

# Leeswood & District News

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**County Councillor Ray Hughes** was elected as Chairman of Flintshire County Council: May 2015 – May 2016. During that time the sum of £19,100 was raised for charity, with the monies shared out between the following: Nightingale House Hospice, Wrexham £5,000, Clwyd Riding School for the Disabled, Llanfynydd £5,000, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Mold Area £5,000. The remaining £4,100 was shared by the following local organisations: North Wales Superkids £50, Elsber School of Dancing £50, FCC Homestart £200, Japanese and Flintshire Youth Exchange £200, FCC Youth Music £100, Leeswood Pre-School Playgroup £300, Leeswood Homing Society £100, Leeswood Angling Club £100, Ysgol Derwenfa School Council £200, English Methodist Chapel £150, Bethania Chapel £150, Pontblyddyn Church £150, Leeswood and District Friends £100, Community Centre £1,500, Leeswood Guides £75, Rainbows and Brownies £175, Carnival Committee £200 and Senior Citizens £300.

The £5,000 for the Guide Dogs will buy two puppies and pay towards the training. Also I could pick names for them, but have decided that the pupils at Ysgol Derwenfa name them when they are visited by the Guide Dog members, to see the dogs.

Gwenda and I had a wonderful year with over 300 engagements when representing the County. All over Wales and into England. It was an honour to be selected as Chairman and I was proud to represent the people of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn.

We thank everyone for their support that was kindly shown to us during our term of office and beyond.

CLLR R. Hughes

# ARTICLES - NOTICES CHARITY EVENTS

And/or ANY OTHER ITEMS for inclusion in the LDN. Please send, or drop it in, to:

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**Deadline for-**

**DECEMBER '16 & JANUARY '17**

**EDITION**

**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

*Please send in well before the deadline.*

# HELLO!

I'm John, the new advertising editor.

I'll be making myself available to help out with anything IT related in the community, and also looking into hosting some web design training classes soon (if there is enough interest). Please get in touch with any queries regarding advertising here, or even just to say hi!

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EDITOR REVIEW:



The next edition will be for December and January combined.

**Why not send in (through my door or email) a Christmas Card, either a copied picture, or your own design, with a Christmas message to our readers and I will publish them in the Christmas edition.**

*Please let's spread the cheer of Christmas !*

We have a new Advertising Editor – Welcome to the team John (details top right), – I look forward to working with you. Sadly, though, this means goodbye to Margaret, thank you for keeping me on the straight and narrow – you will be missed. This month we have remembrance Sunday (page 11 for details), it would be good to see as many of you as possible. Page 15 talks about our garden this time of year – and gives the 'heads-up' on jobs to do.

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**November at Wesley  
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**6<sup>th</sup> November** Worship 9.30 am  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Led by Rev Pat Christopher

**13<sup>th</sup> November** Remembrance Sunday  
United Service at Christchurch

**20<sup>th</sup> November** Worship 10 45 am  
Led by Mr Martin Thorne

**27<sup>th</sup> November** Worship 10 45 am  
**Family Advent Fun**  
Led by Rev Pat Christopher

**Rev Pat Christopher 01352 730313**

**Methodist Church  
Leeswood**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December to  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**



We will be again be holding a Christmas Tree Festival for which community groups in and around Leeswood are invited to decorate a Christmas Tree.

**Refreshments, Pluck a Duck, raffle and  
'Find the Mice' competition.**

We shall be open on  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 5 pm to 7 pm  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 2 pm to 5 pm  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 2 pm ending at 4pm with  
**Christmas Tree Praise.**



Contact Cheryl **218704** or Rev Pat **730313**  
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**LADIES GUILD**

Mrs Ingham, the President, welcomed all the ladies to our first October meeting (13/10/16).

Our speaker/demonstrator tonight was Mrs Gill Burton who had agreed to share with us some of her skills in arranging flowers. We all watched very carefully as Gill assembled her "mechanics" – they were an oasis block, fastened to a delicate stand and the first stage was to cover the oasis with greenery to give the arrangement a really good base. From her garden Gill had collected lots of different foliage, - Variegated Laurel, Cypress, Cotoneaster and Ivy, a lovely selection. Next came the coloured flowers, Gill used Spray Carnations in lemon and peach. It was very interesting to watch as our expert demonstrator continued the basic shape and threaded both colours into all the spaces, all blended in so well. It was delightful; so delicate and a brilliant way to show how beautiful even simple flowers like spray carnations can be when they are in skilled hands.

To use up the extra greenery and the smaller flowers from the stems of the carnations Gill worked on a smaller arrangement, again using a circular oasis bas, and a lovely posy of flowers was the end product, certainly a lovely way to use up the left-overs!

The President thanked Mrs Burton for her superb demonstration, it was extra-special! Gill very kindly donated both arrangements for raffle prizes.

Future arrangements were discussed and plans were made for Christmas.

The Tea hostess tonight was Mrs Flitcroft, she was thanked by Mrs Ingham. The raffle prizes were won by Mrs Mary Williams, Mrs Jenny Webb and Mrs Anne Davies.

C. Flitcroft



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# Leeswood - Bethania Church - Coedllai

A warm welcome to all – Croeso cynnes i bawb

## Sundays at Bethania

From the very beginning, Christians have met to worship God together on the Lord's Day, the day of Jesus' resurrection.

## 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 to Year 6  
Wednesday 5:45 – 6:45

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

## There But For the Grace of God

**When I was in prison, you came to visit me.  
(Matthew 25:36)**

In January, I shall be taking up a new post as Free Church chaplain at the prison that will soon be opening in Wrexham, HMP Berwyn. I've been enjoying telling people over the last few weeks that I am "going to prison" and seeing the look on their faces, before going on to explain the circumstances. This appointment represents a new and exciting departure for me. I have served as a church minister for 20 years, 16 years in Cardiff and the last 4 years here in Leeswood. But I have not served in a prison context before. There will be lots of new information to absorb and new skills for me to acquire. The governor recently asked me if I was 'up for a challenge'. Hopefully, I am.

Jesus spent a great deal of his time with people of 'ill repute', who had made wrong and selfish choices. His enemies called him 'the friend of sinners'. They meant it as an insult. Jesus never excused wrongdoing or minimised its gravity; but he sought to communicate God's redeeming love to everyone. He believed passionately in God's ability to change lives. Reconciliation, restitution and renewal were important themes in his life and teaching. He also warned those of us who keep on the right side of the law, against hypocrisy and self-righteousness. '*There but for the grace of God, go I*', is a phrase attributed to the Protestant clergyman John Bradford (1510-1555), who uttered the words when seeing criminals being led to the scaffold. For me, the Christian message of grace sits well with the ethos of HMP Berwyn, with its emphasis on rehabilitating offenders.

Please pray for me, as I take up this new role, that I may help to make a difference, together with the whole team at Berwyn, and help turn lives around. The following prayer was written for *Prisons Week*, which was held recently:

*Lord, you offer freedom to all people.  
We pray for those in prison.  
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.  
Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,  
prison staff and all who care.  
Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.  
Help us to forgive one another.  
To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength  
and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.*

Love and God bless,

Rev. James

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## CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

### SERVICES NOVEMBER 2016

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

4.00 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SOULS

CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

#### SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (KINGDOM 3)

10.50 A.M. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

FOLLOWED BY

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE LYCHGATE,  
AND THEN AT LEESWOOD CENOTAPH.

#### SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: CHRIST THE KING

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

#### SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: ADVENT 1

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

#### SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: ADVENT 2

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## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

### Prize Bingo

in Leeswood Community Centre

Doors Open 7pm, Eyes Down 7.30

Proceeds in aid of Christ Church Funds

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

"COME FOR COFFEE" & "VICAR'S SURGERY"

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

FOLLOWED BY "SOUP N PUD"

**CHRIST CHURCH ...** is open every day between

10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

So if you'd like to light a candle, or simply spend  
some time quietly with God do feel free to come in,  
you would be very welcome

### The Touch of a Masters Hand

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
thought it scarcely worth the while  
to waste much, time on the old violin,  
but he held it up with a smile.

'What am I offered, good folks?' he cried,  
'Who'll start the bidding for me?

a pound - a pound - now two, only two,  
two pounds, and who'll make it three?

"Going for three," sang the auctioneer,  
"Going for three —" but no,  
from the back of the room an old grey haired man  
came forward, and picked up the bow.

Then, wiping the dust from the old violin  
and tuning up all the strings,  
he played a melody pure and sweet,  
as sweet as an angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer  
with a voice that was quiet and low  
said, 'What am I bid for the old violin?'  
and he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand pounds? and who'll make it two?  
Two thousand and who'll make it three?  
Three thousand once, three thousand twice,  
Going, and gone," said he.

The people cheered, and some of them cried,  
"We do not understand  
what changed its worth?" a man replied,  
"The touch of the master's hand."

Many a man with a life out of tune  
and battered and torn within  
is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd,  
much like the old violin.

A "mess of potage", a glass of wine,  
a game, and he travels on.  
He's going once, he's going twice -  
he's going and almost gone.

But the Master comes and the foolish crowd  
never quite understand. - The worth of a soul  
and the change that is wrought  
by the touch of the Master's hand.

*Myra Brooks Welch*

#### CHRIST CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

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Glenys, Sandra and families would like to thank everyone for the kind messages, cards and donations given at the Funeral Service of their Brother; Robert Brian Davies, formerly of Erith Street, Leeswood, on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The total sum collected was £200 and was given to the League of Friends, Deeside Community Hospital





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Well, here we are again folks. Into yet another month, the penultimate before what becomes the busiest social month on everyone's calendar.

It will also be a very busy time for the Committee as we have our Bingo night on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 so we will be putting together various hampers for that. There are so many good prizes to be won on the night, and just before Christmas too, so we think it may be worth the little trip out for a couple of hours.

***“PUT DOWN YOUR REMOTES AND DON YOUR COATS,  
EMMERDALE CAN WAIT AND SO CAN CORRIE,  
WE PROMISE YOU FAITHFULLY YOU WON'T BE SORRY!”***

It will be, we hope, another great Bingo and fundraiser and it would be lovely to see some new faces on the night. Not that there is anything wrong with the same old ones. It is them that keep us going!

There is an advert in this edition which you will see but, just in case and to let you know, the doors will open at 7.00pm on the night with eyes down at 7.30pm. There will also be a raffle and the usual refreshments half way through.

Something else which is likely to keep the Committee busy is plans in the run up to Christmas week. These plans will be for the very young (well perhaps maybe the older ones too!) It has been decided, after a specific request made to one of the Committee Members, that we are going to ask Father Christmas if he would kindly visit the children and their parents out and about in the village. We will not be able to promise him coming in on his sleigh however as the Elves will be very busy preparing it for the all important night, but we will try to ensure that he has a set of wheels at least to ferry him around the whole of the village.

It has been such a long time since the village last saw this happen, but the Committee wholeheartedly agree it is about time this was resurrected. For the little ones if nobody else. Look out for the date and advert in next month's edition!

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you ALL at the Bingo night so you can win some really decent Christmas presents for all the family!!



Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell  
Committee Member  
**LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**





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**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**Doors open 7.00pm**

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## November in the Garden

Hopefully we will have a lovely sunny and crisp November with lots of opportunity to be out enjoying gardens and countryside. In the garden there are still jobs that can be done, on those nice days when you want to get outside. Nothing urgent, so you can still stay inside if the wind is howling and the rain is battering down.

In the Winter months remember the birds, as the berries they have been enjoying all Autumn will become sparse, they will rely on food from us even more. Stock up on nuts, seed and fat balls ready for them. You will then also get to enjoy seeing the friendly visitors in your garden. Also remember to provide them with unfrozen water for them to drink all Winter, as the temperatures drop this will become hard to find for them.

### Jobs for November

- Keep deadheading roses and herbaceous plants and they will continue to flower until first frosts
- Cut back large late summer flowering shrubs such as Buddleia, to reduce chance for damage from wind and snow
- Protect tender plants with fleece when overnight frosts are forecast

### Spring Flowering Bulbs

Tulips and Daffodils have a wide range of types nowadays, meaning you can get miniature, tall, double, single and wide range of colours and colour combinations. My personal favourites are Tulip 'Little Red Riding Hood', a small, compact variety with red flowers and purple markings on the green leaves, Tulip 'Queen of the Night', tall, single flower that is said to be one of the darkest purple, almost black and Daffodil 'Rip Van Winkle', a small, compact variety with double centre.

- Plant Crocus and Snowdrops in areas of lawn that can be left in Spring uncut to let them naturalise and spread in the lawn
- When planting in containers, plant the bulbs at different depths and this will then stagger

	Early Spring	Mid-Spring	Late Spring
40"			
32"			
24"			
16"			
8"			
Mulch			
4"			
8"			
	Snowdrops Crocus Anemone Muscari Greigii Tulips Fosteriana Tulips Mini Daffodils Hyacinths	Daffodils Narcissi Mid-Season Tulips Double Daffodils Friillaria Imperialis	Late Tulips (long stemmed) Lili Flowering Tulips Lilies Dutch Iris Allium Giganteum

the flowering times, and provide a display over a longer period

- Planting depths will vary depending on the bulb type and size, general rule is the bulb should be planted two times the size of the bulb down, or you can use a planting depth chart as with the example shown

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**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

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**Eyes Down: - 7.30pm**

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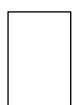
# Santa Dash



Sunday 11th December 2016, warm up at 10.30am race starts at 11.00am.

After the success of Mold Town Council's first Santa Dash last year, which saw over 250 Santa's dashing through the town we will once again be asking people to sign up and join the fun on Sunday 11th December 2016.

[http://www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk/Mold-TC/Santa\\_Dash\\_11781.aspx](http://www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk/Mold-TC/Santa_Dash_11781.aspx)



To get the links for the entry form, also a link to the terms and conditions



Mold Santa Dash Route – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Warm up 10.30am on Daniel Owen Square and race starts 11am start from Earl Road

A detailed map of Mold, Cheshire, showing the route for the Santa Dash. The route is marked with red arrows and a black line. Key locations include Daniel Owen Square, Earl Road, High Street, New Street, Puffin Road, Hendy Road, Clayton Road, Bryn Garmon, and back to Earl Road. A legend on the right side of the map provides details about the route and the warm-up. A small illustration of Santa Claus is also present in the top right corner of the map area.

**Race starts 11am  
Earl Road,  
Mold CH7 1AB**

**The Great  
Santa Warm-up  
will start on the  
Daniel Owen  
Square 10.30am**

● Marshall's Points

**Route**

- ◆ Start on Earl Road
- ◆ Down the High Street
- ◆ Right onto New Street
- ◆ Up Puffin Road
- ◆ Right up Hendy Road
- ◆ Down Clayton Road
- ◆ Right onto Bryn Garmon
- ◆ Finish back on Earl Road

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WEDNESDAY  
9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

DOORS OPEN 7.00

EYES DOWN 7.30

COMMUNITY CENTRE, LEESWOOD

LEESWOOD AND TREUDDYN CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Annual Carol's and Coffee evening



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

At 7.00 pm

**HAFAN DEG - TREUDDYN**



## Memories of an oilfield man

### Maadi

Driving through the Cairo traffic in the seventies was not for the faint hearted, thank god Mahmoud was driving, I am sure if the cars there were not fitted with sounding horns no one would be able to drive, With his hand permanently sounding the horn and dodging in between camels, and bicycles loaded with meat carcasses on the handle bars, and bread on the saddles also the donkey carts where everywhere, we finally arrived safely at the Hilton, I arranged for Mahmoud to pick me up the following morning, because I did not believe Salah would forget to meet me, After a luxurious shower using clean (unsalted) water I then made my way down to the dining area where a waiter wearing traditional dress including the Tommy Cooper fez guided me to a table for one, and presented me with an amazing menu, after a month of living on the bare necessities I decided to make a pig of myself (with permission of Gus my boss)I had the full course that went down very well with a bottle of the recommended house wine, I only wished Carol was there to enjoy it with me, still one had to make the most of it under these difficult circumstances and enjoyed it on my own,

After a very enjoyable meal and a full bottle of good wine I then called the waiter over who was never far away, it never ceased to amaze me that nearly all of the staff were able to speak two or three languages, after giving him what I thought was a reasonable tip I later realised that I had gave him triple the normal one ( it was no wonder he made himself my personal table waiter every time he saw me) I asked him about the hotel entertainment for the evening he insisted that I must see Zara Zuki a world renown belly dancer at the time(she was later to appear in the James Bond movie starring Roger Moore) he informed me that the entertainment was on the second floor of the hotel and suggested that I go to the gambling casino on the upper floors which was where I met Roger Moore a year or two later during the time when he was making the movie,(more about that encounter in a later issue) I decided that I would not to go to the casino on my first

night but I would like to see a real Egyptian belly dancer, the entertainment did not begin until later in the evening,

After that good meal and bottle of wine, a little nap in that luxurious bed was the order of the day and besides, I had a couple of hours to kill before the show, so I asked the desk to give me a wakeup call at eight thirty the show began at nine, it was a good thing that I did because I went out like a light, I nearly fell off the bed when the phone rang I never had a clue where I was I was so disorientated, After a shower and change of clothes(another pair of jeans) the only clothes I had with me were what I could carry in my rucksack, when I left home I thought I would be going straight out to work. I did not realise that I would be staying in the Hilton Hotel Cairo so it was jeans, and more jeans, a couple of T-shirts, and not much else, (must buy another change of clothes tomorrow) there must be a shop where I can buy a reasonable change, I would ask Salah tomorrow,

Before going up to view the entertainment I decided to have drink or two at the bar as I did not want to be the first of the audience sitting there, wishing Carol was here with me. I decided to make my way up there around 10pm, I could not believe my eyes the show had already started I had missed the first act but I had never seen anything like the floor show that was just about to begin, I was escorted to a small table near the front and I ordered my drinks then settled down to enjoy the entertainment,

This is one memory that will never ever forget and very difficult to put down on paper but I will try, all of the lights were distinguished everywhere was in total darkness, the silence was uncanny all conversation had ceased, then came the beat of a single jungle drum, then it was joined by another drum, gradually these two were joined by other drums and no other instruments could be heard all this was still in total darkness, Then suddenly all the lighting came on illuminating the stage and on the stage were about twelve topless African dancers in traditional Zulu dress (My drink never touched

my lips) they danced to the beat of the drums for nearly an hour this would be the best floor show I had ever seen although I had the opportunity to see more tribal dancing when I went to Africa in later years more of that in later issues, apparently the dancers were all member of the famous French Bluebell girls(that gives my age away) all of the dancers had to be at least six foot tall and with their high feathered headdress they were amazing, There was an interval before the belly dancer Zarah Zuki performed, this gave the audience time to fill their glasses, alcohol was available then although it was very expensive I do not know if it's available now with all the new drinking laws etc., I had never ever seen a belly dancer before (the only ones I saw were the men with beer bellies on a Saturday night) but I must say my eyes could not stay focused there was not a part of her that was not moving, I did not have my camera with me then but below is a photo of the dancer when she appeared in the Cairo Sheraton when I was with Carol and friends,

But all good things must end, tomorrow I must look for accommodation which I was not looking forward to, another morning wakeup call had me crawling out bed and into the shower, after a very light breakfast I made my way



This was Zarah Zuki the dancer, Carol. myself, and Ike a friend of ours, enjoying an evening at the Cairo Sheraton.,

down to the foyer where I spotted Mahmoud sitting on the steps waiting (great stuff I thought) but I was not prepared for the heat and humidity that greeted me. I was dressed in T shirt jeans and sunglasses. I must get myself a hat or something it was not too bad in the desert I just wrapped a rag around my head(raghead) I was getting used to the air conditioning inside the hotel,

“Right Mahmoud take me to Maadi” I had the address of a couple of the expats who worked for the company, so I thought I would call on “June” Eric Whitfield’s wife first and ask her of any apartments in the area, “Jeff, Eric’s brother is having marital problems so his place will be available soon but I do not know when, then there is Gordon Miller he has an apartment but his wife and kids are not due out for a couple of months you can have a word with him” she told me, I was thinking maybe we could stay with Gordon until Jeff’s place became available that will be great, and that was exactly what happened, great, job sorted, easy or so I thought, so I did not have to go knocking on doors (so to speak) and Carol and the boys were due to arrive next month, life gets better, or so I thought: - next issue is when Carol and the boy’s get evicted by gunpoint at midnight while I was on the rig,



Above is a photo in Maadi- Carol, the two boys, Australian Dale, waving with his fingers, and Gordon Miller in the Blue denim coat,

**to be continued.....**





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## **NovemberFest Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November 2016**

Mold's popular NovemberFest, its annual festival of Real Ale, Food and Entertainment is scheduled to take place once again over the weekend Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Church Hall, King Street, Mold and at numerous venues throughout the town.

Over 30 real ales, pilsner lager, ciders and wine will be available for festival goers along with some great entertainment.

Ticket information and musical entertainment to be confirmed.

NovemberFest is organised by Mold Town Council with support from Buckley and Mold Lions Club, Vale of Clwyd CAMRA branch and enthusiastic volunteers from the community and is used to raise funds in support of other events organised in the Mold area.

Further information can be found on the NovemberFest website or social media:

<https://moldnovemberfest.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MoldNovemberFestPage> <https://twitter.com/moldnovfest>




## **Christmas Lights**

**Tuesday 29th November 2016**

**3.45 pm to 7.00 pm**

**Daniel Owen Square**

The Christmas lights will once again be turned on by Father Christmas at 6.00pm in the Daniel Owen Square. There will also be a fun fair on the High Street, with the local junior and High Schools invited to sing from 3.45pm on Earl Road.

Note: For further information contact Mold Town Council 01352 758532  01352 758532 or email [supportofficer@moldtowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:supportofficer@moldtowncouncil.org.uk)



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## Technical Corner by Joseph Caruana

The environment is one of the most important issues that are being talked about at the present time. The subject touches a comprehensive range of aspects some of which affect us in our daily life, and influence the way we live. We see many initiatives that are taken in order to help preserve the environment and make the general public more aware of individual responsibility towards achieving a sustainable system.

Sustainable energy has been with us for some good few years and it is being implemented at a good rate of continuous development. However, one should distinguish between sustainable energy and sustainable systems. Everybody knows that the two most common forms of sustainable energy are solar energy and wind energy. Nevertheless, although both solar energy and wind energy produces energy from natural sources without having to put energy input like oil or gas, they do require maintenance and therefore the energy generated is not totally free. This takes us to the next scenario as to what percentage of renewability is the system which is applied to manage the transformation of energy from one form into another.

By looking at the broader picture as a renewable system rather than just a renewable source of energy, one might be in a better position to understand how renewable the whole application is. It could also inspire us to apply renewable systems not just to sources of energy, but to other applications as well.

When a system is self sustaining, it could be classed as a renewable system, nevertheless, the percentage of renewability should be noted in order to determine how renewably efficient the system is. To this end, let us consider two different solar panel systems, and although the systems uses the same renewable energy source, the

arrangement is different. It is commonly known that solar panels convert sun light into electricity, and therefore they generate the largest amount of energy when they are directly facing the sun. As the sun travels from east to west, and most solar panels are set to face south, then the only time the system is running at maximum efficiency is at midday when the sun is in direct alignment with the solar panels. This system is therefore not as efficient as it could be, and improvements could be implemented.

One such improvement would be to mount the solar panels in a way that they can follow the sun along its path from east to west like a sun flower. In order to achieve this, one would need to introduce a sun tracking system. A sun tracking system involves an electronic arrangement which acts as the brain of the system to track the sun, an electrical mover which will be in the form of a motor or actuator, and an arrangement of gearing of linkages to transmit the movement from the motor or actuator to the solar panels.

From studies which has been carried out, it has been estimated that by arranging the solar panels to follow the sun, one can increase the efficiency by over fifty per cent. This clearly shows that former renewable system is less efficient then the latter system, and there it might be more practical to refer to renewable energy as a renewable energy system rather than as renewable energy items on their own, such as solar panel.

When one considers that the sun flower has been tracking the sun for hundreds of years, one might appreciate how advanced nature can be, and if we observe nature we might learn how to develop things, that works with nature and achieve optimum efficiency. It might also be beneficial to understand the might of nature, and harness it in our favour in a friendly manner.



# **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 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)  
Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman  
Councillors J. Atkinson, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, Terry 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 K. McCallum JP and J. Phoenix.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Unfortunately, the representative from Flintshire County Council was unable to attend the meeting. The presentation will now take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6.00pm.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT QUARTER 1 2016/2017**

The financial reports for quarter 1 of 2016/2017 had been circulated to members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be accepted. All Councillors were in agreement.

### **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was in attendance. A report of activity was presented to the Council.

### **Incident update – Leeswood**

09/07/2016 – ASB, Leeswood Carnival.

18/07/2016 – ASB Personal – words of advice given, verbal warning.

22/07/2016 – Harassment, Ffordd Siarl – PIN (Police Information Notice) issued. Continued enquiries.

29/07/2016 – Harassment, Ffordd Siarl – PIN (Police Information Notice) issued. All in order.

01/08/2016 – Environmental ASB (by Phoenix Park), fire in area – after inspection found to be environmental waste.

04/08/2016 – ASB Personal, Heol-y-Goron – advice given. This was related to the incident of 22/07/2016.

05/08/2016 – ASB Personal, counter complaint. This was related to the incident of 18/07/2016 and has now been dealt with.

10/08/2016 – Environmental ASB, Phoenix Park – advice given.

11/08/2016 – Environmental ASB – livestock concerns. Reported to the wildlife team.

### **Incident update – Pontblyddyn**

07/07/2016 – Vehicle stop early hours of the morning – cannabis caution.

10/08/2016 – RTC, no insurance, driving whilst unfit.

Concern was expressed in relation to vehicles parking on the pavement in the area of Eaton Place, Leeswood. It was pointed out that if there was no real obstruction on the pavement then nothing could be done about this. PCSO Hadfield-Jones stated that parking is a ‘grey’ area and that the Police only deal with obstructions or broken down vehicles. Advice can be offered but if a pram or push-chair can pass then no action would be taken. Observation made that the parked vehicles did present a problem in that they were obscuring visibility. PCSO Hadfield-Jones informed that if there were enforceable road markings on the highway these applied even if the vehicles were fully parked on the pavement.

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

### **CEMETERY**

The gates to the Cemetery require repairing. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Blacksmith in Padeswood should be contacted with regard to this.

It was pointed out that Mr Blackwell of Blackwell Stonemasons had agreed some time ago to come to the Cemetery in order to ‘straighten’ and align the headstones. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Blackwell. Councillors R. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP and the Clerk to meet with him on site.

Observation was made regarding the amendment of the Cemetery by-laws as it was felt that these were out of date. The Clerk advised that she had updated the by-laws in 2014 and members had received a copy of these. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should go through the by-laws and make suitable alterations in relation to the caging in of flowers on headstones; solar lights around graves and any other new issues that may arise.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application number – 055826

Demolition of 27 garages and erection of 5 dwellings in one terrace block and one semi-detached block with all associated development works.

Garage Site, Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire.

Application number – 055828

Demolition of 8 garages and erection of 8 new dwellings. Creation of 7 parking spaces in lieu of the loss and all associated development works.

Leeswood Garages 28-35, Maes-y-Meillion, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire.

Observation that the garages were no longer fit for the purpose they had been designed and the new dwellings would be an asset to the village. All Councillors agreed that approval should be recommended.



### **LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It was reported that Mr Don Heyward who had been running the bar has now retired. The Community Centre Management Committee had advertised for a new Bar Manager.

A Coffee Morning/Table Top Sale was to take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and a 'Curry and a Drink' Night had been organised for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### **HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT**

The minutes from the Liaison Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 had been received and copies had been circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor J. Caruana stated that the Open Day held at the Padeswood Works on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 had been a great success. Also, there were no environmental issues to report.

### **MILLENNIUM CLOCK**

The Clerk informed that she had confirmed acceptance of the quote for works on the Millennium Clock with Smith of Derby and is awaiting the arrangements for the engineer to attend the site.

### **CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACONS IN THE COMMUNITY**

Councillor J.E. Saul reported that he and the Clerk had met with Sarah Jones of Cadwyn Clwyd on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. The meeting had come about as the provision of internet access at the Community Centre was being looked into. At present Cadwyn Clwyd is running a project for the provision of i Beacons in communities. These i Beacons are a new way of providing information about the community whether historical or current. The information would be available on users' phones/tablets when they are in range of an i beacon. Events at the Community Centre could be advertised this way. Sarah Jones had quoted a cost match of £750 per network and for this 50/60 i Beacons would be available. Consideration could be given to sharing a network with neighbouring Community Councils. The Clerk stated that she would contact the Clerks of Hope and Caergwrle, Llanfynydd and Treuddyn Community Councils to see if they would be interested in sharing a network. Councillors felt that this would enhance the community and at a reasonable cost. It was agreed by all Councillors that this project should go ahead.

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

A meeting with the contractor on Phoenix Park is planned. It is likely that this Community Council will be asked for a financial contribution to the works but the amount is as yet unknown.

### **COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS – PLAY AREAS**

From Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer of Organisational Change at Flintshire County Council, correspondence in relation to Community Asset Transfers involving Play Areas. Flintshire County Council aim (subject to Council decision) to maintain all 182 play areas within the county for the year 2017/2018. In the longer term it is estimated that they will be able to maintain 124 of these play areas with the remaining 58 subject to Community Asset Transfer. Any community that has more than four play areas will be expected either to a) take over the play area in a Community Asset Transfer or b) the County Council will retain the play area and the town/community councils enter a service level agreement where they pay for the maintenance and upkeep. As Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community currently has three play areas; i) Phoenix Park, ii) off Ffordd Siarl and iii) to the rear of Bro Alyn, the Flintshire County Council will continue to maintain these for the time being.

**BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2016**

Flintshire County Council had forwarded reports of the Best Kept Communities Competition 2016. Heol-y-Dderwen had won second prize of £75.00 in the Best Kept Senior Citizen Estate section. The prize giving was to take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Alyn & Deeside Room at County Hall, Mold at 6.00pm.

On the whole the judges' comments in the other sections entered were very positive with constructive remarks on improvements that could be made.

All Councillors expressed their pleasure at the result and accepted the reports.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) Vehicle parking issues – it had been noticed that more and more cars were being parked on the junction of Bryn Clyd and King Street. The issue with vehicles parking part on the pavement at Bell's Corner by the Cenotaph was being looked into.

b) Part re-surfacing of road through Leeswood village – work was due to start on re-surfacing the road through Leeswood at the worse points.

**COMMEMORATION OF COUNCILLOR R. HUGHES YEAR OF OFFICE AS CHAIR TO FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 2015/2016**

It had been suggested that it would be a nice idea to acknowledge Councillor R. Hughes' year of office as Chair to Flintshire County Council. Observation was made that the late Councillor K.W. Richardson had also been Chair to Flintshire County Council in 2004/2005 and it would not be right to commemorate one Councillor's year of office without doing the same for the other. The Clerk suggested a plaque for both be purchased which could be put on the Chairman's board. All Councillors were in agreement with the Clerk to arrange in time for the Civic Service which was being held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Theatr Clwyd – invitation to attend an informal civic breakfast on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Clwyd Room at Theatr Clwyd at 10.00am. This is part of the theatre's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood was to attend.

b) Leeswood Girl Guides – a quiz night is being held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The Clerk would attend.

c) Buckley

Town Council – invitation to attend Mayor's Charity Ball and Dinner to take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton. Tickets are £26.00.

d) Go Safe Public Opinion Survey 2016 – notification had been received regarding this Survey. Councillor J.E. Saul had included this link on the Community Council website so all Councillors were able to access it.

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