

# Leeswood & District News

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## THE CARNIVAL IS COMING!!

### SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017, PHOENIX PARK

We also get:

- ☆ An important announcement about the Carnival Road Closures in Leeswood
- ☆ An update from the Pontybodkin Ladies Guild
- ☆ More Carnival Updates
- ☆ Updates from the Leeswood Allotments



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## ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 208550)**

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## PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

C.Flitcroft

May 25th – Our President welcomed all the ladies and Mrs Anne Bannerjee began our evening by sharing with us a very apt reading.

Our speakers were Mrs Gayle Brand and Ms Cheryl Francis and they told us all about Guiding today; several of our ladies in the Guild were “Girl Guiles” when they were young and we realised how much the ‘Guides’ have changed over the years – from the uniforms to all the forms and paperwork that have become necessary to satisfy Health and Safety requirements. We were amazed to hear about all the funds that the Leeswood Guides, Brownies and Rainbows have raised for many worthy charities, also how many different activities that the girls have been able to experience. If we needed to be advised how effective the Guides and all its facets can be, the ladies shared with us the following statistics: -

For every 100 girls who join the Guides: -

- 4 will earn the Queen’s Guide Award – the highest award for girls.
- 12 will have their first contact with a Church.
- Only rarely will 1 be brought before a Juvenile Court
- 1 will enter the Clergy.
- 18 will develop hobbies used during their adult life.
- 8 will enter a vocation that was first learned through the badge programme.
- 17 will be future Guide leaders.
- 1 will use her guiding skills to save a life
- 1 will use her guiding skills to save her own life.

How impressive is that?

Recently Cheryl has been awarded recognition for 30 years’ service to Guiding. With all the other ladies who give their time, effort, expertise, enthusiasm and dedication, it does not seem enough just to say thank you, but all the Guild members were grateful, appreciative and very impressed with all that we had heard from our excellent speakers.

The tea hostess for this meeting was Mrs Bannerjee, she was thanked by Mrs Ingman. The special raffle prizes were provided by Mrs Flora Roberts and the Guide Leaders, these prizes were won by Mrs Dot Davies and Mrs Anne Bannerjee, the ordinary raffle was won by Mrs Anne Davies.

Our next meeting in July, will be on the 13th July when Mrs Celia Drew will talk about “preventing falls” and 27th July when Mr Islwyn Parry will be regaling us with his usual humorous anecdotes, and funny stories – always much appreciated.

### LEESWOOD MONDAY – CRAFT CIRCLE

Monday afternoon (fortnightly) the Craft Circle meets at the Community centre at 1.30 pm until 4.00 pm. We have ladies who are very gifted in lots of different crafts and they are all delighted to help anyone who may want to extend their own expertise or to learn a new craft.



We are always ready to welcome new members and the present members of the circle are willing to learn new crafts and skills too!

If you have the time and want to join us, please come along – the next meeting will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and then Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. We contribute £1.50 each and always enjoy a mid-afternoon cuppa.

Please join us if you can.

C. Flitcroft

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## Church News



Leeswood

### Bethania Church

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**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**

Please phone or check our website for details, changes and special events.

**Website – [www.bethanialeeswood.org](http://www.bethanialeeswood.org)**

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## Christ is Risen



In the light of the recent terror attacks both in Manchester and in London, it's so easy to become at best disillusioned and at very worst fearful as we contemplate the kind of security issues which lie before us. We are burdened with anxieties and loaded with questions, the most burning of which is, "When is it all going to end?" Quite apart from the fact that we must show that we carry on as per normal (or else the terrorists will have won) we would do well to focus on this wonderfully positive and life-affirming prayer which is from the pen of none other than former Archbishop Desmond Tutu:

*Risen Jesus, we thank you that  
goodness is stronger than evil;  
that love is stronger than hate;  
that light is stronger than darkness;  
and that life is stronger than death,  
and that victory is ours through Him who loves us, Amen.*

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**YOUR LOCAL MP LISTENING TO LEESWOOD**

# Leeswood & District News

## Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell

**July at last folks! IT'S CARNIVAL TIME!! And, by the time you are reading this, the bunting should be up and around the village, hopefully getting everyone in the mood.**

The Committee are working tirelessly in the run up to the big day and there is still much to do. Unless you are part of a working Committee, you cannot even begin to imagine just what goes into something like this. One of the most important things to recognise is voluntary assistance. Or lack of it in our case! We are always short of boots on the ground, especially Marshalls on the field, but are most grateful to those that give their time each and every time. Without volunteers it would be almost impossible to run this venture on the day with just eleven Committee Members. So if there is anyone out there, or you know of anyone who may be interested in being a volunteer for the day, or even just for half of it, you know where we are. We fully understand that people simply want to go and enjoy the day with their friends and family and do not want to be laden with the task, but they can volunteer and still get to see everything. It would be amazing to receive a bit more support in that respect.

Most important to note too is the road closure, the notice for which appears in this edition. Please, don't forget, the road closes at 11am and all cars on the main route must be taken off the roads by then for the start of the parade at 12noon. The road should then re-open fully at 1pm.

There is not really much to show in the way of a write-up for you all this month as of course last month and, right now in the run up, it is simply down to the nitty-gritty. Everything needs to be formalised and checked and double-checked! One thing that does take time is planning the field and the risk assessment and also organising the programme of events but, hopefully, a lot will purchase a souvenir programme for just £1 and they will then definitely be in the know of what is going on and at what times.

This year we are also introducing the sale of wristbands, which you can purchase at the Co-op in Leeswood or from any Committee Member.



They cost just £1 and will fast-track your entrance onto the field if you purchase them before the day. It is a shame that people have to queue for ages just to get on the field, and it can become very frustrating we know, so hopefully the early sales of wristbands will assist greatly.

The Carnival advert in this edition only really covers a small percentage of what's going on so, if you really want to know absolutely everything, make sure you make an appearance on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and see for yourselves!

**And if anyone spots that Larry, you let me know!!!**



Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell  
Committee Member

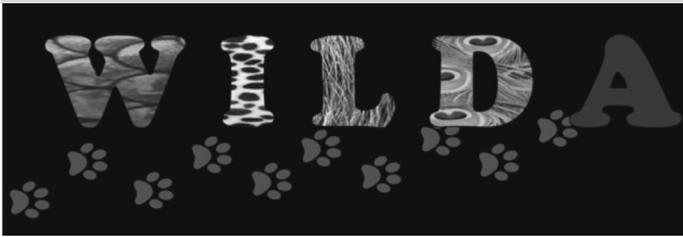
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An advertisement for TV Repairs. The text 'TV REPAIRS' is at the top in large, bold, white letters. Below it, 'BASED IN TREUDDYN' is written in smaller white letters. The name 'EXPYE Phillips Engineer' is prominently displayed in a stylized font. Below that, 'TV Repairs' and 'CCTV Installations' are listed. At the bottom, it says 'CALL PAT TODAY FOR A FREE QUOTE' and provides two phone numbers: '01352 386 352 | 07849 467 472'. The background is dark with some faint, abstract patterns.

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## MISSION STATEMENT:

Our goal is to open an Exotic Animal Rescue with an Education centre. We are passionate about exotics and want to share our passion by offering workshops that will teach basic exotic animal care. We will also give educational talks in, but not limited to, schools, community centres, fetes and open days We want to provide training for anyone who works with exotics to enable confidence in handling and give advice on suitable habitats for these amazing animals. We will make sure that we teach current legislation and identify if any special licences may be required. We will abide by and encourage conservation legislation and promote environmental awareness. We will work in and with the community and we will promote local business.

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# Leeswood & District News

## Church News

Pontblyddyn

Christ Church

### Upcoming Services

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY: TRINITY 3**

NO SERVICE IN CHRIST CHURCH

3.00 P.M. BISHOP GREGORY'S VISITATION

IN ST MATTHEWS BUCKLEY

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY: TRINITY 4**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY: TRINITY 5**

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY: TRINITY 6**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY: TRINITY 7**

WE JOIN THE PEOPLE OF **NERCWYS CHURCH AT**  
11.15 A.M. FOR A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(No service in Pontblyddyn)*

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: TRINITY 8**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV JOHN POOLMAN

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: TRINITY 9**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: TRINITY 10**

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: TRINITY 11**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 12**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

## Everyone Always Welcome

**CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.**

Is open every day between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and  
3.30 p.m.

if you would like to light a candle and/or spend a  
little time with God.

**"COME FOR COFFEE"**

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

**29<sup>TH</sup> JULY & 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**

**10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON**

*The Vicar will be available if you wish to speak to  
her on Church Business.*

The morning after the Grenfell Tower tragedy, I was asked to pray with some-one who couldn't find the words. She wanted to know what we should be asking of God. And so, together we stood by the candle stand in Church and told God that we didn't know what to say – that our thoughts were filled with horror and dismay. We asked him to be present with all those suffering, physical pain, emotional trauma, or grief. We also asked him to be close to those whose task it is to respond as workers of the emergency services. Then we lit candles and stood quietly for a while. For those of us who prefer a more structured prayer, John Birch wrote the following as a response to all that is happening in our world:

**EMBRACE IN YOUR LOVING ARMS  
ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING THE LOSS  
OF FAMILY AND LOVED ONES  
THROUGH TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCE;  
WHERE LIVES ARE IN TURMOIL,  
HOPE TURNS TO DESPAIR  
AND PAIN IS ALL THAT IS FELT.  
BE WITH THEM IN THEIR SORROW  
UPHOLD THEM WITH YOUR STRENGTH,  
AND THROUGH THE GENEROSITY  
OF LOVE SHOWN BY OTHERS  
AND YOUR PRESENCE WITHIN THEIR HEARTS,  
MAY THEY KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALONE  
IN THEIR STRUGGLE THROUGH EACH DAY.**

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## Share Holder Protection – Is Your Business Safe?

Many company directors have personal protection policies, such as life cover or income protection, however they often have nothing in place to protect their business. Share holder protection is just one type of business protection. Share holder protection is an insurance policy, and trust agreement, that protects company directors and share control, in the event of death or illness.

**Why is share holder protection important?** An example situation will help to illustrate this point.



John, Peter and Emma are company directors of PCTech Ltd. John unfortunately passes away. What are the options available to his dependent i.e. his wife, who inherits John's share of the business?

1. His wife could sell the shares to anyone she chooses, eliminating Peter and Emma's control of their business.
2. She could choose to sell the shares to the existing partners (subject to them having the finances in place to purchase them).
3. She could decide to take on a role in the business, whether she is qualified to do so or not. She could make demands for things such as higher dividends.

### **How would share holder protection help in this situation?**

In the event of death or illness, share holder protection sets up an agreement amongst company directors, relating to the purchase of shares. A shareholder protection policy also insures company directors for a sum relevant to the share value.

By having the financial resources and agreement to purchase shares, the control remains with the existing directors. They won't have to worry about the deceased's dependent selling to a third party and, they remove the risk of the dependent becoming involved in the business. Importantly, they will also be able to afford the share purchase and will not have to take out a loan or use ring fenced capital.

### **How can Clickery help?**

We offer specialist business protection advice to company directors, from a number of industries and professions. We can tailor a solution to suit your business and the individual directors within it, as well as helping you set up appropriate trusts and agreements. To find out more about share holder protection, or to arrange a non-obligation consultation, please contact us today!

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# Leeswood & District News

## Memories of an oilfield man

Tom Nicholson

### Gone Fishing

Working on the oil rigs in the Middle East during the 70s was far from easy, I thought the North sea was bad enough with the hard graft and gale force winds, fog, etc , although in Egypt we had fewer gales and less fog to contend with we had quite a number of sand storms (khamaseen) I forget how to spell it now, but it meant 55 day winds this created these terrible sand storms, I then knew the reason Arabs wore dish cloths (Smaghs) on their heads with only their eyes showing, I must have looked unusual wearing my dish cloth with sunglasses and hard hat (I still have that fringed chequered smagh). These sand storms would delay drilling operations, due to the sand getting into the moving parts of our machinery I don't know what was the worse unable to see due to fog or not being able see through the sand for a distance of one or two metres.

I will not bore readers with the bolting of the rig derrick section by section which was hard enough but I will mention one of the final stages: "Right Nick I need you to come with me" Pete Optoway the project manager, told me " Ok where to Pete, I cannot take too long my crew are waiting for me" "I have asked for a volunteer but no one offered so you will do " he said, this didn't sound good I thought to myself, and when he explained what the job was I was not surprised he had no volunteers, he asked me to fetch a large crow bar and a 14lb sledge hammer, I still did not like the sound of this, and when he told me the job I was right.

He explained that we had to climb up the ladder to the top of the derrick 180ft(the crown) there are ten sheaves (pulley wheels) these sheaves were about 5ft in diameter and used for lifting the travelling block up and down this is attached to the drill string (pipe, drill bit etc) and what we need to do is move the drilling wire over from number eight sheave back to number six sheave, using the crow bar and a sledge hammer, we would have a two way radio for contacting the driller who will operate the block up and down as required, "you can carry the sledge hammer, and I will take the crow bar" he said, "no wonder you had no bloody volunteers"

I replied,

"come on Nick I thought you would be up for this, and besides I am four years older than you" this was like a red rag to a bull, "Right I bet you a case of beer that I will reach the top in less time than you, you old fart" "right you are on" he said with a smirk "I knew you would take the bait ok let's go, I am glad there were no volunteers" he added. It did cost me a case of beer all though I did help him to drink it, and I think we deserved it that job took us four hours and was one of the hardest I done, but we won the respect of each other and remained friends for many years after, the only downside of

it was, whenever there was a hard or complicated job it was left for me even if I was on field break they would save it until I returned to the rig.

As previously explained in earlier issues our drilling operation were made up with



The Tender this was an old 2ndworld war hospital ship converted for rig use, at the bow (pointed end ) on the top there was the wooden Helideck, below there were the tool-pushers cabin and office, also a small cabin approx 14ftx 14ft this was our one bed sick bay (hospital) I must mention that the bosses cabin had the fridge to keep our beer cool, the Galley, my cabin, the Drillers, electricians, mechanics, were all on the 2nd deck below, on the lower 3rd deck were the sleeping quarters for the roustabouts and roughnecks, also for the local national workers there was a 35mm reel to reel cinema room these were all located at the front end of the ship, then on the main deck was our small 25ton Unit Mariner crane, more about that little bugger later.

I had a love/hate relationship with it not actually the crane but the idiots who trained the local operators, I had to retrain them all over again, In Egypt at that time no crane certificates or tests were required, I later found out that my opposite number who was an American whose name was Irbey and he took bribes (back handers) for giving the locals a job many were totally unsuitable and later dismissed, more about him later,

Drill pipe and tools for the rig floor were unloaded from the supply boats using the small crane onto the tender then the big crawler crane that was on the jack up barge(Zarah) would lift them onto the barge deck.

The deck below the main deck (midship) was divided into two halves one was used for storing and mixing the chemicals going down the hole (well) all chemicals were in 50kilo bags and every one of them 25 to the pallet approx a hundred pallets had to be hand carried from the main deck, amongst these chemicals were starch/guar gum/ walnut shells and many more that Rats loved.

We would be cutting the sacks open and many of them contained huge rats some were the size of small cats, when we did catch them they would be thrown overboard for the barracuda fish to feed on, any way back to the decks,

If we walked through the sack room towards the aft (back end) this was where the pump room was these pumps were used for sending the mud up to the rig floor which was then pumped down the well, and keeping the gas under control (hopefully) although it failed when I was in the Persian gulf and the Ron Tapmyer rig had a blowout and I lost nineteen workmates, more about that in a later issue If I can bring myself to put it in,(that maybe will be hard to do).

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## Memories of an oilfield man

Tom Nicholson

### Gone Fishing (continued)...

I remember one time when one of the mud pumps broke down and had to be replaced there was no way we could lift it out of the pump room the pumps were built in then the decks were fitted above after what we called a board meeting in the pushers office and a couple of beers later it was decided that the only way to get the pump out was to cut a huge plate from the side of the tender, "Stop right there, the pump room is at water level" I said, thankfully it was not for me to decide, this was up to Eric the chief mechanic, "let's all go down into pump room and decide what to do,

"Tom If we get a contract expat welder to cut the plate out of the hull do you think that you will be able to lift the cut of plate then lift the pump out through the hole" I knew I would end up with this project "after looking at the sea water level and where the plate had to be cut and removed we have approx twelve inches between the hole and the sea, before I attempt the lifts I need a flat calm sea state or I refuse" I replied, any way to cut a long story short the plate was cut out old pump removed new pump installed plate welded back in position, In those days before all the health and safety regulations we had to think for ourselves and use our experience,

I will mention the 35mm cinema room, mostly old black& white films sometimes there was a Omar Sharif (old time heart throb) and god forbid if a lady showed her bare ankle or arm the locals would scream and shout with excitement It drove me nuts, all speech was in Arabic and I was the only one allowed to operate the projector so I decided to show Mohamed how to use it.

I normally worked a twelve to fourteen hour day starting at 6am and finish around 8pm so I had three to four hours free time, I have always liked fishing so I asked Brian Kaye (chief Electrician) if he could bring back a list of sea fishing tackle from the UK for me, and that is how I spent my free time, this was the first of many sharks, the second photo is of a small grouper excellent eating there is an amusing story of when I caught that shark but I will leave that for the next issue.



CAUGHT BY TOM NICHOLSON  
THE GULF, 26/7/77  
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## Church News

Wesley Church, Leeswood



The **Methodist** Church

## Upcoming Services

**2nd July - Worship 10.45 am**  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Led by Rev Pat Christopher

**9th July - Worship 10.45 am**  
Led by Mr David Blainey

**16th July - Worship 10.45am**  
Led by Mr Jonathan Mortlock

**23rd July - Worship 10.45 am**  
Led by Mr Chris Cole

**30th July - Worship 10.45 am**  
Led by Church Members

## The Letter of James

Each Sunday during July the churches within the Buckley and Deeside Circuit will be studying the Letter of James.

The Sunday themes are:-

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> Week 1	James Chapter 1 Doers of the Word
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b> Week 2	James Chapter 2 Faith and Works
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b> Week 3	James Chapter 3 - 4: 12 Speech and Wisdom
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> Week 4	James 4:13 – 5:20
<b>30<sup>th</sup> July</b> Week 5	James 5:13-20

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## Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

Industrial development has always been the result of successful intellectual thinking by people who have a vision for the future. An intellectual inspiration can develop into a major industrial project, and produce wealth and prosperity. In order to develop an intellectual inspiration into a successful industrial development, there need to be a structural progression of positive events. In order to create a positive atmosphere, one needs to understand what future market demands might be. If one is expected to meet future market demands, it might be advisable to direct intellectual thinking to a position, from where it can produce futuristic solution to anticipated consumers need.

If we look at the past, we quickly realise that this country has produced a good number of intellectuals, who progressed with their intellectual ideas, and developed them into realistic wealth creation industrial ventures. As an example I would like to mention Sir Joseph Whitworth who developed a system to produce precision bolts and nuts which could be easily interchangeable with one another. Before Sir Whitworth developed what is known as the Whitworth tread, each and every bolt and nut were made in pairs and therefore could not be interchanged. Although the Whitworth tread is not a popular as it use to be, it needs to be mentioned that its' inventor gave a huge technical contribution to industry as a whole.

Joseph Whitworth was born on the 21st December 1803 in Stockport Cheshire. Although being the son of a headmaster, Whitworth did not distinguish himself as a young man, and he only received elementary education. Upon leaving school he served a four year apprenticeship with one of his uncles who were a cotton spinner in Derbyshire. On completion of his apprenticeship, he worked for four years as a mechanic in a factory in Manchester, from where he moved to work for Henry Maudsley at his factory in Westminster Bridge in London.

In 1841, Whitworth recommended the introduction of standard system of threads which would feature a fixed angle and a standard pitch for a given diameter. After his work was exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851 the Whitworth screw-thread system earned him critical acclaim both at home and abroad.

Sir Joseph Whitworth strongly believed in educating young people in engineering disciplines and offered several engineering scholarships. He also wrote to the prime minister of that time, and expressed his views about the importance of making students aware of how to use engineering tools to combine their theoretical knowledge with hands on practical approach.



The above diagram shows the characteristics of the Whitworth tread as developed by Sir Joseph Whitworth. The Whitworth tread was also known as British Standard Whitworth or BSW for short, and due to its' popularity with British manufacturers it was used on a large number of machinery which was exported to the four corners of the globe, thus making its' mark as a world leader of its' time.

Times might have changed, but the desire to develop new ideas is still the same. With this in mind, it might be recommended that we need to encourage young intellectual thinking to produce original solutions to identified markets.

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)  
Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson and R. Williams.

### **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Members had been circulated with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. These were signed in the presence of the Clerk. As Councillors J. Atkinson and R. Williams were not present to sign theirs, it was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor C.E. Jones JP that these Declarations could be signed at the next monthly meeting. All Councillors in agreement.

### **CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES**

There are three vacancies for the Leeswood Ward of the Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council. These vacancies can be filled by co-option for 35 days after the date of the election (not including weekends and Bank Holidays). Failure to do so will involve the casual vacancy procedure which requires the Council to advertise the vacancy/ies. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D. Rule that these vacancies be advertised on the Community notice boards with the closing date for applications being 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017. All Councillors in agreement.

The Clerk was to write to ex-Councillors T. Hughes and K. McCallum JP thanking them for their past work on the Community Council.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017**

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, thanked all Councillors for their support during his year of Office. Overall it has been a good year with the Council meeting on a regular basis and some good decisions being made. Particularly pleasing was this Council's involvement with the new initiative of Age Friendly Communities. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, went on to add that this Council has a good relationship with the County Councillor, Councillor R. Hughes, who was also a member of the Community Council. Thanks to the work of Councillor R. Hughes, the Community has been made safer with the erection of the speed camera in Pontblyddyn and is now to benefit from new Council properties. Councillor C.E. Jones JP remarked on Councillor R. Hughes' excellent attendance record at County Hall

meetings and the significant amount of funding that he had helped obtain for Ysgol Derwenfa.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2017/2018**

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor J. Caruana be appointed as Chairman for the Community year 2017/2018. The new Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana, thanked the Council for their support.

### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2017/2018**

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor D. Rule be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2017/2018. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule thanked the Council for their support.

### **APPOINTMENT OF THE CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2017/2018**

Following discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that the members of the Cemetery Sub-Committee for the Community year 2017/2018 would be: - Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP and J.E. Saul.

### **APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2017/2018**

Following discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that the members of the Finance Sub-Committee for the Community year 2017/2018 would be: - Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Caruana, C.E. Jones JP, R. Hughes, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

### **APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP**

It was agreed that this should be open to all Councillors.

### **APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The members representing this Council on the Leeswood Community Management Committee would be Councillors J. Caruana and G. Sherwood. All Councillors in agreement.

### **APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana was thanked for his work as the Community Council's representative on the Liaison Committee. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana should remain in this role and that Councillor R. Williams, would attend on the occasions that the Chairman was unable to.

### **COUNTY FORUM REPRESENTATIVE**

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor J.E. Saul would remain as the Council's representative on the County Forum. The Clerk would attend if Councillor Saul was unable to.

### **APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE AREA MEETINGS OF ONE VOICE WALES**

Agreed that Councillors R. Hughes and G. Sherwood would attend these meetings. Councillor D.K. Crowther was nominated as substitute if either Councillor was unable to attend.

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### LEAD MEMBER FOR AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Clerk reported that following a discussion with Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council, it was suggested that the Community Council may wish to appoint a Councillor who would be the lead member for the Age Friendly Communities Project. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule that Councillor G. Sherwood be appointed as the lead member. All Councillors in agreement.

### RISK ASSESSMENT 2017/2018

Following a short discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that this item be included on the agenda for the June 2017 monthly meeting.

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017.

### DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

### POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones no longer covers the Leeswood area as she is continuing her role full time as a youth engagement officer working with cadets. Sergeant Mavis Evans met with PCSO Andrea Ellis who has now agreed to take over as PCSO for Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. PCSO Ellis is familiar with the area having covered it approximately 5 years ago. During this time she had made lots of contacts with key members of the community and it was her hope to reignite these contacts. However PCSO Ellis will also be covering a number of other patches which include Buckley, Penyffordd and Treuddyn.

PCSO Ellis was unable to attend this evening's meeting but she did send a report: -

#### **Incident update – Leeswood**

ASB nuisance - a complaint was made regarding a number of youths playing on bicycles near to their address.

#### **Incident update – Pontblyddyn**

7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Driver stopped on Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn and arrested for driving with excess alcohol.

7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Driver stopped on Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, failed a drug swipe test and a large quantity of Cannabis seized from onboard the vehicle. Offender arrested and conveyed to custody.

PCSO Ellis went onto say in her report that an issue she had been made aware of is speeding through the village of Leeswood during the evenings. If and when she could, she would be happy to attend with a colleague and the speedgun.

### CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes informed that he had been unable to arrange a meeting with Mr Aled Davies, the Cemetery sub-contractor. However, he would try and see him over the next couple of weeks. The gates had not yet been returned. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had not heard from the Blacksmith. Comment was made that in general the Cemetery looked very well and that Mr Davies was doing a good job.

### FINANCE REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

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

### HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Correspondence had been received from David Quick, Operational Support Manager, Hanson Heidelberg Cement, advising that that Hanson Cement is intending to invest around £20 million at the Padeswood works. The intention is to replace three of the existing cement mills with one modern, energy efficient vertical roller mill. A planning application is being prepared for submission to Flintshire County Council later in the year. An additional Liaison Committee meeting is to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017, with arrangements for wider public consultation to be made.

Councillor J. Caruana informed that he had attended the Liaison Committee meeting. The intention is for the three existing cement mills to be mothballed. Transportation would now be made by rail rather than road and considerable expense is to be made on infrastructure. Two public meetings have been organised: - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at Buckley Library and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Penyffordd Legion.

### JOINT MEETING WITH FLINTSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Correspondence had been received from Amanda Haslam, PA to Chief Officers, (Governance) and (Planning & Environment), Flintshire County Council, advising that the next joint meeting with Flintshire Standards Committee and Town/Community Councils is to take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. There also a request for a Town/Community Council to provide the venue for the evening.

Comment was made that it would be nice to host this meeting if the Community Centre was available on the evening. Councillor R. Hughes stated that he would check on the likely numbers that attend the meeting to see which room at the Community Centre would be required. All Councillors in agreement that an offer be made to host the meeting.

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### WELSH AUDIT OFFICE

Members will find enclosed correspondence from Anthony Barrett, Assistant Auditor General for Wales, Welsh Audit Office regarding audit fees and other matters relating to the 2015/2016 audit.

Since 2011-12, the Auditor General for Wales has published an annual report setting out the overall findings from the audits of all Town and Community Councils in Wales. These reports had highlighted systemic weaknesses in Community Councils' financial management and governance arrangements. Following consultation and extensive publicity over the last three to four years, the Auditor General changed the audit approach for Community Councils for 2015-16 to assist in addressing the weaknesses. The new approach applies to all Councils regardless of their income and expenditure. This is because the Auditor General identified that the systemic issues noted above affected Councils of all sizes. This change in approach was communicated via the Auditor General's annual reports, at One Voice Wales and Society of Local Council Clerks conferences and by local auditors following the completion of the 2014-15 audits. The new arrangements, in response to weaknesses, have increased the amount of work auditors complete in order to discharge the Auditor General's statutory responsibilities and this has had an impact on the audit fee. In order to help Councils to develop their arrangements, the Auditor General committed to identifying in advance of each financial year, the areas that auditors would focus on as part of the new arrangements. This is also intended to help minimise audit fees. The Auditor General's reports for the 2013-14 and the 2014-15 audits specified the areas that auditors would focus on for the 2015-16 audit. These areas specifically included budget setting and monitoring. The reports were published in sufficient time to ensure Councils would be able to prepare 2015-16 budgets in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

There were three main questions regarding the audit fees: -

1) Why did the Wales Audit Office raise the invoice for the fees when the audit was conducted by an audit firm and not themselves? The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 sets out that the Auditor General for Wales is now the statutory auditor for all Town and Community Councils, therefore, all audit work is carried out on behalf of the Auditor General.

2) Why are there no VAT charges on the audit fee this year? The Auditor General does not charge VAT for the discharge of his statutory functions.

3) Why has the fee changed this year compared to the 2014/2015 audit? In previous years auditors have charged fees on a fixed scale based upon the Council's income and expenditure for the year. Following a change in legislation, the Auditor General now charges a fee to cover the full cost of undertaking the work but no more. The fees now being charged cover the

cost of undertaking the audit at each individual Council.

Future governance themes to be examined by Audit are as follows: -

2017/2018 – a) effectiveness of internal audit and b) use of reserves.

2018/2019 – a) compliance with standing orders and b) delegation to Committees.

2019/2020 – a) use of s137 Local Government Act 1972 and b) arrangements for making payments.

2020/2021 – a) employment of staff and b) well-being of future generations.

### **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – OPEN SPACE LAND WITHIN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN A CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTING OF A DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) IN FLINTSHIRE**

Correspondence had been received from Andrew Farrow, Chief Officer, Planning & Environment, Flintshire County Council, advising that there is an intention to consult on a proposed Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to cover the whole county.

PSPOs are intended to prevent individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space where the behaviour is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature, and is, or likely to be, unreasonable.

The proposed prohibited activities agreed by the Council to be included in the Dog Control PSPO are listed as follows, any breaches would result in the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice to the offender.

Dog faeces must be removed immediately from all public land.

A dog owner may be asked to place their dog on a lead, if requested, by an authorised officer, if the dog is causing nuisance or harassment to another dog, person or animal at any public location (there is **NOT** a requirement for dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in public areas)

Dogs to be excluded from the playing areas of marked sports pitches, designated sporting areas (bowling greens, tennis courts), fenced equipped children's play areas and School Grounds.

Dogs to be kept on a lead in Cemeteries.

Dog walkers to have on their person a means of collecting dog waste if asked by an authorised officer.

The PSPO is necessary to replace the current Dog Control Order which will cease in October 2017, and will last for an initial period of 3 years. This matter will be open to consultation from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 and the County Council is currently developing a list of sites within its ownership that will be included in the order.

Councils are asked if they would like to nominate land to be included in the consultation exercise, which would allow enforcement action to be taken against any individual allowing their dog to contravene any of the above orders.

There will be no costs associated with the order for the Town

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and Community Councils and the cost of the enforcement patrols will be recovered through the income from any fixed penalty notices issued. Some minimal costs in respect of any signage required by the Town and Community Councils will be incurred for each of the nominated sites, which will be agreed between the two parties before the arrangements comes into place.

Nominated sites are to be provided by no later than 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to ensure that they are included in the consultation documents that will be sent out on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes that the following Community areas are requested to be included; i) Phoenix Park, Leeswood, including the children's play area, the skate park and the football pitches; ii) the play area to the rear of Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood and iii) the play area to the rear of Bro Alun, Pontblyddyn. This was seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood. All Councillors in agreement.

### COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Business as usual – Councillor R. Hughes advised that now the election was over, it was back to business as usual. Any Councillors who had issues that were County Council matters were requested to contact him as soon as possible rather than wait until the monthly meeting of the Community Council. If he wasn't available then contact the Clerk who would be able to pass the information on. The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana congratulated Councillor R. Hughes on his election win. This was endorsed by all Councillors.

### MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Cars parking on footpath on Bell's Corner, Leeswood – The Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule once again brought attention to the ongoing issue with cars parking on the footpath on Bell's Corner, Leeswood. Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that Bryn Clyd/King Street Junction, Leeswood is also a problem, in particular 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 had been made that if the bus could not get up Bryn Clyd then perhaps the drivers could go up Heol-y-Goron instead. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to both Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council and the North Wales Police.

b) Footpath to the rear of numbers 24 to 42 Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – Concern was expressed that the footpath at the rear of the houses numbered 24 to 42 Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood had been blocked off. It was stated that attempts had been made by residents to discover who the landowner was but this had been unsuccessful. Comment was made that the Land Registry should know this information. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would ask the Flintshire County Council Public Footpath Inspector to visit the site.

### CORRESPONDENCE

a) localgiving.org – e-mail correspondence received from Emma Jones of localgiving.org giving details of the charity that supports grassroot organisations to connect with their supporters online, improve their digital skills and develop practical fundraising experience. This was accepted.

b) Flintshirecab.org.uk – e-mail correspondence from Clare Madders of flintshirecab.org.uk enquiring if the Community Council offers financial support and if so what are the application processes. Observation was made that this Council had given financial support to the Citizens Advice Bureau. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact Ms Madders advising that applications for donations are accepted in January each year.

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## Leeswood Allotments

I well remember that topping and tailing gooseberries was one job which I was allocated as a youngster, as soon as I was able to safely use the kitchen scissors. The bigger the gooseberries, the less time it took to finish the task. I was reminded of this as I was thinning out the smaller berries on the gooseberry bushes this year.



It seems to have been a good year for gooseberries on the allotment this year. The abundance of flowers in the Spring, with the help of the bees, turned into masses of gooseberries on each branch. So many that it has been necessary to thin out the smaller berries thus giving the remaining ones a chance to grow to a usable size. In previous years I have failed to do this only to find that all the gooseberries are on the small size and topping and tailing them took for ever!!



A few weeks back I unlocked the metal water pipe cover down on the site and discovered a beautifully constructed nest. I am assuming that a bird had done this, though maybe a mouse would build something similar. I will never know because whatever it was had given up and gone long before I opened the door. He or she had decided that this was not the best place to bring up a brood and had hopefully found somewhere more suitable.

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