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Community Event

LEESWOOD HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

Changes are afoot in the group. It has been decided to adopt the Hospice's favoured format and become a FRIENDSHIP GROUP. We will still run fundraising events such as Bingo, the St. David's Day Coffee morning, the Strawberry Tea, the Carol Service and plan to be on the Carnival Field each year. These will be co-ordinated by a small group, but we hope to continue to have the support of more people on an ad-hoc basis.

Our longstanding Chair and former Secretary Lucille Ingman M.B.E. has resigned but has kindly agreed to become our President. Another long serving member of the Committee; flora Roberts, has agreed to become vice-President.

WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2017
19:00
Eyes Down 7:30 PM
LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE



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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

C.Flitcroft

Mrs Ingman welcomed all the ladies to tonight's meeting (September 14th), the first Guild after the August break.

The break brought sadness to the group as we acknowledged the sad passing of Mrs Mary Williams, a loyal member of the Guild for many, many years. The ladies stood in silence to remember Mary. She will be very much missed at our meetings.

We welcomed the return of Mrs Jane Lucy after her sudden, serious illness.

This first meeting was taken up by making arrangements for the annual Harvest Service (September 28th) and we also discussed future plans; this coming year is an important 'milestone' in the history of the Guild as it marks our 50th year and we all want to make this a significant celebration.

Our tea hostess for the evening was Mrs Jane Owen who was thanked for the lovely refreshments by Mrs Ingman. Raffle winners were Mrs Mary Morris and Mrs Anne Davies.

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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

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

All weekday activities stop over the Summer Holidays.

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



Safe Haven – (Starts on the 5th September 2017)

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

Jesus walks before us leading the way

(Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?)

He walks beside as our brother and our friend

(What a friend we have in Jesus)

And He walks behind us, catching us when we stumble or fall

(Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are mine.)

So every day we have a guide, a brother, a friend and a Saviour.

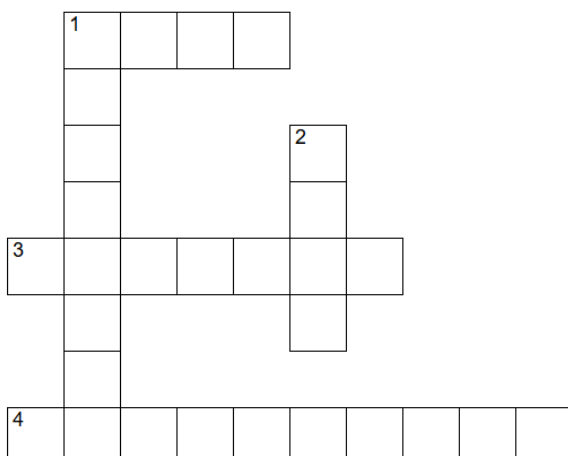
Carol Warburton

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
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Crossword



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- 1 Shop in Leeswood
- 3 Surname of our Editor
- 4 Leeswood County

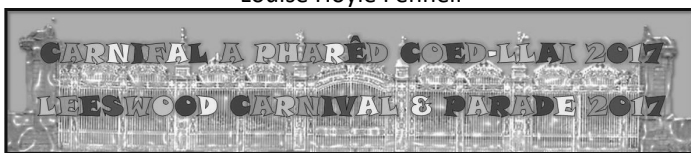
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- 1 Annual summer celebration
- 2 Where Leeswood is near

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Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell



Hi everyone, we hope you are all feeling generally well and assume that now the summer (what little we had) has passed, and with the slightly colder weather already creeping in, it has been the case of putting the heating on earlier rather than preferably later. Our eight-legged friends (also creeping in albeit for the warmth) seem to be increasingly bigger this time around too, with the majority of them checking in to our homes carrying their suitcases and expecting a long stay. We suspect not everyone's favourite time of year in that regard, apart from theirs of course! We can however look forward to the beautiful show of autumn colours now the season is here.

Autumn is always better displayed when the sun is shining and boy were we lucky it did just that for us at the car wash on Saturday 16th September 2017, just like it did back in March at our first car wash. Not as warm as March of course but, at this late stage in the year, we'll take pretty much anything other than having to work in the wind or rain. There was a quick shower very early on in the morning but, after that, we were fortunate to have had the weather on our side. Having been keeping an eye on the weather reports every few hours in the days running up to the event, and it not looking particularly good at one point, we actually contemplated cancelling it but, as I say, luck was on our side and we are thankful the event was not an utter "wash out"!

It was great to once again see so much support and a huge thank you to all those who attended to have their cars washed and who bought raffle tickets at the time, or to those who just bought raffle tickets, or to those who simply popped by to donate. The raffle's alcohol hamper (which included 2 bottles of Prosecco, 2 bottles of wine and 1 bottle of Whiskey, not to mention chocolates) was won on the day by Michael and Gayle Brand of Leeswood. Well done to them. We hope that they "really enjoy" their mini bar and, if they need any help whatsoever in consuming any amount from any bottle, the Committee are always open to invites!

A very kind supporter of this car wash and the one back in March, a lady named Linda, also gave us an idea of maybe having a second raffle prize and that would be for a free car

wash for the Spring 2018 event. Many thanks to Linda for the suggestion (we are always open to those) and congratulations to Mr Ian Parry of Leeswood who also kindly supported us on the day who will now get a free car wash.

Also a very big thank you goes to the Co-op in Leeswood who, at last minute, agreed to sell some raffle tickets for us to help boost the coffers. They are always ready and willing to assist us in that regard and we are very grateful to them for that.

We managed to raise from the car wash event the sum of £444.00 which we are over the moon about. So thank you, once again.

If I may quickly return to one of our previous write up's regarding the outstanding raffle prizes from the big day itself, we can tell you the Chester Zoo Tickets (2nd prize) are going to be used in our forthcoming Christmas Bingo and the £100 cash (1st prize) is going to be donated and split between the Wesley Methodist Chapel, Leeswood and Bethania Chapel in Leeswood, which we are more than sure you agree is worthwhile.

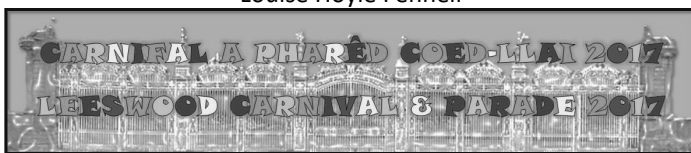
Turning now to another of our fundraising events for this calendar year is our Christmas Prize Bingo Night (mentioned in the last paragraph) which will be held on Wednesday 29th November 2017 at the Community Centre in Leeswood, with the doors opening at 7pm and eyes down for those prizes at 7.30pm. Please see the poster in this edition for details. There will of course be some great prizes to be won and it will most certainly be worth the trip out, even if it is by then becoming increasingly chilly and you have to put on an extra pair of socks to come out. Don't forget your gloves too as you will need to keep those Bingo fingers nice and warm in order to mark your books properly!

But before our Bingo there is just one other event, a very important event which we hope will attract the crowds as the Carnival did on the day itself. That event is our AGM being held at the Community Centre in Leeswood on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.00pm (see poster in this edition for details). An AGM? "Boring" some may think. "A waste of an hour and my time" others may say.

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Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell



"Why would the Committee need people to help when they seem to be doing okay?" others may ask. Well, we can answer that very quickly...

We **CANNOT** continue to grow or indeed **CANNOT** carry on as we are if we do not have the volunteers on board. The workload involved is heavy, yes, but most of us members work full time and have families of our own and we still manage to find that little bit extra to bring it together. Having volunteers however makes it all that little bit easier though, wouldn't you at least agree? The volunteers we do have at the moment, certainly for road closure on the day, is a massive help. The very little help we do get on the field on the day before and on the morning is of some help, don't get us wrong, it's just that we don't have the numbers when it matters the most. Boots on the ground as they say! The heavy manual stuff, i.e. erecting tents on the field etc, needs strong hands and there is only so much "a handful of us" can do ourselves. We could go on and on but we are more than sure that, if we could just secure several volunteers on board at our AGM, we could find ourselves growing to the point where more people will come on the day and see what we have to offer and what we have achieved and, if you come on board as a volunteer, you also could see what you can achieve yourself. There is nothing more rewarding than someone coming up to you and saying "You did good y'know."

The feedback we had from this year's Carnival was amazing and it makes us proud (as a tiny little Committee) knowing "we did good" and that we are bringing something to the village of Leeswood and to those beyond our boundaries.

Please have a think about being a volunteer. We appreciate you cannot be here, there and everywhere but, whatever little time you have and you think you can give, we would more than appreciate it. As Tesco says "Every Little Helps" but, in our case, our motto is "Keep supporting us and we'll keep bringing you the Carnival."

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What are the options when I retire?

There are a range of options when you decide to take your pension benefits such as purchasing annuity or electing capped or flexible drawdown. It is important to review your circumstances at the point you retire, to ensure you pursue to most appropriate solution for your needs. Retirement planning is complicated and you would benefit from quality independent advice at this stage.

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Memories of an oilfield man

Tom Nicholson

Moving House Again

Carol moved to a new house three or four times while we lived in Egypt. Gordons wife and family had finally decided to come over, Marge his wife did not have an adventures spirit and expected everybody else to run around after her and she hated Egypt and their way of life with a passion; as it proved to be when we moved to Cyprus later, anyway the hunt for a apartment was on, (luckily enough I was on the rig again).

The word soon spread by word of mouth via the cleaners etc, this is what Carol and the boy's told me when I came off the rig, "We were all sitting around having coffee when Toweda the cleaner told me(Carol) that there was a man at the door who knew where there was a lovely modern flat available and she was to come and follow him immediately (yala yala) quickly quickly. With that Carol and Paul went out the door and started to walk behind this local dressed in his dishdasha (white bed sheet) and riding his bike when he began to pedal a little faster they had to start jogging, the expats who was watching thought it was hilarious this Egyptian riding his bike with a white woman and her young son following, it looked like they were chasing him, all they needed was a couple of truncheons and it would have looked like an old black and white movie with Laurel and Hardy. Anyway when he finally stopped outside of this two storey house Carol thought it didn't looked too bad". "Madame, come quickly follow me" He said, with that he began to descend down the steps below the house into the cellar of the house, the entrance was no higher than five foot. Carol was five seven and Paul about the same height at the time, "so there they were, the Egyptian was smaller than them so he could stand up and walk around with no problem but Paul and Carol with heads bent down, the Egyptian thought they liked it because they both started laughing" Yes madame follow me and look at the washing machine" so with heads down and knees slightly bent they followed him to a small room. "Cannot get any smaller surely" She whispered to Paul, and there it was in the centre of this small cave like room, I think the older readers will know what I am talking about when I say it was a very old Dolly Tub with the hand operated agitator handle for the younger readers this is a very large galvanised barrel with a handle on top to stir the water with the washing in add soap as required, By this time they were nearly on the floor with laughing. Carol said to Paul; "I have a good mind to send this address to your Dad and tell him come here from the rig and get my own back" needless to say they did not take that one and he did not understand why. We did manage to rent a nice place in New Maadi, we stayed in that one until we decided to move over to Cyprus sheer luxury although Tommy was quite content in Cairo, the only

problem that I had living in the new apartment was that it was close to a military base and there were soldiers travelling to and fro and like most of these middle eastern males they have no respect for western women they liked to touch and feel more so if she was fair skinned and blonde. I remember picking up Carols handbag it was so heavy "what on earth are you carrying in this" I said, "open it and have a look" when I did I noticed half a house brick "what on earth is this for" I asked, "I was so fed up with all those soldiers touching and shouting after me so if one did that while he was on his bicycle I would swing my bag at him and he didn't know what hit him". "Great stuff keep it in your bag then".

There was one occasion when Dennis had to go into hospital with a hernia he had this since he was very young but as was so young then it was decided to leave it for a while but a problem arose during a weight lifting exercise and he was rushed into the Anglo American hospital. Do not let the fancy title fool you, the hospital was a very old one and had been used for the British army during world war 2 and it hadn't changed but it was the best one there at the time. I remember coming off the rig and we went to see him he was fourteen years of age at the time, we decided to take a box of chocolates, these were very hard to come by there I picked them up in the government store (this store was a joke): before I carry on with Dennis I will explain about this store, this was a large warehouse that received all donations from charities and supposed to be distributed among the needy but unless the needy had the money to purchase any of these gifts they did not get it. So most of us expats had to pay for the donations that the donors from the uk sent, funny old life isn't it! Anyway, back to Dennis in hospital - armed with a large box of chocolates that the nurse immediately confiscated saying she would give them to him later but never did (hope she and the doctors enjoyed them). The doctor who performed his operation came in to speak with us, believe it or not he weighed around twenty stone and was smoking a huge cigar looking like Groucho Marx (don't ask who he was). After he left Carol gave Dennis some cake, that we had brought with us, "before I eat the cake there is something I would like you to see just watch this" with that he broke a piece of cake and threw it near the big old fire place "wait a minute and watch this" he said, no sooner had he threw the piece of cake when mouse came from the fire place grabbed the piece of cake and ran back with it. "It's no problem Dad it has become like a pet for me I call it Mickey, its great fun watching some of the antics it gets up to". Everyone to his own I suppose. After a couple of day's Dennis came home and could only perform light duties he told me but it never stopped him from going into the desert and riding horses while he was off school though, and talking of his school that was something else.....

In the next installment I will write about this school - where the teachers and some pupils sat around feet propped on the desk smoking pot, (what a life) **To be continued...**

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Church News

Pontblyddyn

Christ Church

Upcoming Services

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER: TRINITY 16

4.30 P.M. HARVEST FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

(using the old "Green Book" rite)

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

OFFICIANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 17

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 18

11.15 A.M. SERVICE AND VENUE TO BE ARRANGED

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER: TRINITY 19

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER: LAST AFTER TRINITY

9.30 A.M. A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOR ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS

IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, TREUDDYN

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER: ALL SOULS

4.00 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SOULS.

OFFICIANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 12TH NOVEMBER

10 50 A.M. SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

OFFICIANT: MISS MARIE REYNOLDS

PREACHER: REV'D PAUL DUNSFORD

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER: KINGDOM 3

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER: CHRIST THE KING

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

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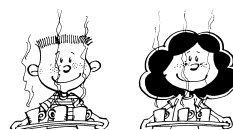
IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

28TH OCTOBER

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

Unfortunately the Vicar will not be available on that date, if you wish to speak to her on Church Business please phone to make an appointment.

THE BIG BRUNCH!



21st October

11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

in Leeswood Community Centre

Adults £4.50 and Children £3.50

Proceeds in aid of Christ Church, Pontblyddyn

ALL SOULS SERVICE – 4.00 P.M.

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2017

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

Once again we've reached the time of year when we remember, with thanksgiving, all our friends and loved ones who have died.

At our special service we will remember by name those we've known and loved, including all those whose funeral services have taken place at Christ Church during the past 2 years.

If you would like a friend or loved one to be remembered during that service, we invite you to contact the Rev'd Carole Poolman by phone or email (see opposite), or add their name to the list which will be available at the back of Christ Church from mid-October.

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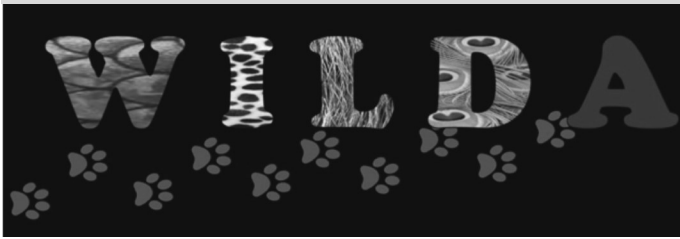
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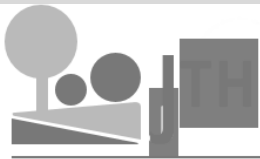
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1st Leeswood Guides

Wrexham Athletes won 28 Medals at the recent Special Olympics National Games in Sheffield.

One of the major medal winners was Megan Weetman, who won a Gold Medal in the F03 Long Jump: A Gold Medal in the F1 4x100m Relay: A Silver Medal in the F05 Shot and a Bronze Medal in the F05 100m.

Megan started in the Brownies in Leeswood 15 years ago, then also enjoyed being a Guide. She then became a Young Leader and is currently a Leader in Training.

Leeswood Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Leaders are all extremely proud of Megan and wish her well in future competitions.

Monday Craft Group



It was with sadness that the ladies learned of the death of Mrs Mary Williams in August. She had been a member of the group since we started and only her illness stopped her from joining us in the last year.

Mary enjoyed Cross-Stitching and Tapestry work. We were pleased to receive from her family, books, magazines and materials that she had collected over the years; all gratefully received. £32 was donated and this will be passed to the family to add to their charitable donations in Mary's memory.

Our next meet will be on October 2nd, and we will meet every two weeks after that, through until Christmas time. If you are interested in joining us, you will be very welcome. Our afternoon starts at 1.30pm and goes on until 4.00 pm, Tea & Biscuit included in the cost: £1.50.

C. Flitcroft

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Church News

Wesley Church, Leeswood



The **Methodist** Church

Upcoming Services

- 1st Oct.** Harvest Praise **10.45 am**
Led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 8th Oct.** Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Mr D Scanlon
- 15th Oct.** Family Praise **4 pm**
Led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 22nd Oct.** Mission Service
At Cedron
- 29th Oct.** Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Miss T Earlam
Led by Church Members

Civic Service 2.30pm

Harvest Praise

**Sunday 1st October
at 10.45 am**

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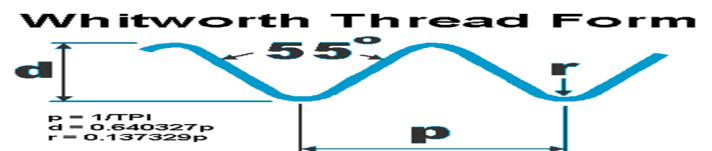
Joseph Caruana

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 priminister 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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Install smoke alarms on each level in your home. Keep them free from dust and test them once a week.

Make a fire action plan so that everyone in your home knows how to escape if there's a fire.

Keep the exits from your home clear so that people can escape if there's a fire. Make sure that everyone in your home can easily find the keys for doors and windows.

Take extra care in the kitchen - accidents while cooking account for over half of fires in homes. Never leave young children alone in the kitchen.

Take extra care when cooking with hot oil. Consider buying a deep-fat fryer which is controlled by a thermostat (if you don't already have one).

Never leave lit candles in rooms that nobody is in or in rooms where children are on their own. Make sure candles are in secure holders on a surface that doesn't burn and are away from any materials that could burn.

Make sure cigarettes are stubbed out properly and are disposed of carefully, and never smoke in bed.

Get into the habit of closing doors at night. If you want to keep a child's bedroom door open, close the doors to the lounge and kitchen. This may well help save their life if there is a fire.

Don't overload electrical sockets. Remember one plug for one socket.

Keep matches and lighters where children can't see or reach them.

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NEXT COMMUNITY WALK

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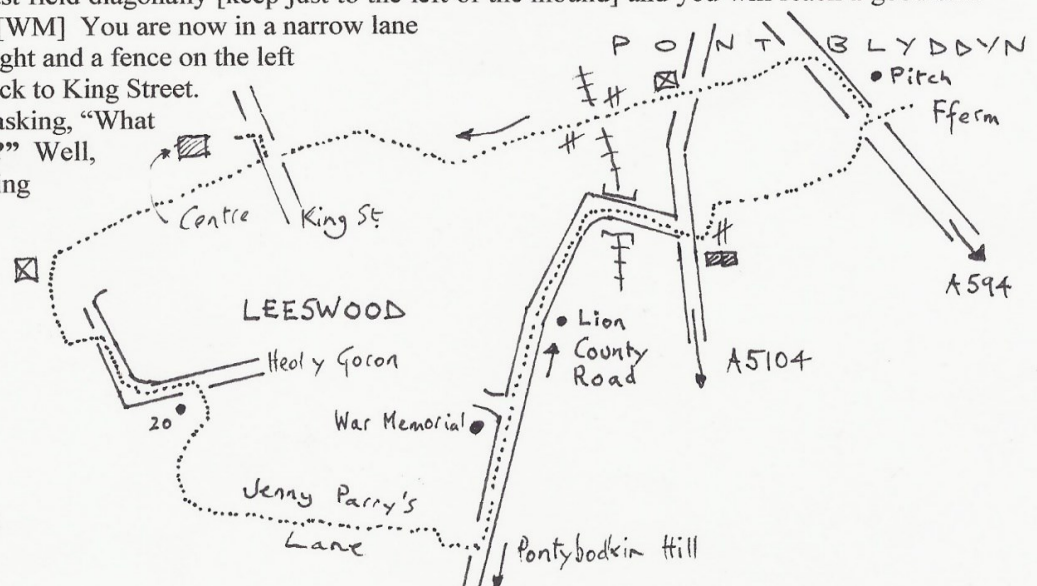
New Series
FOOTPATHS IN
LEESWOOD &
DISTRICT No 2

THE LION,
THE PITCH AND
THE WARDROBE

1. Leave the Community Centre and turn right into King Street. Just past the old School House turn right again, [WM on post] and walk up the broad lane towards the playing fields.
2. Ignore the signed footpath to the left, and as the lane narrows, look out for a kissing gate up the bank to your left, where they are currently building houses. Once through this gate you are in a small field. Keeping bungalows close by on the left, make for the hedge ahead.
3. As you pass the last bungalow, turn left as the path takes you to the road. Turn right into Heol y Goron. Follow this road with houses on either side until it veers left. Here turn off right, after No 20, into another building site. An improvised pathway to the right of the building work takes you to a gap in a chain link fence.
4. Once through the gap bear left in this narrow field. Cross the field and almost at once turn left to find another gap into Jenny Parry's Lane. Turn left. Who was Jenny Parry? And why does she have a lane named after her? you may ask. The hedge-lined lane passes a children's playground, left, before winding round the back of houses on Eaton Place, right and then left to emerge at the top of Pontybodkin Hill. [WM]
5. Cross the road and turn left. Follow the road now, and at the next junction, Bell's Corner, with the War Memorial on your left, go down County Road. A pavement emerges on the left. On the right is the site of one of Leeswood's many former pubs, **THE LION**, followed by Bethania Chapel. The footpath comes to an end, but continue down County Road, noting a thatched cottage on the left, Cefn-y-Wern. The road descends steeply taking in a sharp bend, right, where it becomes Constitution Hill [or "The Consty"], crossing the bridge over the former railway line. The road now embarks on a very sharp descent to reach the main road, the A5104. Cross the road, with care, to Nant Lodge and the safety of a pavement. Turn left.
6. Walk a little way towards Pontblyddyn, but soon look out, right, for an elegant stile [WM on a post] into a steep field leading down to a bridge over the Nant brook.
7. Here you will find an old gateway and a stile taking you onto the pavement. Cross the thundering road, and on the other side find the entrance to The Fferm. Walk down here. On the left is the old Toll gate. You will reach the ancient Jacobean house on the right. [The date over the doorway, by the way, is misleading]. Retrace your steps to the main road and turn right. Walkers in search of the **PITCH** will find Pontblyddyn Cricket Club and its delightful ground here on the right. Cross the road into the lay-by. Just before the bus stop there is a cunning tunnel of a path up, left, [WM on a post] which leads steeply back up to Corwen Road. This path is known as "The Old Brake", maybe a reference to the fact that this was the site of the colliery railway bringing tubs of coal down to the wharf. Perhaps this was where they applied the brake. Or not. "Brake" also means wood, so there may be another origin. Follow the path up The Old Brake to the road and cross over.
8. Here find a good signpost directing you on a path uphill, with another playground to the right. Here you cross the old railway line by means of two stiles and follow the field edge on your left, with a stream, uphill. You reach a field corner and pass through a gap in the old hedgerow. [WM on a post] Keep the field edge to your left making for power lines. Walk under power lines, keeping the field edge to your left, to another field corner and WM on a post to the right of a gateway.
9. The path crosses the last field diagonally [keep just to the left of the mound] and you will reach a good stile in the projecting corner. [WM] You are now in a narrow lane between a hedge on the right and a fence on the left and this will bring you back to King Street.
10. Keen readers will be asking, "What about the **WARDROBE?**" Well, I hope you've been bringing the wardrobe with you, so that you are well prepared for wet fields, rain, high winds, even sun!

Mike Stevens

MAP NOT TO SCALE



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Council Meeting Minutes

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

PRESENT

Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)
Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman
Councillors J. Atkinson, 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 D.K. Crowther and C.E. Jones JP.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES

- a) Community parking issues – Bell’s Corner and junction of King Street/Bryn Clyd – Query was raised as to whether it would be feasible to install either fencing or railings on the stretch of pavement in front of the Cenotaph on Bell’s Corner. It was reported that double yellow lines on Bell’s Corner was being looked into by Flintshire County Council. Observation made that four cars had been seen parked on Bell’s Corner at one time. It was agreed that this was very dangerous, in particular when vehicles were travelling on the highway in both directions.
- b) Footpath to the rear of numbers 24 to 42 Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – a request had been made to the Footpath Officer at Flintshire County Council to re-open the section of footpath that was currently obstructed.

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

There were no reports of anti-social behaviour or crime in Leeswood in the period 13th June to 2nd July 2017.

Incident update – Pontblyddyn

A theft of a vehicle from the A541 near Pontblyddyn had been reported.

PCSO Ellis advised that she was awaiting the return of the laser speed gun. Once it had been returned she would be conducting speed checks in the problem areas. Traffic division had been requested to consider Leeswood for monitoring when available. PCSO Ellis would be attending the Leeswood Carnival and had attended meetings with the Carnival Committee regarding routes.

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

The Clerk reported that the standard process to fill the vacancies must now be followed. This would entail advertising the notice for ten electors of the Leeswood ward to request an election. If no election was requested then the co-option procedure would be undertaken.

Should the three vacancies not be filled after this then the process would be started over again.

CEMETERY

Comment was made that the Cemetery was very tidy and looked well. It was agreed that Mr Davies and his team were doing a good job.

The Clerk reported that she had still not received an invoice for the work on the Cemetery gates.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Application reference number 056601 – 7 no dwellings.
Ivy Cottage, Queen Street, Leeswood, CH7 4RQ.

It was reported that this planning application had been passed at Flintshire County Council Planning Committee level. A site visit had been made. The development would bring some financial benefit to the community through a Section 106 agreement and this money would be going to Castell Alun High School and the Ffordd Siarl playing area.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

A meeting of the representatives of community organisations had been held with a view to forming a Steering Group on Thursday 29th June 2017. It had not been particularly well attended with a small but useful turnout. Draft questions for a questionnaire to be circulated through the Community had been compiled on the evening. Observation was made that there had been very short notice about this meeting.

The Clerk explained that she and the previous Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator had planned to circulate the invitations to the meeting on the 8th June 2017, but Ms Rogers had resigned the post.

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(continued)

This had resulted in the invitations eventually being sent to the Clerk with a very short window of time to get them out. Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the new Project Co-Ordinator, Ms Shereen Devine would be assuming her role on 24th July 2017.

RISK ASSESSMENT 2017/2018

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the Risk Assessment for 2017/2018. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that this be adopted. All Councillors were in agreement.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Councillor R. Hughes advised that through a combined effort of local County Councillors, it was hoped that a twice weekly bus service from the communities of Leeswood, Treuddyn, Llanfynydd and Nercwys to Broughton and Chester would be established. The days of the proposed service had yet to be decided, but it was unlikely that it would be on a Wednesday or Saturday as this would clash with the market in Mold.

HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Members had been circulated with correspondence from David Quick, Operational Support Manager, Hanson Heidelberg Cement in relation to the planned upgrade to the cement milling facilities at Padeswood. The letter advised that the web page linked to the Padeswood Community website where all of the statutory pre-application documentation can be viewed and downloaded is now live.

CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

A number of Councillors and the Clerk had attended the workshop with Jo Danson on Tuesday 20th June 2017. The plan is for approximately eight iBeacons to be sited in Leeswood and two in Pontblyddyn. Users would download an app and access to this would be via Bluetooth. Content on the app would be both audio and visual and the intention was to link it to the Community Council website. The next meeting with Jo Danson was to take place on Tuesday 12th September 2017.

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

Copy correspondence had been received from Mr Bob Pitts of Dingle Road, Leeswood who had forwarded a letter to Flintshire County Council about this matter.

Councillors agreed to accept this copy correspondence.

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE

E-mail correspondence received from the Community Health Council advising of a Press Release. On 28th June, the Welsh Government published a White Paper that proposed the most radical change to the patient's voice in the NHS in over 40 years. The proposals would introduce for the first time a body with a remit across health and social care. This would see the end of long standing arrangements set up to place power in the hands of local people to monitor how their NHS services are working. The Chair of North Wales CHC said stated that while CHCs welcome the intention to create a stronger citizen voice in health and social care, but are yet to be convinced that the proposals outlined do not dilute rather than strengthen this voice in some important areas.

Comment was made that the Betsi Cadwaladr NHS Trust is in 'Special Measures' and medical staff are reluctant to work for what is a failing Trust. The Trust is too big.

JOINT MEETING WITH FLINTSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Amanda Haslam, PA to Chief Officers, (Governance) and (Planning & Environment), Flintshire County Council, advising that the guest speaker at the next joint meeting with Flintshire Standards Committee and Town/Community Councils to take place on Monday 2nd October 2017 is Mr Nick Bennett, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. This was accepted.

ONE VOICE WALES – NEXT NORTH WALES AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Councillors had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Luned Evans, North Wales Development Officer, One Voice Wales advising that the next meeting of the One Voice Wales Wales Area Committee will be at Gwersyllt Resource Centre on 21st September 2017. This was accepted.

VILLAGE PLAN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Members had been circulated with the Statutory Guidance for the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 SPSF4, Collective Role Community Councils, also with copies of the Mold Town Council draft annual report and the Gwernymynydd Community Council Community Development Plan. The Clerk advised that it was suggested at some point in the future an audit requirement would be to produce an annual report. This would be in connection with the Well Being Act. Councillors expressed interest in preparing a Community Development Plan and it was agreed that a meeting be arranged separate to the monthly Community Council meeting to discuss this.

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Some news just in about Leeswood Hall.....

Coming-of-age of Miss Wynne-Eyton.

Rejoicings at Leeswood Hall.

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After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Mr S. Reynolds proposed in a felicitous manner the health of Mrs. and Miss Wynne-Eyton, and on behalf of the tenants offered Miss Wynne-Eyton hearty congratulations on attaining her majority.....

23rd January 1913, Flintshire Observer

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Leeswood Hall as Military Convalescent Home.

MISS WYNNE EYTON'S OFFER.

It was reported in the Flintshire Observer Mining Journal and General Advertiser on **29th July 1915** that "Miss Wynne Eyton, The Tower, Mold, has generously offered Leeswood Hall for use as a convalescent home, entirely rent-free... and.. that the [Flintshire Voluntary Aid] Organisation should undertake the work"

In the Flintshire Observer on **16th September 1915** there appeared a column advertising goods from STARKS, 91, 93, 95 Foregate Street Chester, including **SMART MOURNING MILLINERY in varied styles to suit everyone**

In the Denbighshire Free Press **27th October 1917**, it was reported that "Amongst the ladies connected with local hospitals "whose names have been brought to the notice of the Secretary for War for valuable service rendered in connection with the war" are.... in this locality....

1 Miss C Redfern, Sister, Auxiliary Mold Hospital, Leeswood Hall, Mold.

Mike Stevens, with grateful thanks to Kevin Mathias who researched this...Sept 2017



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

THERE WILL BE A SHORT PARADE [WALK] STARTING FROM THE
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THE COACH WILL PICK UP ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE
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ON FRIDAY THE 10TH OF OCTOBER AT THE LEESWOOD CENOTAPH.
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gardens of Leeswood was on display at the community centre along with some wonderful craft work produced by the talented members of the Leeswood craft groups. The afternoon was brought to a close with the usual auction of produce where auctioneer for the day was Raymond Hughes who tried to get the best price possible for everything from a very large onion to a trio of misshapen beetroot.

The evening began down at the Community Centre with a talk and film show by Emma Lampka, chairman of Blood Bikes Wales. She told us of the work this charity does and how it helps to save lives and NHS money. From July 2016 to the end of June 2017 they made 2,200 deliveries to hospitals across Wales. Along with blood they also transport test samples, documents, X-rays, human breast milk and other medical supplies. To find out more about the out-of-hours service they provide please go to <http://www.bloodbikes.wales> People were then invited to dance the night away to music from local band The Bushwackers and Chester trio Got Rhythm.

The total raised from the day's events was £480. Chairman Joseph Caruana and Leeswood Allotment committee would like to thank all those who supported the event.

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Leeswood Allotments

Leeswood Allotment Association held their annual open day on Saturday August 19th. This year it was decided that money raised from the various events would be shared equally between the Leeswood Community Centre and the Blood Bikes Wales charity. Volunteers from Blood Bikes Wales came to man a stall and explain their valuable work.

In the morning the allotments were open for the public to view and this year we were lucky to miss the rain that fell later in the day. It's always worth a stroll in and out of the rows to see what's done well, or not so well each year and you may even come away with a sample or two.

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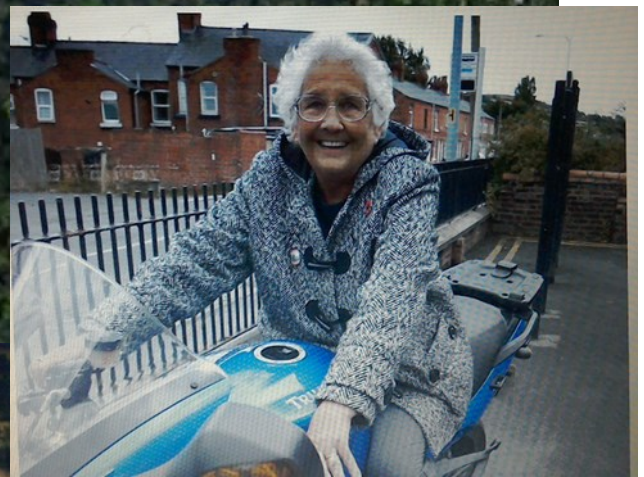


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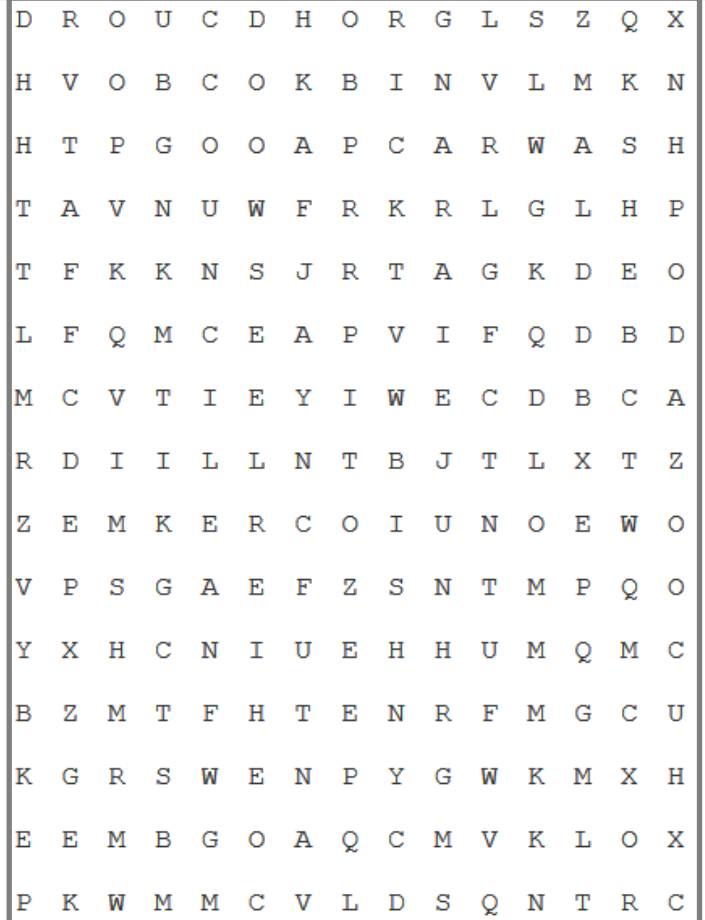
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