing this site for the benefit of the community.

## How can you help?

Menter y Tŵr faces ongoing costs and needs your support to hold fundraising events. A small group has been set up to drive this work forward. We would be delighted to discuss ideas and support events for the benefit of Menter y Tŵr. You are welcome to join the group, or organise an event independently. It would be fantastic to have a wide variety of activities for everyone on the town's events calendar. If you would like to support or discuss an idea, contact us on social media or email [ytwrpwllheli@gmail.com](mailto:ytwrpwllheli@gmail.com).