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THE CARNIVAL IS COMING!!

SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2017

PHOENIX PARK (REAR OF COMMUNITY CENTRE)

We also get:

- ☆ CPR and Defibrillator Training
- ☆ An Introduction to new charity: WILDA



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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

C.Flitcroft

The second meeting in April (April 20th) took the form of a meal out at the Bridge Inn for all members to celebrate the 49th birthday of the Guild. We do have several ladies who have been members right from the early days when the Guild began, meeting in the Cedron Chapel, so becoming the 'Pontybodkin Ladies Guild'; however we are always willing to welcome new comers, this is how the Guild keeps 'alive' and new members help it to grow. We now meet in the Leeswood Community Centre on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 7.15pm.

May 11th – This was an evening where several members were on holiday so a 'Beetle Drive' was enjoyed by all; Mrs Davies won with the highest score, Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick won with the 'Best (artistically) decorated Beetle' and Mrs Lucille Ingman won the prize for the lowest score. Mrs Ann Bannerjee was out raffle prize winner, she won both the ordinary raffle and the special raffle! Lucky Lady! Mrs Dorothy Davies was thanked for providing the refreshments and raffle prize and Mrs Jane Lucy was thanked for providing the special raffle.

There will be only the one meeting in June (June 22nd) as the first meeting clashes with the General Election.

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Unfortunately, this year, and due to certain regulations, the Local Council will not permit the Carnival Committee to put bunting up in the village zig-zag style from post to post.

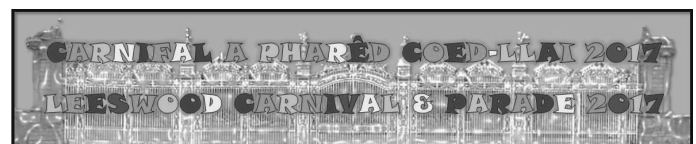
We can however zig-zig the bunting using properties!

We, the Committee, are therefore looking for YOUR help!!

Would you be willing to allow us to use your property this year (and possibly every year after) so that we are able to undertake the usual and more favourable zig-zag styled bunting? If so, please text your name, address & phone number with confirmation to either:-

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LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



kindly request that **all** vehicles parked on Pontybodkin Hill (from the old Laura Ashley Factory up), Eaton Place, Queen Street, Bryn Meirion (main road) and Bryn Clyd (main road), King Street, Chapel Terrace, Ash Villas, Oak Villas, Parc Derwen leading into Oak Drive/Ffordd Derw and Willow Walk/Rhodfa Helyg be **removed** from the main road/procession route **by 11am** on **Saturday 8th July 2017** to allow the Carnival parade to take place at 12noon - main road opens again at 1.00pm

Alternative parking will be available at Ysgol Derwenfa and Leeswood Community Centre

We are sorry for any inconvenience, but your co-operation would be most appreciated

If you have any queries concerning this, please contact Councillor Raymond Hughes of 3 Erith Street, Leeswood (Tel: 07794 206550)

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CPR and Defibrillator Training

Louise Hoyle Fennell

Dear Readers,

I would like just a few minutes of your time, if I may.

I want you to imagine the scene of a Primary School playground. Hectic and loud, but harmonious, a place where parents believe their child is/children are safe and in no immediate danger.

Imagine within seconds that scene changing from loud and harmonious to chaos and panic. Why? Because a child has collapsed! He/she is unresponsive, not breathing, and in need of life-saving assistance. IMMEDIATELY!

Continue to keep that image in your head, and the thought of ushering 100+ children away from the scene so as not to expose them to what is happening.

Imagine the desperation of the person making that 999 call, a Teacher/Supervisor's responsibility in attempting to save that child's life with just CPR, breathing life into them, but yet the child remains unresponsive. Seconds are turning into minutes and there is still no sign of an ambulance or fast response unit. The Teacher/Supervisor therefore continues to compress the child's chest, continues to breathe life into them.

But imagine those chest compressions and those breaths of air are not enough. That child's life is slipping away with every second of every minute that passes. Can you imagine that scene?

Now imagine that that child is not someone else's. Imagine that child is YOURS!

Am I getting through?

The ambulance isn't!

I should imagine the hardest part of a Headmaster's job would be to have to tell a parent that their child died on their playground/in school because sadly CPR was not effective enough. I hope I am never that parent. I hope you are not either!

Harsh reading, but sadly a reality in some cases!

Did you know that every week in the UK, 12 young people die suddenly from an undiagnosed heart condition?

Did you know that there is just a 3% survival rate out of 8,000 sudden cardiac arrests that occur beyond hospitals in Wales alone? Those statistics shock me. Do they shock you? Sadly, CPR is not always effective. A shock from a defibrillator machine however can increase the survival rate by 50%.

I recently went along to a training session for CPR and Defibrillator use hosted by the Local Council with 'Welsh Hearts' (a Charity). I always thought of myself being capable of undertaking CPR but had no idea how to use a defibrillator. These are vital pieces of equipment and the first thing that popped into my head in training was "Has my child's school got one?" Well, the answer to that is no. At a starting cost of £1,000 these pieces of equipment are not cheap.

Also since my training, I have heard three different stories of cardiac arrest patients having had shock treatment from one of these machines and it saving their lives.

Their Consultants said they would not be here if it was not for those machines as CPR would have been ineffective in their cases.

Now I have the knowledge of this, I will therefore be fundraising for as long as it takes in order for Ysgol Derwenfa to have a defibrillator machine on site.

For my first fundraiser, I will be taking on the Zipwire in Bethesda, Snowdonia on Sunday 25th June 2017 reaching speeds of up to 80mph-100mph whilst travelling 500ft over the Penrhyn Quarry.

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CPR and Defibrillator Training

Louise Hoyle Fennell (continued...)

If anyone would like to sponsor me in my quest to raise funds for this vital piece of equipment and to have all Teachers, members of Staff and pupils within the school to be trained in the use of a machine, please check out my Fundraising Page on the school's Facebook page (or my own FB page) or pop into the school office where there will be a sponsor form for you to add your name to.

I am also aware that the Community Centre is Leeswood does not have a defibrillator. My aim is to use any surplus money raised for the school defibrillator towards purchasing one for the Centre. Ysgol Derwenfa has very kindly allowed me to use their letterhead for my sponsor forms and they included Leeswood Community Centre on them.

My best friend's dad lost his life at the Community Centre due to a heart attack, and so did another gentleman, so it is all the more important for our village to have two machines in public places.

The Welsh Hearts Charity, who supply the machines, also give public training. Pretty useful eh!

I do not think I have ever felt so passionate about something as important as this within Ysgol Derwenfa or the Community Centre and would never forgive myself for sitting doing nothing, knowing what I know now, and just how imperative these machines really are.

Any surplus money raised beyond that of the two machines will be donated directly to the "Welsh Hearts" Charity.

I do hope you can support me in my quest and, if you would like to sponsor, me then please get in touch (most of you know me I'm sure) 07787 856056. Ysgol Derwenfa also has sponsorship forms at the school.

Thank you for your time everyone.

Louise Hoyle Fennell
Shay's mum – Year 3

Church News



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

A warm welcome to all – Croeso cynnes i bawb

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Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell

Hello Carnival Campers, Hi-de-Hi! There must be at least one "Ho-de-Ho" back at us? (Or maybe not, eh!). Anyway this, Campers, is our last write up before the big day and the next edition will contain details of Carnival Day itself. Well, at least we believe there will be another edition next month! At the time of writing this, we are not aware of a replacement for the current Editor, June Lincoln, who is finishing in her role.

So just before we turn to details of our most recent event, choosing our Prince, Rosebud and Queen for this year's Carnival, we would just like to say a big thank you to June who has been ever so patient with us getting these write-ups in to the paper each month, never making the deadline on time we might add. Well, sometimes maybe! Timing is usually an issue with us, i.e. holding fundraisers late in the month which we want to report on, but always passing the date for the deadline. Nevertheless, we wish June all the very best when she does retire from the LDN and we do hope that her replacement is as patient with us as she has been for all this time. That is if they even find a replacement for her! We really hope they do as the Committee does not fancy leaflet dropping "Carnival News" all round the village each month. We are run ragged as it is!

As just pointed out in the last paragraph, we did, on the 20th May 2017 at Leeswood Community Centre, choose our Prince, Rosebud and Queen to represent us at this year's Carnival. It was a little quieter than last year but we most certainly did the right thing in starting late afternoon with the younger ones and, thankfully, we managed to wrap everything up by 8.30pm in order for the disco to start. Better than 10pm like last year! It was nice to see all the children really making an effort though. Without them, there is no Carnival! It was also nice to have the lovely Mr Carlton Jones returning once again as our Head Judge for proceedings. Alongside our Mr Jones our Guest Judges were (for the Prince and Rosebud event) Mrs Jane Lucy and Mrs Anne Davies representing the Leeswood Hospice Support Group, and also Ms Faye Leadbetter and Mrs Clair Butler who have supported us from the off with this venture.

Faye, always happy to hand out vouchers from the Bridge Inn, Pontblyddyn for our Bingos, and Clair, whose talent in stage dressing on the big day deserves the recognition for the hard work put in in making it look its best for those



sitting up there on their thrones on the day. Carlton, Faye and Clair were also good enough to stay the distance to judge the Queen event later in the evening and they were then joined by Mrs Lisa Edwards (Owner of Revolution Hair & Beauty Salon in Mold) and Miss Caitlyn Kelly, also from Revolution, who again have been kind enough to donate vouchers for our Bingos along the way.

We know the Judges have such a hard task each year judging these competitions, but we hope that each and every one of them had a really nice time on the day with us.

We would also like to thank our reigning Prince Taylor, Rosebud Bethany, and Queen Dana for returning this year as special guests and almost, we say almost, handing over their titles. Not quite yet though!

And so, here we are, with the results of our winning 2017 Carnival Prince, Rosebud and Queen:-

1st Place Prince - Ricky Leech (Leeswood)

1st Place Rosebud - Ashanti Munestsi (Leeswood)

1st Place Queen - Alannah Harrison-Dean (Leeswood)

A big thank you, as always, goes to all those who entered. Like I always say, it is not easy getting up on a stage and speaking in front of people. For some it comes natural (like me as I have a big mouth), but for others it is a huge deal, but we are extremely proud of them all for getting up there and having a go and that is what makes this event our most favourable time and time again. It may not be the event where we bring in the most in terms of fundraising, but for us this is most certainly not the point. The point is bringing our little community together and all sailing in the same boat (lifejackets provided on request - women and children first as they say!).

Here are just a few of pictures for you to see and we hope the winners and their families are really looking forward to this year's Carnival, along with the others.



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Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell (continued...)

Our Judging Panel (never an easy job!)



Rosebud & Prince (front)



Carnival Queen



Well done to each and every one of them. They are all winners in our eyes for the bravery shown in getting up in front of everyone.

Now turning to Carnival Day, this year it has been decided to keep events to one place, and that is on the field itself, as last year we were spreading ourselves rather thinly at three different locations in the evening, i.e. the Choir at Pontblyddyn Church, the disco night at the Community Centre, and closing events on the field. It was far too much for all of us and we simply did not have the force behind us. Star Wars lot might have the force with them, but we certainly do not. Anyway, you may just want to stay the distance on the field as we have live music later on with a local band called 50 Hertz (they are really, really good I am told) and possibly one other band (pending).

There could be so much more to write about, letting you know what stalls there will be on the day and what attractions but, to be honest, after last year what with 25+ stalls pulling out due to the weather it is probably best we don't attempt a list just in case we put a kibosh on it. You will just have to come along on the 8th July 2017 and see for yourselves. Won't you? At least we hope you all will!



There is a poster in this edition for Carnival Day itself, a road closure notice (very important to note), and a "decorate your house/bunting" poster.

Please note that this year's parade commences at 12noon and not 1.00pm. This is due to the unfortunate fact that we could not get a brass band for 1.00pm and you simply can't have a parade without a brass band heading it! Anyone taking part in the parade needs to be at the Old Laura Ashley Factory on Pontybodkin Hill at 11.30am at the very latest.

We hope the weather holds. In fact, that is all we can hope for! The rest, as they say, is history.

And there we have it folks. Happy as Larry.

Who is Larry by the way?

See you all on the 8th July 2017 at 12noon.

Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell

Committee Member

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SUNDAY 4TH JUNE: PENTECOST

LEESWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER

WALK OF WITNESS

MEET AT THE CENOTAPH AT 10.00 A.M.

SERVICE IN METHODIST CHURCH AT 10.45 A.M.

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE: TRINITY SUNDAY

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE: TRINITY 1

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE: TRINITY 2

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 2ND JULY: TRINITY 3

NO SERVICE IN CHRIST CHURCH

3.00 P.M. BISHOP GREGORY'S VISITATION

IN ST MATTHEWS BUCKLEY

SUNDAY 9TH JULY: TRINITY 4

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

SUNDAY 16TH JULY: TRINITY 5

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 23RD JULY: TRINITY 6

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 30TH JULY: TRINITY 7

WE JOIN THE PEOPLE OF **NERCWYS CHURCH** AT
11.15 A.M. FOR A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
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SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST: TRINITY 8

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV JOHN POOLMAN

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24TH JUNE 2017

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

Unfortunately, The Vicar will not be available on this occasions if you wish to speak to her on Church Business please contact her to make an appointment. Contact details below.

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What is an NISA?

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What is a 'NISA Allowance' and how much is it?

The NISA allowance refers to total amount that you can deposit into an NISA each tax year. The allowance is currently £20,000, and this amount is available until April 2018. After this, your allowance for the current tax year will be lost and you are unable to back-date this, so it's a case of "Use it or Lose it!".

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Regular Savings - ISAs can also be used for long term savings plans such as university fees. You don't have to use your allowance all at once; you can contribute to your NISA on a monthly basis.

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Memories of an oilfield man

Tom Nicholson

Move that damn crane

The time had come for me to start earning my money. If I had only known what was in store for me in the coming weeks I would have caught the next flight back to the UK with our family. Still it was too late now and I had to do what was expected of me. As stated in the last issue I had loaded the lower sections of the rig derrick, placed the steel framed timbers from the quay side and attached them to the aft end of the supply boat; the moment that I had been dreading had arrived, it was time for me to drive the crawler crane onto the boat. As explained before I was not very experienced in operating this type of crane:- I had approx two feet either side of the crane tracks, I had to drive it twenty feet on the boards before I was safely on board the boat, the crane itself weighed 25ton and with the 120ft boom(jib) sitting in the drivers cab I felt like a yo-yo with all the movement, it took me nearly an hour to complete this operation, but it gave me a great deal of satisfaction to see the crane safely on the deck, lucky for me the water was only shallow near the quayside. Then I thought what happens when I drive it onto the Rig with a hundred foot of water below me in shark infested waters,

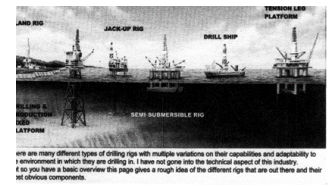
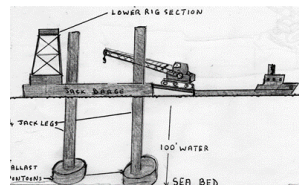
I found out about the sharks later and fishing for them became my only form of relaxation after a hard day's work, but more about them in the next issue.

Once everything was loaded and secured we set sail for our location in the Gulf of Suez, Tidex from Louisiana was the company and the name of the boat, that was contracted to us, was the Gulf Tide with a crew from New Orleans, most of them came from the swamps, after working on shrimp boats etc. They were a rough bunch of guys, and I worked alongside them for the years that I was in the Middle East. I was getting more apprehensive the closer we got to the Jack up barge, still one had to do what one had to do, (I think) so after a Board meeting with my Egyptian crew, including the boat skipper and his crew, explaining the plan of action, I was thinking to myself, about four months ago I fairly happy working in the North Sea with only the bad weather to contend with, now here I am organising these crews from countries I had never been to, all speaking strange languages and with strange accents (mine include) that I could hardly understand. They are

all looking up to me as though I knew what I was doing, (I didn't) I had done a lot of thinking and had drawings on scraps of paper but actually I was flying by the seat of my pants and even those were feeling wet by the minute, but I had to show confidence.

It took two days for me to transfer the lower sections of the Rig derrick onto the jack up barge then the time had arrived for me to place the boarding ramps onto the barge and drive the crane across the water (I was terrified) I will try and draw a picture of this operation to give some idea,

any younger oil rig workers reading this will find this very hard to believe as all the cranes are built onto the rigs in shipyards.



I still remember moving that damn crane on those ramps even to this day and I wonder how the hell I did it. Would I still attempt it today? You bet I would, just for the sheer kick of it, I remember being on the ramp and the left hand tumbler stuck in the turning position these tumblers were used for locking each individual track enabling the crane to turn left or right this tumbler locked in the turning position and the crane began to turn to the left there was very little room on either side of the tracks. I already had one cigarette puffing away in my mouth I called for Eric Whitfield the chief mechanic, by the time he arrived I was a nervous wreck with only three inches of ramp showing near the tracks. Eric had to climb over the crane to release the tumbler "that's fixed it, are you ok to carry on?" he said "aren't you staying here until I get this bloody thing on board?" his reply was "do you think I am stupid or what?" with that he climbed back over the crane and was gone, so much for mates, anyway a couple ciggies later me and my crane was safely on board the barge. Later I had to repeat that procedures on a number of rig moves around the Gulf.

Now all I had to do was build a rig derrick like a big boy's Mechano set; believe me that was not light work or for the faint hearted besides I was starting to get a buzz out of all this! There is loads of memories of me working in the Gulf, such as the great shark fishing (I have photos to be included) and we were fired on by the Israeli but I will save those for later.....

(to be continued)

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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

Inspiration can come from everything around us, whether it is something we see, or something that happens which will have an impact on our way of thinking. When someone is inspired, it is up to the individual, to pursue the inspiration and develop it into a reality. However, due to human nature, some of those inspired might decide not to investigate their inspiration and let it slip through their fingers. The fact that one has been inspired, shows that one is observant enough to recognise aspects of development within the subject in which one is inspired. Developing an inspiration in a practical reality might prove to be a little harder and could be disheartening. This is when one should persevere against all odds, and make sure that all avenues are exhausted before accepting that the inspiration in question does not have any humanitarian or commercial value.

Humanitarian values and commercial values can be distinctively different from each other; nevertheless, although by instinct they might be pursued separately in different directions, they can also be mixed together for the ultimate result. If someone is motivated by humanitarian issues, one would be inclined to develop an inspiration on the basis that its main objective will be to improve issues that affect human beings irrespective of which part of our planet they occupy. On the other hand, if the development of an inspiration is driven by the prospects of profit, then that development may be termed as a commercial venture.

In some cases an inspiration can lead to an invention, and if that is the case, an invention can be protected by a patent which will transform it into intellectual property. If one becomes the owner of an intellectual property, then it is up to that individual to decide what happens with the invention in question, and how it is put into practical use. At this stage an inventor may decide to use the invention both as a humanitarian development and a commercial development. For example, if one develops a particular device which has a use in the developed world where people can afford to pay for it, and a use in an underdeveloped country where people may not be able to pay for it. Then if the intellectual property holder decides to weave the royalties when an item is sold in an underdeveloped country, while retaining royalties when sold in the developed world, the actual development becomes both humanitarian and commercial at the same time.

We can all contribute to improve the lives of people who are in need of humanitarian assistance, and humanitarian assistance can come in more than one form. Although when we think about humanitarian assistance we might think in terms of money, one can also contribute in different forms even if it is just by offering an idea which will improve the well-being of people in a developing country.

We talk about industrial revolutions as if they are a thing of the past, however, industrial revolutions are happening all over the developing countries and we can help utilise commercial developments to be applied as humanitarian assistance. On the long run, such humanitarian action can have a positive effect on our economy, because it could create a bond between the two countries and when the developing countries become economically stronger and they are in a position to purchase industrial machinery they might consider buying products from countries that helped them when they were in need.

It is therefore imperative to combine commercial development with humanitarian projects in order to establish a friendly atmosphere, which could create wealth for all concerned. One could also say that by conducting business in this manner, one could feel honourable that humanitarian issues have been made to be part of daily industrial achievements.

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LEESWOOD HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

FUNDRAISING BINGO ON 3RD MAY 2017

Jennifer Webb

A very enjoyable evening was had and people were very happy with the wonderful prizes which had been donated, by people from Leeswood and surrounding area, as well as local business's. We are very grateful to all your generosity in supporting this cause.

The sum of £480.50 was donated to Nightingale House Hospice from this event.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations of bingo and raffle prizes:

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The Party Shop – Mold

Siop y Siswrn – Mold

Spavens Sweet Shop – Mold

Stunners – Mold

Timpsons – Mold

Vaughn Davies – Mold

Weatherspoons – Mold

We would also like to thank all that attended and for the £25 donations from people who could not attend and to Clive for doing the calling.

The committee are looking forward to seeing you all again for the next fund-raising event: Strawberry Tea on Saturday 24th June, from 2-4pm.



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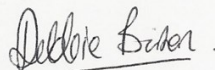
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It was a lovely evening with a wonderful array of prizes and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. The Leeswood Hospice Support Group works tirelessly for Nightingale House and we are continually grateful for all their wonderful efforts.

Nightingale House Hospice relies heavily on the support of the local community to help us in our work providing care and comfort to local people and their families affected by life-threatening or life-limiting illness.

This year, as previously, only 20% of the funding Nightingale House will need comes from the Local Health Board, which means we greatly rely upon fundraising efforts and donations to raise the additional funding for the remainder. It costs £7,700 a day to run the hospice so every penny counts and is very gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,



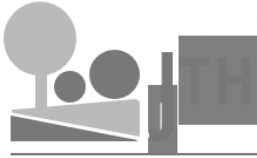
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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman of the Council

Councillors D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, K. McCallum 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 J. Atkinson and J. Phoenix.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana 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 21st March 2017 had also been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend. She had sent a report of activity for March 2017:

Incident update – Leeswood

10/03/2017 – Attempted burglary x 2 on Sycamore Drive and Ffordd Derw.

18/03/2017 – Burglary other than a dwelling (no entry gained) at a shed located on Britannia Road.

Incident update – Pontblyddyn

No reports of incidences in Pontblyddyn.

Comment was made that whilst these reports are very much appreciated, there did not seem to be any ongoing information about previous incidences. All Councillors agreed that it would be helpful if PCSO Hadfield-Jones was able to give reports about on-going issues and any outcome. The Clerk was to e-mail the PCSO requesting updates.

CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes informed that there had been a meeting with Mr Aled Davies the Cemetery Contractor. It had been a successful meeting and Mr Davies was satisfied with the terms of the contract. The contract would be for a three-year period starting from this year. Mr Davies had brought up some issues with the Cemetery: - a) the clay which was now spreading out and b) the gravedigger was building a large mound on the graves, this required the redistribution of clay on the graves. It was agreed that there may be a use for the clay when the extension to the Cemetery is obtained.

The Clerk was to write to the various undertakers and request that the gravedigger build a more even mound without a big hump when filling in the graves.

Councillor R. Hughes is to look into the Community Council obtaining kerb stones which Mr Davies would put in at a cost additional to his agreed contract. Other suggestions were for a cage to be placed in the area of the storage shed to hold the plastic bottles that are used for water and a sign to stop people turning on the grass.

The Clerk reported that she had gone to the Cemetery during the heavy rain on the morning of Saturday 1st April 2017. There was no evidence of waterlogging but water was running down the road way in the Cemetery. This seemed to be coming from the area where the salt was deposited near the hedge which was the boundary with the top field. Councillor R. Hughes had reported that Plot 1 seemed 'spongy' underfoot and the Clerk stated that this certainly appeared to be the case but there was no issue with retained water.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Cemetery Sub-Committee should be convened on site once the election period had passed.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Application reference number – 056536

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This planning application had been approved.

FINANCE REPORT QUARTERS 1-3 OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Finance Reports for quarters 1-3 of the financial year 2016/2017. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D. Rule that these reports be accepted. All Councillors were in agreement.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, reported that he had sat on the interview panel for the Age Friendly Communities Project Co-Ordinator. There had been four candidates and the position had been offered to the successful candidate. Other than that, there was no further information.

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HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Members had been circulated with a copy of the minutes from the Liaison Committee meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017. Also circulated was the Agenda for the next Liaison Committee meeting which is to be held on Monday 5th June 2017.

Councillor J. Caruana informed that the Cement works had been closed down with immediate effect following a report that there had been a leak. Further details were to be obtained.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OWNED STREET LIGHTING

The Clerk reported that Scottish Power have been in contact regarding an inventory of the street lights in this Community Council's ownership. Scottish Power stated that according to records the Community Council had 46 lights in their ownership. This figure agreed to the information previously provided by Flintshire County Council. Councillor R. Hughes stated that he thought the street lights at the new properties were being paid for by the Community Council. These should be adopted by Flintshire County Council, Councillor Hughes advised that he would look into this.

At the same time, the Clerk informed that the issue regarding Scottish Power invoices had been resolved and these would now be sent to her.

BUS STOP AT LLONG

Subject to approval of the nearby residents, a hardstanding and pole is to be erected as a bus stop at Llong. Councillor R. Hughes informed members that Mr and Mrs Limb had expressed their gratitude for the support from the Community Council regarding this matter.

SOUTH FLINTSHIRE POLICE CONSULTATION MEETING

The next South Flintshire Police Consultation meeting is to be held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at the Council Chambers, Mold Town Hall between 6pm and 7.30pm. Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman to the Council and Councillor R. Hughes advised that they would be unable to attend due to prior commitments.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS – HELPING TO CREATE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Correspondence had been received from Estelle Nock, Dementia Friends Information Worker, Alzheimer's Society, giving details of the Dementia Friends initiative which aims to increase dementia awareness and change the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about dementia. It was pointed out that a Dementia Friendly café was run at the Salvation Army shop in Mold. The correspondence was accepted.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) 30mph signs on Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes informed that these signs are now to be moved

extending the 30mph speed limit.

b) Road signs on Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – the signs on the dual carriageway on the Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn now unreadable are to be replaced with smaller signs.

c) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes reported that there were ongoing water issues on Phoenix Park in the area of the old pond. The bank and the path are to be elevated so that the water runs underneath.

d) Thanks – Councillor R. Hughes thanked the Community Council members for their support over the years. It had been very much appreciated and he believed that there had been good team work. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, thanked Councillor R. Hughes for his work as County Councillor stating that he had carried out good work for the community and wished him well in the forthcoming election.

MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Cars parking on footpath on Bell's Corner, Leeswood – Councillor D. Rule brought attention to the ongoing issue with cars parking on the footpath on Bell's Corner, Leeswood. Councillor R. Hughes advised that the only resolution to the issue would be to have double yellow lines and a letter had already been forwarded to Streetscene requesting that these be given consideration.

b) Bryn Clyd/King Street junction, Leeswood – it was brought to the Council's attention that the parking of vehicles on the junction of Bryn Clyd and King Street, Leeswood is presenting problems for the buses travelling to the OAP bungalows. On one occasion the bus turned up Bryn Clyd but was unable to pass the vehicles parked on the junction and had to reverse. A suggestion was made that if the bus could not get up Bryn Clyd then perhaps the drivers could go up Heol-y-Goron instead.

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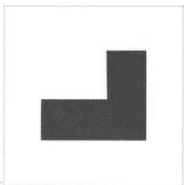
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Leeswood Allotments

Kathleen O'Marah

April is supposed to be the month of showers but this year it was exceptionally dry. We are fortunate on Leeswood Allotments to have good access to water but having heard on the radio that an authority somewhere down south has already put in place restrictions on water use and knowing that many vegetables are spoilt for lack of water at the right time I thought I'd better do some research.

I find that drought conditions result in checked growth, tough and bitter leaves, stringy, cracked and mis-shaped root crops (remember those Esther Rantzen introduced us to some years ago?) as well as drastically reduced yield.

I can't imagine at this stage that we'll be having a severe drought up here in Leeswood but at this point I know I need to keep the hoe busy. The weeds seem to thrive even with little rainfall and they will compete with the vegetables for precious water and need to be removed. Hoeing also breaks up the surface of the soil enabling any water to sink more quickly down to the roots and not evaporate off the surface before it has chance to benefit the vegetables.

Of course shade can help reduce water needs in scorching summer. Apparently plants, like humans, sweat when it is hot. This is known as transpiration, a word that you may remember from your biology lessons at school but will only ever use again if it appears in a quiz question. In plants transpiration can be significant and some crops like tomatoes and lettuce do not enjoy blazing hot temperatures and will quickly wilt as a result. These plants will benefit from being shaded when the sun is strongest.

All the information tells me that watering little and often is not wise as much will evaporate and little will penetrate deep enough to reach the roots. A better plan is to divide the plot into sections and water more heavily in one area each day, probably a good tip for any garden. Once every three days seems to be sufficient and make sure that the water is delivered as near to the roots as possible.

Runner beans need a lot of water in order that the flowers 'set' and that the beans themselves are formed. I have always been under the impression that the water had to be delivered over the actual flowers either in the form of rain or with a mister or hose. During my research, however,

I find that this is not necessary and after many years of reaching up to the top of the runners with a hose or heavy watering can I am relieved to know that as long as the roots are kept well watered and the insects do their job then beans will form where there have been flowers.

Finally, a reminder that we will be having an allotment open day and produce show again this year. As before, anyone from Leeswood can bring along produce to display and in the past we have had some excellent specimens that were not grown on the allotments. Start planting now and show what green fingers the folk in Leeswood have.

Rural Wisdom Project



My name is Lynze Rogers and I am the new part time Project Coordinator for the Age Friendly Communities (Rural Wisdom) Project in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of community members over the short time I have been in post and I hope to meet many more of you very shortly. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the warm welcome that I have received and to give you a little background information on the project and my role.

Age Friendly Communities is a part of the Rural Wisdom community development and shared learning project. Rural Wisdom explores the impact of community-based activities that are led by older people living in rural areas. The project will tackle the issues that older people identify as priorities in their village and create opportunities to shape their community. This will be achieved through developing community-led activities that include and support older people alongside activities that make local communities work well for people as they get older.

I am available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be spending some time at Leeswood Community Centre.

If you would like to pop in for chat to discuss the project further or to share your thoughts on shaping the community then please email lynze.rogers@volunteermatters.org.uk or call 07469 851886.



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June in the Garden

Jenny Pitts MHort (RHS)

What a Spring we have had so far! At the time of writing this we have had some amazing sunny days, but very little rain. This means lots of filling watering cans for me to keep all my plants, fruit and vegetables happy.

Jobs for June

- Get all your summer bedding out and planted up now, they will only suffer of left in trays
- Keep on top of the weeds in your beds, if left they will soon flower and seed everywhere
- Any early flowering plants can be deadheaded, and you may get a second flush
- Spring flowering bulbs that have got congested, now is the best time to divide and replant
- Remove side shoots from tomato plants, and start feeding when first truss of fruits appear
- Keep earthing up your potatoes
- As your fruit matures, protect from squirrels and birds using netting

Bees and butterflies, and other insects, are important parts of any garden. They help to pollinate fruit crops and other flowering plants in the garden. There are plenty of ways in encourage these beneficial insects into the garden, but planting their favourite plants is the best way! Here are some of my favourites, and all are easy to grow.

Buddleia – Common name Butterfly bush says it all. They will love this late summer flowering shrubs that is so easy to grow in a sunny spot. Some varieties can get very large, but smaller ones are now available that will happily grow in a container on our patio.



Sedum – there are various types of Sedum, from low flowering alpine ones to taller late summer flowering herbaceous. They all produce clusters of pink, red, white or yellow flowers, and the seed heads look good when frosty in autumn.

Geranium – plenty of colours and sizes available with this common and easy to grow herbaceous plant. They will happily grow in sun or shade and will even grow in areas with shallow soil. One of my favourites is called 'Splish Splash' with its unusual speckled flowers.



Coreopsis – Tickseed is a lovely summer flowering herbaceous or annual plants that produce plenty of yellow, pink or red flowers. They are great to add a splash of colour in any border or container in the sun.

Lonicera – Honeysuckles are very useful climbers in the garden, which will grow in sun or partial shade. They produce fragrant flowers that come in a range of colours and flowering times. Plant near to a door or window to enjoy the scent that comes alive in the evening.



Nasturtium – great plant for filling gaps in beds, borders and tubs. They are easy to grow from seed and will grow quickly. The range of colours available has increased in recent years, so lots of choice. Also the flowers and leaves are great in salads!

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