

# Leeswood & District News

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## “BEST ONE YET”

Locals hail 2017 Leeswood Carnival a huge success



We also get:

- ☆ **FREE** Souvenir Carnival Photo Album Pull-Out
- ☆ Carnival Raffle Prize Update
- ☆ CPR & Defibrillator Training Update
- ☆ Leeswood Nightingale Hospice Support Update

### LEESWOOD GUIDE WINS HIGHEST GUIDING AWARD

Chloe Weale of 1st Leeswood Guides has been presented with the Baden Powell award by Hope District Commissioner; Wendy Salt, who also lives in Leeswood. The Baden Powell award is the highest award available to a girl of Chloe's age.



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## WHAT DID WE THINK OF THE 2017 CARNIVAL?

We thought we would write a letter via the Leeswood and District News to express how much we enjoyed taking part in the Leeswood Carnival.

We've had a gazebo on the Carnival field since it was resurrected three years ago. Also, Bethania Puppets have been part of the entertainment on the day since that first year. We have to say that this last one has been the best year yet. It's lovely to see it growing year on year.

The wonderful weather helped of course but really it's down to the Carnival Committee and all the people who took part on the day who made it such a success. We think that a big THANK YOU should go to all those involved.

Here's looking forward to next year!

Ceris Ferrer and Suzanne Parry  
Bethania Baptist Church

Bryan and Jennie

We want to say thank you to all the many people who put so much time and hard work into making the Leeswood Carnival, on 8th July 2017 such a wonderful event.

Thank you so much to the Carnival Committee and all the volunteers on the day, for all their hard work. It was an amazing village event – and the best one yet (this time around). It was lovely to see so many people attending the event, and great to hear the band and people enjoying themselves late into the night. The carnival committee put so much into this event, all year – and we at Leeswood & District News would like to let you know just how much it is appreciated. We look forward to the next ones.

June Lincoln

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## PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

C.Flitcroft

22ND June – All the ladies were welcomed by Mrs Ingman. Tonight's proceedings were started by Mrs Mary Morris with a lovely reading. Unfortunately our speaker was unable to attend so we were well entertained with the telling of lots of stories of holidays and the recent experiences of all the ladies.

The tea hostess for this meeting was Mrs Mary Morris, she was thanked by Mrs Ingman on behalf of all the ladies present. The raffle prize was won by Mrs Flora Roberts and the special raffle that was provided by Mrs Jenny Webb, was won by Mrs Ingman.

July 13th – Mrs Ingman welcomed all the ladies, she remarked that it was very encouraging to see some new ladies joining us. Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick started our evening with a reading. Our speaker was Mrs Celia Drew and her subject was 'staying steady' and looking at ways to prevent people from falling. She gave us an excellent thought provoking talk, full of good advice on a common-sense approach to fall prevention and then the sources of help that we can access if we need them.

She assured us that falling isn't an inevitable part of aging and there is no such thing as an accident because there is always a cause or several causes.

Our tea hostess was Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick and she was thanked by Mrs Ingman for the lovely refreshments. The raffle winner was a new member, Mrs Jane Owen, and the special raffle; that was donated by Mrs Maureen Calder was won by Mrs Ingman.

At our last meeting in July, Mr Islwyn Parry will be the speaker. The first meeting in September, will be on September 14th.

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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.

Kidzone 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

There won't be Conversations of Faith during the month of August. This will resume on the 3rd September 2017

### Weekdays

#### All weekday activities stop over the Summer Holidays.

Bright Sparks under 4s

Friday 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Starts again on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

High Fives - Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 5:45pm – 6:45pm

Starts again on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Lasers – Year 6 and over

Wednesday 7:15pm – 9:00pm

Starts again on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Safe Haven - If you know someone who has a disability please let them know about Safe Haven Crafts. They don't have to live in Leeswood. We have people coming from Wrexham and Queensferry. As we break up for the summer we have five regular craftees with learning difficulties most of whom also use a wheelchair. We would love to have more in September when we start back after the summer break. Check us out at [www.safehaven.wales](http://www.safehaven.wales)



Do you recognise this road?

The signpost in the picture says Constitution Hill. It is a challenge. You need a good constitution to walk up it.

Some people do not like facing the challenge of that hill, even in a car. My mum, who is in her 80's, is one of them. Maybe it is the way I attack it when I am with her but she shrinks back in her seat. I don't take her that way anymore.

Other people I know are not that keen on it. Some of the folk who come to Safe Haven Crafts at Bethania on a Tuesday afternoon avoid it. The carers who drive the cars are concerned about their passengers, who are in a wheelchair.

Bethania, like most other churches has an interesting challenge that is rather similar to Constitution Hill. It seems at times to be an uphill struggle encouraging people to come in. People look at the church and think will I really fit in there. Is it worth the effort of walking through the door? It seems too hard, too big a challenge for me to even attempt.

I pushed a pram past Durham City Baptist Church again and again but I never went in. I knew I should do but never did until I moved to a village a few miles away. By then God had found another way of getting me into the church. He would not let me escape.

Do you know something? I am so pleased He did not let me escape. I would not face the challenge of going in but God took me round another way. He wanted me in His family and He chased after me until I was adopted into it. Today I would be lost without the Family of God around me. I can highly recommend coming through the door.

**A warm welcome to all – Croeso cynnes i bawb**

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

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Phone Rob 01352 771607 or Rev. James 07711 034020**

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## Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell

Well, we don't know about you lot, but this year's Carnival had to be (and most definitely was) the best so far. The feedback has been amazing! When the bunting finally comes down there are several miserable faces (ours usually) and it can feel quite deflating. It can only be described as a bit like a build up to the wedding of the year and you can't quite get over the fact that, what has taken months in the planning, is over within just twenty four hours! But this time feels different. This time there are no miserable faces. We can't take the smiles off them!

It was lovely to see our special guests Doug Jones, and of course Carlton Jones who we are pleased to see making a good recovery, and I do know that the boxer Tom Doran did make an appearance on the field (as my husband pointed out), but I'm not quite sure what happened to him being the parade. Never mind though, it's just one of those where not everything goes according to plan.

We did of course start proceedings a little earlier this year too, but that certainly did not bother anyone. We most definitely had a good line up in the parade. The effort by all was brilliant. Even Mickey and Minnie Mouse joined us, although Minnie looked somewhat slightly taller than Mickey, but I guess he is just losing height in his old age maybe! Mickey and Minnie went on to win the fancy dress competition and Rosebud Ashanti won the best dressed float. All the children looked amazing on the day and are applauded for their efforts. Their parents and families too! It's not easy dressing those floats. I remember the days of sitting for the best part of eight hours making roses from tissues. Pain-staking!

The weather, thankfully, was on our side for once too and it most definitely brought people out and a lot stayed the whole day to then be able to watch and listen to the bands into the evening. The atmosphere was, we have to say, simply incredible. We have also had really good feedback from the stallholders on the field and most, if not all, have already asked to book in for next year. We were even given takings for the day from the Churches Together stall, which is pretty wonderful eh! This year the lay out on the field was improved and it now gives us a much better idea as to what scope we have for next year to be able to fit a few more things on. What we hope is for others to get wind of how good the day was and more people will book in with us.



But, as you know, the bigger and better you go the more people you need on board.

We know how I can bang on about volunteers (or lack of them) and the Committee are definitely now going to discuss having a sub-Committee. It has been thought of in the past but now, as we continue to go bigger, it is without a shadow of a doubt we will need those volunteers. Let me tell you, it makes you feel pretty good to be a part of a small group who can help achieve something as big as this and it really could be good for others to be a part of it. Keeping community spirit alive! We will keep you posted though along the way and, hopefully, we get some interest from the locals.

The clean-up effort on the field the next day is a mammoth task and I do know that the Committee were up on the field until at least 12.45am on the night itself (or should I say following morning) but it was pretty impossible at that time to see anything and, by then, they were exhausted as you can imagine! They most certainly should be applauded though. It is one heck of a long day to be on the field from 6am and to still be there some eighteen hours later! We could have done with a few horses up there to eat all the hay from the bales that had been left strewn around!

I personally though haven't seen an atmosphere like that in our village for a long, long time. The field lit up by the stage lighting, the sun setting over the mountain, and adults and children dancing long into the night made it a perfect end to a perfect day.

Turning back to the day, and to the daytime raffle, only one prize was claimed and that was the 3rd prize of the silver goblets. The rest remain UNCLAIMED and those raffle ticket numbers are:-

Orange 15 - Serial No. AB8W 4N7L - £100 cash

Green 848 - Serial No. A97W NN7H - Chester Zoo Tickets

Orange 597 - Serial No. AB8W 4N7L - Small Hamper

The evening's "win a wheelbarrow full of ale" raffle was won by Miss Heather Gerrard.

We have advertised the unclaimed numbers on the notice boards around the village, and the school have very kindly sent out a text to all parents, and of course posters will be up in all the usual places (pubs, shops etc) so if you have one of the winning tickets please get in touch with us by our social

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## Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell



media Facebook page or telephone our Vice-Chairman, David, on 07734 471328. We also have souvenir programmes still available to buy for just £1.00 and, if you are interested in purchasing a copy, please let us know by the Facebook page or via David and we will get one to you.

There are quite a lot of photographs on our social media page for people to view and the LDN have very kindly put together a pull-out souvenir here in this edition for those who don't have access to the Facebook page.

If you didn't make it on the day, then we have to say what a shame. You missed the best day where the community came together and had the best time. A real party atmosphere from which we are all still buzzing!

To be frank, there are simply far too many people/ organisations to mention to say thank you, but we would like to thank Taz and his staff from the Country Spice Restaurant in Hope for providing the bar and, of course, a further thank you to our resigning Committee Member, Stephen. With the long hours put in by the Committee, it can be the partners that suffer the most let me tell you! But we wish Stephen all the best and he can look forward to not being on the field at 6am through to the following morning and can now most certainly spend a lazy day at future Carnivals chilling with family and friends on the field instead of working like a mule.

Us mules are taking a month's break now, but we will be having a meeting in the meantime to cover our achievements and any discrepancies, and then it's back to it.

I didn't spot Larry by the way, but then there's always Frank isn't there. I'll look out for him instead next time!



Kind regards,

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

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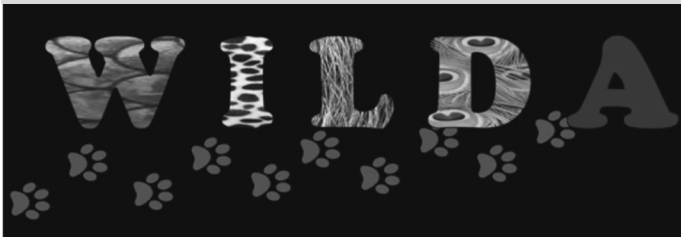
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## Church News

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Christ Church

### Upcoming Services

**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

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 13**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 14**

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 15**

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

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26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST & 2=30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

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

### THE ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER IS .....NO!

What if God's answer to one of our prayers is "no"? We are given this answer at times. Sometimes when we are told "no" we easily accept the answer we are given, because what we are asking for is something that really did not matter that much. Occasionally, though, we find ourselves being told "no" when every part of our being wants the answer to be "yes." What happens to our relationship with God then? Does our relationship with God completely fall apart? Does our entire relationship with God depend on God answering our prayers?

We are invited into a relationship with God that trusts that our prayers are heard yet does not demand our prayers be answered. We are invited into a relationship of confidence that God can answer our prayers, yet at the same time, we are invited into a relationship that asks us for complete surrender to God's way. The relationship we are invited into with God is not an insurance policy that guarantees we get what we want. However, we are promised that God hears us and will be with us every step of the way.

Taken from DotMagis

By Becky Eldredge

### LOVE!

"It is easier to love humanity as a whole, than to love one's neighbour." *Eric Hoffer*

"The first duty of Love is to listen" *Paul Tillich*

"Love is a fabric that never fades no matter how often it is washed in the waters of adversity and grief." *Anon*

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## Memories of an oilfield man

Tom Nicholson

### Gone Fishing

First of all, although I still like fishing, nowadays I will not kill a fish that I am not prepared to eat, but again I have eaten many a shark steak, the only way is to cook it within fifteen to thirty minutes of taking it out of the water then it's really fresh.

I have mentioned that the expats had no form of entertainment on board unless sitting in a circle with my crew on the helideck with a hookah (hubble bubble pipe) loaded with cannabis counted or sitting with the yanks drinking Jack Daniels, (sorry Carol these are my memories ) and having to start work next morning with a stinking hangover, (in a later issue I will talk about the home made still used for making Sediki (that means my friend in Arabic - 150 proof alcohol) and this is why I started fishing from the Tender.

I had always liked fishing with my dad, but that was coarse fishing; roach, perch, eels and various other fish, when dad returned from the 2nd world war all he wanted to do was sit on the side of a river bank or pond with a woodbine ciggy in his mouth, but as sad as it sounds the fish that we caught all went home and into the pot regardless, some readers may still remember the ration books for all food etc, so we were taught not to waste food of any kind,

Any way I keep meandering away from the tale of my first shark, I was still a novice then but I improved as the years passed. Brian had brought a sea rod and a good sea reel with a list of tackle that had been given him to bring back from the uk, years later I had various hooks and heavy tracer lines made for me. After a fourteen hour day I had finished work and thought that I would try out my fishing rod so I went down to the galley and asked the cook for some fish that I could use for bait.

I had previously asked the welder if he could weld a chair to the deck for me (wouldn't happen today) even then I should have asked permission but I didn't, any way I baited up my line and cast out within minutes the bait was taken, I caught the first of many Red snapper for readers who have not seen a red snapper, they are sold in the fish market and they look like gold fish if you imagine a ten or fifteen kilo gold fish and they do come a lot bigger, I will add some photos in later issues.

I could not believe it within half an hour I had four huge Red snappers they went down to the galley and they taste sweeter than cod, I was reeling my fifth one in when my line went very slack but I continued to reel in imagine my surprise when there was only a snappers head on, a huge Barracuda had sliced the body of my snapper, by this time my adrenaline was high, this same thing happened for the next

half dozen fish I had hit a school of Barracuda so I decided I would try and catch a barracuda. So the next time that I caught a fish I would leave the head on the hook and cast my line again - within minutes the line took off like a rocket and it was me that was hooked. I Had never known the thrill and excitement of fighting a good fish, I had hooked into a twenty pound barracuda it took me longer to land that one than all of the other red snappers put together. I felt a little guilty eating that one (but it tasted good). Anyway back to my first shark, I didn't realise how late it was and I had to get some sleep and be ready for work the next morning, I decided to bait my line and leave my rod over the side during the night and see what was on it in the morning I tied my rod to the hand rail and told one of my crew to sit and watch it and for him to wake me up if needed. This suited him because I excused him of any work that night, I must have been sleeping for three hours when Ali the roustabout was shaking me awake he was all excited "Mr Tom, Mr Tom Tahalahena Tahalalahren" (come quickly) I forget how to spell it now, so there I was following him dressed only in my under pants (not a bad sight then but not a good sight now) my fishing rod was bent nearly in two it was a good job I had tied it to the hand rail, What the hell do I do now? I had never experienced anything like this before, first things first, grab the rod and play out whatever was on it I decided to let it run, this was a shark and the first of many, it took me over an hour, before it was exhausted and I brought it to the side. Every muscle in my body was aching and I still did not know what do with it the hand rail of the tender was level with the water and I was face to face with the shark that I sent a photo in the last issue and boy was I glad that there was a hand rail between us, I think if the same thing happened today I would cut the line and let it go he deserved it, but then I was a macho man (sad to say) " shakush, shakush" I shouted to the roustabout, (Sorry I still cannot spell it) but it meant hammer, when he returned he handed me a ball pen hammer (not much bigger than a toffee hammer). I had been told that the sharks brain was between the snout and eyes so I decided to hit there and boy did it get mad, the hammer was dropped over the side into the sea, and I was determined to bring the Shark on board. "Fetch me a bigger hammer" I shouted, with that he returned with a seven pound sledge hammer this done the trick. Now what I thought was how do I get this two hundred pound plus on board? "use the b\*\*\*\*y crane" -this voice came from behind me - when I turned around I had a audience of expats who were rolling around holding their sides with laughter. I did not know that they had witnessed the whole episode, I will not go into the method of lifting the shark on board but seeing it hanging from the crane made me feel a little sad to think that a couple of hours ago this lovely large fish was swimming around in its own environment.

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## Memories of an oilfield man

Tom Nicholson

### Gone Fishing (continued...)

Sad to say that was the first of the many, and I do regret some of them. So what do I do with it now I thought, I decided to open it up and find what kind of diet it was on then I asked the medic for a scalpel so that I could remove the sharks jaw bone (sorry, I apologise if this may upset some readers). I don't know if people realise that a shark has roughly six rows of teeth and as they loose one tooth another stands up to replace it. This particular shark that I caught was a small Tiger and measured just over eight foot and over two hundred pounds, I decided to save a couple of teeth and take them to a gold smith in Cairo and have them made into a pair of earrings and a pendant mounted in gold. If anybody knows Carol just ask her about them, I must say they looked great I still have that pendant but the earrings were sold a couple of years ago. I cannot part with the pendant in the photo, I have many stories of shark, Manta rays, ect to tell.



I had them in placed in a box and gave them to Carol as a surprise, I thought they were great at the time but as they say beauty is in the eye of the beholder, looking at it now that saying is right,

Carol used them for about a month when we noticed blood spots on the pillow every morning it took a while to realise it was coming from her neck; the sharks teeth on the earrings and pendant were cutting her neck area. I don't know if people realise that the idea for serrated steak knives came from sharks teeth they were so sharp, so they were placed back in the box and never used again when I look at it now it is not very pretty is it? I think it was the tiger shark getting revenge,

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## Rural Wisdom - A Vision for Change

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**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**6pm until 8.30pm**

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For more information please contact- Rachel Evans (Senior Project Coordinator)  
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### LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN RESEARCH

MALE	FEMALE	Under 20	20+	30+	40+	50+	60+	70+	80+	90+
What do you like about living in Leeswood & Pontblyddyn?										
What would you change about Leeswood & Pontblyddyn?										
Do you feel Leeswood & Pontblyddyn are safe, friendly places for all ages?										
What social activities do you participate in in the villages?										
What other activities would you like to see in the villages?										

*If you are completing this questionnaire at home, please drop it in through the letterbox of  
Leeswood Community Hall, King Street. THANKYOU FOR HELPING!*



# Leeswood & District News



## Doethineb Gwledig - Gweledigaeth ar gyfer Newid

Gweithdy Datblygu Cymuned o Blaid Pobl Hŷn  
gyda'r Tîm Datblygu Cenedlaethol ar gyfer Cynhwysiant (NDTI)

**Beth sydd angen newid yng Nghoed-llai a Phontblyddyn?**

**Dydd Iau 20 Gorffennaf 2017**

**6pm tan 8.30pm**

*Lluniaeth ar gael o 5:30pm ymlaen*

Yng Nghanolfan Gymunedol Coed-llai, Stryd y Brenin, Coed-llai,  
Yr Wyddgrug

Hoffech chi fod yn rhan o weledigaeth Doethineb Gwledig ar gyfer newid a datblygiadau cymunedol o blaid pobl hŷn yng Nghoed-llai a Phontblyddyn?

Dros y ddwy flynedd nesaf, bydd Volunteering Matters yn gweithio gyda chi fel rhan o brosiect Doethineb Gwledig, i'ch helpu i benderfynu pa newidiadau bach yr hoffech eu gweld yn lleol. Bydd yr NDTI yn helpu i ddatblygu'r weledigaeth.

Os hoffech chi wybod mwy am fod yn rhan o'r gwaith o ddatblygu syniadau dan arweiniad y gymuned, galwch hebio!

Am fwy o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â - Rachel Evans (Uwch-gydgysylltydd Prosiect)  
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### YMCHWIL COEDLAI A PHONTBLYDDYN

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Beth ydych chi'n ei hoffi am fyw yng Nghoedlai a Phontblyddyn?										
Beth fydddech chi'n ei newid yng Nghoedlai a Phontblyddyn?										
A yw Coedlai a Phontblyddyn yn lleoedd diogel a chyfeillgar i bobl o bob oed?										
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Pa weithgareddau eraill hoffech chi eu gweld yn y pentrefi?										

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# Leeswood & District News

## Church News

Wesley Church, Leeswood



The **Methodist** Church

## Upcoming Services

**6<sup>th</sup> August** Worship **10.45 am**  
Led by Mr Martin Thorne

**13<sup>th</sup> August** Worship **9.30 am**  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Led by Rev Pat Christopher

**20<sup>th</sup> August** Worship **10.45am**  
Led by Church Members

**27<sup>th</sup> August** Worship **10.45 am**  
Led by Mrs Michele Jones

## The Letter of James

### The Buckley and Deeside Circuit **Heritage Weekend**

*'Catch on fire with enthusiasm  
and people will come for miles  
to watch you burn.'*

John Wesley

The churches of the Buckley and Deeside Circuit will be celebrating our heritage, a living history during the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, October. If you have any items - newspaper articles, photographs membership tickets the Methodist witness in the village which you would allow us to copy for our display then please speak to a member of the church or contact the minister.

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# Leeswood & District News

## Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

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

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

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

There could be another issue which could cause a problem with inventors. As an invention could be rather complex, an inventor could find it difficult to explain the invention to other people, because although an idea could look easy as a vision, it may prove difficult to either explain it verbally or put it on paper. It would therefore be a good idea to develop means to aid people with new ideas to be able to convey their intellectuality in a manner that could be easily

understood and translated into industrial terms.

With this in mind, one could open a number of opportunities which could be developed in a profitable industrial success.

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

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# Leeswood & District News

## CPR and Defibrillator Training

Louise Hoyle Fennell

Dear Readers, You may recall, a couple of months ago, I wrote in to the LDN talking about undertaking various fundraisers to enable the village of Leeswood to have defibrillator machines installed both at the School and the Community Centre.

My first challenge was to take on the world's fastest and Europe's longest zipwire in Snowdonia. So, on Sunday 25th June 2017, I donned my red suit and helmet and zipped along the wire. The wind was completely against me and not behind me, and it actually felt like I was slowing down over the quarry's lake not speeding up. The guy on the wire next to me surged ahead but perhaps that was because he was much taller and much heavier than me. Who isn't though! I doubt very much that I reached the speed of 100mph either, but my husband assured me that I wasn't that far behind. Admittedly I am a little bit of a thrill seeker and a bit of danger doesn't usually bother me, but I have to say I was slightly relieved when I went past the viewing point where hubby and son were standing waving at me, only to then fall ten or so metres short from the end and left with no choice but to dangle mid-air over a road and some trees. As I waited patiently for a pulley and strap to be sent out to me to reel me in someone did offer me a cup of tea, but I declined due to the fact that there was no waitress service! I knew they should have put a few more weights in my suit to help me along! Never mind. Challenge completed.

I thought some might like to see a couple of pictures taken, the first being me with my "Zipping for Ysgol Derwenfa & Leeswood Community Centre" sign (with two random blokes - very nice gentlemen they were too) and the other I took as I was standing waiting to zip down. If you cast your eyes past the lake and head a little bit up, that was where I was heading to. It's a good way down I can tell you!



Me with two other zippers at the top



12 minute lorry drive up to starting point

What you will be pleased to hear though is that I will not have to take on any more fundraisers as, not only did I reach my set target for my first challenge, I have been fortunate enough to secure well over the amount required for the two machines. So I'm sorry that there won't be a forthcoming Bingo. I hope this won't cause a riot! ☹

There have been so many people who have donated and I am truly thankful to each and every one of them. They are all heroes in my eyes and the world is a better place with them in it. An anonymous Donor also made an astonishing pledge of £1,500 online and this most definitely has secured the fact that the School and the Centre can have these life-saving machines installed sooner rather than later, which is really good news for us all as a community.

My online donations reached £2,045.00 although JustGiving had to deduct a 5% fee from this as the School and Centre are not a Charity. This left an amount of £1,916.00 coming in from online donations. If anyone wishes to view the evidence for the JustGiving Page's fee, please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will be more than willing to provide the e-mail from them confirming this.

The sum of £100 has also come in from sponsorships at the school and, on my personal sponsorship form, there is another £330.00.

Overall, the total amount raised has been £2,346.00. From this, there will be the two machines purchased at £1,000 each and those fees will include the installation and relevant public training. There are also cabinets you can purchase for the machines which I feel are necessary, particularly in the case of the Community Centre with it being "open" to the public, and they come in at £120 plus VAT each. For the two cabinets the total cost would be £288.00 inclusive of VAT. Again, if anyone wants to view the evidence for the cost of these, I am more than willing to provide the e-mail from the Welsh Hearts Charity who supply the machines.

After payment of the above, this would then leave the surplus of £58.00 going to the Charity itself. However, if anyone else would still like to donate, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am more than sure the Charity would appreciate it.

To keep you up to speed, I have already made the relevant applications for both machines. I have been informed by the Welsh Hearts Charity that we are looking at September now for the installing and training due to their busy schedule.

Like I said in my last letter to the LDN, every week in the UK twelve young people die suddenly from an undiagnosed heart condition. There is just a 3% survival rate out of 8,000 sudden cardiac arrests that occur beyond hospitals in Wales alone.

You know, we all take for granted that there will be someone around somewhere who knows how to administer CPR should it be required. But even if they do know, who is to say that it would be enough to save someone's life. Don't forget, a shock from a defibrillator machine can increase the survival rate by 50%.

(continued...)

# Leeswood & District News

## CPR and Defibrillator Training (continued...)

Louise Hoyle Fennell

Like I say I will keep you all up to speed with progress, timescales and dates once those applications have been dealt with, but we are definitely looking at September at the earliest. What I do want to see though, more than anything, is the public attending a training session which, hopefully, will be held at the Community Centre. (The school will have their own training session). After all, what is the point of having these machines if you don't even know how to turn them on!

The Community Centre in particular as you know is used frequently for various clubs and activities, meetings, bingos

and discos, not to mention "funeral gatherings", so it is imperative the public attend the training session provided. I don't relish the thought of someone sitting at home with the mindset "It doesn't matter, I don't need to go, somebody else will know how to use it". What if we all thought like that and what if you were the person lying on the floor needing that life-saving assistance, your life slipping away?

**Am I getting through? That ambulance still isn't!**

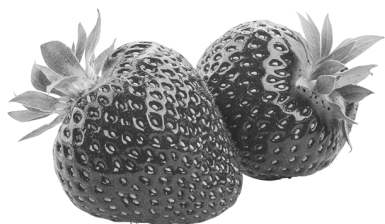
Kind regards,

*Louise Hoyle Fennell*

## LEESWOOD NIGHTINGALE - HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

### STRAWBERRY TEA

FUNDRAISER – STRAWBERRY TEA  
SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2017



A very busy and happy afternoon was enjoyed by a record crowd. WE had to put out extra tables; very satisfying. Thank you for all your support. A big thank you to Clive for setting out the hall and to Gayle for cleaning up afterwards. Thank you to County Councillor Raymond Hughes for attending, pushing Gwenda in her wheelchair: We wish you a speedy recovery.

More thank you's to all the wonderful folk who gave us so much help, as three of the committee were unable to attend and our Secretary Jane Lucy is incapacitated, so could only pop in for a visit. We wish her a successful recovery.

Thank you; Gill for Jam; Viv for Lemon Drizzle cakes; Norma for helping in the kitchen and selling raffle tickets; Cynthia for sponge cakes, helping in the kitchen and selling raffle tickets; Maureen for helping in the kitchen and selling hospice goods; Margaret and Maldwyn for help in the kitchen and running the bottle stall, respectively; Katelyn, visiting from Treuddyn for help on the "Trash or Treasure Stall" and to Mary and Melanie and all the other kind helpers with the washing up.

**The magnificent sum of £401 was raised for the hospice.**

### LEESWOOD CARNIVAL

FUNDRAISING STALL AT LEESWOOD CARNIVAL

We decided, at short notice to have a stall at Leeswood Carnival. Debbie Barton, the fundraiser for the hospice, lent us a Gazebo; folk lent tables and chairs. Debbie brought hospice goods such as Teddies, Dragons Emojii's, etc for sale, and we wrapped nearly 200 items to do "Trash or Treasure" at 50p a go.

The Hospice goods raised £51.85 and the "trash or treasure" and donations raised £93.60. Thank you to all the generous people who supported us. We plan to be at the carnival in future years.

### NEXT FUNDRAISER

The next fundraiser is a BINGO on Wednesday 4th October in the Leeswood Community Centre (7.00pm for 7.30pm eyes down). Prizes are for the Bingo and raffle would be gratefully received.

### COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting is Thursday 7th September at 7.00pm, at the Leeswood Community centre. Anyone interested is welcome. We always hope to hear new fundraising ideas as well as any other suggestions.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON:

Lucille, Bryn, Jane, Bryan, Flora, Jennie and John

# Leeswood & District News

## Council Minutes

Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)  
Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman  
Councillors D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.  
Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson and C.E. Jones JP. Councillors remarked on Councillor C.E. Jones JP recent ill health and wished him a speedy recovery. It was agreed by all to send him a Get-Well card.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held with Ms Lynze Rogers, the Age Friendly Project Co-Ordinator on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

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### **POLICE LIAISON**

Apologies were received from PCSO Andrea Ellis who was unable to attend the meeting this evening. A report of recent incidences had been forwarded.

### **Incident update – Leeswood**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - a shed break was reported. House to house enquiries were conducted but nothing had been seen/heard and there was no forensic for CSI. 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – criminal damage reported whereby a rear window of a vacant property was damaged by a stone. House to house enquiries were conducted but there were no witnesses as to who threw the stone. 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – theft of a caravan from a field was reported.

### **Incident update – Pontblyddyn**

18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – break in reported at the Petrol Station on Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn. Officers attended the scene and this is an ongoing investigation.

### **CEMETERY**

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he was still waiting to meet with Mr Aled Davies, the Cemetery sub-contractor. The Clerk was to

contact Mr Davies and arrange a suitable date and time. Comment was made that the Cemetery looked very well and that Mr Davies was doing a good job. It was reported that the gates had now been returned. The Clerk advised that she had not received an invoice for this work.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application number: - 056891

The extension of an existing Cemetery into an adjacent field.

Field adjacent to Pontblyddyn Cemetery, Wrexham Road,

Pontblyddyn.

This application had been made by the Community Council and it was agreed by all that no observation should be made.

Application number: - 056989

Erection of a two-storey extension to the rear and side of dwelling and erection of a single storey rear extension.

38 Bryn Clyd, Leeswood, Mold, CH7 4RU.

Councillors examined the planning application and associated plans that were provided. It was agreed by all members that no objection should be made and this was to be put forward to Flintshire County Council.

### **CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS DUE TO VACANT SEATS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION**

The Clerk reported that there had been no expressions of interest to join the Community Council received. Councillors advised that they had spoken with some residents who had indicated that they would like to join the Council. It was remarked that there was a window of 35 days following the election when co-option could be made and this time frame was almost at an end. The Clerk calculated that the last day would be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 as only working days counted. Members agreed that the Clerk should contact Mrs Lynn Phillips of Electoral Services at Flintshire County Council to check this and if this was the case then receipt of expressions of interest should be extended to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017. If any correspondence was received, the Clerk was permitted to call a special meeting of the Community Council to be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017.

### **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017**

JDH Business Services Ltd had conducted the internal audit for the financial year 2016/2017. The Clerk reported on the findings of the internal audit report. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that the report be accepted and that the Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana should sign the Annual Governance Statement (Part 2) reflecting this Council's approval. All Councillors were in agreement.

### **AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

E-mail correspondence had been received from Lynze Rogers, Project Co-Ordinator, Age Friendly Communities informing that she had handed in her notice and would be leaving the post for her own reasons regarding the role. She went on to say that she had made some excellent contacts and had recorded most of what she had done which is to be handed over to the new Project Co-Ordinator

# Leeswood & District News

## Council Minutes

Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council (continued..)

once she is in place. Ms Rogers further expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome and support she had received from this Council. The Clerk stated that she was disappointed that Ms Rogers had given her notice as she had shown great interest in the Community and on a personal note as she and Ms Rogers were developing a good working relationship. Councillor G. Sherwood remarked that in the short time she had been the Project Co-Ordinator, Ms Rogers had met with a number of the Community organisations. All Councillors agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ms Rogers, wishing her well in the future.

Further e-mail correspondence had been received from Natasha John of Volunteering Matters, advising that the Steering Group meeting and the NDTi session would be going ahead as planned. Rachel Evans the Senior Co-Ordinator based in Pembrokeshire will be the contact person, leading on making arrangements locally and attending both of these events. With regard to recruiting a replacement, as the recruitment process had been within the last six months it was acceptable to approach the second placed candidate. A meeting had been arranged and if all went well she would be offered the role of Project Co-Ordinator.

### HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Members had been circulated with copies of the minutes and information slides from the Liaison Committee Briefing Session held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 about the planned upgrade to the cement milling facilities at Padeswood.

Further correspondence had been received from A.P. Bower, Land and Planning Manager, Land and Mineral Resources Department, Hanson Heidelberg Cement advising that there are plans for a £20 million upgrade project which will guarantee the long-term future of the Padeswood Works and its 96 employees. This project will include the installation of a new vertical roller mill for cement grinding which will improve efficiency and investment in new rail loading facilities to allow cement to be transported by train, reducing lorry movements. A formal pre-application consultation is being undertaken to provide an opportunity for the public, the community and specialist consultees to comment on the proposals before a formal application is submitted to Flintshire County Council. The consultation period will run from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

The Clerk reported that Jo Danson the Consultant involved with the iBeacon Project had been in contact. Members had been circulated with a copy of the Introductory Workshop which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 between 10am and 12 noon. It was observed that many Councillors would not be able to attend due to work commitments, an evening session would be preferred. The Clerk stated that she would request a change in the time. All Councillors in agreement.

### COMMUNITY PARKING ISSUES – BELL'S CORNER AND THE JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET

Information was received that a request had been made for double yellow lines on Bell's Corner to be included in the Flintshire County Council's Highways Programme. The timing of such work if included is unknown. It was agreed by all Councillors that the parking problems on Bell's Corner were a more pressing issue than Bryn Clyd/King Street at the present time.

### 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 and Environment, Flintshire County Council regarding the consultation on the implementation of a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Flintshire. This is to take place from 1<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) are one of a number of new powers introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. They are designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space which is having or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of people in the area. The behaviour must be unreasonable and persistent or continuing in nature. Flintshire County Council are to consult on a proposed Dog control PSPO which is required to replace the current Dog Control Order.

The prohibitions proposed would require dog owners to:

- a) remove dog waste immediately from the ground at all public locations,
- b) put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. This only applies to any public land where a dog is considered to be out of control or causing alarm and distress,
- c) keep dogs on leads within cemeteries,
- d) have a means on their person to collect dog waste from the ground if asked by an authorised officer.

Dogs would also be excluded from entering:

- i) enclosed children's play areas,
- ii) the playing areas of marked sports pitches,
- iii) the playing area of specific sporting or recreational facilities.

A survey can be found on the following web page: -

[www.flintshire.gov.uk/dogcontrolpspo](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/dogcontrolpspo) which includes a list of potential sites where the prohibitions would be enforced.

The Clerk advised that for Leeswood, the Phoenix Park in its entirety, that is the two football pitches, the MUGA and Skate Park, children's play area had been included, and the play area at the rear of Ffordd Siarl. In Pontblyddyn the play area at the rear of Bro Alun was included.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE

E-mail correspondence received from the Community Health Council advising that between January and March 2017 the seven Community Health Councils (CHCs) in Wales asked people across the country to share their ideas on improving NHS services for people with dementia and their carers'.

They asked one question; 'What can the NHS do better to improve the lives of people living with dementia?'

Over 500 people whose lives had been touched by dementia in all its forms responded. A wide range of ideas for improving services were shared. Some could be taken forward by the NHS alone, while others would need to see agencies working better and more closely together.

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To coincide with Dementia Awareness Week a report has been published setting out in more detail what people had told them. The report includes ideas and suggestions from the public to make assessment easier and more accessible; calls for better access to information following diagnosis; suggests a one stop shop for advice and guidance, and identifies a need for 24-hour crisis support. It also highlights the need to get the basics right; dignity, better communication between agencies and with families, greater support and recognition for the role played by carers, and simple changes to the environment across NHS services.

### **'BATTLE'S OVER – A NATION'S TRIBUTE & WWI BEACONS OF LIGHT – 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018'**

Correspondence received via One Voice Wales about taking part in 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute & WW1 Beacons of Light 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018'.

The tribute would be for as many beacons as possible to be lit across the nation at 7pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War One. Comment was made that there was no suitable place in the community to site a beacon. The ideal place in our area would be Hope Mountain because of its height. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that a letter be sent to the Hope and Llanfynydd Community Councils asking if they would be prepared to co-sponsor a beacon. All Councillors in agreement.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) 30mph signage at Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood – this signage will be moved shortly. This would be an extension of the 30mph area.

b) Collapsed drain on King Street, Leeswood – it was reported that the collapsed drain on King Street, Leeswood was presenting a problem with water running down Britannia Road. This was to be attended to.

c) Overgrown hedge, Pontblyddyn – complaints had been received regarding the overgrown hedge from the cutting to the cottage across from the bottom of the Constitution Hill. This matter was to be looked into.

d) New Council Houses, Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – the development was now underway.

e) Play area, Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – the new play equipment had been selected. Some old pieces of play equipment were to be removed then the new pieces put in place.

### **MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

a) Footpath to the rear of numbers 24 to 42 Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – it has been reported that the footpath is obstructed. The Footpath Officer from Flintshire County Councillor will come out to inspect.

b) Village sign for Pontblyddyn - it was pointed out that there was no village sign for Pontblyddyn. The Clerk was to look into the cost of a sign and the matter was to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. All Councillors in agreement.

c) Community Spring Clean – this was an event that used to take place annually in the community. This is to be included on the Agenda for the next meeting. All Councillors in agreement.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Defibrillator in the Community – correspondence from Mrs Louise Hoyle-Fennell who is aiming to fundraise to have a defibrillator put in Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood and possibly the Community Centre, Leeswood. This was accepted.

b) Advanced notification of dates of other Town Council events: -  
Holywell Town Council – Civic Service 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
Caerwys Town Council – Civic Service 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

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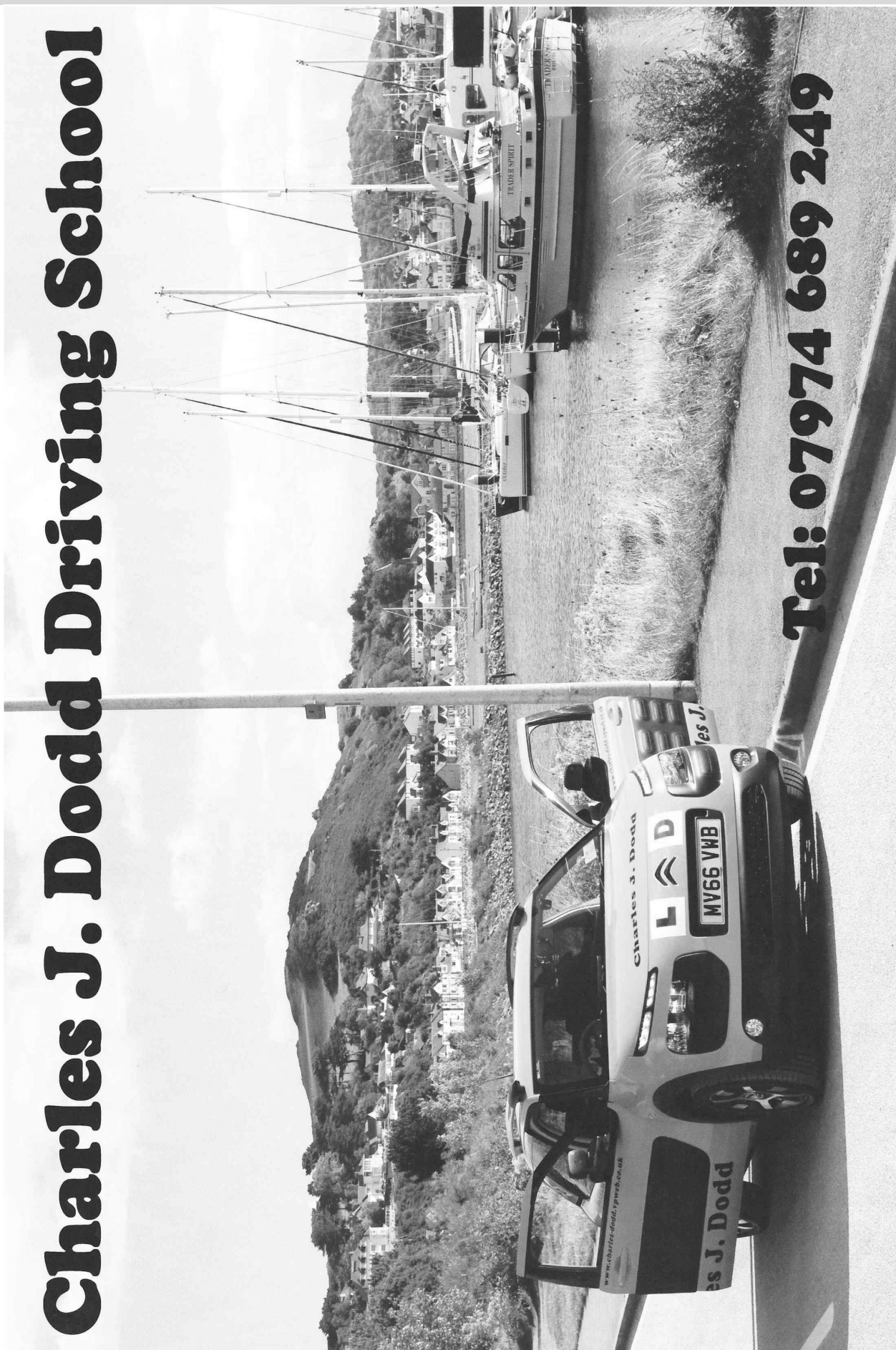
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*1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £100 CASH (Unclaimed)*

*Orange Raffle Ticket No. 15 - Serial No. AB8W 4N7L*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Chester Zoo Tickets (Unclaimed)*

*Green Raffle Ticket No. 848 - Serial No. A97W NN7H*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Silver Goblets (Claimed on the day)*

*4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Small Hamper (Unclaimed)*

*Orange Raffle Ticket No. 597 - Serial No. AB8W 4N7L*

*The evening raffle prize (a wheelbarrow full of ale)  
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ORDER FOR YOU TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

*The Carnival Committee are extremely grateful for your support in 2017 - Thank You*

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## Leeswood Allotments



This year the Allotment Open Day is Saturday 19th August. Although the event is organised by the Allotment Association it is open to all gardeners. Last year we had some impressive entries from people who don't have an allotment. There is no competition involved but it's a good chance to show what gardeners are growing in Leeswood. Please bring along fruit, vegetables and flowers and this year we will have a special table set aside for anything that the children of Leeswood have grown. We would also love to see any artwork that children have produced on the theme of gardening.

Anything you want to show should be brought to the village hall between 10:30am and 12 noon on Saturday 19th August. The Allotments will be open in the morning between 11am and 12noon. If you want to walk up there, there will sure to be someone to show you around and answer any questions.

The show is open to the public from 1pm until 2:30pm. The raffle will then be drawn and the afternoon will culminate with the ever popular auction of produce.

Any money made on the day will be shared equally between the Leeswood Community Centre and the Blood Bikes Charity. There will be someone from this worthy organisation at the Community Centre during the day to explain what they do and at the evening event Emma Lampka, chairman Blood Bike Wales, has kindly agreed to come along and tell us more about their work.

The evening event at the Community Centre starts at 7:30pm. The Bushwackers will be there to entertain, as they did last year, with songs to sing along to and dance to if you feel the urge. The bar will be open and there will be a selection of filled rolls available should 'Doing The Leeswood Walk' make you feel peckish!!

Tickets for the evening event will cost just £3 [children under 16 free]. Please see the posters around the village or an allotment member for more details and tickets.

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