

# Leeswood & District News

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Late Councillor Ken Richardson  
Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council erected a plaque to commemorate the late Councillor Ken Richardson's year of office as Chairman of Flintshire County Council 2004/2005.  
Photo: left to right Susan Thompson, Shefali Pritchard, Shekeira Pritchard, Councillor Joseph Caruana (Vice-Chairman of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council 2016/2017), Lesley Richardson, Councillor Graham Sherwood (Chairman to Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council 2016/2017), Councillor Carlton Jones JP and the Rt. Hon. David Hanson MP.



Councillor Ray Hughes  
Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council erected a plaque to commemorate Councillor Ray Hughes' year of office as Chairman of Flintshire County Council 2015/2016.  
Photo: left to right Councillor Graham Sherwood (Chairman of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council 2016/2017), Councillor Ray Hughes (past Chairman of Flintshire County Council 2015/2016), Mrs Gwenda Hughes and Councillor Carlton Jones JP.



Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council Chairman's Civic Service held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Leeswood Methodist Church.  
(With: - Rt. Hon. David Hanson MP and Councillor Graham Sherwood (Chairman of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council 2016/2017), in foreground)

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EDITOR REVIEW:



Halloween at the end of this month.  
Which means 'Trick or Treat' time  
again. Please be careful, this can be  
a scary time for old people, with  
people keep knocking on their doors.  
With Christmas only 3 months away –  
although it seems to get earlier each  
year in the shops, with decorations,  
mince pies, cards etc, already on  
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We are still looking for a replacement  
for Margaret.....please consider  
taking this on. June

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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

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- 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 to Year 6  
Wednesday 5:45 – 6:45

Lasers – Year 6 and over  
Wednesday 7:15 – 9:00

## God v. Money

I was very moved by an item I saw on *The One Show* a week or so ago. It was about a wealthy businessman, Brian Burnie, who sold off his £16 million mansion and auctioned his belongings in order to fund a cancer charity. The charity is called *Daft as a Brush*, and its aim is to help transport cancer patients to their hospital appointments. Speaking of his former home, he has said: *"We acquired the lifestyle in Doxford Hall, we lived very well, but nothing gave me as much pleasure as giving it all away."*

Jesus said: *'No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.'* (Luke 16:13)

The love of money and wealth can very easily displace the love of God in our hearts. We cannot serve two masters. The generous love of God must come first in our lives. John Wesley said, *"Earn all you can, give all you can, save all you can."* There is nothing wrong in being entrepreneurial and making money. But we must understand that whatever wealth we have is a gift from God. God wants us to be good stewards of what we have been given. Above all, Jesus wants his followers to be generous:

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Generous with our hospitality.  
Generous with our wealth.

God bless,

Rev. James

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## PONTYBODKIN LADIES GUILD

With regret we have to announce the end of the monthly dinners.

After much thought and discussion, we have decided that we cannot carry on, due to age, illness and lack of members; it has all taken its toll.

We have been organising dinners for sixteen years on a monthly basis and really enjoying the work, as well as being able to help various charities and deserving cases.

However, all good things come to an end, so regretfully we say goodbye, with thanks to all you people who have supported us and come to enjoy a good meal for £3.00 every 3rd Thursday in each month.

We will supply a report on the financial facts and figures in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Lucille Ingman (President)

### October at Wesley Methodist Church Leeswood

2<sup>nd</sup> October Worship 10 45 am  
Led by Mr Jonathan Mortlock

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 'Harvest of Memories'

9<sup>th</sup> October  
Harvest Songs of Praise 10.45 am  
Led by Rev Pat Christopher

16<sup>th</sup> October Worship 9.30 am  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Led by Rev Pat Christopher  
Mission Service at Cedron 10.30 am

23<sup>rd</sup> October Worship 10 45 am  
Led by Mr David Blainey

30<sup>th</sup> October Worship 10 45 am  
Local Arrangement Service  
**Rev Pat Christopher 01352 730313**

### 'Harvest of Memories' at Wesley

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October to  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

We will be displaying items from bygone days under the headings of:-

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'Church' 'Fashion'

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We shall be open to the public on

Friday 5 pm to 7 pm

Saturday 2 pm to 5 pm and after our

Harvest Songs of Praise on

Sunday 11.45 am until 12.15 pm.

**Do come along and see  
what you can remember!**

## CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

### SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2016

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 19

4.00 P.M. HARVEST FESTIVAL **SONGS OF PRAISE**  
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#### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 20

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

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

#### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 21

10.30 A.M. LEESWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER  
MISSION SERVICE AT CEDRON CHAPEL.  
PREACHER: CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER LAWTON  
(CHURCH ARMY)

#### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 22

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

#### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: KINGDOM 1

11.15 A.M. A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION  
FOR ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS  
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH NERCWYS  
CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

#### SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: KINGDOM 2

4.00 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SOULS  
CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

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some time quietly with God do feel free to come  
in, you would be very welcome.

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## HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

### AND HARVEST SUPPER

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IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

## ALL SOULS SERVICE – 4.00 P.M.

### SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

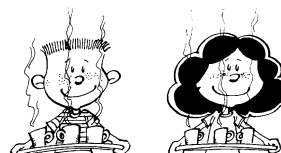
#### IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

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 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  
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email (see opposite), or add their name to the list  
which will be available at the back of Christ  
Church from mid-October.

## THE BIG BRUNCH!



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**10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON**

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Sadly, Margaret Hughes of Coed Talon passed away suddenly on August the 4<sup>th</sup> following a brief and unexpected illness.

Margaret was the dear wife of Dewi, loving mother of Gareth and Eirwen, fond mother in law of Carys and Charles and a very special grandmother to Osian, Dafydd, Rhys, Geraint, Aled and Siôn.

During her childhood Margaret lived with her parents Edward and Alice Williams in Mynydd Isa and attended the Bryn Primary school in Mynydd Isa and the Alun Grammar School in Mold.

When Margaret was in her late teens the family returned to their native Coed Talon to look after the family farm. Margaret had no hesitation of helping out on the farm and particularly enjoyed driving the tractor. During this time a local neighbour called Dewi came to help on the farm during his spare time and this is where their lifelong relationship began.

It soon became apparent that Margaret had an interest in caring for others and this led her to join the St Johns Ambulance in Wrecsam and to then embark on her training to be a nurse at the War Memorial hospital. No doubt her insistence on meticulously ironing every item of laundry and making beds with hospital corners all stemmed from this time!

Dewi was posted to Germany for two years to carry out his period of national service with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Upon his return Dewi and Margaret soon married and set up home in Mynydd Isa. The young couple were blessed with two children Gareth and Eirwen.

Margaret gave up her work as a nurse to look after the young family while Dewi embarked upon his career as a motor mechanic with the Post Office. The young family spent many a happy holiday in Abersoch, Abergele and Cleveleys.

As the children grew Margaret returned to nursing initially as a community nurse and then as a nurse in Mold Community hospital. Margaret had a special relationship with her patients and to this day the family meet relatives of past patients who praise the care that she had given to patients and relatives. Margaret was well respected by colleagues and formed many a lifelong friendship with co-workers.

Dewi and Margaret decided to return to live in Coed Talon to look after their parents and built their bungalow 'Godrer Mynydd' where they were to spend many a happy year together. There was always a very warm welcome to all visitors in "Godrer Mynydd." This warm welcome was extended to Carys when she married Gareth and Charles upon marrying Eirwen.

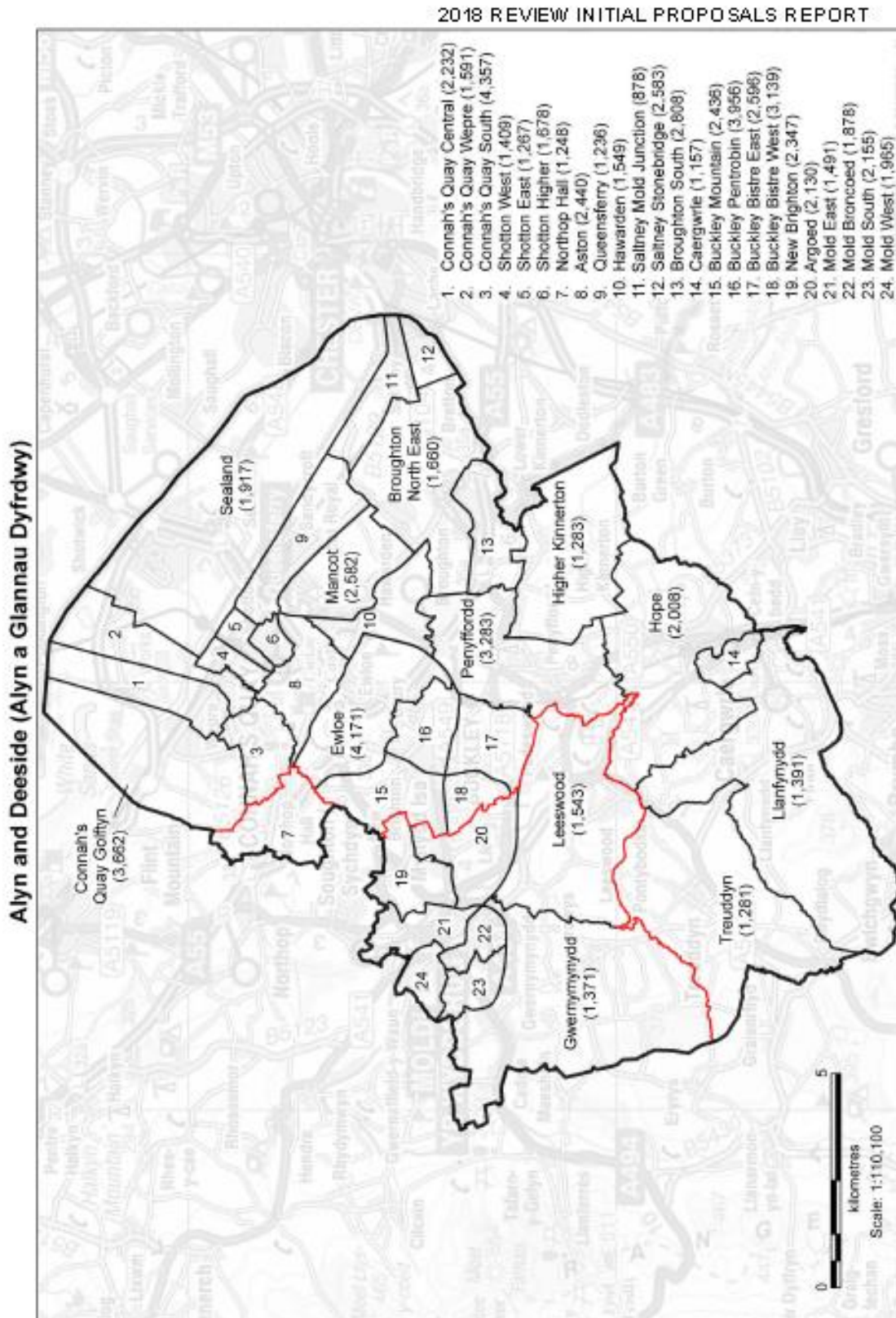
Margaret and Dewi were blessed with six lovely grandsons- Osian, Dafydd, Rhys, Geraint, Aled and Siôn. Nain was proud to tell everyone that she had her own six a side football team. She took great care managing the team making sure she treated them all equally and took great delight in their achievements and development.

Margaret was an active member of her local chapel where she had been a Sunday school teacher and organist. She was also an active member of the WI, the local craft club and the 'Shadows' – the wives of the Cymau Male Voice Choir who raise funds to support local charities. She enjoyed meeting friends at the Leeswood lunch club.

Margaret was the figurehead of the family, and was a wise and caring person. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Dewi, Gareth and Eirwen would like to thank everyone for their care, thoughts and prayers and for the donations of £720.00 received in memory of Margaret which was shared between Hope Medical practice and the Stroke Association of Wales.

The electoral map of Wales will be completely redrawn, with the number of constituencies reduced from 40 to 29. This cuts the number of Welsh MPs by a quarter. Wales will see the biggest proportional cut of all the four nations. Delyn will disappear to be shared with Alyn & Deeside and Flint & Rhuddlan.



## PROPOSED CHANGES TO WELSH ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

### BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

#### 5. Alyn and Deeside (Alyn a G lanrau Dyfrdwy)

5.1 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. The whole of the existing Alyn and Deeside CC consisting of the County of Flintshire electoral wards of Aston (2,440), Broughton North East (1,660), Broughton South (2,808), Buckley Bistre East (2,596), Buckley Bistre West (3,139), Buckley Mountain (2,436), Buckley Pentrobin (3,956), Caergwile (1,157), Ewloe (4,171), Conrah's Quay Central (2,232), Conrah's Quay Golftyn (3,662), Conrah's Quay South (4,357), Conrah's Quay Wepre (1,591), Hawarden (1,549), Higher Kinnerton (1,283), Hope (2,008), Llanfynydd (1,391), Manot (2,582), Penyffordd (3,283), Queensferry (1,236), Saltney Mold Junction (878), Saltney Stonebridge (2,583), Sealand (1,917), Shotton East (1,267), Shotton Higher (1,678), Shotton West (1,409), and Treuddyn (1,281); and,
2. the electoral wards within the existing Delyn CC and County of Flintshire of Argoed (2,130), Gwernymynydd (1,371), Leeswood (1,543), Mold Broncoed (1,878), Mold East (1,491), Mold South (2,155), Mold West (1,965), New Brighton (2,347) and Northop Hall (1,248).

5.2 This constituency would have 76,678 electors which is 2.6% above the UKEQ of 74,769 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is Alyn and Deeside. The suggested alternative name is Alyn a G lanrau Dyfrdwy.

5.3 The Commission proposes to create a constituency from the existing Alyn and Deeside constituency and electoral wards from the County of Flintshire. It is proposed that the electoral wards from the existing constituency of Delyn not included in the proposal for 'Flint and Rhuddlan' should be included in a new 'Alyn and Deeside' proposal. These would include the areas of Mold, New Brighton and Northop Hall and would create a constituency which would be within the statutory electorate range and it would contain electoral wards which are all within the County of Flintshire.

5.4 As the existing constituency of Alyn and Deeside is included wholly within the constituency the commission considered it appropriate to continue to use that name as the proposed name.

5.5 The remainder of the electoral wards of the existing Delyn can be found at page 21.

We have 12 weeks to voice our opinions.

### DATE, LOCATION AND VENUE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date	Location	Venue
12 – 13 October 2016	Carmarthen	Ivy Bush Royal Hotel
19 – 20 October 2016	Bangor	The Management Centre, Bangor University
26 – 27 October 2016	Cardiff	Mercure Holland House
02 – 03 November 2016	Llandrindod	Metropole Hotel
09 – 10 November 2016	Wrexham	Catrin Finch Centre, Glyndwr University

Some useful links : <http://bcomm-wales.gov.uk/?lang=en>  
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## LADIES GUILD

On a very pleasant evening, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, Guild members made their way to the Glasfryn in Mold and enjoyed a delicious meal as our end of term outing.

The following evening at the Community Centre our President welcomed everyone and then Mrs. Jenny Webb opened the meeting with a reading. Our speaker was Mr. Islwyn Parry who always comes to see us on our last meeting before the summer break. As usual we were treated to some wonderful and often funny stories of people he knew many years ago. Mrs. Jenny Webb provided refreshments, the raffle was won by Mrs. Gill Burton and the special raffle by Mrs Lucille Ingman.

The Guild will begin meeting again on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

*Gill Burton*

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## LADIES GUILD

Our first meeting after the summer break was held on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Ingham welcomed all members back after the holidays. It was very nice to catch up with everyone and we discussed arrangements for our next meeting (September 22<sup>nd</sup>) which will be our annual Harvest Service and Supper in the English Methodist Chapel in Leeswood. Mrs Margaret Roberts was our Tea Hostess tonight, she was thanked by Mrs Ingham on our behalf.

In October, our first meeting; 13<sup>th</sup> October, will be a demonstration of Flower Arranging and on 27<sup>th</sup> October we plan to make Christmas Decorations for our Christmas Tree in the Tree Festival this coming Christmas.

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My apologies for the lack of a write-up in September's edition but this was due to me writing "War and Peace" after the Carnival, leaving me with pretty much nothing to say. For once!

You will however have seen on the front cover of the edition our Bingo advert (thanks June - great advertising).

The Bingo held at the Community Centre on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 was one of our first fundraisers after the Carnival itself (with another Bingo to come on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016). Again we had a relatively good turn-out, one which we cannot complain about, and we managed to raise a healthy £383.08.

There were some great prizes up for grabs on the night, one worth a staggering £40. My God-daughter Livvie played just four books and bought a couple of raffle tickets and she ended up winning five times. She won four times on the bingo and once on the raffle. Her £5.00 was well and truly spent wisely! She had to have a chaperone take her home seen as though three of those prizes were bottles. Someone else won three times too. So it just goes to show that you can have a cheap night out, a bit of a laugh along the way (which we always do - Ann Nicholas provides the entertainment), and you're in with a chance of winning some really, really decent prizes.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who donated these great prizes. We really appreciate those who give time and time again. Thank you to Clive Venables for calling the numbers on the night, as our Chairman was away on his jollies (lucky him), and thank you to all of you who came and supported us. Your efforts to attend are invaluable, as always.

We very much hope to see you again at the next Bingo on the Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 when, hopefully, we will once again have some great prizes up for grabs. Just think, spend a fiver like Livvie, win five times, and that's some of your Christmas presents sorted. Or is that just me who thinks like that? Na, I doubt it. I bet you lot do too. "Now, who can I give this smellie set to?"



Doors open at 7.00pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> December - eyes down 7.30pm. See you there!

Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell  
Committee Member  
**Leeswood Carnival Committee**



## **Charles J. Dodd Driving School**

**The car above is, sadly, not the car you will be seeing on the road by the time you read this. Sincere apologies to any and all customers who have been inconvenienced by two changes of lease car in less than 3 weeks. The car above had 11 electrical faults from new. I rejected it.**

**The replacement car? All I can say is, it had to be quick, whatever was in stock, to avoid any further inconvenience and I give ...**

**FAIR WARNIG TO ANYONE IN THE AREA ... YOU ARE GOING TO NEED A PAIR OF THESE!**



**SORRY!**

## Technical Corner by Joseph Caruana

I have recently come across an old piece of machinery, and I was pleased to see that it was still in good working order. What I was really pleased about was that the machine in question was totally made in this country. This goes to show that when things were made in this country they were made to last. In those days people use to put their inspirations into practice and they were probably motivated by identifying a need which did lead them to produce an industrial solution to meet that need. What probably gave that generation a competitive edge, was that they had a more practical hand-on approach, and therefore understood the behaviour of the machines they developed. With this in mind, they applied the necessary precaution for the smooth running of the machine, which they designed to last forever. By making these machines to last so long, they carved a place in history, which will forever belong to them.

By having such a strong industrial past, it is possible that we can analyse the ways and systems which they applied in the development of their machines, and further develop the results from the analysis to achieve even greater results. However, to do this one needs to have an incentive, and the incentive is normally in the form of a reward in terms of financial well being. There are all of individuals, who possess the talent to develop industrial projects to a level which would compete with excellence on the world market. If there are these individuals, with these abilities at their disposal, why are we not seeing more industrial developments? Could it be because they do not have the initial financial resources to start the ball rolling? Could it be because they do not have the expertise to market the final product, or could it be a combination of both? Whichever it is, it could be said that someone needs to address the situation and tap into these human resources to create wealth and prosperity within the industrial sector.

In many cases, inventors are not properly appreciated. A fine example of this is when the Wright brothers come up with the idea of making an aeroplane. The powers that be of that time, could not understand that a machine which was heavier than air could fly. The Wright brothers did their best to persuade investor to invest in the invention, but for some reason no one shown an interest. Unfortunately the Wright brothers pursued their invention else were. Nevertheless, the Wright brothers were from

this country and they were inspired when they were in this country, therefore the invention was a British invention.

There could be another issue which could cause a problem with inventors. As an invention could be rather complex, an inventor could find it difficult to explain the invention to other people, because although an idea could look easy as a vision, it may prove difficult to either explain it verbally or put it on paper. It would therefore be a good idea to develop means to aid people with new ideas to be able to convey their intellectuality in a manner that could be easily understood and translated into industrial terms. With this in mind, one could open a number of opportunities which could be developed in a profitable industrial success.

It might be right to say, that we have a great opportunity to shape the future, and it is up to us to further develop of industrial heritage which has been left to us by our predecessors. It is good to feel proud that we carried on building on what we inherited, rather than relying on cheap imports made on the other side of the world.



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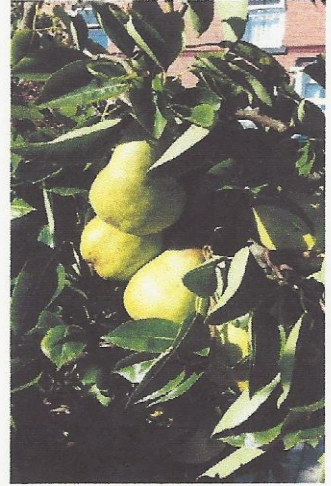
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## October in the Garden

As the summer draws to a close, there are still some delights to be found in the garden. From autumn flowering Aster (Michaelmas daisy), to the fiery Crocosmia (Montbretia), to the blousy Japanese Anemone, and delicate Cyclamen, there is still plenty around to enjoy.

Once the autumn tints start to appear on the trees and shrubs, we will be spoilt with the array of colours in the garden, and not forgetting all the delicious fruit on offer also!

October is an ideal time to plant up new plants, as well as transplant existing ones. The soil is still warm from the summer sun, but the days will become wetter to provide the required moisture for the plants.



### Tips when transplanting plants

- Dig out as much of the rootball as possible
- Ensure you have the transplant hole prepared and big enough
- Water well before and after transplanting
- Prune back at least a third of the leaves to reduce water loss

### Jobs for October

- Keep deadheading roses and herbaceous plants and they will continue to flower well into Autumn
- Start collecting seeds for next year, including sweet peas and herbaceous plants, such as Verbascum and Anemone
- Keep on top of the weeds, as they will still be growing and will produce lots of seeds at this time of year



- Plant Spring flowering bulbs, including Tulips, Daffodils and Crocus

### Plants for Autumn Colour

#### Flowers

Japanese Anemone  
Aster  
Rudbeckia  
Echinacea  
Phlox

#### Leaves

Heuchera  
Blueberries  
Ornamental Grasses  
Cotinus coggygria  
Japanese Maple

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# **LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY THIS YEAR IS ON SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016.**

**XXXX**

**THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT PONTBLYDDYN  
CHURCH TO COMMENCE AT 11.45.AM.**

**THERE WILL BE A SHORT PARADE [WALK] STARTING FROM THE  
LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE TO THE VILLAGE COOPERATIVE  
STORE, QUEEN STREET AT APPROX 10.00. TO 10.15.AM.**

**THE COACH WILL PICK UP ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE  
SERVICE AND TRANSPORT THEM TO CHRIST CHURCH  
PONTBLYDDYN.**

**AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE A SHORT SERVICE OF DEDICATION  
WILL BE HELD AT THE LYCHGATE WERE WREATHS WILL BE LAID.**

**AFTER THE CEREMONY THE COACH WILL TRANSPORT THOSE  
PRESENT, TO LEESWOOD - FOR A SHORT SERVICE AND WREATH  
LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH IN QUEEN STREET.**

**TO COMMENCE AT APPROX 12.00. PM.**

**YOUR ATTENDANCE AT ONE OR BOTH SERVICES WILL BE VERY  
MUCH APPRECIATED.**

**XXXX**

**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DAY IN THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S  
CALENDAR A TIME WHEN WE CAN ALL GATHER TOGETHER TO  
REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE OF THEIR LIVES, AND TO THOSE  
LEFT INJURED, SOME CRITICALLY IN THE NEVER ENDING THEATRES  
OF WAR. IN THE HOPE THAT WE CAN ALL LIVE IN SAFETY AND  
PEACE.**

**CARLTON JONES.**

**CHAIRMAN / SECRETARY. [LEESWOOD BRANCH]**

## Memories of an oilfield man

### Looking for a Home in Cairo

After living on board an old tender ship and working in the dunes, sand blasting then painting the rig derrick sections, loading them and the crane onto the supply boat and sail them out to the barge `Zarah` then assisted in rebuilding the derrick onto the barge and return to the beach and start the operation all over again, it was like a great big meccano set, I would be with my crew of seven and only Mohammed could speak English, after an eighty four hour week for four weeks I was more than ready for a field break, there was only one small problem, where the hell was we going to live?, “Hey Melvin who is my relief and when does he arrive” I asked the boss, “We have a slight problem with your relief, you have not got one” was his reply, I thought he was winding me up because of our differences, “your relief was Jeff Whitfield the chief mechanics brother but he never turned up at the airport, I believe he is having marital problems” “That’s not my problem and it does not help me in any way, I have done my month out here and I have to look for a place to live for when Carol and the boys come over, now get me back to Cairo” I was not a happy chappie, I was twelve stone when I arrived at Ras Shukeir my weight was now down to eleven stone within the month (in the next couple of months I would to lose another stone), “I will have a word with Gus Henderson the divisional manager and see what he comes up with but you may have to wait for a relief” he said this with a smirk on his face (I did not like this guy one little bit). Eric Whitfield who was in the porta cabin office with the rest of the expats spoke “seeing as it is Jeff my brother I will cover for you until he gets here if he gets here” which was no problem for me as Eric could handle the big crane “ ok, just make sure you give Eric a progress report before you leave, and line up that raghead of yours, he can help Eric with your crew until you come back” needless to say I had a few choice words with him,(cannot them down on paper) but it went something like this, “by this raghead you must mean Mohammed one of the very few locals who can speak English, you and all of the other Expats use him, but I will explain to him what

is required while I am away and that there will be a small pay rise for him” I was in a position to recommend small pay increases if warranted “if you remember he is still casual labour” (this was before I sent him to Cairo for a permanent job), “ok whatever it takes” was his reply then walked out,

I was a little apprehensive about going on field break, I had very little money left, my first pay check was not due for another month ,and I had to find somewhere to live, even though I still had the company room in the Hilton, then there was the schooling to sort out for the boys, Carol was not due out for another six weeks, she must have been demented because she had not heard from me since I left the UK although I did send letters via Brian Kay chief electrician he commuted to and fro from the uk because his wife refused to live in Egypt and the Egyptian phone and post system was crap, Carol was amazing she had a lot more to do than I did, the company arranged for the packing shipment of all our personal Items, clothes, electrical goods bedding etc all the things that we would require , and help her father to take over the house, thinking back it was just another paying adventure for me but it was a life changing decision for Carol and the boys, I was near the landing strip sitting in the truck waiting for the DC 3 airplane to land, It was the same pilot that had brought me out, he asked me how had I managed and if I had been to the commix bar and met the crazy chopper pilots also the divers he then asked If I would be coming back “yep I am in to deep now so I will see you in two weeks” then began to plan my Itinerary for the next two weeks,

First thing to do was to stop by the office. If anybody who has driven in Cairo during the 70s will know what a nightmare it was, good job Mahmoud the taxi was there waiting for me, ”right Mahmoud take me to the palace” he knew where I meant,

Salah greeted me like a long lost brother then directed me upstairs to Gus, where we shook hands and he called for to Salah to fetch some cold beer, this was more like it I thought civilisation at last ,the first thing he asked “will

you be going back out there Tom” strange he was the second person to ask the same question ,”of course I am why do you ask” first of all how did you get on with Melvin Whitmire he is only one of the reasons why you guys don’t stay, the other is the culture shock” “let’s say that there was no love lost between us and leave it at that” I replied, “as you know every morning I receive an update and work report by the head of departments on the work progress, and your name came up all favourable, so welcome on board, right what can I do for you?” , “first of all I need an advance on my pay check because I have run out of cash”, “that’s no problem but you know local law require expats to spend \$1000 per month in local currency and the remainder of

your pay check gets paid into your account, so I will arrange for Salah to give it to you on the way out and you are still booked in the hotel tomorrow Salah will take you to Maadi and introduce you to the other expats they will help to find you a place”. We shook hands then I asked Salah to pick me up at the hotel the next morning,

“Right Mahmoud take me to the Hilton, tonight I chill out tomorrow I face reality” I forgot to mention that all the bar tabs were booked to the company so when Salah called for me the following morning I had the mother of all hangovers, it took over an hour sitting in the breakfast room wearing my sunshades drinking plenty of water before I was ready to face our new neighbours in Maadi,

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# LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016.

### **PRESENT**

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

Councillor J.  
Councillors J. Atkinson, D.K.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillors J. Phoenix and D. Rule.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones and PCSO Maggie Lynch of the Buckley area were in attendance.

#### **Incident update – Leeswood**

17/06/2016 – Fraud, Llys Ann – this is to be investigated where they offence took place in Nottingham.

20/06/2016 – ASB Personal, Ffordd Derw – advice given.

25/06/2016 – ASB Personal, Ffordd Siarl – advice given.

29/06 to 04/07/2016 – area of Eaton Place - number of incidents called to NWP regarding ongoing neighbourhood problems – currently being monitored.

#### **No incidents recorded in Pontblyddyn.**

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones and PCSO Andrea Ellis will be in attendance at the Leeswood Carnival along with a number of police cadets.

Plain clothes officers are now working as part of the Community Policing Team. PCSO Hadfield-Jones informed that a couple of PCSOs had left so at present the current team were also having to police the areas left uncovered by these vacancies.

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood thanked PCSO Hadfield-Jones and PCSO Lynch for attending the meeting.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor J.Caruana that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – BUS SUBSIDIES**

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Mrs Carolyn Thomas the Clerk to Llanfynydd and Treuddyn Community Councils regarding the possibility of this Council taking part in a joint meeting about the bus subsidy cuts in Flintshire. It was agreed that four members plus the Clerk would attend this meeting.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Number – 055582

Erection of side extension

Alyn View, Constitution Hill, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4HT

There were no observations made in regard of this planning application.

### **PLANNING DECISIONS**

Application Number – 055165

Erection of storage shed/workshop

Old Padeswood Golf Club, Station Lane, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RD

This has been approved by delegated officer.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) Dingle Road – this has now been soiled and seeded.

b) Hall Hill – this is the next area to be worked on.

c)

Flintshire County Council litter picker – it was remarked that an excellent job was done and a letter should be sent to Streetscene regarding this. All Councillors in agreement.

d) Manhole on Pontybodkin Hill – this required attending to.

e) Sheds in the Community Centre grounds – these were to be used by the Leeswood Carnival Committee for storage.

### **REPORT ON THE INTERNAL AUDIT 2015/2016**

The financial reports for 2015/2016 had been circulated to all Councillors. A report on the internal audit 2015/2016 was presented by the Clerk. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that these be accepted. All Councillors were in agreement.

### **COUNTY FORUM MEETING – THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

Councillor J.E. Saul had attended the County Forum meeting held at FLVC, Corlan, Mold on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

He presented a report as follows: -

Age

Friendly Communities – In February 2014, the Flintshire County Council signed the Dublin Declaration demonstrating its commitment to becoming age friendly. Alan Hatton-Yeo (national expert lead on Age-Friendly Communities) gave a presentation on what is meant by Age Friendly Communities, why it is important for communities to be age friendly and to discuss the next steps including how Town and Community Councils can become involved. Following Councillor Saul's recommendation, the Clerk had invited a representative from Flintshire County Council to attend the next Community Council meeting in order to discuss this Council becoming involved in the pilot scheme. All Councillors in agreement.

Future of Local Government/Financial Future – An overview of the current position on Local Government Re-organisation and Boundary Reviews. If the Local Government settlement is held at the 2016/2017 level, the combined 'gap' for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 is beyond the County Council's means. It would seem that the Community Asset Transfers are on hold for now.

Community Asset Transfers – A report on the overall programme and to discuss with Town and Community Councils proposals for play area provision. The County Council estimates that it can sustain four play areas per community plus skate park and wheeled facilities. It would seem that this community will not be affected during this year.

### **HSBC BANK**

The Clerk informed that the Bank had now made the name changes on the bank accounts and a new cheque book, also paying-in book had been received.

It was agreed that the changes to the mandate could now be made.

### **POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK**

Work on this had now been priced up. The water is to be piped into two sunk manholes on the pathway. It is likely that Flintshire County Council will be expecting a contribution towards the cost from this Council.

The Australian swamp weed cannot be taken off site. This needs to be buried.

## **POST OFFICE, LEESWOOD**

Information was received from the Post Office about a programme of investment and transformation taking place across the Post Office network. There are proposed changes to the Leeswood branch of the Post Office which will take place in September/October of this year. A small amount of disruption will occur as it is estimated that the Post Office will be closed for approximately seven days. Comments will be accepted up to and including Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Leonard Cheshire Disability Cymru Wales – correspondence from Kimberley Edmunds, Volunteer Co-Ordinator, requesting to come and speak to the Council to promote the aims and objectives of Leonard Cheshire Disability. Also to raise awareness and provide volunteer opportunities. This was accepted.
- b) One Voice Wales – notice was received that the next meeting of the Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee and AGM would take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Capel Y Groes, Bodhyfryd, Wrexham at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.00pm.

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## **CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN**

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE CEMETERY PONTBLYDDYN AND THE COMMUNITY CENTRE LEESWOOD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016.

## **PRESENT**

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillors D.K. Crowther, Terry Hughes, K. McCallum JP and J. Phoenix.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Nesta Davies, Solicitor who was acting on behalf of Mr George Owens that afternoon. Ms Davies informed that she had met with Mr Owens on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and she could confirm that progress was being made towards the sale of land to extend the Cemetery.

## **CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries with the Bereavement Services Manager at Flintshire County Council regarding an inspection of the headstones at the Cemetery. This could be done at a cost of £4.00 per headstone. As there were 217 headstones at the Cemetery, the total cost would be £868.00. The Clerk explained that she had made a count of the headstones on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and had not seen any unstable. It was pointed out that there were some leaning headstones and although they were not loose, it was suggested that they could be straightened. Observation made that any remedial work to headstones may require permission from the families who owned them. The

Clerk was to look into this and also to contact Mr Blackwell of Blackwell's Stonemasons with regard to any works to be carried out. All Councillors agreed.

Various works requiring action at the Cemetery are as follows: -

- a) the tree behind the Cremated Remains needed cutting back and the hedges required trimming, also there is deadwood on the bank near the entrance that should be removed. The Clerk is to speak to Aled Davies concerning this. All Councillors in agreement.
- b) the noticeboard by the entrance to the Cemetery is in need of new backing and re-varnishing.
- c) the entrance gates are damaged and require repairing.
- d) there is a lot of clay behind the Cemetery shed which has been there for a considerable length of time, it would be almost impossible to move this. It was agreed by all Councillors that top soil should be put on this and an attempt be made to grow some plants.

### **MILLENNIUM CLOCK**

A copy of the maintenance agreement had been received from Smith of Derby. This agreement was for an annual visit to inspect, clean, adjust and lubricate all normally accessible parts of the clock system and associated equipment. Where appropriate time side motors would be changed automatically at no additional cost. A call-out charge would be made for any notification of a breakdown or stoppage that resulted as normal wear and tear, misuse, neglect, failure of power supply, vandalism or other circumstances beyond the control of the maintenance company.

Following the clock running slow, the engineer from Smith of Derby attended the site and identified the problem to be with the controller. Smith's did not manufacture this and the engineer was unable to affect any repairs. The clock requires a Smith of Derby Auto Restart Unit to be manufactured, which will be fitted on site by the engineer, also two 300m round fluorescent tubes and starters to be replaced. It would cost £973.00 + VAT. Councillor R. Hughes proposed and Councillor J. Atkinson seconded that this quote be accepted with all Councillors in agreement.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Number – 055630  
Erection of two storey extension  
Station House, Alyn Lane, Llong, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4JR

Councillors observed that they hoped the extension would be sympathetic to the character of the building and that some of the old features would remain.

### **CHAIRMAN'S CIVIC SERVICE**

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, will be holding his Civic Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Leeswood Methodist Church at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments at the Community Centre. All members had been circulated with their invitations.

### **HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT PADESWOOD WORKS OPEN DAY**

Notification had been received from Hanson Heidelberg Cement that there was to be an open day at the Padeswood Works on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. There would be guided tours of the site and various activities. Money raised on the day would go to Wales Air Ambulance and the Nightingale House Hospice.

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