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Wheelchair walk

A WOODLAND walk for wheelchair users is being organised in Tudweilog on Friday, August 14.

The two-mile guided walk will go through the woods and around the historic gardens at Cefnharlech.

There will be a chance to study the woodland, the history of the private estate and find out how gardens can support wildlife.

Organisers Gwynedd County Council say the paths are even and dogs are welcome, as long as they're on a lead at all times.

The walk starts at the Lion Inn, Tudweilog. Those who want lunch should get there at 12noon or at 1.30pm just for the walk.

Contact Haydn Hughes, Cynor Gwynedd on 01886 679841 (office) or 07826 667860 (mobile).

Pesda Roc part two

AN exciting batch of bands has been booked for the second Pesda Roc gig in this year's series on August 15.

The event, at Bethesda Rugby Club, follows the success of the first Pesda Roc gig in the Llangollen pub, Bethesda, on July 24.

Performers include Strydion, Cowbois Rhos Botwnnog, Y Promatics, BOB and Wyrlligis.

Cowbois Rhos Botwnnog, of Pen Llyn are described as 'a mad mix of countryrockabilly and psychobilly'.

Three new bands will be performing on the night.

Both BOB and Y Promatics will be releasing much anticipated albums this summer. Wyrlligis are returning to their hometown of Bethesda to perform, before going into the studio to record their first album.

Tickets £6 on the door.

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LET BATTLE COMMENCE: Former Felinheli councillor WO Jones claims new bus stop is dangerous.

Battle of the bus stop rumbles on

Veteran campaigner won't stop the fight

by ALEX HICKLEY

HOSTILITIES have resumed in a veteran ex-councillor's battle to improve a "dangerous" bus stop.

Former Felinheli town and community councillor WO Jones is refusing to yield in his 30 year fight with Gwynedd Council to improve a bus stop on Bangor Street.

In November last year, victory appeared to be in sight when Gwynedd Council confirmed it would finally move the bus stop from outside the chippy to opposite the Victoria Hotel and make improvements to the spot.

Mr Jones had been convinced that the original spot, which had a double kerb and a 10 in drop, from the bus to the pavement was a hazard for elderly and disabled passengers.

But despite the council carrying out improvement work late last year, he claims the new bus stop is "just as bad and dangerous" as its predecessor.

He raised these points in February last year and took the issue up with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

It referred him back to the council's complaints department three months ago, who

so far have failed to reply to his concerns.

A frustrated Mr Jones is concerned that the drop is still too much for elderly passengers alighting from anything but a modern bus, which can lower its platform.

"I can't seem to get any sense from the council! They built a raised platform for a road crossing right next to the (new) bus stop. I can't understand why that could not have been extended a few metres," he added.

The council denied that it was in breach of health and safety legislation or that its new stop was dangerous.

A Gwynedd Council spokesman said: "As part of parking improvement works in Felinheli, the bus stop on Bangor Street has been relocated. The original location meant that those leaving the bus had to step off the vehicle at a location where the pavement was at a lower level than the road. However, the new bus stop location which was agreed with the community council, means that the pavement is now on the same level as the road."

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