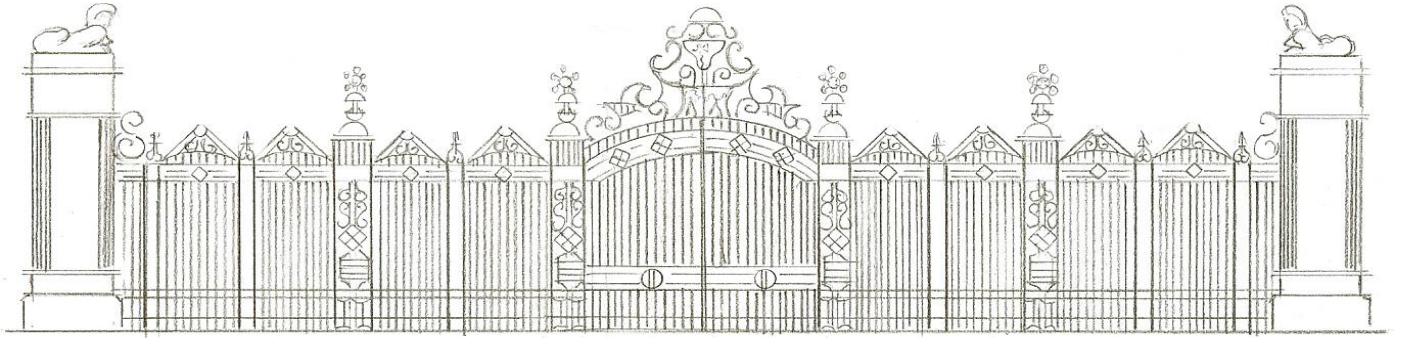


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Allotment Scarecrow

EDITORIAL

Thank you to all the contributors this month – been really lovely to see the more personal/family things.....please keep them coming.

I see that fund raising for the Carnival next year has already started. Personally I am really glad that the Carnival is being continued. Next year we will make it with our animals (Animals out the box).

On not such a good note – it is a shame to see on the write up from the Angling club that they have been having trouble with Dog Excrement – and if I may be so bold – I believe that it is a village wide thing.....so come on all you dog owners – let's take pride in our village, and clear up behind our dogs (and that means also disposing of the poo bags responsibly too).

This publication is now being shared on Facebook, in a group called 'Leeswood and District News' and it is planned to also create a web page. Contributors: please feel free to add colour to your items to be included – so these will show up on the downloads. Unfortunately it is not planned to print the publication in colour, due to the costs involved.

June

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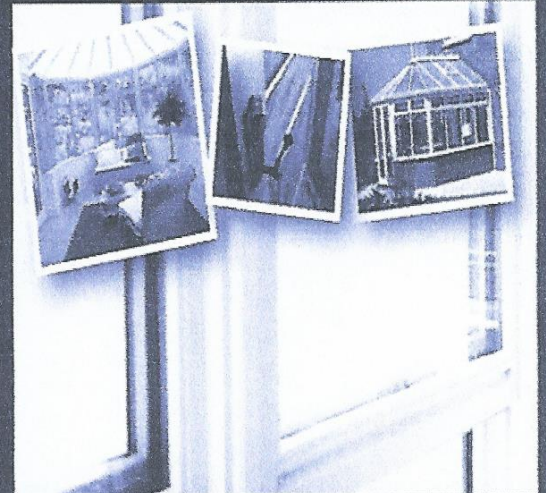
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Conversations of Faith

On Sunday evenings we meet at 6:00pm to read the Bible and to think about what God might be saying to us through it.

We call it 'Conversations of Faith' because -

- All are able to contribute, but no one is expected to or put on the spot

- No questions are off limits

- The session is for those who are seeking faith as well as those who are growing in faith

- We believe that God is able to speak through one another, not just through the person leading

Weekdays

Bright Sparks under 4s

Friday 9:30 – 11:00

High Fives Reception – year 5

Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30

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Friday 7:15 – 9:00

Please phone or check website for details, variations and special events.

What is love?

In our day and age, love is often confused with affection or desire. Thomas Aquinas, the great medieval theologian gave the following definition of love:

To love is to will the good of the other

Real love is more to do with choice and action than it is to do with feeling and sentiment.

In Bethania, we have been studying the first letter of John in the New Testament. A few weeks ago, we came to the passage that contained these words:

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:16-18)

The Love of Jesus is practical love.

When I read the words of the apostle John, written in the spirit of the Jesus at whose feet he sat, my mind is filled with images of the current refugee crisis. My concern is not just with those desperately trying to get into Europe, many of whom are fleeing war and persecution. My concern is just as much, if not more, for those at the bottom of the pile – those stuck in the war zones, too weak to travel and too poor to pay the people smugglers.

These people deserve more than my concern and sympathy. They deserve more than my prayers, even though I passionately believe in the power of prayer. Thank God for organisations such as Médecins Sans Frontières (and many others), who, with our support, can offer the practical help to people in need, which is the truest expression of Christian love.

God bless – Reverend James Morgan.

A warm welcome to all – Croeso cynnes i bawb
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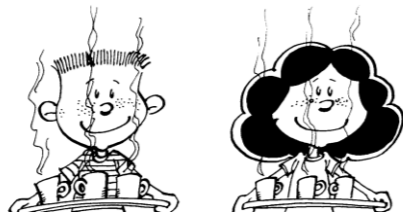
There will also be cakes for sale.

The Vicar will be available if you wish to speak to her on Church Business or alternatively please contact her to make an appointment. Contact details below.

UPDATE TO CHRIST CHURCH ON THE MOVE

The building work in Christ Church is going well, we hope to be back in church sometime in November. As soon as we can we will hold an open day so that you can see the work for yourselves. Meanwhile the church remains a **"Building Site"**, so for **Health and Safety Reasons please don't wander in to have a look.**

THE BIG BRUNCH!



**7th November
in Leeswood Community Centre**

Look out for further notices

Proceeds in aid of Christ Church, Pontblyddyn

Facebook Further News Updates about the church building and all our events can be found on the Christ Church Facebook page, and the Leeswood News Facebook page. Don't miss anything – join them both now!

CHRIST CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

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CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN MEETING IN

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2015

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11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: THE REV'D JOHN POOLMAN

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 19

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: THE REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER: ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: MISS MARIE REYNOLD

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 21

6.00 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER: ALL SOULS

9.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2015

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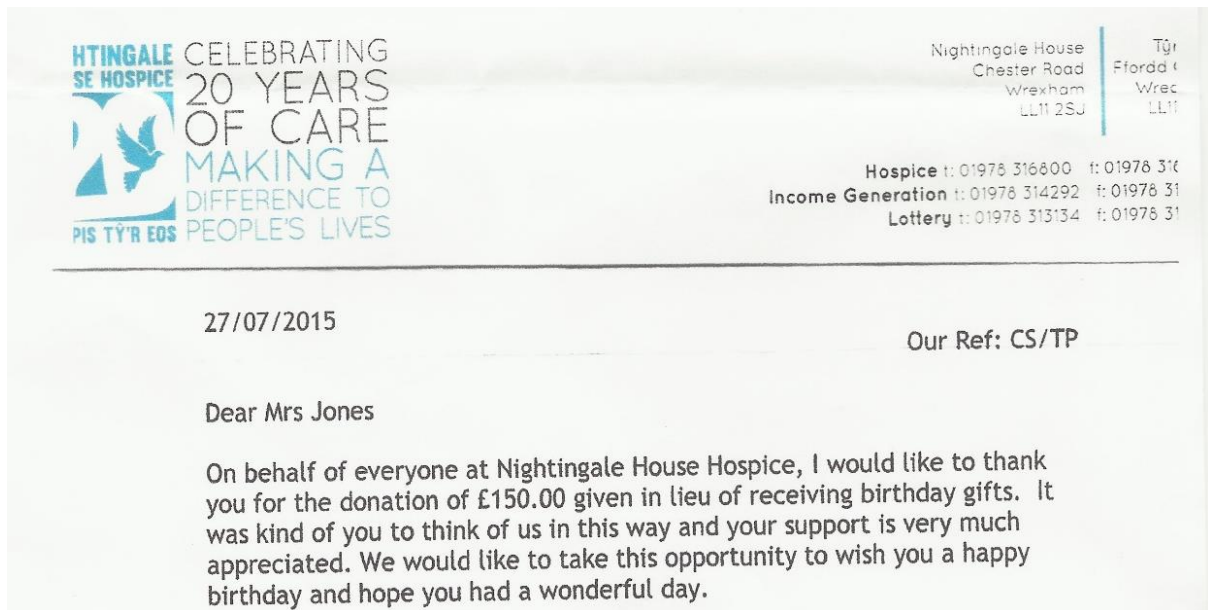
Once again we've reached the time of year when we remember, with thanksgiving, all our friends and loved ones who have died.

At our special service in the Community Centre, we will remember by name those we've known and loved, including all those whose funeral services have taken place at Christ Church during the past 2 years.

If you would like a friend or loved one to be remembered during that service, we invite you to contact the Rev'd Carole Poolman by phone or email (see opposite), or add their name to the list which will be available at our services in the Community Centre from the middle of October.

Annie's 50th Birthday

I'd like to thank all my family and friends for helping me to celebrate my birthday back in June. Nightingale House has sent the following confirmation letter showing receipt of your generous donations. Thank you once again, for this and also the present and good wishes I received.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thank you

Thank you to all friends and family, neighbours etc who helped me celebrate my 70th birthday by donating to our local "Hospice group" instead of buying gifts or flowers. We raised £400 – well done gang, "Best Birthday present ever".

Ann Williams



THANK YOU

Hywel Davies's family give thanks to all our friends and neighbours for the kind expression of sympathy, phone calls, flowers and numerous cards received in memory of Hywel.

Donations in lieu of flowers were gratefully received by Leeswood Wesley Methodist Chapel and Christ Church, Pontblyddyn, which amounted to £1,000.



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Sarah McMillan** on passing her GCSE's:

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From

Mum, Dad and Robert



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We will meet up at the Community Centre at 10-15 am and walk the short distance to the English Methodist Church for the Annual Remembrance Service. In the absence of our Vicar Rev Carole Poolman the service will be conducted by the Rev. Mrs Pat Christopher at 10.45am.

Following the service we will make the short walk to our village Cenotaph to lay wreathes and have a short service as is normal practice.

I have arranged with Mr. Paul Davies who has once again kindly provided us with the coach to take us immediately after the Cenotaph Service to the Lytch Gate at Christ Church Pontblyddyn,.

This will enable those who wish to pay their respects and to remember those brave men and women whom we are all so much indebted to and owe so much, to lay their wreathes. The coach will then return those requiring transport back to Leeswood .

The Royal British Legion Standard will be carried by our Standard Bearer Mr. Terry Hughes.

The Guides , Brownies, and Rainbows Standards will be carried by those nominated by their leaders.

Wreathes will be laid by Royal British Legion members local organisations and anyone else who would like to pay their respects are most welcome.

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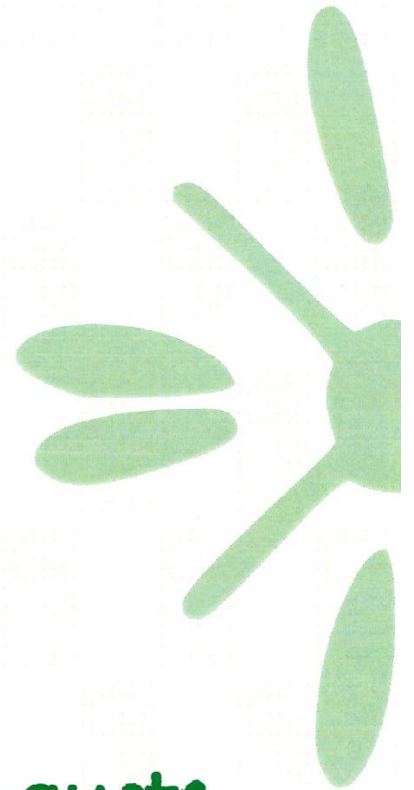
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Leeswood & District Angling Club

Well, Autumn is almost upon us. The leaves start to drop and the gentle warm breeze turns into a much cooler, sharp wind. The dew on the grass is very heavy in the morning, ideal for spotters like myself who want to catch the crafty poacher who has just left his footprints in the dew coming from the pond. The resident fish of North End start to go into hibernation mode. The carp will now start slowing down feeding, as they find it harder to digest their food once the temperatures drop. Although, also known as 'greedy mudpigs' they are still tempted by the smell and sight of a well presented bait. So don't put away your rods just yet !

The mid and surface feeding fish such as Roach, Bream and Rudd will still greedily eat up any free offerings anglers care to throw in. Quite a few anglers now tend to dust off their 'pike kit' as from now up until March/April is known as 'glorious pike season' and many a twenty pounder has been caught in the depths of winter.

The matches up North End have been steady over the previous couple of months, on the 9th August, 12 fished:

1st David Wheale 12lb 4oz (peg 15)

2nd Richie Salisbury 10lb 15oz (peg 13)

3rd Dave Rowlands 9lb 13oz (peg 22)

The Dave and Jim Echlin match is fished as a doubles match, 8 fished.

1st Steve Price & Rob Palmer 35lb 7oz

2nd Elliot Richards & Ken Rowlands 26lb 8oz

3rd George Kettle & Geoff Hawes 14lb 12oz

Pleasure fishing is still excellent up North End, with Martin Kendrick and Tom Evans having numerous quality carp of the top with

floating bread. One of our junior members, Jonathan Jones and his friends also catching some excellent specimen's. Well done lads.

On a less pleasing note, can all dog walkers please pick up and dispose of their mess at home (not left hanging in a tree for me to dispose of). After cutting the grass last week I went up the pool the following day and found fresh dog mess in several areas around the pool.

This is used as a leisure area, children play on the grass as their brothers/dad's/family fish there. We all know the dangers and viruses dog mess can pass on, I wouldn't want my children or any others to end up in hospital with a possibility of going blind.

**We are having our fundraiser at the Bridge Inn Pontblyddyn on Saturday 7th November, it's held 3-4 times a year. Two course meal for £10 then a raffle afterwards with a first prize of £50 with numerous other prizes. It's a lovely informal night with plenty of banter and a nice catch up with people you don't often see. If you would like to book in then give Gary Pierce a ring - 07599064455
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Entry fee will be £10.00 per person and entrants will be provided with a Santa Suit (*adult size, one size only*). All proceeds from the entrance fee will go to the Mayor's charity fund, which this year supports The Stroke Association.

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LADIES GUILD

SEPTEMBER 10th :

This was our first meeting after the holidays.



Mrs Ingham welcomed all the ladies who were present, all agreed it was really nice to be back in Guild again !

Several ladies who could not be present had sent their apologies.

Our evening commenced with a reading by Mrs Heywood, we all appreciated her lovely words on friendship and its benefits to all.

Mrs Ingham extended a warm welcome to Mrs Heywood and Mrs Lucy after their recent illnesses.

Tonight was to be essentially an "organising " meeting so no speaker had been arranged. This was an excellent opportunity to discuss lots of items regarding arrangements for our future programme and events.

The tea hostesses were Mrs Heyward and Mrs Anne Davies, they were thanked by Mrs Ingham.

Raffle winners were Mrs Lucy and Mrs Maureen Calder who also won the special raffle.

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LEESWOOD ALLOTMENT OPEN DAY

The Leeswood Allotment Association held a very successful open day and show this year on August 1st.

In the morning the allotments were open for viewing. Though the weather could have been better, we had a good number of visitors from Leeswood, Treuddyn and further afield who, by all accounts enjoyed seeing the variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers we grow. They were also treated to a display of scarecrows in various guises. The children who visited had the opportunity to plant seeds and do some drawing and colouring.

From 1pm onwards the allotment committee and members hosted a show and auction. Thanks to Raymond Hughes for making the auction an entertaining affair once again. The ladies of our local craft club set up a very impressive stand of their work, demonstrating their wide variety of skills. There was also a jewellery stall on show.

The successful day was ended with a disco in the Village Hall.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success by donating prizes, creating flower arrangements, baking cakes etc. etc. etc. Through your generosity and the generosity of all the people who attended the events, over £400 was raised all of which is being given to the Village Hall fund. **Thank You.**





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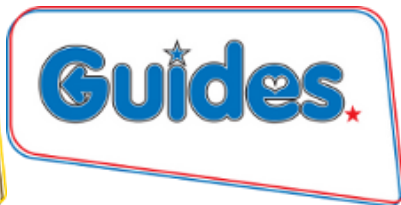


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Rainbows are 5-7 year olds and meet at Leeswood Community Centre on a Thursday (term time) 5:45pm to 6:45pm.

Brownies are 7-10 year olds and meet at Leeswood Community Centre on a Tuesday (term time) 5:15pm to 6:45pm.

Guides and Rangers meet on a Tuesday at the Community Centre on a Tuesday at 7pm – 8:30pm.

We have lots of fun working for badges, doing craft, cooking, fun out of doors, sleepovers, holidays, camping, having visitors to share their hobbies with us and doing lots of other activities.

We would also welcome any adults who would like to come along and help at our meetings on a voluntary basis or anyone who would like to come along one evening to share their hobbies/talents with us.

We have Rainbows, Brownies and Guides who attend Ysgol Derwenfa, Ysgol Terrig, Parc y Llan, Ysgol Glanrafon, Ysgol Penyffordd and Castell Alun and they would all be willing to tell you what a great time they have in Girl guiding, so why not speak to them.

If you would like to join us, come along to one of our meetings on the appropriate evening/time or contact Brown Owl (Cheryl) 01352 218704.



THE EGGMAN

Chapter 7

Daniel Collins

With the crossroads in sight Tom suggested Martin might like to call at the Smithy, a place that holds happy memories for them both. Martin's last chance to say farewell to Dan the local blacksmith before taking the Castlebar road.

Daniel Collins the blacksmith is one man whose favour everyone liked to cultivate. A tall upright man, with arms bearing the scars of many years working with hot iron. At some time or other almost everyone in the parish and its environs will need his services, whether it is repairing a plough, shoeing a horse, or making an iron gate, the blacksmith is the man they turn to. This dependence gives Dan an advantage over his peers, making him one of the most respected men in the community.

Anne Collins, Dan's wife is a tall slim woman with jet black hair who spends most of her time raising four hungry children as well as helping Dan with his business. Every Wednesday on market day, she will prepare her husband's clothes for his weekly visit to Ballingar market. At eleven-o'clock sharp Dan locks the smithy's doors before saddling his grey gelding and changing into his best and only suit to make the two-mile ride into town. Apart from Sundays, weddings, funerals, and christenings this is the only day Dan will don a suit. The Ballingar livestock market is more than a business day; it is also a social occasion. Farmers living in outlying townlands and villages look to market day as an opportunity, not only to buy and sell livestock, but also to catch up with family news and events.

Dan's Smithy is ideally located at the Lockan crossroads alongside the Ballingar road attracting trade from farmers as far as 20 miles away such is Dan's reputation as a 'Master Smith'. Being the eldest son, Dan inherited the three-roomed house and Smithy when his father passed on and is hoping it will continue with his eldest son. Situated on the north side of the crossroads, a tall hedge strengthened with Elm and Holly protects one side of Dan's holding from the bitter winter wind blowing off Mayo's Atlantic coast. The single story house set back from the road in about quarter of an acre of carefully tilled garden with a stream running along the boundary that serves the needs of both the household and the Forge.

Dan Collins plies his trade in a typical Irish smithy learning his trade at his father's side, being able to shoe a horse from the age of ten, starting with a donkey before graduating to horses. At one end of the workshop is the forge with a large hand bellows, the wooden handle polished by years of pumping to force the fire to maximum heat. Two paces away near the centre of the room an anvil on a wooden block cut from the trunk of an ancient oak. An old sandstone grinding wheel operated by a handle wide enough for two hands is on a wooden stand and a quenching tank occupies the opposite wall. Covering the remaining spaces on the now grey stained lime washed walls are iron racks supporting various hand tools, most handed down at least two generations of blacksmiths. Rows of tongs with mouths formed to

grip metal of any shape or size, chisels and dies with thick wire handles used to cut and forge the hot iron, their tops mushroomed where the hammer has hit them countless times.

On fine summer days, the sturdy old doors of the smithy are opened wide, giving passers-by, a perfect view of the action within.

Sometimes they might stop to catch up on the latest news, whilst watching the skill of a master craftsman turn a piece of iron into a useful object.

Others wait for a quick repair, or to collect a finished article. Many pause to wonder at the sight of a broad-shouldered muscular man wearing a sleeveless vest, protected only by a leather apron performing what seemed like magical pyrotechnics illuminating the interior of the workshop as sparkling iron is withdrawn from the forge.

On their way home from school Tom, Martin, and other boys from Knockaun liked to vary their route, some days they would pass the Forge, others they would pick their way across the bog or dare each other to walk through the churchyard.

To young boys like Tom and Martin the Smithy was a place of wonder; it was also a place of fun. The boys would offer to sweep the floor, which they did as fast as possible to give them time to play when Mr Collins was in the yard repairing a plough or other large implement.

The boys invented competitions to see who could balance the sledgehammer on their foot (with the shaft on their foot and the head in the air) for the longest. This was great fun until it slipped when one of the boys from Ballingar tried to balance it on his chin and broke two front teeth.

With Mrs Collins wiping away the blood, Dan's reaction was, 'that'll stop you whistling at the girls.'

Tom liked the smell of the place, the horses, the forge, and the hot iron, all combined to make a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Watching Dan shoe a horse, or forge a new part for a plough, fascinated the boys.

How Mr Collins knew which of the hundreds of tools to use, and why did horses stay calm while he hammered nails into their hooves?

It was making a new tyre for a cartwheel that impressed him the most.

To work out the size of the tyre he measured the circumference of the wooden wheel, before rolling a strip of wrought iron into a tyre, to a diameter slightly smaller than the wheel.

Then Dan's striker,¹ old Mick Fox, would carefully prepare the fire to heat the tyre by making a small mound of blazing ashes near to the air blast.

Mick, sweating the previous night's ale, would pump away at the bellows until the fire was white-hot.

After placing the metal ring into the fierce white heat Dan waited until the abutting ends were almost melting, then with carefully aimed hammer blows forge the two ends together over the beak of the anvil until fused to make a complete circle. Then over to the grindstone to fettle the welded joint smooth completed the job.

After double-checking the diameter to ensure the steel band would grip the wheel when quenched, the ring is ready to be reheated on a fire set on the yard close to the wheel.

When the tyre has expanded sufficiently, Dan and Mick lift it from the fire using purpose made tongs to fitting it over the wheel. Quenching water is thrown on the iron band creating clouds of smoke, steam, hissing and creaking as the new iron tyre grips the wooden wheel for many more years of service.

⁶ A striker is like a blacksmith's third hand he is the man who strikes the various tools with the sledgehammer as well as pumping the bellows and other duties in the smithy.

Memories of an oilfield man

Egypt 1973

With a visa allowing me to work in Egypt, all my inoculations were up to date in my passport, my trusty old back pack was loaded with the items I normally carried with me when I was working in the North Sea and our bank account nearly empty, I was ready to go, Carol thought it would be better if we were to travel to Heathrow Airport together and see me off as we had no idea when we would be together again, even if it meant Carol driving back with the boys.

Normally during a day out in the car we would all be talking or playing games but this time there was very little conversation between us, we were all very deep in our own thoughts, I was thinking that it was not too late to change my mind, and what the hell was I letting myself in for, Carol was thinking how will I manage, driving a three ton truck, looking after the boy's running the House, and I don't know what Dennis and Paul thought but I believe Carol had the hardest choice between the two of us.

Leaving the family and boarding that plane for Cairo was the hardest thing I had ever done, I know today people think nothing of jumping on a plane and flying off to Egypt or anywhere else in the world, but in nineteen seventy three it was a huge step for a lad from Liverpool, the planes were not as they are today and the flight took six hours.

I was dressed in my normal jeans etc., but there were people of all nationalities and wearing colourful clothes, saris, sarongs, kaftans and a few British in their best collar and ties with their ladies dressed as though going to Ascot. After a tiring boring flight and some alcohol drinks to pass the time, the plane finally touched down on the runway in Cairo at two am in the morning, when the exit door was opened nothing could have prepared me for the difference in temperature between London and Egypt.

The first thing I had to do was change English pounds into local currency Egyptian pounds, I had been advised to do this at the currency exchange desk, but before I reached it I was approached by four or five local Egyptians offering better rates of exchange, this seemed to be a common practice even if it was illegal<black market exchange> so I just let them argue amongst themselves which became quite loud and physical at times, anyway, after a while I ended up with the best rate of exchange, I never did reach the official desk.

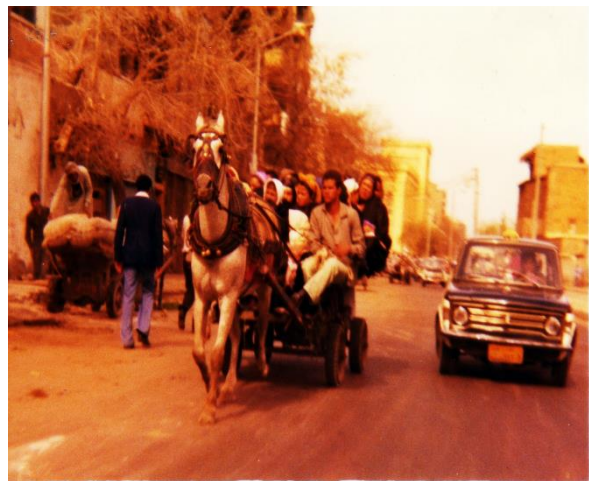
What should I do next? I decided to go for a cup of tea or something I needed thinking time, so I found myself sitting at a table drinking the worse cup of tea ever, surrounded by local children and adults at two thirty in the morning all trying to sell me something from camel whips to walking sticks, then there were the taxi drivers all of them pulling chairs near my table trying to sell me their various goods, praise be to Allah what had I done to deserve this, although I did not call for help a local policeman approached me asked if I needed assistance " all I want is a little thinking time so I can read my instructions" he immediately produced a stick and started whacking them with it, that was not my idea of asking to be left alone, but it done the trick, <a year later I witnessed a more severe form of crowd dispersal when they used machine guns>but I will tell about that incident in a later issue.

Right where was I? Pulling the instructions given to me by Vicki from the London office, a Mr Sammir would meet me in the arrival lounge then take me to the Hilton hotel on the Corniche alongside the river Nile for a night's sleep he would then call for me in the morning and take me to the Cairo office to meet the divisional manager Mr Gus Henderson at the office it was once the former palace home of Princess Fatma apparently she was a close relative of King Farouk. It may

have gone to plan if Mr Sammir had turned up, which he did not, so it left me left me with a little problem where the hell was the Hilton and how do I get there? And if I found my way there did I have a reservation? Or a room. Having fought my way through dozens of cab drivers I found one who could speak reasonable English and owned a cab that was not held together with wire and string, "Hotel Hilton" I asked "yes sir most definitely I know the way to the Hilton" he replied, "thank god for that" I said "you are a very good Christian like me sir thanking God".

Any person reading this and had the experience of driving in Cairo in the seventies would sympathise with me the traffic during the night was just as horrific as in daytime, remove the car horn and they could not drive, the cab was dodging around camels and horse drawn carts people pushing carts cyclists loaded with bread deliveries and holes in the road about a foot deep.

(to be continued.....)



Here is a couple of photos in Cairo there are many more to follow in the next issue I only hope this is of interest to our local readers it is certainly bringing back some memories for me,

Technical Corner by Joseph Caruana

Over the years there has been one industrial peak after another, however, these peaks have occurred in sever different countries. The latest industrial peak has in the Far East, specifically China. Nevertheless, as Sir Isaac Newton said “what goes up, must come down”. This saying does not only apply to the laws of physics, but it also applies to most things in our daily life. We have seen the industrial capabilities of China, rising to a great height. We are now witnessing that the Chinese economy has started to level out, and it looks like it cannot go any higher. Now when you are at the top, and you cannot go any higher, there is only one way to go, and that is back to earth.

Industry is something which is continuously growing, and it is disputable whether industry is controlled by humans or humans are controlled by industrial events. Another aspect which plays an important part in the success or failure of industrial projects is the financial sector. Nevertheless, the financial sector cannot prosper without fully integrating the human element. Therefore, in order to have a successful business venture, one needs to harmonise every functional aspect between industry, the financial sector, and the human element.

The human element can be found all over the world, and therefore it is in abundance. Also, the human element does depend on a good income to live a good life. This is a very complex situation and requires allot of understanding. Investors (the financial sector) can choose and pick where to invest their money, and the first think that they are going to consider is where they are going to get the highest returns for their investment. If one country can offer higher returns for a specific financial investment, then investors will obviously look favourable at that particular country. This is what happened with China. However, although China has prospered beyond imagination, it might have overlooked the fact that the economical situation world-wide, has been pushed out of balance. This imbalance has created a surplus of manufactured goods on the hands of China, and a financial vacuum in for example the European Union.

Due to the fact that European countries have been buying Chinese goods, the financial wealth has been flowing in the direction of China, and because China does not buy enough from European countries, most of the money has gone to China, leaving a financial vacuum in consumer countries. Now, unless this imbalance is rectified, the world has a huge problem which could take a long time be put right. Again, this is an issue which can draw parallels with the laws of physics of Sir Isaac Newton, because here we have a surplus of manufacture goods and money in China, and a financial vacuum in most European countries. Therefore, what has gone up (China) must come down to a level where it would allow other countries to recover.

Britain is a very resourceful country, both in technology and human capabilities. It is also a country, which identifies opportunities and produce a solution to fulfil a market need. With this in mind, plus the fact that China might have started to come down, we need to make a proper analysis of where things are going, and where we want to be within the sphere of international commerce.

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 2015.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Williams, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)
Councillor G. Sherwood, Vice-Chairman
Councillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, K.
McCallum JP, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson and R. Hughes.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3461 Poppy Hadfield-Jones was present at the meeting. The PCSO circulated all members with a report of incidences in the Community. These details are as follows: -
12th May - Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood - drugs warrant - substances had been sent away.
14th May - Albert Street, Leeswood - criminal damage to gate (this was minor and the gate was unused at the rear of the property).
16th May - Queen Street, Leeswood - criminal damage.
20th May - Ffordd Y Glo, Leeswood - vehicle damage (one off incident and targeted - tyres were slashed).
21st May - Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood - a warrant had been issued for an arrest.
26th May - Queen Street, Leeswood - criminal damage - a camera to be installed (unwilling victim).
9th June - Bryn Clyd, Leeswood - Police generated activity.
16th June - Ffordd Siarl and Queen Street, Leeswood - mini moto in area - advice given.
16th June - Erith Street, Leeswood - common assault detected.
7th July - Erith Street, Leeswood - criminal damage.

The Police will be supporting with road closures and general visibility at the forthcoming Leeswood Carnival. A Police gazebo would be on the field and the Neighbourhood Watch and Community Wardens would be in attendance.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP queried about the lack of information from the Pontblyddyn area explaining that this is part of the Leeswood Community. PCSO Hadfield-Jones informed that she would include that area in her report in future.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP queried the incidents in Ffordd Siarl and asked if these were long standing. PCSO Hadfield-Jones explained that she would monitor the Queen Street incidents and Plain Clothes Officers would be involved.

Councillor J. Caruana referred to the speeding on the upper part of Dingle Road. PCSO Hadfield-Jones advised that a new PCSO was coming on rota so will help using the speed gun.

PCSO Hadfield-Jones informed that the Playscheme provision in Treuddyn had not been successful. She was organising a Summer Programme of events which would take place every Monday and Wednesday of the school holidays. These events would consist of a focus on bicycle issues, trips to Tesco, kayaking at the pool in Mold and cycling at Deeside. If this proved to be successful it was possible that this would be expanded to Leeswood.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor K. McCallum JP and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

VACANCY FOR A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

This matter is ongoing.

ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of an e-mail sent by Sian Jones, Legal Services, Flintshire County Council. The current position is that the Solicitors acting for the landowner are seeking clarification in regard to the ownership of the land in question.

CEMETERY

The Clerk informed that she had received acknowledgement from the Flintshire County Council with regard to requesting an inspection of the headstones at the Pontblyddyn Cemetery.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP stated that the grounds maintenance carried out by Aled Davies and his team at the Cemetery was excellent. It is now coming to the end of the probationary period for the Cemetery contractor and Council agreed that a first class job was being done. It was proposed by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor C.E. Jones JP that the arrangement with Aled Davies be made permanent. All Councillors were in agreement.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Planning Reference - 053572

Pen Y Bryniau, County Road, Leeswood, CH7 4RF.

Outline application for the erection of a dwelling.

This application has been refused by Delegated Officer.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor J. Caruana informed that the Welsh Assembly Government were giving grants to Companies for burning fuel that would generate their own energy.

HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

Council had been circulated with the minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held on 9th March 2015. These were accepted. Councillor J. Caruana explained that the heat exchanger was being improved/updated. He had been to inspect this. Councillor K. McCallum JP thanked Councillor Caruana for being so proactive at Hanson Padeswood.

PROPERTY - 26 MAXWELL DRIVE

Observation made that this matter had been dealt with and the area cleared. It was agreed that this item now be removed from the Agenda.

MATCH FUNDING SCHEME - CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS 2015/2016

Correspondence had been received from Mr I Bancroft, Chief Officer Organisational Change, Flintshire County Council. In his letter, Mr Bancroft explained that the County Council were proposing to make budget provision for 2015/2016 to make improvements at children's play areas. The County Council wish to work in partnership with town and community councils on a match funding (£ for £) basis. It was agreed that the Community Council would set aside £3,000 for this purpose.

MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

- a) **Stiles on footpath to Pontblyddyn from Dingle Road** - Councillor Terry Hughes informed that he had spoken to the landowner, Mr Mike Allen about these and had been told that they were the property of the Flintshire County Council.
- b) **Food Waste Bags for Green Recycling Bin** - Councillor D.K. Crowther stated that these bags appeared to be no longer issued by the operatives collecting the waste even though the label to request additional bags was on display on the green bin. Other Councillors pointed out that there seemed to be quite a lengthy period of time between putting the request out for the food waste bags to them actually being received. Councillor J.E. Saul advised that they have to be collected from the Household Recycling Centre at Nercwys.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service** - information from Gillian Watkins, Communications Officer, Flintshire County Council regarding the closing date for nominations for Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This was accepted.
- b) **Flintshire County Council** - notification of the Flintshire County Council Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes' fundraising event 'Just Desserts Afternoon' being held at the Leeswood Community Centre on Sunday 19th July at 2.00p.m. - tickets are £5.00.

Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council

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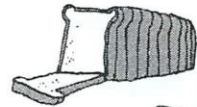


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