

## AROUND WALES

## Travellers face first bus fare rise in three years

**CARDIFF** Passengers will see Cardiff Bus fares increase for the first time in three-and-a-half years. The operator cited congestion and rising running costs for the price increases which will affect some of their tickets from October 29. Cynthia Ogbonna, Cardiff Bus managing director, said: "While we are committed to maintaining a comprehensive network of high frequency services from early to late, seven days a week, along with 24-hour services on some routes, we have to remain commercially viable. "We have resisted these increases for as long as possible as we realise the effect it will have on our customers. But these

revisions are now unavoidable as we face increasing costs across the whole of our business." Cardiff Bus said growing congestion across the city is one of the main reasons for the increase, as a Welsh Government committee heard in August. Ms Ogbonna said: "First and foremost we looked internally at how we can save and be more efficient, and for the past three-and-a-half years we've tried to absorb the costs but it's come to a point now where it's no longer possible because otherwise we're at the point of not being able to generate enough money to pay the basic cost of operating."

## Fears 'hard Brexit' could cost jobs at busy port

**HOLYHEAD** A 'hard Brexit' could see jobs lost at Holyhead port, the island's AM has warned. Ynys Môn AM Rhun ap Iorwerth warned that some of the 1,000 jobs at Holyhead port could be at risk if Northern Irish ports continued to enjoy a 'soft border' with the Republic, while more stringent checks were implemented at ports on the British mainland. "Well over 1,000 people are still employed directly in the port of Holyhead - far more in the wider economy are reliant on

the port," Mr ap Iorwerth said during a debate at the Senedd. "Four-and-a-half million tonnes of goods pass through annually. "Only Dover is bigger in terms of roll-on, roll-off services. "But, if Holyhead has been created and defined by its port in the past, there is no hiding the threats facing it now. "Any barrier to the flow of vehicles and goods is a threat to the port and is, therefore, a threat to the wellbeing of the people of Holyhead."

## Thousands raised in memory of football fan

**PEMBROKESHIRE** Thousands of pounds have been raised in memory of a devoted football fan who died after being hit by a car. Steffen Thomas, 32, died while walking home along the A487 near Cardigan at around 4am on October 1. Mr Thomas, who was from St Dogmaels, had served as vice-chairman of St Dogmaels Football Club. He was a regular on away trips for Wales fans and

had been seen at almost every game since the turn of the decade. Mr Thomas' father Rhys said that the club and wider football community had been "marvellous" in their support since their loss. He said around 500 people attended the funeral which was a "testament" to his son. The club's secretary and treasurer, Wyn Rees, said Mr Thomas' death would be a "massive, massive loss" to the community.

## Man due in court over train 'stabbing' incident

**CAERPHILLY** A man is due to appear in court over an alleged stabbing on a train. Christopher Evans, 42, from River Road in Pontllynn, Caerphilly, has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Newport Magistrates' Court today. The charge relates to an alleged incident that occurred on board a train at Pontllynn railway station on Friday.

The 4.02pm train was travelling between Penarth and Rhymney. Police said a man in his 20s received serious injuries to his chest and he was taken to the Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr Tydfil. Evans is charged with possessing an offensive weapon and causing grievous bodily harm with intent. A 39-year-old man who was also arrested on Friday has been released.

## Hillary Clinton hails 'world-class hub' and talks about the

## Ex-First Lady puts focus on youth during uni honour



Former US presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton talked about political divisions, children's rights and the efforts of Swansea University, as she was honoured by the institution. GERAINT THOMAS and HILLARY WEBB report

**H**ILLARY Clinton has received an honorary doctorate from Swansea University during a visit to the city.

The former US Secretary of State and 2016 American presidential candidate was presented with the award during a ceremony at Swansea University's Bay Campus.

She said the honour "meant the world to her".

The former First Lady visited Swansea on Saturday to pick up an honorary doctorate and membership to the fellowship of the university.

The award, an honorary doctorate of law, was made in recognition of her commitment to promoting the rights of families and children around the world, a commitment that is shared by Swansea University's Observatory on the Human Rights of Children and Young People.

The ceremony, attended by the First Minister Carwyn Jones and Swansea council leader Rob Stewart, took place in the university's seafront Great Hall.

In her speech, Mrs Clinton praised the leadership at Swansea University and the support of the community which she said

"has been transforming the university into a world-class hub for academic pursuit, as well as the pursuit of truth, reason and innovation". She also called for "empathy" on both sides of the Atlantic and highlighted the plight of children in the UK.

She said: "Teachers and schools are reporting an outbreak of bullying and racially motivated insults.

"Here in the UK, divisive rhetoric and policy shifts are having their own effects.

"Right now, the residency rights of half a million children, including many who were born in the UK, are hanging in the balance.

"So there are reports of children being worried, feeling uncertain, even unsafe. Trying to make sense of their places in the world.

"The children's commissioners for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have already raised concerns that children's interests are getting short shrift in the Brexit process."

The former First Lady said she continued to "believe in the value of the European Union", adding: "What's missing in both of our countries at the moment,

it seems to me, and what we need more than anything else, is empathy.

"It should not only be at the centre of our individual lives, families and communities, but at the centre of our policy, politics and public lives."

Vice-chancellor of Swansea University Professor Richard B Davies said: "We are honoured to present this award to Hillary Rodham Clinton, a figure of enormous international significance, and one synonymous with human rights.

"It is tremendous that she has chosen Swansea University for her first public appearance on this visit to the UK.

"It shows that we are being noticed for our excellent research and teaching and for the impact that Swansea University is making in global challenge areas. Swansea University's Observatory on the Human Rights of Children and Young People is working to improve human rights on a global basis through the exchange of policy, practice, advocacy and law reform, and we are delighted that one of the biggest international names in politics and in advancing the rights of children

is now synonymous with this work."

Mrs Clinton, who also met with children from Swansea's Blaenymaes and Pentrehafod primary schools, drew a noticeable police and security presence as well as a small number of protesters.

She was welcomed to the ceremony as a 'daughter of Wales' and in paying tribute to her Welsh ancestry, the vice-chancellor promised a new relationship between the Democrat and the university.

In accepting the award Mrs Clinton told the audience that she had family ties to the area saying: "Wales has a special place in my heart due to my family's connections to it."

She also joked how she could neither confirm nor deny that her presidential campaign slogan, Stronger Together, was inspired by the Welsh football team's Together Stronger motto.

Her Welsh ancestry dates back to 1760s Pembrokeshire and her great-grandmother, Mary Griffiths, was born in Merthyr Tydfil.

She also recalled how her great-great-grandfather, Edwin Howell, is believed to have worked in Copperopolis - a con-



## impact of Brexit upon youngsters

US politician Hillary Clinton delivers a speech during a ceremony where she received a honorary doctorate at Swansea University, in recognition of her commitment to promoting the rights of families and children around the world.

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Swansea University  
Prifysgol Abertawe



centration of metal industries in the Landore area – for five years in the 1870s.

Mrs Clinton spoke of how she felt a special connection to the work of Swansea's Observatory on Children's Rights, and that it meant the world to her to have Swansea's Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law named after her.

Following her investiture, Mrs Clinton unveiled a commemorative stone to mark the renaming of Swansea University's College of Law to the Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law.

The vice-chancellor added: "Mrs Clinton is, without doubt, one of the most powerful and important women of the age.

"Her influence on recent and current US domestic policy and on global affairs has been colossal. Today, in awarding this degree and in renaming our Law School as the Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law, we symbolise our support for the values of social justice and rights that have been her hallmarks.

"It is particularly significant that Mrs Clinton chose Swansea Uni-

versity for a major announcement on how she will be channelling her undoubted energy for public service into international work on human rights.

"Today also signifies the beginning of a meaningful relationship between Swansea University and Mrs Clinton, which is based on our shared belief that we are active agents of change in our social and economic worlds.

"We are delighted to be working in partnership with her, to play our part in a global push for children's rights over the coming years."

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