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Local TRAVEL Event  
in Yeovil

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Event to be held on:  
Tuesday 21st April at 7pm  
The Manor Hotel, Yeovil



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## A trip to Llandudno

By Travel Correspondent Tim Saunders

Llandudno is a popular Victorian seaside town in North Wales, known as 'Flandidno' to the locals. Road signage is in Welsh as well as English. Motorists are often advised to 'Araf' meaning 'Slow'. The town has wide boulevards, art deco metalwork and ornate roofs similar to France and Romania. In fact Queen Elisabeth of Romania stayed here in 1890.

Llandudno seafront is lined with pastel coloured hotels, the choice of palette the requirement of the landlords, the Mostyn estate. We take the Great Orme Tour in a vintage 1958 Leyland Tiger Cub coach with an extremely knowledgeable driver. He explains that in 1848, Owen Williams, an architect and surveyor, presented Lord Mostyn with plans to develop the marshlands behind Llandudno Bay as a holiday resort. Over the next 20 years it was developed.

We stay for four nights and five days at the three star Somerset Hotel, which has a five star food hygiene rating and a car park for self-drivers. Owned by

Daish's Holidays the majority of guests arrive by Daish's coach. A substantial property with 86 en-suite bedrooms, some with sea views, there's a bar and dance floor and a games room that the children love. Guests stay on a half board basis – a wonderful holiday feel with lots of chatter and new friends being made quickly. After checking into our family room we go to dinner. What a luxury to indulge in a three course meal. We enjoy the vegetable soup of the day and the desserts such as bread and butter pudding and spotted dick are delicious, too. All very filling and satisfying fare.

After a brief evening stroll along the seafront we return to the hotel to see the entertainment. What fun; we all take to the dance floor and there are covers of George Ezra's Shotgun and Pharrell Williams' Happy.

We take the hop on hop off bus tour and as the weather is nice, sit on the top. There's an audio guide where we learn that there are 160 wind turbines 10 miles off the shore that provide

electricity for up to 400,000 homes. The name Llandudno derives from 'llan' meaning church or parish and Saint Tudno who brought Christianity to the area.

Acquainting ourselves with the walled market town of Conwy, its castle and suspension bridge England's smallest house is here, too. There's a vintage toy shop and the Royal Cambrian Academy gallery. Returning to Llandudno we watch Punch & Judy. To think this very act has been entertaining visitors to the happy valley since the town was established. The original puppets are used to this day. That's the way to do it.

Bodnant Garden is 25 minutes away by car. Eighty acres of superb gardens certainly keep us amused and there's pond dipping where we find Phantom Midge Larvae otherwise known as baby mosquitoes. Breath taking landscapes here include waterfalls, lakes, lily ponds and views of Snowdonia in the background.



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