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EDITOR REVIEW:

A very slim edition this time. There
are no council minutes this month, as
they do not meet in August.

We have a Strawberry Cream Tea on
the 3rd September, and the Carnival
Bingo on the 21st September.

Playgroup Bingo coming up on the 5th
October.

Please read the contribution from the
Ladies Guild this month. A great
group of Ladies who have done so
much for the Village – thank you
Ladies you are much appreciated.

We are looking for someone to
replace Margaret, who is our
Advertising Editor (a difficult act to
follow though) – please see the advert
on page 3.....Look forward to
receiving all your contributions for the
next edition. June

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA



Saturday 3rd September 2016

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Leeswood - Bethania Church – Coedllai

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Sundays at Bethania

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Morning Service

Our morning service begins at 10:15am and finishes about 11:30am.

The service is structured but fairly informal in style. We sing contemporary Christian songs and some classic hymns too. The Bible teaching seeks to be relevant to our lives and journey of faith, and should be appropriate for those who are seeking faith as well as those growing in faith. A crèche is available for younger children. After the service we have tea and coffee, and sometimes a meal together as a church family.

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

[These Groups are not running during the summer and will restart in September]

Long to Reign Over Us

The recent Olympic Games have been a magnificent spectacle and a huge success for British Sport. I tried to watch the opening ceremony live. They were doing this dramatic presentation of the history of Brazil and decided to go back to the beginning – I mean the very

beginning. As amoeba emerged from the primordial soup and crossed the arena, I'm afraid I lost the will to live – or at least the will to watch – and went to bed. However, I did watch the highlights the following day, and actually found the whole thing very moving – even spiritual. I've been trying to work out why. I think it's because the idea of a world united in a common cause resonates with a desire God has put deep in our hearts.

This is the vision of the Apostle John:

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. ...And they cried out in a loud voice:

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9-10)

Ultimately all peoples will be united in worship.

And every nation, tribe, people and language will bring their unique culture into the mix.

I remember watching a medal ceremony at the rowing venue in Rio, where Britain was being presented with another gold medal. The camera showed the winner with his medal on the podium, and the union flag was raised as the national anthem was being played. And just as the words "long to reign over us" were being sung, there was a shot of the statue of Christ the Redeemer in the background, which brought to my mind the eternal reign of the King of kings who watches over us in love. And the words of the hymn came to mind:

Jesus shall reign where're the sun

Does his successive journeys run;

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

However, Jesus does not impose his reign on the earth. The one who reigns and unites the world in worship according to John's vision is also the Lamb. Jesus never imposed himself on anyone but became the servant of all. He loved his enemies and prayed for their forgiveness. He gave his life to set us free. If Christianity becomes intolerant and coercive, it ceases to be the Way of Jesus. Christianity isn't about dominating the world; it's about serving the world in Jesus' name, in the hope that the world will freely accept him. In the words of another great hymn:

O that mankind might taste and see,.....The riches of His grace !... .. The arms of love that compass me see..... Would all the world embrace.

As well as remembering a great Olympics, the image of Christ the Redeemer offering his embrace to the whole world will remain with me.

God bless,
Rev. James

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CELEBRANT: REV'D

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 16

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D ANDY MILLAR

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: MR BRYAN JONES

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 17

11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer

OFFICIANT: MISS MARIE REYNOLDS

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 18

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER: TRINITY 19

4.00 P.M. HARVEST FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE

FOLLOWED BY A "BRING AND SHARE"

HARVEST SUPPER.

OFFICIANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 20

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D JOHN POOLMAN

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: MR BRYAN JONES

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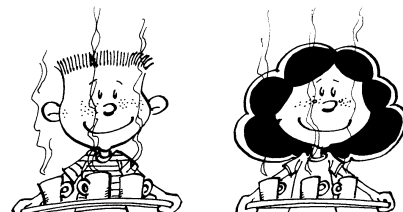
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The Vicar will be available on this occasion if you wish to speak to her on Church Business or alternatively please contact her to make an appointment.

A CHURCH FOR ALL

This summer sees the launch of the Church in Wales' first Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Chaplaincy here in our Diocese of St Asaph. Our Bishop has asked the Vicar of Llanwrst, the Revd Sarah Hildreth-Osborn to set up the chaplaincy. She will be organizing a Service of Holy Communion specifically for the LGBT community at least once a month. Already, St Grwst in Llanwrst has agreed to be a base for the chaplaincy along with St Peter's in Holywell and St Giles in Wrexham. After each service there will be an opportunity for fellowship, to share stories and learn from each other's journey of faith. If you would like to attend any of these services or would like to contact Rev'd Sarah, please contact the Revd Carole Poolman who will be able to give you more details.

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Two little old ladies, Connie and Evelyn, were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress. The short one, Connie, leaned over and said, "Life is so boring. We never have any fun anymore. For £10 I'd take my clothes off and streak through that stupid, boring flower show!" "You're on!", said Evelyn, holding up a £10 note. So, Connie slowly fumbled her way out of her clothes. She grabbed a dried flower from a nearby display and held it between her teeth. Then, completely naked, she streaked (as fast as an old lady can) through the front door of the flower show. Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause and shrill whistling. Finally, the smiling Connie came through the exit door surrounded by a cheering, clapping crowd. "What happened?" asked Evelyn. "I won £1,000 as 1st prize for 'Best Dried Arrangement!'"

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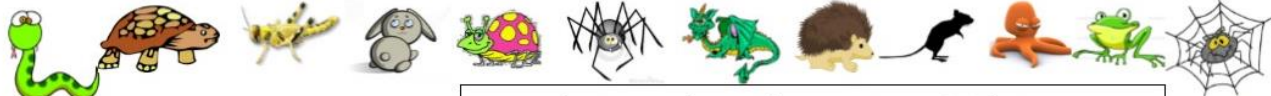
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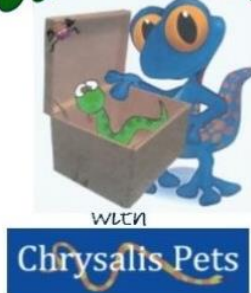
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It has been over forty three years since I worked in Ras Shukeir, then there were only a limited number of porta cabins sited on the edge of the Gulf of Suez, I thought the Americans were the only drilling contractors in the area, but I found that JDC, a Japanese drilling Company also had a similar camp set up in the area, their camp was nearer Ras Gharib, a mile or two away from ours, when I say similar, sad to say their camp put ours to shame they had a much better organised camp, although their casual labour had the same dress mode as ours, the Japanese employees were impeccable, all dressed in pale blue shirts with creased trousers, all wearing yellow hard hats, unbelievable when compared to us in our cut down jeans, arms removed from our shirts and not wearing safety hard hats at all, any stranger that came into our camp would be forgiven if they thought they were on a film set for the movie of Mad Max,

This brings back a memory of the time in Maadi in Cairo when the Japanese company(JDC) challenged our company to a football match, needless to say their team turned up wearing their pale blue football kit and ours turned up in cut down jeans and ragged shirts and using our leather Redwing steel toe capped rig working boots, the pitch we played on was more of a gravel patch, and had an Egyptian referee still our team won by two goals to one, I must say JDC played by the rules (we didn't)

Anyway, back to work I could not complain about my crew of roustabouts they done all that I asked of them (with the help of my lead man Mohammed) I arranged for a little extra in his pay check, to compensate,

The only form of relaxation we had was walking into the desert early in the evening looking for artefacts and fossils often we would find fossilised sharks teeth and arrow heads, then proceed to the canvas Comex bar sipping Jack Daniels until the late hours, The cook had an assistant whose job was, work in the galley, clean the cabins, change the bed linen, he would wake me at 4.30am then I

First field break in Cairo

would have a shower in the communal washroom, as mentioned the water we used was portable water delivered by bowsers (tankers), so it was more of a brine water, unless a person used half a bottle of shampoo which I had to borrow, my hair would be of permanent afro style, then down to the galley although the cook was a great guy he did not speak a word of English, mostly I made do with cereal, egg on toast and a mug of tea, the meals improved once were drilling and on the payroll of GUPCO, after breakfast it was a short walk (or run) to the air conditioned portacabin office, ready for our morning meeting with Melvin he would then give me my work list for the day, these consisted of various diagrams showing steel sections of the dismantled rig derrick that needed to be sandblasted and primed with a paint undercoat, then numbered when this was done I would then take the lower sections to the Quay side and load them onto a Gulftide

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supply boat, Gulftide was the supply boat company contracted out of Louisiana in the USA, they were involved with us when we had the confrontation with the Israeli gunboats a couple of months later,

The mobile crane I used then was a 75ton antiquated Manitowoc crawler crane with a 120 ft. jib, I would then load the 25ton lower sections onto the boat but that was the easy part, before we could lift the second section into place, various drilling equipment such as draw works,(25ton) travelling block (15ton) and many other heavy drilling parts, Melvin informed me that I had to drive the crane onto the boat then work with the Philippine rigging crew while they assembled the sections of the derrick onto our barge “Zarah”, it was like working with a king size Meccano set, it would take about 12hrs per section, then we return to the beach to load the next section, it was easier once we got into the rhythm of the job, first prepare, sandblast, then paint, load derrick sections onto the boat, drive the crane onto the boat, then with my crew plus the

riggers we would rebuild the 180ft derrick onto the barge, It took nearly two months to complete the job,

That was my first month working for IDC and had it had been six weeks since I saw Carol and our two boy’s, and it would be another two months before we were together again, what the hell have I got the family into this time, I had no Idea where we were going to live but I knew if we were going to survive as a family I would have to find us a home in Maadi near the other expats, I was still booked into the reserved company room in the Hilton hotel so I had two weeks to find a place for us to live, as luck would have it, Gordon Miller the assistant driller from our sister rig Tender 21,lived in an apartment in Maadi, his wife and daughter were not due out for a couple of months, so it was arranged, we could move into his place until I could find a suitable place to live, and that’s another story,

Fig 1

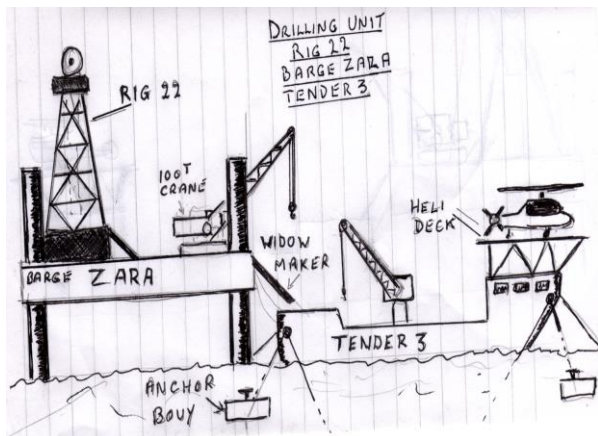


Fig 1: is the set up for the tender assisted rig that is the derrick rig 22 we built onto the barge Zarah, when the barge was jacked down to sea level I had the job of driving the big crane onto the Zarah, no easy feat, Tender 3 was our home while at sea,

Fig 2



Fig 2: is the barge Zarah jacked down to sea level after I had driven the Manitowoc crane on board,

to be continued - next issue meeting Roger Moore in the Hilton

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Ladies Guild



2016 is the year that the Ladies Guild have decided to "hang up our aprons" and cease our labours to provide excellent lunches to raise money for needy charities, which we have done on a monthly basis since the beginning of the year 2000. The idea of putting on a monthly lunch, in the Community Centre, took shape as we decided to raise as much money as we could to donate the Clock with its Tower at the entrance to the Village, by our Cenotaph.

We had raised about £4,000, with small fund-raisers and then came the serious intentions to see the Clock project come to fruition. The lunches gave us the impetus we needed; the clock cost £11,000 and it was erected just after the millennium.

As the lunches continued we have raised over £21,000 between 2008 and 2016 and all of this money has been passed on to a great number of charities: local and national, to support needy causes.

As you can appreciate we are very grateful to all those people who have supported us through all the years – we know we did the work to put on the lunches and other fund-raising events, but we would not have done so much without the support and the readiness to contribute in money and raffle prizes that our friends in Leeswood and beyond were able to give to us.

Needless to say, the Ladies Guild will still continue to raise funds to distribute to charity; our Harvest Service collection will be the first effort in October and at our Christmas Carols and readings get-together the collection is always given to a children's society. So our fund-raising will continue because that is just what the Ladies Guild is all about – friends, friendship, good company and always ready to reach out to help those that need it.

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Technical Corner by Joseph Caruana

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One such individual was Joseph Whitworth. Whitworth was born on the 21st December 1803, practiced engineering and in 1841 he became famous for devising a standard system, called British Standard Whitworth. Before 1841, different engineering companies used different systems and specifications with which they produced screw threads. This caused confusion, frustration among manufacturers, and

irregular fitment. Also each individual nut was made to fit an individual bolt and only that bolt. This meant that engineers could not just go to a fasteners supplier to purchase bolts and nuts because they were not mass produced.

Joseph Whitworth changed all this, because he developed a screw thread with standard specification which made each individual bolt and nut interchangeable among themselves. Here we have an individual who identified a gap in the market and produced a technical solution to fulfil need. Several other individuals followed Whitworth and developed screw threads with standard specifications, but Sir Joseph Whitworth was the first to come with the idea. He turned his idea into a successful manufacturing industry, creating wealth, prosperity and employment, within the manufacturing industry in this country.

