

BANGOR

Council worry over halt to TV complex plans

The BBC's decision to shelve plans for the long-awaited £1.8 million television studio complex at Bangor will again be raised at the full meeting of Gwynedd County Council today (Thursday).

The complex, which was to be developed at Bryn Meirion, was due to be completed by 1987, and work was to have started on it last month. This is the fourth time in six years that the TV studio plan has been postponed.

Members of Gwynedd County Council were unhappy with the decision when the matter came to light in May, and Gwynedd Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ioan Bowen Rees, wrote to Mr Geraint Stanley Jones, controller BBC Cymru, voicing the council's disappointment.

A meeting was also held between officials of Gwynedd and the BBC at the beginning of August.

In his letter Mr Rees outlined the three main reasons for the council's disappointment. A number of empty promises had been made by the BBC, he said, and was bought from the council for the new centre in 1975, but in 1980 the council agreed to take it back on the basis that it could not be developed until "the second half of the 80's".

The council was concerned that Bangor had

lost status and prominent staff because of the delay and uncertainty.

"Even if it is accepted that drama, etc., is not practical there, the provision for television programmes at Bangor is unworthy of its present role in the field of radio and its 50-year tradition," he said.

The third concern was that having no BBC studio at Bangor was a great loss to S4C.

"More interviews, etc., from Bangor with people who conduct their daily work through the medium of Welsh, would be of great benefit to S4C and a help to strengthen its position in the only county where Welsh-speakers are in the majority.

"How many people realise that it is mainly through the medium of Welsh that the county council spends its £100 million per annum? Cardiff and Mold are too far for the busy people who should be in the news,"

He also asked a number of questions about finance spent at Cardiff and Bangor since 1975; the number of people working in the two centres; how Bangor has benefitted from S4C; and whether it was true that it was intended to spend on offices in Bangor before the studio.

Mr Mervyn Phillips, chief executive officer of Cylwyd County Council also agreed with Gwynedd's concern, and wrote to the BBC asking them to re-consider. "There is no doubt that the people of North Wales are now disadvantaged because of the heavy capital investment that has been provided in South Wales," he said. See also P12

YSBYTY GWYNEDD

The North Wales Arts Association and Gwynedd Health Authority have awarded a scholarship to Daniel Trevor to paint murals in the corridor leading to the Dewi and

Minffordd Children's ward at Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor.

Previous work has included a year at the Rainbow Stained Glass Workshop, Bangor.

Ysgol Garnedd

The headmaster of Ysgol Garnedd Mr W. Davies has returned to the school after a 12 month secondment to the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, on a fellowship studying junior science. Twenty two new pupils started at the school this term.

CND

Bangor CND will hold their annual general meeting at the Bron Castell Community Centre, Lower High Street, Bangor, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, October 2.

Services

Services in Rhos-trehwfa this Sunday will be Cana, 10 am, a service conducted by the Rev Brynmor Jones; 2 pm, Sunday school; and a prayer meeting will be held at 5.30 pm. Pisgah, 2 pm, a service conducted by Mrs Ieuan Evans.

Rhosmeirch

A united service for the congregation of Ebenezer Chapel, Rhosmeirch, will be held in Sardin, Bodffordd, this Sunday at 10 am. Sunday school will be at 2 pm.

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ment, such as a disco or casino; and that the building should not be used by any organisations which promoted a gospel which was contrary to the Word of God.

The Evangelical Church moved from Ebenezer last May because of structural trouble and because it was not adequate for their needs.



English tutors Mr David Chapman and Mrs Yvonne Griffiths with students on the English course for overseas students held at UCNW, Bangor.

Language lessons for the overseas students

A special English language course for overseas students has just been started at UCNW, Bangor, in a bid to attract more students from abroad to the college.

Mr William Tydeman, acting head of the English Department at UCNW, said the idea was for overseas students to spend ten weeks

on the course before taking up studies at the college, or at other colleges.

Previously students had had to go as far away as Cardiff, Reading or Lancaster for such a course but now they could take one at the college where they would be studying, he added.

The students come from all over the world

including Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Indonesia, and more than half of the 30 on the present course are being sponsored by the British Council. Most of them study science subjects such as forestry, oceanography and marine science.

The senior course tutor is Mr David Chapman and he is assisted

by Mrs Yvonne Griffiths and Mrs Susan Chapman.

Mr Tydeman said he was delighted with the response so far and he hoped the course would be expanded in the future. It was planned to make the course an annual event, and to run courses during term time, he added.



Bible gifts

First year pupils of Hillgrove School, Bangor, receiving their Gideon Bibles from Leonard Soper, member of the West Gwynedd Gideons and Joyce Thickett, auxiliary member of the West Gwynedd Gideons.

Benevolent Fund

A total of £547.76 was raised by the Fire Service Benevolent Fund flag day held in Bangor on August 24. The money will be forwarded to the central Fire Service Benevolent Fund at Littlehampton, Sussex. Mr John Chamberlain and Mr Terry Jones, Bangor Fire Station Benevolent Fund representatives, said they would like to thank the

citizens of Bangor and summer visitors for supporting the cause with generous contributions.

Clock

Tomos Roberts, of Bangor, takes a look at a collection of grandfather clocks, made in Llannwrst in the last century on Arolwg (Review) presented by Dr Derec Llwyd Morgan on S4C next Monday at 7.30 pm.

Cathedral services

12 Iau/Thursday. 10.30 Holy Communion/Cymun Bendigaid. 6.00 Evensong/Gosber. 14 Sadwrn/Saturday. Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Cathedral/Cyfarfod Blynyddol Cyfeillion y Gadeirlan. 10.30 Choral Eucharist/Cymun Corawl. Introit: "Ave verum" - Elgar. Setting: Mathias in C (Creed said). Hymns: Special Supplement. 11.30 Meeting of the Friends. 15 Sul/Sunday. Pymthegfed wedi'r Drindod/Fifteenth after Trinity (Decani). 8.00 Holy Communion. 11.00 Choral Eucharist. Introit: "Cantate Domino" - Pitioti. Setting: Mathias in C. Hymns: 387 (2nd tune), 371. Preacher: Rev. G. C. Owen. (Communion anthem: "God be in my head" - Rutter). 3.15 Choral Evensong. Responses: Smith. Psalm 37, vv 1-22. Canticles: Wood in D. Anthem: "My soul, there is a country" Hymns: 369, 368. - Parry. 6.00 Gŵyl Gorawl yr Esgobaeth/Diocesan Choral Festival. 17 Mawrth/Tuesday. 10.30 Holy Communion/Cymun Bendigaid. Responses: Feirial/Stevenson. Psalms: 66, 67. Canticles: Balfour in E flat. Anthem: "Give ear unto me" - Marcello. Hymn 374.

JP joins the city council

Dr. Tom Pritchard, the Liberal/Alliance candidate, has been returned unopposed to fill the North Ward seat on the Bangor City Council vacated by Mrs Eleri Elliott.

Dr. Pritchard, who lives at 134, Penrhos Road is the director for Wales of the Nature Conservancy Council and is also a justice of the peace.

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