

Welcome to the October issue of **ForumWales** Newsletter – the newsletter of ‘The Welsh Forum’. The purpose of this newsletter is to bring all members up-to-date with what’s going on at ForumWales and also provide you with a small insight into what’s Welsh on the Web.

## The Site

Our Membership numbers continue to grow and as a result I am please to announce that we have a new Moderator to help with the Forum – congratulations to **Arwen!**

*(Interesting, look at those four ‘to’s all lined up...)*

**Arwen** has, like **Sioni** before her, been a very active member of ForumWales and has been working with us behind the scenes to improve the site.

**Sioni’s** moderator-rights have been extended and now both **Sioni** and **Arwen** ‘roam’ the General and Regions sections of the site. **Sioni** continues to look after the Welsh sections and provides welcomed support to those of us who are learning the language.

Increasing member numbers has meant that the Membership Maps have begun to get a little cluttered. As a result, they have now been extracted from the Member Introductions section of the Forum and moved to a dedicated Map section under the main About pages of the site.

The maps now use Javascript to display the member name and location and now also link to the member’s Profile information in the Forum – however, only registered members can access the Profile pages of the Forum. Simply roll your mouse pointer over the membership ‘dots’ to see the information, then click to visit their Profile.

The maps have been tested using Internet Explorer, Netscape and Firefox and all work well. Your browser must have Javascript ‘enabled’ for you to see the member names and info.

Inclusion on the map is dependent on having your location details in your Profile so make sure your details are in there ready for the next update!

Here at FW-HQ we have a few things currently in development for the site which we hope to have live shortly.

More news on developments as and when it becomes available. In the meantime, keep an eye on the announcement section of the site.

If you want to suggest a new feature or section of the site then let us know and we’ll see what we can do.

## Welsh On The Web

Welsh businesses are beginning to get their rightful share of media attention these days. During September, the BBC reported on an interesting idea from a new company in Wales assisted by the Welsh Development Agency.

The Naro car is ideal for commuters and city dwellers as it’s only one metre wide! It’s a

cool looking car and I want one now! Pop over to their website and take a look: <http://www.naro.co.uk>.



Perhaps keeping the 'myth' alive, the BBC (again!) reports "A sheep is keeping arthritis at bay by swimming regularly in a hydrotherapy pool for dogs in the Conwy Valley".



Hmm, does the sheep look relaxed? Read the full story here:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/north\\_east/4338700.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/north_east/4338700.stm).

The "Visit Wales" advertising campaign has produced some excellent TV adverts. Not sure if they're shown outside of the UK but they are available on the Visit Wales website and are well worth a look. My favourite is the one entitled 'Mud'.



[http://www.visitwales.co.uk/56016/DOWNLOAD\\_LIST.html](http://www.visitwales.co.uk/56016/DOWNLOAD_LIST.html).

The Welsh Air Ambulance have a range of events planned for the next few months. If you're in Wales then why not attend and help raise money to keep the helicopters flying.



Events planned include a Halloween supper, a curry and entertainment night and there's even one where you can hover in the helicopter for only £20.

It's now costing £2million each year to keep the two helicopters operational and the team are currently looking for an extra £22,000 to buy new fireproof suits for the crew.

As their website states: Wales Air Ambulance is a registered charity and relies entirely on donations to continue to function. If you want to help out and make a donation, visit their website: <http://www.walesairambulance.com/>.

## That's It For Now

That's the end of the October Newsletter. We missed out September's issue, things have been pretty hectic at FW-HQ recently and unfortunately something had to give.

If you'd like to contribute to the November issue, please get in touch and we'll see what we can do.



This month's closing photograph is of Conwy, taken by [Cymrulamb](#) during her recent trip to Wales.

"Conwy is a definite 'must see' spot in northern Wales. The medieval town wall still surrounds the entire city. Take the guided tour of the castle for an unforgettable experience" - [Cymrulamb](#)

Until next time!

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