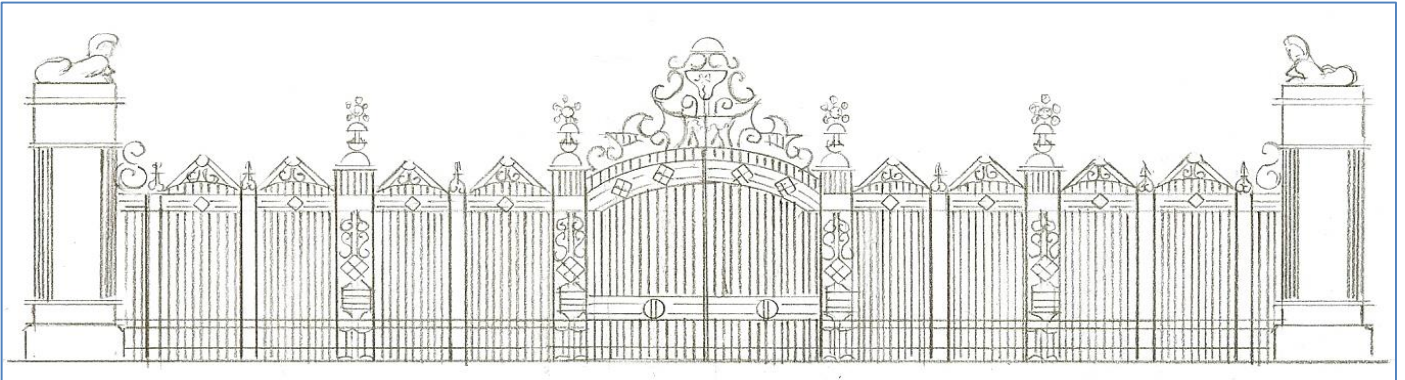


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Mrs. Lucille Ingman, M.B.E

EDITORIAL

Happy New Year to you all. What an exciting start we've had, with our very own Mrs Lucille Ingman awarded an M.B.E. Great news, and so well-deserved. And the rest of us – did you make any New Year's resolutions? Have you kept to them? I don't know about you, but I start with good intentions and then somewhere near the end of January, all good resolves have slipped. I usually blame this on the cold and bad weather.

Hopefully spring will soon be with us. I've noticed that Snowdrops are already through, with Crocuses on their way, let's hope we do not get any awful frosts.

Leeswood Carnival 2016 is holding events this year to raise money to support the costs of holding such an event. Looking forward to watching 'Leeswood's got Talent' - entry form is on page 21.

Really good to have input from Ysgol Derwenfa again – Many thanks to John Godwin for organising this and putting it together.

June

Articles Notices Charity Events

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ALL AGES WELCOME



The Poppy Appeal collection for November 2015 raised £1740.23 within the Leeswood, Pontblyddyn and Pontybodkin area.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with the collection – the house to house collectors, staff and pupils at Ysgol Derwenfa, the Co-op customers and local public houses. £320.03 was collected during the service of Remembrance held at the Methodist Chapel and £310.00 from wreaths purchased by various organisations etc. Also a very big thank you to all residents of Leeswood, Pontybodkin and Pontblyddyn who gave so generously for the Poppy appeal.

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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

Laser 11+
Wednesday 7:15 – 9:00

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New Year. New Life

Over the Christmas period, I read a bizarre newspaper story about a Russian man who was at a party in a flat in Moscow. He drank so much vodka that he passed out. [Obviously he hadn't read the government's new guidelines!] In fact, he was so pickled that his vital signs dropped so much that he was pronounced dead, and was taken to the morgue. A few hours later he woke up – I would have loved to see the faces on those morgue assistants! But the amazing twist in this newspaper story was that he apparently got up and went back to the party where he had got blind drunk in the first place!

New year is often a time for making resolutions. But so often we find ourselves going back to patterns of behaviour that we recognize to be bad for us, or even downright destructive. Recently, I came across a passage of the Bible that grabbed my attention. It is from 1 Peter chapter 1 and

The Message translation –

So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better than; than you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy." (1 Peter 1:13 MSG)

The organisation *Alcoholics Anonymous* have been saying since they introduced the Twelve Step Programme in 1939, that we need to depend on a 'Higher Power' for inspiration and help. 'Holiness' is a much misunderstood word. We often associate it with prudishness and self-righteousness. But, for Christians, true holiness is defined by the life of Jesus: a life of joy and laughter, a life of fierce love and compassion, a life of purpose and fulfilment.

May we be drawn into that way of life.

God bless, Rev. James

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7.00 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES
CELEBRANT: THE REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY: LENT I

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: THE REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

4.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER
OFFICIANT: MR BRYAN JONES

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY: LENT II

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER
OFFICIANT: MRS KATHY STEWART

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY: LENT III

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: THE REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

**SUNDAY 6TH MARCH:
MOTHERING SUNDAY (LENT IV)**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: THE REV'D JOHN POOLMAN

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH: PASSION SUNDAY (LENT V)

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: THE REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

4.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER
OFFICIANT: MR BRYAN JONES

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH: PALM SUNDAY (LENT VI)

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER
OFFICIANT: MISS MARIE REYNOLD

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH: EASTER SUNDAY

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EVENING PRAYER, will be re-introduced from February 14th and will take place once a month on the second Sunday at 4.00 p.m. in winter and 6.00 p.m. in summer.



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27TH FEBRUARY 2016

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

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.

Leeswood woman's tears of joy over receiving New Year Honour

Published date: 31 December 2015 - Published by: Andrew Cain (LeaderLive.co.uk)



A CHARITY veteran has been made an MBE in recognition of almost 50 years of doing good work.

Lucille Ingman, 84, receives the honour for “services to the community and to charity in Leeswood, Flintshire”.

The award to Mrs. Ingman, a former teacher at Nercwys Primary School, recognises her work on community projects and her efforts to raise money for local charities. Mrs. Ingman, who lives in Leeswood, said: “I cried when I found out I had received the award.

“My friend, Mildred, was here when the letter arrived and we were both in tears. “It was a complete shock and a surprise I had even been nominated as I had no idea, but it was a happy shock. “I do not know how I managed to keep it a secret for so long. Mrs. Ingman added she only wished her late husband Glan, who died seven years ago aged 77, had still been around to witness her achievement.

Mrs. Ingman’s friend, Mildred Heyward, was one of the people who nominated Mrs. Ingman for her honour. She said: “We were both in tears when she opened the letter which said she was receiving the award. “I’ve known her for about 20 years and she’s like a second mother to me. I’m very proud of her.” Mrs. Heyward’s daughter, Jane Lucy, also commended Mrs. Ingman. She said: “She’s an inspiration. I would like to think I will be as active and involved in the community as she is when I get to her age.”

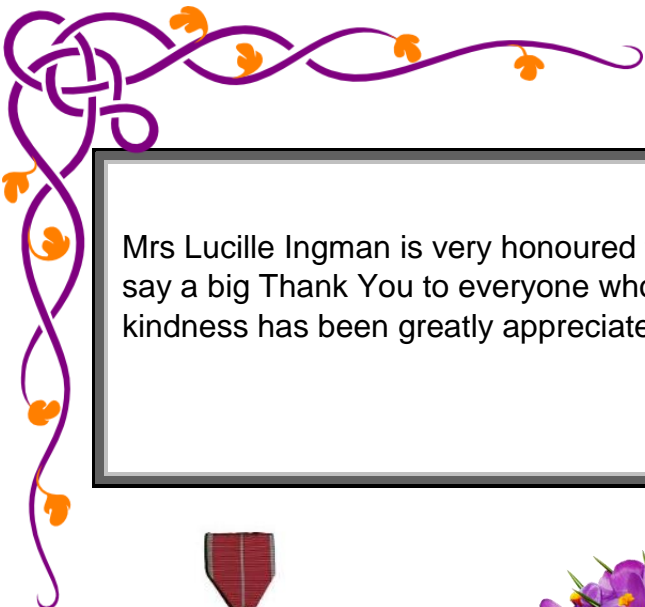
Mrs. Ingman has been involved in numerous charitable projects in the region. Her range of charity work includes the Leeswood Nightingale House Hospice fundraising group, which she set up more than 20 years ago. She was elected as chairman in 2002. Since its creation, the group has donated more than £45,000 to the Hospice.

Mrs. Ingman founded the Pontybodkin Ladies Guild, which holds charity lunches once a month to raise money for a number of local charities, in 1968. She is also the former editor of the community newsletter, Leeswood and District News, which she co-founded, and is an ex-community councillor.

Mrs. Ingman said: “I have always been very passionate about these causes and always wanted to help to raise money for these organisations. “Nightingale House Hospice, for example, has always done such wonderful work and it has touched everyone in some way or another, so I wanted to give something back as it seems like such a caring place.

“Nobody made me do these things, I just felt like I had a lot to give back to the village and the local area.” Mrs. Heyward added Mrs. Ingman was thought of as an aunt by many people in the village because of all her work in the community. Mrs. Ingman said she wanted to give her thanks to everyone who had nominated her and supported or helped out with her charity work.

“I’m going to try and keep it up for as long as I can,” she said



Mrs Lucille Ingman is very honoured to have received the M.B.E. and would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who has sent her cards and telephone calls, your kindness has been greatly appreciated.



Mrs Lucille Ingman MBE

We extend our sincere congratulations to Mrs Lucille Ingman, the secretary of the Friends of the Leeswood & District News, who has been honoured with the MBE in the New Year. Lucille was the first Editor of the Leeswood & District News in 1984 and she has been a staunch worker to ensure the continuation of the paper ever since. Lucille is a worthy recipient of this honour.

Llongyfarchiadau - Congratulations from the Friends of the Leeswood & District News

Clive Venables, Chairman & Maldwyn Roberts, Treasurer.



Congratulations!

My family and myself would also like to extend our sincere congratulations to Mrs. Lucille Ingman, we cannot think of anyone more deserving. Such a lovely lady with a fantastic heart for others.

June Lincoln (editor) & family



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Technical Corner by Joseph Caruana

When I was a child, I use to wonder what was the connection between industry and economics, and I use to ask questions on how the global economy works. In those days, I did not even not get an answer, but I was told that such a matter was for discussion only among grown up people. Nevertheless, such reaction never stopped me from being inquisitive, and as I grown older I persevered with my questions and started to get some answers. Some of the answers that I was given did not make any sense and were contrary to what I was observing on a global level.

When I started studying engineering, I soon discovered that (as it was in those days) that the world was divided in two sections. The first section consisted of those countries that were able or had the potential to produce manufactured goods, and the second section consisted of those countries that did not have the potential to manufacture, and had to by machinery from industrialised countries. This has obviously created a huge gap between the developed countries and those who were less developed.

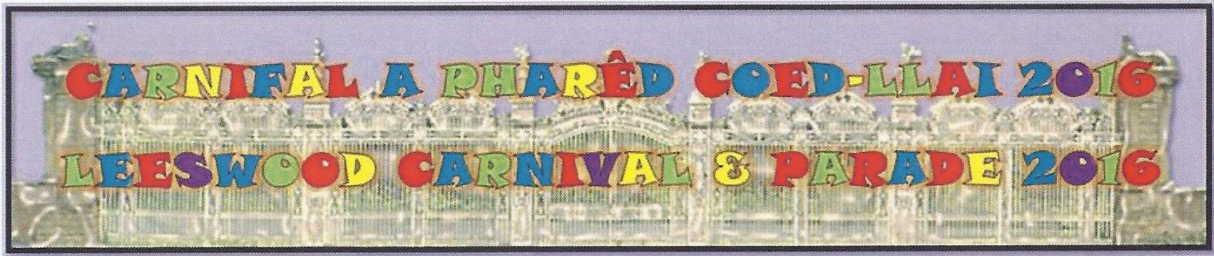
In those days, we were fortunate that this country was industrially developed, and well placed to play a leading role in shaping the economics of the day. This was because, our industrial output per capita was very high, and the country was punching way above its weight. If this country did it then, I am sure that we can do it again, but this time it may have to be in a different.

Sir Isaac Newton (who was one of the greatest physicists that this country produced) always said that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. This does not only apply to physics, but to other industrial activities such as industrial economics. A reaction to an action may not happen instantly, and it could take years before it is felt. In our case, we are feeling the effect from years gone by, when the manufacturing industry was being demolished or sold overseas. Considering that Isaac Newton was one of us, it is shameful that we do not take as much notice as we should, and instead, forge ahead with quick fixes which in long run create more problems.

If a country's action is to export more then it imports, the reaction will be that there will be a surplus of wealth in the country that is exporting. For a country to export manufactured goods, it needs to manufacture goods that the market requires, and which is normally referred to as market pull. On the other hand a country can produce goods and forces them on the market. This is not very successful, and is normally found in cases where a country can only produce certain goods or wants to produce only certain goods.

In a global market, industrial economics play a very active part, and it may well be the case, that we should start thinking in a way, with which we introduce a system where goods are manufactured by joint venture involving different countries. It should also be noted that there is a certain amount of wealth stored within the matter of our planet. Here I quote another saying of Sir Isaac Newton, that mater can neither be created nor destroyed, but it can only be transferred from one form into another. It is in this transformation process that a value is added to compensate those who undertake the transformation of the matter. As an example we all know that there is a limited amount of steel within the earth, and that amount cannot be increased nor decreased, but it can be transformed from one form (such as iron ore) into a finished product such as a washing machine or any other item made from steel.





Hello everyone. A very Happy New Year to you. We hope you all enjoyed a peaceful Christmas.

You may recall that our AGM was held back in December. Thank you to those who attended and put themselves forward as Volunteers. As the turn-out was a little on the low side, a sub-Committee was not formed. However, we are thankful to those people who put their names on the list that evening. They will be of tremendous help on the day itself. There is still room for more Volunteers' though if anyone is still interested.

We also welcome to the Committee our newest member, Mrs Kelly Jones. It's good to have one more come onboard with ideas and bring something new to the table and we are grateful to her for her willingness to join and to commit to making this work.

It's mad to think that we are now already two months into the New Year and the Carnival not so far away. Things of course will now pick up speed, particularly regarding our fundraising events. Wednesday 9th March will see our first fundraiser of the year at the Community Centre, and that will be our Easter Bingo night. We are hoping for a good turn-out and you've not let us down yet.

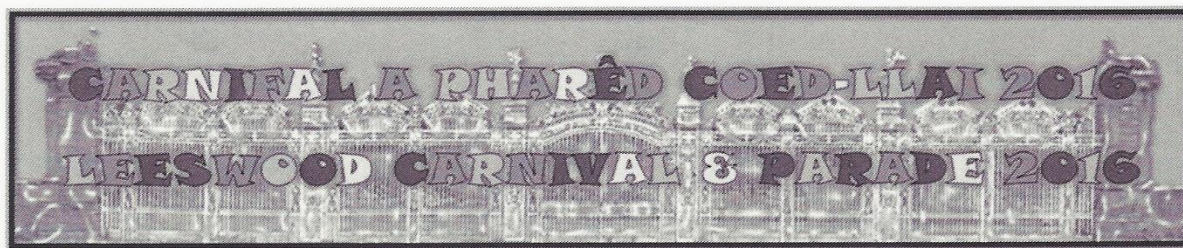
Also, we have our 'LEESWOOD's GOT TALENT' contest which again will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday 9th April. We are not as yet sure of the level of interest but, if it appears that there are going to be large numbers wanting to participate, then we will be looking to spread the event over the course of the day and evening so that it gives all ages the opportunity to come along and show us what they're made of. There will also be a disco in the evening to finish off the event once everyone has performed. Posters will be going up in and around the village and application forms for the contest will be available on-line, from the Co-op shop, and also from Ysgol Derwenfa and Christ Church, Pontblyddyn. If anyone has any queries regarding this particular event then they can contact Mr Stephen Rule or Mrs Jane Abbotts on our Facebook page or, for those without internet, speak to any one of the Committee Members who will be able to assist. In case you are wondering what's up for grabs with this competition, we can tell you that 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will get to showcase their talent with their act on stage on Carnival day, Saturday 9th July 2016. (I am currently scrubbing up on my stand-up comedy act [that's my first joke], although I'm not sure the rest of the Committee will let me take part once they've heard it all!)

Also, not forgetting, the month of May will see our annual Rosebud and Queen Disco night. This date will be confirmed in the next edition of the LDN and, again, the relevant posters will go up everywhere for all to see. It was an amazing night last year and we hope to replicate the same again this time around.

Finally, the Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Lucille Ingman on obtaining her MBE in the New Year Honours List. An accolade thoroughly deserved for years of commitment in fundraising and her involvement with various organisations. Not forgetting all those years dedicated to the Carnival back in the day! Well done Lucille from each and every one of us here on the Committee.

Regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell
Committee Member



“UNLUCKY FOR SOME...”

“LEGS ELEVEN...”

“TWO LITTLE DUCKS...”

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

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EASTER PRIZE

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WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016

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Don & Mildred Heyward would like to say Thank You for the get well cards and telephone calls they have received during Don's recent illness. We really appreciated your kind thoughts and concerns.



Centre Management Committee would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused during interior work being carried out in the centre.



LADIES GUILD

On the 26th November 2015 Guild members had a small party, as we usually do, when one or two of our group go to Scotland for a break. Mrs. Lucille Ingman and Mrs. Flora Roberts provided the refreshments, with a few extras provided, so we had a wonderful spread. In the general chatter afterwards we heard how certain of our members had come to live in Leeswood and a little of their lives. The raffle was drawn and Mrs. Jane Lucy and Mrs. Maureen Calder were the winners. The winner of the special raffle was Mrs. Gill Burton.

The Carol Service was held on the 4th December in the English Methodist Chapel and as the Chapel were holding the Tree Festival we were surrounded by the trees so it was a real Christmas atmosphere. Mr. Dewi Hughes took the service and Mrs. Margaret Roberts played the organ for all the well known Carols. Refreshments were served to all after the service.

Guild members had a lovely evening at The Bridge Inn on the 10th December for our Christmas Dinner, the food, as usual, was excellent. Before leaving each member received a gift.

The lunch on the 17th December was again a great success. With wine, turkey and all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding and mince pies, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The proceeds together with the collection from the Carol Service amounting to £500 is to go to Councillor Raymond Hughes Charity Fund.

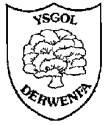
Our first get together after the Christmas holidays was a trip to Theatre Clwyd to see the pantomime Cinderella. What a brilliant evening.

The first meeting in the Community Centre on the 14th January 2016, was as usual, a social evening. All members provided food for the buffet, and what a spread. As it happens it turned into a lovely celebration party for our President, Mrs. Lucille Ingman, on her being awarded the MBE. What a wonderful achievement and Lucille told us she is to go to Buckingham Palace on 1st March, St. David's Day. Before we left for home we had a glass of bubbly to toast Lucille and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers. We all wish her well on big day. The raffle was drawn and I turned out to be the lucky winner.



Gill Burton





Ysgol Derwenfa News

School Council News

Our school council has been busy so far this year. We have had meetings and discussed ways that we can improve the school. We have spent some money to buy equipment to play with at breaktimes. We raised £100 by selling sweet cups at the school fair. Thank you to everyone who donated a cup full of sweets.

We are asking that if anyone has any unwanted board games or books at home, we would be very grateful for any donations to use at break times. Many thanks!



Sweet cups raised £100 for the school council



Development Through Care



Development Through Care

Mountain League Football Tournament

On Wednesday 13th January our fabulous football team took part in a tournament at Ysgol Parc-Y-Llan in Treuddyn. We played four games, each of them very close and competitive. Here are the results:

Derwenfa 1 - 1 Estyn

Derwenfa 0 - 0 Abermorddu

Derwenfa 1 - 0 Westwood

Derwenfa 1 -0 Parc-Y-Llan

Cameron was brilliant in goal, making three stunning saves against Abermorddu. Our goal scorers were Leo and Jayden with two. Jermaine was a strong captain, leading by example and was unlucky not to score when he hit the crossbar!

Overall, we finished second in the tournament, just behind the winners, Abermorddu. Congratulations to our team, they played really well!

Our team was Cameron, George, Leo, Cody, Lukas, Jayden, Jermaine, Rhys and Taylor.





Our topics this term

Little teds and Big teds: Cold

Elizabeth in little teds enjoyed painting a picture of a polar bear.

Year 1 and year 2: The weather

Molly said, 'I like learning about the temperature.'

Leo said, 'I like learning about the weather changing.'

Year 3: History of Leeswood

Jack said, 'Researching Leeswood is very interesting.'

Jasmine said, 'I enjoyed looking at what our houses looked like in 2011.'

YEAR 4/ 5: Myths and legends:

Sam said, 'I enjoy reading about the old legends.'

Neve said, 'I enjoyed writing about the Afanc.'

Year 5 / 6: Earth and Space

Keira said, 'I enjoy learning about my favourite planet, Jupiter.'

Taylor K said, 'I liked learning about all the planets and how night and day changes.'

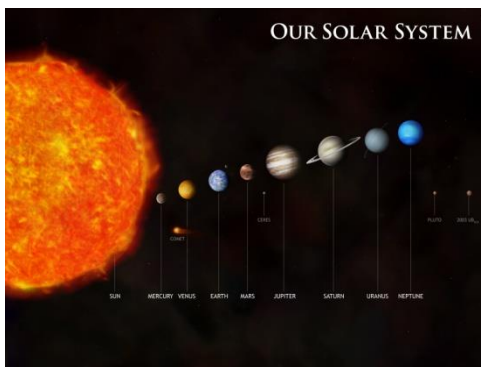


Year 5/6 Topic:

Space

We have been learning about the solar system and space.

- . Mercury
- . Venus
- . Earth



- . Mars
- . Jupiter
- . Saturn
- . Uranus
- . Neptune

Pluto is a dwarf planet.

Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system and it's a gas giant. The second biggest planet is Saturn and that is a gas giant too.

Today we have been watching Tim Peake carry out his Spacewalk. He is the first British person to do that – well done Tim!!

LEESWOOD'S GOT TALENT

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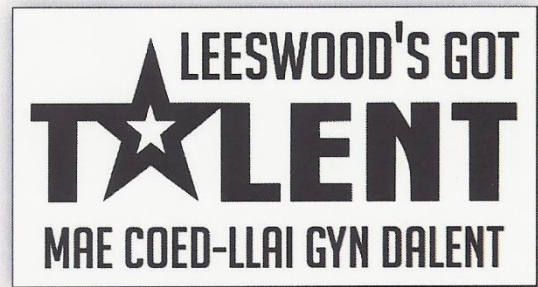
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**Ffurflen Gystadlu 'Mae Coed-llai gyn Dalent'
'Leeswood's got Talent' Entry Form**



Name of individual / group: _____

Age of competitor(s): _____

Description of act: _____

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Terms and Conditions**

Acts must be **no longer than 5 minutes** in length. All props, instruments and / or other material must be provided by the competitor(s) and at the risk of each competitor. Accompanying music must be sent to the organisers at least one week before any preliminary or final event. The date of the final event has been agreed as April 9th, 2016. Start and end times for the event will depend on the volume of entries but will be released as soon as possible.

All entries must be submitted (using the entry form) and presented to any Carnival Committee member by **midnight on March 12th 2016** at the very latest. Online applications must also be completed by the aforementioned date. Entries received after this date will not be considered. Applicants unable to compete are kindly asked to inform a member of the Carnival Committee at their earliest convenience. **Entry for non-competitors is £1.50.** Refreshments etc. will be available with proceeds going to the Carnival fund.

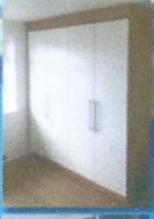
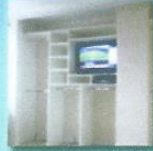
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Memories of an oilfield man

Ras Shokeir - 1974

With the help of Mahmoud the taxi I eventually located the domestic flights and after making enquiries found the Dakota (DC 3) which happened to be the oldest looking plane on the strip, after introducing myself to the waiting co-pilot he informed me that I was the only passenger and it would be a little over one and a half hrs flight time “is that all the luggage you have Tom” he asked looking at my small rucksack,” “from what I have been told I only need a change of under wear, shampoo and shaving gear and that my working gear had been sent to the work site”, I replied, “so you do not know anything about the camp or where you will be based in Ras Shokeir” he said, “nope I’ve never heard of the place until I arrived at the office, they told me not to expect many luxuries they would leave it to me and I would form my own opinion of the place, but it was nothing like I had been used to in the North Sea,” and how right they were “we have not been to the port in Ras Shokeir either but we know the chopper pilots who fly out of there and from what they say it will be some months before they start flying you guys out to the rig as there still a lot of work needed to be done on it,” this was sounding better by the minute, nothing could prepare me as to what lay ahead, never mind I thought, in for a penny in for a pound, after snapping the seat safety buckle in place “ok guys let’s go when you are ready” I said.

The take-off was not too bad even if it was a little bumpy but after an hour of sitting on a hard wooden bench I wished I had little more meat on my backside, within a couple of minutes, civilisation as I had known it in Cairo was out sight and all I could see was sand dunes of the Eastern desert which is part of the Sahara, there was the occasional village where most of our labour force came from, then there were the odd camp made up of tents of all shapes and size, that’s where the nomadic Bedouin people live, they do not bother anyone and keep to themselves, they are often seen herding their goats and riding their camels in this area, Ok let’s get prepared we will be landing shortly` the co-pilot added.

“where is the airport I can’t see any buildings or any other planes”? I asked, “ Oh boy are you in for a surprise” then started laughing “get ready for a bumpy landing” I could not see any runway or landing strip, all I could see was a orange wind direction weather sock that was hanging limply due to the lack of wind, nearby was two oil drums with a piece of timber across that acted as a seat, “welcome to Ras Shokeir airport we hope you enjoyed your flight and hope to see you again” what a warped sense of humour these yanks had, we chatted for a couple of minutes then we shook hands, he then climbed back in the plane and I watched it slowly taxi down the so called runway then made a U turn for his take off, I was certain they were both laughing but the pilot still gave me the thumbs up before he took off, I had never felt so alone in my life, sitting on this make shift bench alongside this pole mounted wind sock in this strip of desert holding my ever faithful little rucksack, what the hell would I do if nobody came to meet me I wondered, there was not a soul around only plenty sand dunes as far as the eye could see, but no sign of life anywhere, it was a good job that the co-pilot gave me a large bottle of water that was warm because the temperature was in the eighties,

I was sitting there for nearly twenty minutes in the scorching sun with no shade anywhere I did not know what to do or where to go, now I was starting to become concerned, all I could do was wait, I had been told that there would be somebody to meet the plane, where the hell is he I wondered, I heard the sound of an engine but I could not see a vehicle only a cloud of dust coming towards me, at least it was something let’s hope it is my contact, yep it was a jeep pickup truck with a nice air conditioned cab, “ you the new Limey deck foreman” were the first words shouted through the cab window, he never even bothered to wind the window down,” “open the door and let me in out of this heat” I replied, (I may have been begging) I thought he was joking when he said “throw your bag in the back of the truck then jump in with its not too far I don’t want to open the door and let the heat inside” this was my introduction to Melvin Whitmire the manager, of Rig 22, reluctantly I scrambled on the back of the truck, if he had opened his door then I would have explained in the nicest possible terms where he could shove his truck, from that first meeting with Melvin Whitmire I knew we would not be friends, and I proved to be right as I will explain in a later issue ,I tried standing upright in truck hoping to find some sort of breeze to cool me, but I soon returned to the box that I had been sitting on, standing up did not help at all as it was such a warm tepid wind ,`God` I did not like this

guy one little bit, about fifteen minutes later we arrived at what looked like a scrap yard on the beach, there was this old rusty looking ship with a fairly small lifting crane on its deck, and what looked like a helicopter landing deck welded on the aft end, they must be joking this cannot be my home for the next two years, after stopping alongside a rusty old porta cabin I climbed down from the truck to see what this so called rig manager looked like before he disappeared into the air conditioned cabin, but I was a bit too slow because he closed the door behind him leaving me to open it again, what a pillock I thought, If the rest of the expats are like this I am not going to last five minutes, “did you ever get to meet your parents, I don’t suppose they were married” I asked him, “What the hell are you talking about” was the reply, “never mind think about it” I replied, Thankfully he was among the minority of the Americans I worked with, perhaps I should describe this guy, he stood around six ft tall, solidly built and fair haired, he was wearing a American college jacket with a matching baseball cap, and aviator sunglasses< and a big mouth> the other five expats lounging around drinking coffee or coke were two American drillers, Willie Johnson from Montana he had to leave the states under a cloud, he later told me it was only because of maintenance arrears to his ex-wife but getting to know Willie later I had my doubts, Jimmy King he lived in Cairo with his wife Pat, he was an ex rodeo rider from Immokalee in Florida the only reason he worked on the rigs was for the extra income to help support his ranch, there were three British expats, Eric Whitfield chief mechanic from Wigan England and Brian Kay chief electrician also from Wigan then there was Willie Booth rig mechanic from Scotland, at eighteen years of age he was flying the famous spitfire planes during the 2nd world war and what a great guy he was even though he was a semi alcoholic, if you can remember some of their names as they all have a place in my memories and I will relate to these characters and others later on when Carol and the boys came to live in Cairo, the rest of the work force were local hire, and all the other expats were on field break in Cairo, these I will introduce later, of all the people I had met and worked with in the Middle East Melvin Whitmire was the only person that did not earn my respect, and I suppose it showed in our work relationship, during the introductions he never spoke another word to me, it was instant dislike by both of us, why, perhaps he just did not like us <Limeys> as he called all Brits,

I thought I would be able to sit down and chill out for half an hour but Melvin had other Ideas, “Hey Jimmy, go show this guy around the site and make sure he knows what is expected of him” I decided to grab a bottle of cold water from the fridge before I followed him out of the air conditioned cabin and into the extreme heat outside, Jimmy King was around five ft nine in height, fairly well built weighing around 13st, and he was very bow legged I reckon this was the result of all the years riding horses in rodeos he spoke with a very slow south American drawl that reminded me of Deputy Dog out of an old cartoon series that used to be on Telly years ago,

“where yooo all fraaarm boy”? that’s the best that I can describe how he sounded to me, `oh boy I thought` I had better put this guy straight, I was still annoyed with the way Melvin Whitmire treated me and some of the other Americans when I first worked in the North Sea oilfields, I told myself to remain calm and give him the benefit of doubt,” “Hi Jim, we have not been formally introduced my name is Tom or you can call me Nick but if you call me boy again I will knock you flat on your back” I have never seen a man stuck for words as Jimmy was then, we walked in silence for a couple of minutes then he spoke in his drawl which I will not try again ”Tom, I sure do apologise if I offended you by calling you boy but no harm was meant I assure you and if you need any help to settle in just let me know” later Jimmy, his wife Pat and two daughters Lynne and Barbie became great friends of ours we even stayed on his ranch and worked his cows for a while after my contract had finished, I will write about that later,

“I will give you tour of the area and introduce you to you crew” this last part he said with a smile, “first let me take you on Tender 3 I have been informed that you have never worked on a Tender assisted rig before, but you have worked Jack up and Semi-submersible rigs and you have great deal of experience with all types of cranes? He then told me that most of the expats had only been here for around two months themselves, a lot of new guys arrived at Ras Shokeir then decided it was not for them and arranged to be flown home as soon as possible, this only made me more determined to give it my best shot, we approached this big old rusty ship tied to the quay side, ”Hey Jim why is

the ship listing on one side” I asked, “there is a fairly big hole in the side that the welders need to repair and that is the only way they can work on it” “where do we sleep while they are repairing it” I asked, “we sleep on board, a bit awkward at first but you get used to it, anyway it will be finished in couple of day’s” with the Tender alongside the Quay it was easy to climb across and board, I will not bother to describe the drill pipe bays or the pump room, or other essential drilling and storage areas for the chemicals used for drilling, but I remember the sack room being overrun with rats, these came aboard in the sacks,<another story> there was only one small 25ton crane on the deck not in use at the moment, ”you will need to change all the crane wires before it can be used” Jim said, ”I notice you have concrete decks” “Yep, that’s because these decks are too thin to weld” he replied, this was sounding more like Steptoe’s scrap yard, “how about the sleeping quarters” I asked, “come on we will go below decks and I will show you but don’t expect too much” “don’t you worry I am not” I replied, anybody who has been in the engine rooms of ships know how steep the stairs are not much more than a ladder, “this will be your cabin” he opened the door into a room that had two beds two small lockers and a little table between the beds, and it was not much bigger than my shed, “and the good news is you will be sharing this cabin with an Egyptian electrician being a Muslim he will be doing his prayers daily but it won’t interfere with you” I later found that it was Melvin Whitmire who had arranged for me to share this cabin, the other expats had their own cabins,<payback time would come later> Jimmy then he took me to the shower room shared with two other cabins, as we climbed back onto the quayside I asked Jim where the rig 22 was” its on the other side of the sand dunes” there I saw big steel framed sections scattered around, “welcome to rig22”he said, “you must be joking” I replied, “nope this is our rig” let me explain he said, the rig Aquarius that sank in the Gulf when the sea bed formation collapsed and it turned turtle, you will be able to see the upside down legs showing above the water when we start flying out, most of the parts have been salvaged and this is what you see here” this was the rig that Shorty worked on< that was the guy in the last photo> “ the company salvaged the mud pumps, and draw works and the rig derrick looked like a huge meccano set, you will have a crew of twelve hired from the local village and none of them speak English,



this is Tender3 in the Port of Ras Shokeir, Rig 22 is out of site behind the sand dunes where myself and crew of twelve sand blasted the metal work, then number the parts for painting and reassembly it became something of a novelty at 6am assembling the crew all carrying various tools and setting off to the work site, with the rest of the expats singing Hi ho Hi ho its off to work we go, just like Snow White and my seven Dwarfs.



This Mohamad atir Aboud, he showed me a scar on his back that he received during the six day war with Israel,he spoke a little English and helped me a great deal, <a lot more about Mohamad later>

Tom Nicholson

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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 3rd NOVEMBER 2015.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Williams, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillor G. Sherwood, Vice-Chairman

Councillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, K. McCallum JP, D. Rule, J.E. Saul.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was in attendance. An incident update was circulated to all Councillors.

LEESWOOD

29th September - UTMV (Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle).

5th October - ASB (anti-social behaviour) personal.

10th October - ASB low - dispute with another party, resolved.

26th October - ASB personal - currently being monitored.

27th October - BOTD (burglary other than a dwelling).

28th October - BURGLARY DWELLING (garage - attached to house).

PONTBLYDDYN

13th September - THEFT - wallet stolen.

14th October - CRIMINAL DAMAGE - to a vehicle.

27th October - BOTD - summer house and shed break, bicycle stolen & tools, (likely undetected).

Further news -

Shop Watch - link the Co-Op store with Mold Shop Watch - relating to local shoplifting offenders.

Paws on Patrol - a new initiative in the area. Dog walkers invited to take part in this which focusses on community intelligence.

Remembrance Sunday - PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones will be in attendance with two North Wales Police Cadets who will lay a wreath. It was advised that Officers are allocated to the more high profile areas in the County. PCSO Hadfield-Jones was invited to attend the Cenotaph Service to be held on Wednesday 11th November with the children of Ysgol

Derwenfa.

Community Speed Watch - a new initiative where local groups operate autonomously but in close co-operation with Police/Go Safe in order to monitor the activity as necessary, proportionate and effective. Community members trained with the speed gun - needs a proactive group like Neighbourhood Watch.

PCSO Hadfield-Jones advised that she is to receive a reward as very innovative PCSO. PCSO Andrea Ellis is also to receive an award for PCSO of the Year. All Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to Chief Inspector Sharon McCairn extending congratulations at these awards.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2015 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor C.E. Jones JP that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

VACANCY FOR A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

Notification has been received from Flintshire County Council that no request for an election has been made. Closing date for individuals interested in co-option is 30th November 2015.

ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk reported that following an e-mail from Mrs Sian Jones of Flintshire County Council there has been no instruction received from Mr George Owens to his Solicitors. Due to this reason Flintshire County Council has now temporarily closed the file. It was agreed that a meeting with Mr Owens should be arranged to see if progress could be made.

CEMETERY

It was brought to the Council's attention that track marks had been left by the grave digger on the grave behind the new one being opened recently. Comment was made that perhaps the grave digger could put a sheet of plywood down and run over that in order that no ruts would be left on occupied graves.

With regard to the litter problem it was agreed that consideration be given to erecting a sign stating 'Please take your rubbish down to the bins'.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Application Number 054190

Erection of extension to side of dwelling and extension to garage.

The Trees, Oak Park, Leeswood, CH7 4UH.

This has been approved by Delegated Officer.

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Both Community Council representatives had been absent from the last meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee. The Clerk had been present and reported that a successful fundraising night had been held on Saturday 31st October 2015 with many young children and their parents attending the Family Night. A Christmas Dance to be held on Saturday 19th December 2015 and a New Year's Eve Dance on 31st December 2015 were to be the next fundraising events.

BIG BUDGET/COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS

The Clerk reported that she had attended a One Voice Wales training session on Wednesday 28th October 2015 regarding Community Asset Transfers held at the Town Hall, Mold. It had been interesting to talk with other Councils in the same position. Wrexham Community Councils were more advanced than the Flintshire Town/Community Councils in regard to Community Asset Transfers.

ARRIVA WALES - BUS SERVICE ISSUE

The Clerk reported that Mr Mick Morton, General Manager of Arriva North West and Wales is unable to attend tonight's meeting but has requested a list of issues with the bus service.

Double yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd and King Street were being considered given the issue of cars parked in that vicinity which impeded the buses travelling around the Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron estate. A letter was to be forwarded to Mr Steve Jones, Director of Streetscene supporting this.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL

The Clerk informed that the leaflets for the Civic Service had been printed by the FLVC. They had been very helpful. To become a member of this organisation would cost the Community Council £15 per annum. Councillor R. Hughes stated that this was an organisation worth joining - they were able to give assistance on a range of issues. It was agreed by all Councillors that the £15 joining fee be paid.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - CREATING AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES WORKSHOPS

From the Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council, information about the Workshops to be held on 25th and 26th November 2015.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

The hedges in the Community had been cut back well by Mr Neil Williams of the Wylfa Farm. All Councillors were in agreement that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Williams.

MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Civic Service of Chairman, Councillor Richard Williams held 1st November 2015 - Councillor K. McCallum JP commented on the quality of the Civic Service held on 1st November 2015 which he believed to be excellent. He thanked the Chairman, Councillor R. Williams for a most enjoyable afternoon. Councillor R. Hughes endorsed this by saying

that he had been honoured to walk into Church alongside the Chairman. Comment was made that it was unfortunate that the Civic Service had clashed with that held in Caerwys. It was agreed that advance notification of future Civic Services should be issued by the Clerk in order to avoid this.

b) County Road street light - it was brought to the Council's attention that a street light was out on County Road, this was to be attended to.

c) Chairman's Board - it was noted that the Chairman's Board still required updating. Information was awaited from Flintshire County Council regarding a sign writer.

d) Change of Community Council name from 'Leeswood Community Council' to 'Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council' - this was to be put on the Agenda for the December meeting.

e) Salting the Cemetery during the Winter - this was noted

f) Christmas Lights - this matter was being dealt with.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Holywell Town Council - invitation to the Mayor's Civic Service on Sunday 25th October at St. James' Church, Holywell at 11am.

b) Flintshire County Council, This is our moment, meeting the financial challenge in Flintshire - invitation to public engagement event on Monday 23rd November at Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold - four places had been reserved for Councillors to attend this. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor R. Williams and Councillors R. Hughes, J.E. Saul and G. Sherwood would attend.

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Councillor G. Sherwood, Vice-Chairman

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

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MINUTES

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MEETING THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGE - MEETING HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2015

It was reported that Councillors had attended the Meeting the Financial Challenge meeting held on 23rd November 2015 at Bryn Coch School, Mold. In attendance at the meeting were Councillor Aaron Shotton the leader of Flintshire County Council, Mr Colin Everett the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council and Mr Steve Jones Head of Streetscene Flintshire County Council.

Over the next two years Flintshire County Council need to make significant cuts in the budget. Councillors who attended the meeting were able to advise that approximately 90% of those present were in support of the strategy that has been taken to cut expenditure. Education and Social Services are protected so the cuts will be made in other areas. As of yet it is difficult to determine the impact that these cuts will have on the Community.

POLICE LIAISON

There was no report this evening as the PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend.

VACANCY FOR A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

Councillors agreed that the date for receipt of applications for the vacancy for a Community Councillor should be extended until 31st December 2015.

CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that the Cemetery sub-contractor would be purchasing more top soil. Comment was made that clay needed to be removed. This would be done when the weather improved.

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

There was some work to be done on the toilets and a disabled access - both a ramp and a rail. Also the fire door in the Committee Room is to be replaced. Some discussion had taken place with regard to closing the Community Centre during the progress of these works but due to the amount of organisations using the building it had been decided to allow access to the toilets in the Club area. The temporary entrance to the building was to be through the Clinic.

ARRIVA WALES - BUS SERVICE ISSUES

Information received that the 11.18a.m. bus to Mold had recently broken down - arriving 50 minutes late. Another issue relating to the bus service recently was the traffic lights in the Abermorddu area which had resulted in delays.

A request was made for consideration to be given to the erection of a bus shelter at the Bryn Clyd bus stop located at the Pensioners' bungalows. It was pointed out that a bus shelter in this area may provide a place of congregation for young people and possibly cause a nuisance. Observation was made that this might be distressing for the residents in that location.

CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL NAME TO LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

From a proposal by Councillor R. Hughes, seconded by Councillor K. McCallum JP, it was agreed that information be sought on how to go about changing the name of the Community Council from Leeswood Community Council to Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Community Council. The Clerk was to contact Legal Services at Flintshire County Council about this.

PLAY AREA COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS 2016/2017

Information received from Mr Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer, Organisational Change, Flintshire County Council regarding the new Play Area Community Grant Scheme which was to replace the equipped play match funding scheme in 2016/2017. Where a play area has been a Community Asset Transfer agreed by the local authority, a 'one off' payment of £5,000 per play area will be given. The total a Community could receive in this way is £10,000. It was pointed out by the Clerk that there are three play areas in the Community - Phoenix Park; the play area off Ffordd Siarl and the play area to the rear of Bro Alun in Pontblyddyn - should the Community Council take these over as part of the Community Asset Transfer we would receive a maximum of £10,000. For 2016/2017 a total of £105,000 would be available for the Play Area Community Grant Scheme. Any unallocated funds would be available for match funding as follows: - a) where a play area has been transferred out of local authority control or b) where a play area has been retained by the local authority and has been agreed as a priority for retaining or developing. In such instances the maximum amount for match funding purposes would be £10,000.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMER PLAYScheme PROGRAMME 2016

Correspondence from Mr Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer, Organisational Change, Flintshire County Council advised that information was awaited from Families First regarding the level of grant funding available for the Summer Playscheme Programme in 2016. For 2015, the County Council had been able to offer three weeks provision of the Playscheme at a cost of £900 with additional weeks available at £260. Mr Bancroft stated that for the forthcoming year it is likely that there will be a severe reduction in the grant funding available - in fact there may be no funding whatsoever. In view of this Councils will need to be prepared for paying the full £1,800 for three weeks provision of Playscheme - the additional weeks would stay at the cost of £260.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that the Leeswood Community Council finance the Summer Playscheme again in 2016 for a five week period - all Councillors in agreement.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - PLAYScheme REPORT 2015

Information about the Summer Playscheme held in Leeswood has been received from Flintshire County Council. Attendance was as follows: -

<u>Day</u>	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>
Monday	18	22	16	9	14
Tuesday	27	17	9	12	11
Wednesday	22	16	11	15	14
Thursday	29	17	14	23	11
Friday	22	28	17	0	21
Total	118	100	67	59	71

Comment was made that the Summer Playscheme had been a success.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) It was pointed out that Wales & West Utilities had been working in the area of the seat on Dingle Road. There had been some damage to the verge and this had not been re-instated. This was in progress.
- b) Work was to be carried out on the highway in the area of the Hall Hill, Leeswood.
- c) New street signs had been provided on Parc Derwen outside numbers 1 and 22.
- d) Councillor R. Hughes thanked the Councillors who had attended the Christmas Fayre held at the Community Centre on Saturday 28th November 2015 in aid of his County Council Chairman's Charity Fund.

MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

- a) Reverend Trevor Pratt - retired Methodist Church Minister - it was proposed that a letter should be sent to Reverend Pratt acknowledging his retirement and thanking him for his work in the Community. All Councillors were in agreement.
- b) Pond on Phoenix Park - it was brought to the Council's attention that the water in the pond on Phoenix Park had risen considerably. The fence was not considered to be high enough and two boys had been caught jumping in it on a previous occasion. Weed was covering the water in the pond and this was similar to that of an Australian swamp weed. It could not be removed and would have to be destroyed on site - the expense would be high. All Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to Richard Roberts at the Leisure Department, Flintshire County Council in regard of this.
- c) Dual Carriageway, Pontblyddyn - report received that there was a lot of water on the highway on the Pontblyddyn to Mold side of the dual carriageway at the area of Rose Cottage. This was to be reported to the Flintshire County Council.
- d) Gulleys on the Hall Hill, Leeswood - these were blocked and required attention. This was also to be reported to the Flintshire County Council.
- e) Bridge, White Gates, Leeswood - a great deal of water was collecting in this area. Again this was to be reported to the Flintshire County Council.

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