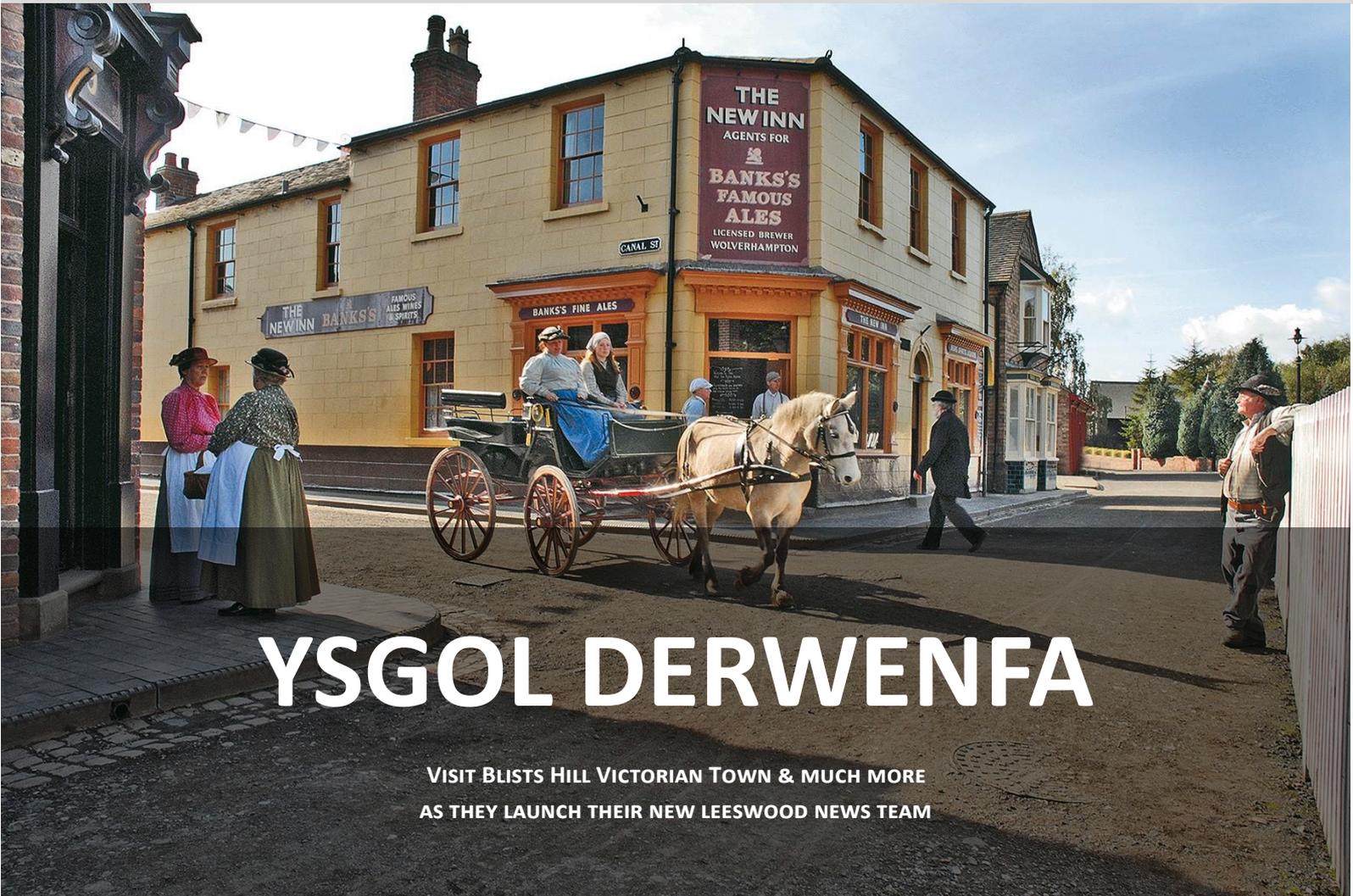


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Community Event

LEESWOOD, TREUDDYN & DISTRICT LOCAL CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2017
19:30

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE



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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

C.Flitcroft

September 28th: The Ladies Guild held their annual Harvest service, our speaker was Rev. Pat Christopher. We all shared the traditional harvest-time hymns, readings and a lovely harvest supper too! The collection amounted to £75 and it is to be given to the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.

October 12th: -

All the ladies were welcomed by Mrs Ingman. The evening was started by Miss Jenny Webb with a very apt reading. Our speakers were Miss Ella Jackson who works on a Government initiative and she is a part of the Older Persons Engagement project. She gave us a clear insight into her job and explained various aspects of it. Such as 50+ Action Group, and the use that can be made of a publication called the "Codger's Quarterly" – definitely recommended reading for the over 50's! Our second speaker was Mrs Helen Jones, who is the County representative of the "Ageing Well in Wales" initiative.

Both ladies gave us a very interesting and informative talk and they also answered some pressing questions asked by our members.

Mrs Ingman thanked both ladies for their very interesting and informative talk. Our tea hostess for the evening was Mrs Jenny Webb, she was thanked by Mrs Ingman for the tasty refreshments. The raffle prize winner was Mrs Dot Davies and the special raffle, donated by Mrs Flora Roberts, was won by Mrs Jane Owen.

Our November meetings will be on the 9th and 23rd: at 7.30 pm in the Community centre. On 9th November the speaker will be Mr James Morgan and on the 23rd Mrs C Flitcroft will be making Christmas decorations for the Table.

BINGO

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7.00 pm

EYES DOWN 7.30 pm



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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

Knowing God

Listen to the messages in the rhapsody of birdsong

For many of My Psalms are hidden here

The sounds of nature echo My love

Unrestrained through wild nature's gaze

Glimpse My face in a bright Summer flower

Smell My sweet breath in it's fragrance

Hear My voice in the soft evening rain

Soothing the weary heart

In the heat of the sun My love exists

Its rays a healing warmth

The dark silky night brings My rest

As I watch and cradle your form

To your frame Silhouetted in the pale moonlight

I whisper peace My love

God's eternal peace My love

All is well, all is well

Jennie Starling: 14/8/17



Shelter

Your cloak of love so deep

Shelters me

In affliction's icy blast

The caress of your warm breath

Soothes my furrowed brow

In hearts agony I cling

To the rock that is higher than I

And in obedience's final act

I will praise your holy name

From Psalm 61

Jennie Starling: 6/8/17



A warm welcome to all – Croeso cynnes i bawb

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Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell



Hi folks, we are sorry but it is going to be a very short write up this month. We will however concentrate briefly on our up-and-coming AGM and Christmas Bingo.

As we reported in last month's edition, our AGM is being held at the Community Centre on Monday 13th November 2017. However, please note that we have had to change the time of the meeting from 7.00pm to 7.30pm due to the Centre already being in use. There is a new poster advertised in this edition with the correct time but we would ask you to kindly take heed of the section referring to volunteers. We are desperate.

There are no other words to describe the situation to be honest. The bigger we go the more hands on deck and boots on the ground we need. If we do not get them, then we do not grow. It is as simple as that. It is difficult enough to cope with the size we are now with just the very few helpers we have. We would therefore really appreciate a good turn out by the Community, even if it is just to put your two penn'orth worth in!

Our accounts are currently being dealt with ready for the AGM and ready for public viewing. We invite all members of the public who wish to know our lay-outs and profits for the year to the meeting so that they can see the figures for themselves.

The Committee will be leaflet-dropping the whole village so that no-one misses the opportunity to attend this all important meeting.

Concentrating quickly now on the Bingo before we finish, just to reiterate, our Christmas Prize Bingo Night will be held on Wednesday 29th November 2017 at the Community Centre in Leeswood. Doors will open at 7.00pm and eyes down for prizes will be at 7.30pm. And let me tell you folks, these prizes are well worth winning ready for Christmas! Hopefully we'll have lots of support, just like we always do.

That's it for now folks. Next month's edition will include a follow up to the AGM and of course Bingo night and how much we managed to raise from that. It will also hopefully include a date for Santa's visit to the village in December, yet to be discussed by the Committee, but certainly not one to miss!!



CPR and Defibrillator Training Update

Louise Hoyle Fennell

Dear Readers,

At last! Good news!! Our village defibrillators are on their way!!! I appreciate that you have not heard much from me in the way of updates but I have to say it has been a bit of a task to secure training dates for the two venues. Nevertheless, we are finally there, and better late than never I say!

The Welsh Hearts Charity who supply the machines, hold training sessions and provide regular maintenance of them, are attending Ysgol Derwenfa Primary School on Wednesday 8th November 2017 and Leeswood Community Centre on Saturday 18th November 2017.

The training session at the school will be private and will be solely for the pupils and the staff. I do know that the Co-ordinator for this area (Mr Nick Aitken) will be talking to the children in the afternoon and then there will be a further session for all staff.

The Community Centre training session however is a public event. It is essential that the public who use the Centre use this opportunity to undertake basic CPR training on offer and how to use the defibrillator machine (should it ever be needed). After all, like I have said previously, what is the point of having these machines if you don't even know how to turn them on! Don't be frightened by technology. So long as you know how to turn it on, the machine tells you the rest as you go along. But, to see for yourself, you really should do your best to attend.

The session at the Community Centre commences at 4.00pm. If there is major interest and a large number attend then the Charity will most certainly look at putting on a further session at a later date.

I have placed a poster in this edition and there will be further adverts up and around in different places, and indeed my lovely colleagues from the Carnival Committee are leaflet-dropping pretty much the whole village at the same time as their AGM posters go out. Lucky for me eh! Feel free though to mention it to your friends or neighbours just in case they are not fortunate enough to have had a leaflet through their door as I would hate for someone to say they didn't know about it and would have loved to attend.

The training session is free. However, the Charity have indicated that if people wish to undertake the training and have a certificate to prove so then there will be a small cost of £5.00. Well worth it I say. And well worth it for anyone who wishes to add to their C.V. that they are CPR and defibrillator trained.

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CPR and Defibrillator Training Update

Louise Hoyle Fennell

If you wish to attend, but more importantly wish obtain a certificate, then please text me on 07787 856056 to secure your place at the session on the 18th or message me via social media's Facebook page (search for me under the name Louise Hoyle Fennell). It simply gives me, the Charity, and the Centre Committee a rough idea of the interest and how many to seat on the day. Plus I believe that there may be refreshments available afterwards so it's worth attending to then be able to sit and have a chat with people you may not have seen for a while.

As I mentioned in a previous write-up, 12 young people die suddenly from an undiagnosed heart condition each week in the UK and there is just a 3% survival rate out of 8,000 sudden cardiac arrests that occur beyond hospitals in Wales alone. Only weeks after my fundraising, someone sent me a link on the internet to a story of a 10 year old girl in Ireland who died on the playground from an undiagnosed heart condition. And now, well, everyone there is rallying around fundraising for a defibrillator - that little machine that could very well have increased her chances of survival or indeed have saved her life.

Like I also said in that previous write-up, the Community Centre is used frequently for various clubs and activities, meetings, bingos and discos, not to mention "funeral gatherings", so it is a matter for yourselves to consider whether or not you feel it is important enough to want to attend.

Remember, the Centre has already seen its fair share of sorrow and it is for those two gentlemen who suffered, and their families, which is why I have done this.

I do hope you can consider **not** sitting at home with that mind-set that it doesn't matter and that you don't need to go and that somebody else will know how to use it as, like I also said previously, what if you were the person lying on the floor needing that life-saving assistance, your life slipping away? Would you be wishing people had attended the training session then in order to save you?

Am I getting through? That ambulance sadly never did!

Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell

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Working families where one partner earns more than £50,000 per annum are currently subject to a 'child benefit tax charge.' The higher income charge is applied at 1% of every £100.00 of net income over £50,000. This charge can mean that the amount of child benefit you can claim is reduced or removed all together.

This charge is applied despite how many children you have or whether your partner works or not. Further to this people taking a break from work can loose out on their state pension if they don't apply for child benefit even if a tax charge would eradicate it all together. Always apply regardless to ensure you receive National Insurance credit!

I am hovering above the charge threshold, what can be done to improve my eligibility?

Any personal pension contributions made during the same tax year as your child benefit calculation are deducted from net income and therefore can act to reduce earnings below the £50,000 threshold if required.

For example, someone earning £52,000 per annum could make a pension contribution of £1,800.00, which with 20% tax relief at source, would gross up to £2,250.00. This deducted from the £52,000 salary brings earnings down to £49,750.00, therefore under the child benefit tax threshold.

Further to this, the general tax benefits of making personal pension contributions are copious, so it should be a double incentive to consider regular pension savings should you be in the 'child benefit tax trap'. Anyone who is not making any pension contributions is also missing out on personal tax advantages for both basic and higher rate tax payers.

To talk more about pension planning, your entitlement to child benefit or to review your existing provisions, please do not hesitate to contact Clickery Financial, for a non obligation consultation. We are expert pension planners and can help with any queries you have.

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Memories of an oilfield man

Tom Nicholson

To leave Egypt or not?

By now we had settled fairly well in Cairo and slowly getting used to the Egyptian culture and their way of life, but I suppose things were different for me, coming off the rig it was like a holiday.

After working an 84 hour week, for a month I was ready to relax and enjoy my two weeks off with the family. I don't suppose I gave a great deal of thought about how Carol and the boys were adapting to this way of life. When I think back Carol's life must have been quite hectic ensuring the boy's left for school and arrived home on time, although we employed a cleaner, Carol would wait until she had gone home then she would get the vac out and start again. Due to the heat and humidity we would have to change our clothing twice or sometimes three times a day, although the washing machine in this apartment was old, it still managed the job. Some-days she would visit or go shopping with the other expat wives and have a walk around the local markets or into the City, and for anybody interested in golf there was a half decent golf course,

Mentioning the golf course reminds me of: Jack Feller, he was an American rig manager from another rig, sometimes myself and a couple of working mates would go to the golf course with a crate of beer and follow Jack around if only to watch his antics, he lost more golf balls not to mention his golf clubs! In fits of rage he would fling whatever club he was using into a tree or sand dune then storm off in a right paddy - the next day an Egyptian boy would be trying to sell his club or balls back to him,

With Christmas approaching and very little choice of shopping stores it was decided that a couple of wives would take a flight to Athens in Greece with a shopping list of presents suitable for the children of employees that were living in Cairo. All expenses, flights and gifts and a night in a hotel for the night, were paid for by the company,

The company arranged for an evening of entertainment in the Hilton hotel for the adults, the tables were laden with all branded label bottles of spirits the rule was if the bottle still had a cork or top on they were to be left on the table, but if they had been opened we could take them home,

I must say that the company IDC looked after us extremely well while we were on contract, we were allowed a certain amount of freedom, making allowances for the normal rough hard working behaviour of oilfield workers, but there were limits to behaviour that the company allowed and if you were fired from your job the company was legally bound to return you and your family back to your place of origin home) with one exception that if you quit the job yourself you would be liable for all expenses, flights, shipment etc.

That could be very costly, and it happened quite often, but the incentive to complete our two year contract was a lucrative bonus, Christmas had been and gone although it was business as usual on my rig 22, Barge Zarah, moving the rig and the barge to new locations laying out the eight anchors, spudding into the sea bed, drilling and if we were lucky strike oil and then bring in the well and burn off (flare).

During one working hitch (time on the rig) an incident occurred that I remember making me a little ashamed of being British: there was one of our mechanics who had his watch taken from his bedside table while he was on the deck. This very unusual because this was the first time anything had been stolen (or missing) in the eighteen months I had worked on this rig. The mechanic owned two watches one for his dress watch and one for working. Normally we left our valuables back on shore for security reasons. I think he forgot to leave his Rolex at home, anyway it went missing. The first person to be suspected was the Egyptian steward who cleaned and changed the beds out, he denied this and I for one believed him as I had known him from day one on the rig. On a rig or anywhere for that matter is a serious offence and it makes all the crew suspects. Anyway an Helicopter with the Egyptian police landed on the Helideck and as there was only one suspect (the steward) the two policeman took this poor man into an empty cabin and commenced to beat the hell out of him with their truncheons. I really wanted to interfere but was seriously warned not to. These police men then told my boss that the steward had admitted taking the watch but did not know where he had put it; his cabin was stripped as well as his body, still no watch was found, a stretcher was called for the steward to be carried onto the helicopter for further investigation,

It was a week later when the truth came out, Mohammed asked if he could speak with me as I had a good working relationship with all of my crew and he could speak good English, "what's the problem" I asked, "We do not think the steward took Mr Willies watch" he told me, "and why do you think that" he looked very embarrassed when he replied, "Mr Dave the assistant driller came out of Mr Willies cabin then his watch went missing" This Dave the assistant driller had only arrived on the rig the previous week, he had been transferred from our Bahrain division, "Are you sure about this Mohammed because this is a very serious accusation who witnessed this"

"Two roustabouts were talking in the alley way when they saw him come out of the cabin" he replied. I asked "will they repeat this to Luke (our rig boss)" he told me they would be willing to, I was still a little doubtful because some of the locals tend to tell porkies, any I asked him to fetch them to the office in five minutes then I went to Luke's office.

"This is one hell of a situation, if it's true that poor steward got the hell beaten out of him for nothing, tell the assistant driller to come down off the rig floor and come to my office then bring those two guys in with Mohammed to translate

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Memories of an oilfield man

Tom Nicholson

To leave Egypt or not? (cont.)

and while there in the office, I need you and a witness to make a serious search of his cabin I will also ask him for the keys to his locker”

I asked Jimmy King, the off-duty driller to accompany me in the search. I won't go into all the detail, but we did find the stolen watch in his locker, the result was that he was immediately fired

with the detailed reason on his record this would be available to any future employers, in my opinion he got off far too lightly. We later found out the reason for his transfer from Bahrain was theft and they found it easier for them to send him to us and save that division the hassle.

The rig manager asked Salah from the office to inform the police of the situation, but I never found the outcome of it.

Apologies if I drift from one story to another but these little memories keep coming back to me. I tend to write them as they come to me. I do remember we had more thefts in the North Sea than I ever recall while working abroad, I will relate to these in later issues,

Our time living in Egypt was coming to an end, not because I didn't like it but we had to think of the boy's education and I did not want to move back to the UK so we looked into the possibility of moving to Cyprus which I will mention in the next issue, below are a few photo's (boring I know :-)



We did not know how the company would react to the possibility of us moving to Cyprus as we were supposed to live in the division(Egypt) and the invasion of Cyprus had recently ended, but more about that later. There are still a number of incidents that I was involved in during drilling for GUPCO (Egypt) in the Gulf of Suez, between Israel gun boats and us..

...to be continued .

Nightingale House Hospice Group

Thank you to all the wonderful people who supported our fundraising Bingo on the 4th October at Leeswood Community Centre. The magnificent sum of £459 was raised for the Hospice. Thank you also, to the folk in Leeswood and surrounding areas who kindly donated prizes for the bingo and the raffle. A thank you also to the following Businesses who donated bingo prizes: Leeswood Co-op stores, The Bridge Inn, Pontblyddyn Aqua Hairdressers, Caergwrle Studio 18 Hairdressers, The Sandwich Shop (Caergwrle), Alyn Carpets (Caergwrle), The Butcher shop Caergwrle.

Our next fund-raiser is on the 2nd December at Leeswood Community Centre at 6.30. Father Christmas will be visiting briefly. The centre are having a Table Top sale, and as well as beautifully made local craft items and other interesting stalls, we will also have a stall selling Nightingale House Hospice goods and doing "Trash for Treasure". We hope to see you there.

On 22nd December – we have our fund-raising Carol service in the Leeswood Community centre at 7.30pm. We have some extra special guests as well as favourite carols and a raffle. Gifts for raffle prizes would be great fully received – please give to Anne, Jane or Jenny at the Community Centre, on any Tuesday from 10-2pm, or on the night. Our new President; Mrs Lucille Ingham will be presenting a cheque to the Hospice. We hope to see you all there in good voice

Many thanks: Lucille, Bryn, Jane, Lucy, Jenny, Bryan, John, Jane Owen and Flora.

“Moans of the month”

To the people who park on the corners, making it difficult for the buses to get up the estate, especially to the elderly persons bungalows. Would it possible to park behind your houses in your own parking spaces? We really can't afford to lose the bus service: which has been threatened before. There are a lot of people who cannot drive and therefore need the buses and also others who cannot manage the hill with their heavy shopping and need the bus to take them up the hill.

Please can the Drawing Pin Eating Pixies, that eat the pins on the notice board outside Ysgol Derwenfa, please change their diet?

To the Middle-Aged Gentleman who was spotted, with total horror, driving past the school towards the co-op, using two mobile phones (one in eat hand), one to each ear and driving his car using his elbows.....Hope you were a visitor – and therefore won't 'drive' through our community like this again.....

Thank you to the kind people in Pontblyddyn who rushed an injured animal to a Vet. Don't know who you were – but thank you.



LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

invite the Community to their

A.G.M.

to be held at

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017

7.30pm

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Upcoming Services

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

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

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER: ADVENT SUNDAY

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

OFFICIANT: REV JOHN POOLMAN

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER: ADVENT 2

4.00P.M. CHAOTIC CAROL SERVICE

WITH THE CHOIR OF YSGOL DERWENFA.

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER: ADVENT 3

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

4.00P.M. EVENING SERVICE

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

NO MORNING SERVICE

11.00 P.M. MIDNIGHT MASS

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

25TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE

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NATIVITY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 9TH – SUNDAY 10TH
DECEMBER

EVENING PRAYER

IN CHRIST CHURCH.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have very reluctantly decided that we must bring the regular monthly evening services to an end. There will be a service **17th December**, then from January 2018 there will be an occasional, well publicised, Evening Service in Christ Church, at approximately 3 monthly intervals i.e. Easter, Summer-time, Autumn/Harvest & Advent. Carole.

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

7.30 P.M. CIVIC & MISSION AREA

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

In Christ Church, Pontblyddyn

Followed by refreshments

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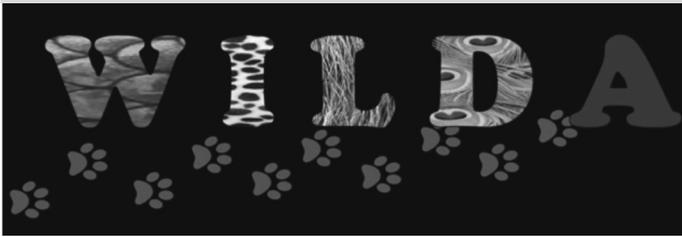
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Over the weekend of 6/7th October, the Leeswood Guides joined hundreds of other Guides, at the "Big Gig" in London, a 1st for some of the girls. Whilst there, we visited The London Dungeon as well as Downing Street. It had been worth doing all the Bag-packing, Coffee mornings, and Quizzes, that enabled us to raise the money, which meant we were able to do these incredible things.

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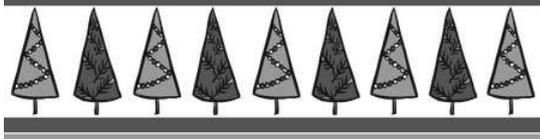
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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

The environment is one of the most important issues that are being talked about at the present time. The subject touches a comprehensive range of aspects some of which affect us in our daily life, and influence the way we live. We see many initiatives that are taken in order to help preserve the environment and make the general public more aware of individual responsibility towards achieving a sustainable system. Sustainable energy has been with us for some good few years and it is being implemented at a good rate of continuous development. However, one should distinguish between sustainable energy and sustainable systems. Everybody knows that the two most common forms of sustainable energy are solar energy and wind energy. Nevertheless, although both solar energy and wind energy produces energy from natural sources without having to put energy input like oil or gas, they do require maintenance and therefore the energy generated is not totally free. This takes us to the next scenario as to what percentage of renewability is the system which is applied to manage the transformation of energy from one form into another. By looking at the broader picture as a renewable system rather than just a renewable source of energy, one might be in a better position to understand how renewable the whole application is. It could also inspire us to apply renewable systems not just to sources of energy, but to other applications as well.

When a system is self sustaining, it could be classed as a renewable system, nevertheless, the percentage of renewability should be noted in order to determine how renewably efficient the system is. To this end, let us consider

two different solar panel systems, and although the systems uses the same renewable energy source, the arrangement is different. It is commonly known that solar panels convert sun light into electricity, and therefore they generate the largest amount of energy when they are directly facing the sun. As the sun travels from east to west, and most solar panels are set to face south, then the only time the system is running at maximum efficiency is at midday when the sun is in direct alignment with the solar panels. This system is therefore not as efficient as it could be, and improvements could be implemented. One such improvement would be to mount the solar panels in a way that they can follow the sun along its path from east to west like a sun flower. In order to achieve this, one would need to introduce a sun tracking system. A sun tracking system involves an electronic arrangement which acts as the brain of the system to track the sun, an electrical mover which will be in the form of a motor or actuator, and an arrangement of gearing of linkages to transmit the movement from the motor or actuator to the solar panels.

From studies which has been carried out, it has been estimated that by arranging the solar panels to follow the sun, one can increase the efficiency by over fifty per cent. This clearly shows that former renewable system is less efficient then the latter system, and there it might be more practical to refer to renewable energy as a renewable energy system rather than as renewable energy items on their own, such as solar panel. When one consider that the sun flower has been tracking the sun for hundreds of years, one might appreciate how advanced nature can be, and if we observe nature we might learn how to develop things that works with nature and achieve optimum efficiency. It might also be beneficial to understand the might of nature, and harness it in our favour in a friendly manner.

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Leeswood Legends

- Phoenix Park -



Long, long ago, when Leeswood was filled with coal mines, there lived a phoenix called Lucan. Lucan was a kind, caring phoenix and would not let any harm come to the people of Leeswood. He was born in 1819 and guarded the coal mines as the almighty protector of the village. He fought bravely against wild animals including panthers and wolves. Then, one day, Lucan's powers were tested in the most brutal way.

Herodotus was an evil phoenix who came from Greece and wanted to take over the village of Leeswood. Now you might think that it's impossible to kill a phoenix but only a phoenix can kill another phoenix. There was an almighty battle, high up in the grey sky where no-one would be able to see them. Lightning streaked across the sky as the two phoenixes fought to the death. The two of them battled well into the night in the pouring rain, grey sky and thunder. Herodotus fired bolts at a terrific speed but Lucan destroyed them wisely. Lucan clapped his wings together once and Herodotus was blasted backwards by the force of it. He went tumbling towards the ground, falling through the sky and landed on top of a high tree. The phoenix flew towards Lucan and knocked him out completely leaving him hanging there in the sky. Then he carried Lucan down to a tree, "You are weak!" he said.

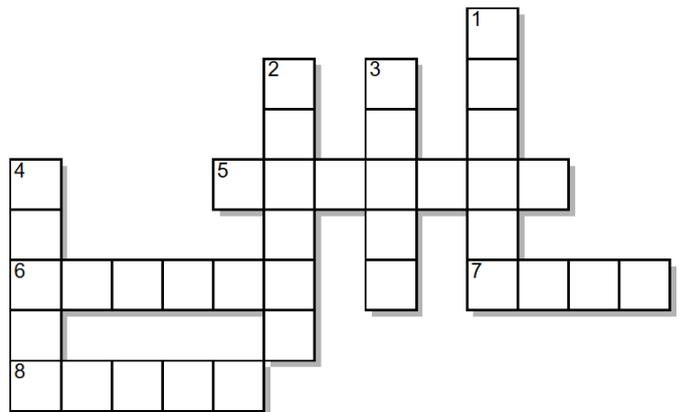
Lucan got up bravely and said, "I will fight for Leeswood."

Lucan got ready to fight possibly his last battle. They flew high up into the air and started to fight, phoenix to phoenix. Lucan clapped his wings together and each time he clapped his wings a wave of golden light would surge through the sky towards Herodotus.

The force covered him but didn't kill him. Lucan knew what to do. He flew at a terrific speed towards Herodotus, his long feathery wings outstretched, the powerful force spread out behind him like a huge wave was following him. He stopped flying right in front of Herodotus and clapped his wings once, the wave of power that was behind him sped forwards and covered Herodotus. Herodotus silently exploded into fire and Leeswood was safe.

That's why Phoenix Park is called Phoenix Park. The park itself rose from the ashes of the coal mines just like a phoenix rises out of the ashes to live forever. Lucan lives on today, watching the people that come and go in Phoenix Park. He protects Leeswood from any harm and scares away evil so that Leeswood is forever safe.

By Daniel Robertson, Ysgol Derwenfa



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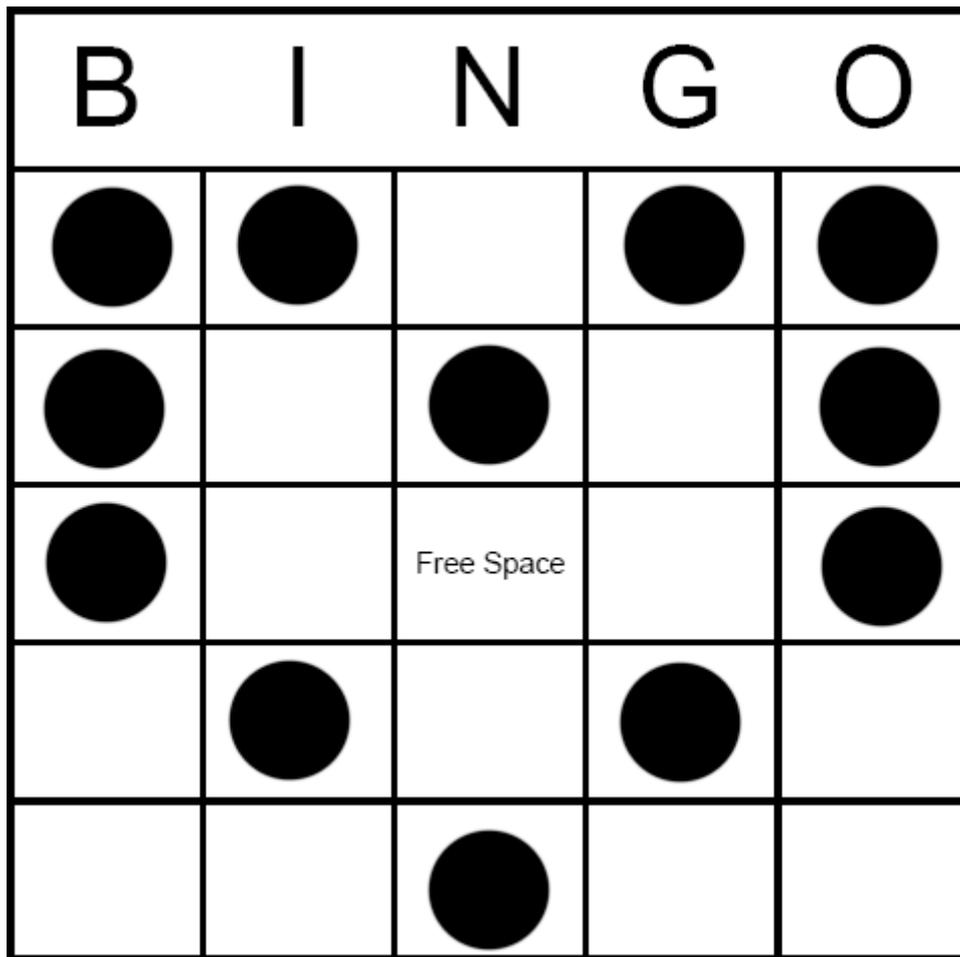
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PRIZE BINGO ON WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY IN
LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE



ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO YSGOL DERWENFA

DOORS OPEN: 6:30 PM

EYES DOWN: AT 7 PM

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BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN YSGOL DERWENFA

Throughout the school we have been doing a lot of work. Our topic for big teds and year 1/2 is human body, year 3 is Ancient Egypt, year 4 it's the Tudors and for year 5/6 it is Victorians. Most of us have done welsh with Mrs. Drake and most of us are learning a poem in welsh that we would sing in class.

Extra-curricular activities offered this term:

Monday	CHOIR WITH MRS DILKES YEAR 3-6 AND COOKING WITH MRS HUGHES
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL WITH MR.GODWIN FOR 5,6 AND GARDENING WITH MRS.CARTWRIGHT
WEDNESDAY	UNFORTUNATLY NO CLUBS FOR TODAY
THURSDAY	DRAMA WITH MRS.DARKE
FRIDAY	NO CLUBS FOR TODAY BUT THAT MIGHT CHANGE



We would like to talk to you about the flood. We would like to thank everyone who gave their time and support to get our wonderful school going again, thank you to the people that have donated money to the school and also to those who raised money for us and who have given the school resources. We're all really pleased to be back in school!!!



Development Through Care

By The Ysgol Derwenfa Leeswood News Team

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A REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 15th AUGUST 2017.

PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The new Project Co-Ordinator, Ms Shereen Devine was in attendance. Ms Devine advised that her post is for 21 hours per week. She had met with the Clerk two weeks ago to discuss the Community groups and their contacts. Although Lynze Rogers had met with some of the groups, Ms Devine intended to meet with them to introduce herself. It had been quite helpful for Ms Devine to have the month of August to 'acclimatise' herself to the role and go through the information that had been collated by Lynze Rogers. The Playscheme was in operation on the School field for the summer holidays and Councillor R. Hughes offered to accompany Ms Devine to meet with the children and Playleaders. Councillor R. Hughes would also accompany Ms Devine to the Youth Club and Ysgol Derwenfa once they had re-opened in September. Ms Devine advised that Mr Clive Venables had very kindly taken her on a tour of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn.

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the questionnaires devised by the Steering Group had been circulated on Carnival Day. A wide range of ages had been approached and it was felt that there was a good cross-section of the Community who had participated. In particular a thank you must be made to Mr Mike and Mrs Gayle Brand for the excellent effort they had made in encouraging residents to complete the forms. It was pointed out that it would be interesting to see the results of the questionnaire. Ms Devine was to go through them and provide a table of the information obtained.

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana thanked Ms Devine for attending the meeting.

EXTERNAL AUDIT 2016/2017

E-mail correspondence regarding Outstanding Review Points for the External Audit 2016/2017 had been received from BDO LLP.

A Welsh council's website must contain the following information: - a) The clerk's telephone number, postal address and email address b) The councillor's details, including their name, party affiliation and any office or committee held. c) Prior year audited statement of accounts for the previous 3 years. If this is not available, a qualified issue will be raised. Observation was made that a lot of information on the website had been lost and it was now undergoing an upgrade.

No register of members' interests is maintained by the council as councillors are expected to declare any on a meeting by meeting basis. Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 requires a community council to maintain and publish a register of members' financial and other interests. This has to be published on a website. The external auditor would recommend that when a councillor takes office they are asked to complete a register of interests form to ensure all the information required to be published is done so, even if no conflicts exist. Members present were circulated with a form to complete and the information would be collated and put on the website as per requirement.

FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN

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

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman (in the Chair) Councillors D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, 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 J. Caruana, Chairman.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

POLICE LIAISON

Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman welcomed PCSO 3684 Peter Jones to the meeting. He is the new PSCO for the community of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. The other communities within his responsibility are Treuddyn, Llanfynydd, Cymau, Ffrith, Abermorddu, Caergwrle, Hope and Higher Kinnerton.

PCSO Jones presented a report on the crime issues in the Community from 5th July to 5th September 2017.

Public Order Incidences

County Road, Leeswood – fighting and shouting in the street.
Ffordd Celyn, Leeswood – damage to a trampoline.

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidences

08/07/2017 – County Road, Leeswood – house party.
09/07/2017 – County Road, Leeswood – unknown if this incident relates to the same property as 08/07/2017.
28/07/2017 – Ffordd Celyn, Leeswood – youths throwing stones.
07/08/2017 – Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – youths shouting abuse.
19/08/2017 – Grounds of Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood – a number of youths on the school grounds.
21/08/2017 – eggs thrown at a property.

PCSO Jones advised that he would be providing information on how the issues were dealt with. It had been noted that there was a significant amount of anti-social behaviour involving children. PCSO Jones stated that there had been a multi-services meeting, this included Social Services and the Housing Department at Flintshire County Council.

Observation was made that the previous PCSO, Andrea Ellis had advised that she would be conducting speed checks in the problem areas of the Community, it would be appreciated when possible if PCSO Jones could do this. It was pointed out that there are issues with vehicles parking part on and part off the pavement through the Community. PCSO Jones pointed out that the modern-day issues of households having many vehicles is not supported by the old-style buildings and lack of parking spaces.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule thanked PCSO Jones for attending the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 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.
The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

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

The Clerk reported that there had not been a request from ten electors to hold an election. A notice requesting invitations for individuals to put their names forward for co-option would now be placed on the notice boards.

CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes informed that he was still waiting to meet with Mr Aled Davies, the Cemetery sub-contractor. Comment was made that the Cemetery was being kept in very good condition and looked well. All Councillors 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 APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 057343 Demolition of the existing cement storage and loading facilities and the erection of a new Vertical Roller Mill (VRM), rail loading facility and modification to and extension of the existing railway line, together with ancillary development. Castle Cement Ltd, Chester Road, Padeswood, Mold, CH7 4HB.

Information on this planning application had already been received from Hanson Heidelberg Cement. All Councillors agreed that no objection be made to this.

FINANCE REPORT Q1 2017/2018

Councillors had been circulated with the financial reports for quarter 1 2017/2018. It was proposed by Councillor C.E.

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Jones JP and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that these be accepted. All Councillors in agreement.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that he had spoken with Mrs Shereen Devine, the Age Friendly Project Co-Ordinator earlier. The analysis of the questionnaire was in progress and the key points would be drawn out to form an action plan.

FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN

All Councillors agreed that this item be postponed for discussion following the iBeacon meeting on Tuesday 12th September 2017.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Councillor R. Hughes advised that it was hoped 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 was still under discussion, also the times the bus would travel.

HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

The Clerk reported that Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman, had informed that the next planned Liaison Group meeting had been postponed. This was partly due to the death of County Councillor Ron Hampson and partly because there was some outstanding consultation required in regard to the proposed development at the works.

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

Councillor R. Hughes advised that yellow lines on Bell's Corner had been put in the capital programme for 2018/2019. It was possible that the work could be done earlier if the Community Council were prepared to fund it themselves.

Councillor R. Hughes informed that he was waiting on a further report about the possibility of yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street.

It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the cost of the project on Bell's Corner be looked into and if there was a possibility of a Community Council/County Council match funding initiative.

FOOTPATH TO THE REAR OF 24 TO 42 HEOL-Y-GORON, LEESWOOD

The footpath inspector from Flintshire County Council had been out to the site. This footpath was to be cleared of obstruction. Work was to be also carried out on Jenny Parry's Lane.

CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

A meeting with Jo Danson was to take place on Tuesday 12th

September 2017 at 6.30pm. All Councillors are welcome to attend.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2017

Members had been circulated with correspondence from the judging of the Best Kept Communities Competition 2017.

In Section B - the village of Leeswood was awarded a Certificate of Merit

The Judges remarked that this is a nice village with a lot going on but unfortunately this was not included in the entry form – neither was a map provided. It was disappointing to see cans and bottles in the skate park even though there was a bin close by. In future can you include community newsletters, carnivals programmes, information on litter picks, for example with your entry? Anything that happens in Leeswood whatever time of the year. A detailed map would be useful (it could just be a sketch) telling the judges where to look. Community spirit was everywhere in this village. Look forward to next year. Pontblyddyn was also entered into Section B:

The following are the observations made by the Judges, the Bridge Inn Pub looked spectacular again this year. The Cricket Club looked much improved this year. Alyn Terrace and the public cemetery looked lovely. The Church and Church yard and surrounding area was very nice. It is still a shame the garage is not on board with the competition by providing hanging baskets/flower boxes for example, as it would make such a difference. Look forward to visiting again next year In Section D - Heol y Dderwen, Leeswood was awarded a Certificate of Merit:

The Judges commented that it was a vibrant little estate with some really lovely properties, but there was a couple of empty properties – the judges look forward to seeing how it looks next year. Maes y Meillion, Leeswood was also entered in Section D:

The Judges remarked that it was a very pleasant little estate with some outstanding gardens. Unfortunately, the planters were being filled the day we visited – the plants should have been well established by July. Look forward to next year.

TOWN OR COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON FLINTSHIRE'S PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

E-mail correspondence had been received from Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council requesting nominations for this position. All agreed to accept this correspondence.

SOUTH FLINTSHIRE POLICE CONSULTATION EVENING

Sarah Evans, North Wales Police, had forwarded an invitation to attend the next South Flintshire Police Consultation Evening to be held at Mold Town Hall on Thursday 21st September 2017, 6.00pm till 7.30pm. Councillors D.K. Crowther and D. Rule stated that they would attend.

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

From Colin Everett, Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council, e-mail correspondence giving advanced notification that the event for our area would be held on Monday 6th November 2017 at Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold, 6.30pm till 8.30pm.

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE

Members had been circulated with a Press Statement on behalf of the Board of Community Health Councils in Wales.

This statement advised that the Consultation Institute has expressed serious concerns about the proposal to abolish CHCs in Wales, particularly in relation to independence, credibility and the lack of meaningful public involvement in service change. They have warned of the dangers of repeating the English experience of abolishing CHCs; "Community Health Councils were abolished in England a decade ago. Now Wales is thinking of doing the same. In England, their demise led to a succession of failed initiatives. CHCs were replaced by Public and Patient Forums. They were then abandoned in favour of Local Involvement Networks (LINKs), and we now have HealthWatch, with the jury still out on their effectiveness". An event to consider the issues raised by the White Paper is proposed. The CHC movement will be sending delegates to this and it is considered that the debate will be useful to form a response and counter-proposals to the White Paper.

Councillors agreed to accept this correspondence.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND VISIT BY THE OMBUDSMAN

Councillors had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Mandy Haslam, PA to Chief Officers (Governance) and (Planning & Environment), Flintshire County Council, reminding of the above meeting to be held on Monday 2nd October 2017. This was accepted.

ONE VOICE WALES – REFORM OF DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Correspondence had been received from Paul R. Egan, Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager, One Voice Wales advising of the NALC legal briefing regarding the Reform of Data Protection Legislation. This provides important information on changes to the data protection legislation which Community Council's need to be aware of and plan accordingly. It is the intention of One Voice Wales to work with the Information Commissioner's Office to arrange a number of seminars throughout Wales on this topic. The details of these will be provided in due course.

Blists Hill Victorian Town Trip

The Ysgol Derwenfa Leeswood News Team



Mr. Godwin's class went to Blists Hill Victorian Town Museum in Iron Bridge. Everyone arrived at school at 07:50 and then everyone got onto the bus. It was supposed to be a 2 hour drive in a Davies coaches bus but, for some reason, it took around about one and a half hours to get there. For some people it was a funny bus ride and for some other people it was a long journey.

When we arrived, the first thing we did was go into a humongous room where on the walls they showed a video of what life was like in the Victorian Era. After that, we were taken into the Victorian Village itself. We were separated into boys and girls, and we had to sort ourselves into height order. Then we went to the changing room for the school. The boys wore a jacket, a neck scarf and a hat that looked like a horse riding cap.

In the Victorian School itself, we all had to sit at desks, on benches, in rows facing the front. Boys had to sit with their backs straight and their hands joined behind their backs. Girls had to sit with their backs straight, hands joined and resting in their laps. We had to chant, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," three times. We wrote on slateboards with chalk pencils and our teacher had a cane. She was really quite scary! After the Victorian School experience, we went on a caged train and were taken into a dark tunnel. When inside the tunnel, we watched a video of a boy, aged ten, setting a fuse off. Steven was petrified!

After lunch, we separated into our groups and spent our Victorian money on many things. While Mr. Godwin's group and Mrs. Roberts' group were on the fairground, guess where Mr. Jones' group was? They were queuing at the Chip Shop and Sweet Shop! The chips were delicious!

We had an amazing day and would recommend the experience to anyone interested in history.



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British Legion Notice

Remembrance Day

LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

REMEMBRANCE DAY THIS YEAR IS ON SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2017.

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

THERE WILL BE A SHORT PARADE [WALK] STARTING FROM THE
LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE TO THE VILLAGE COOP STORES,
QUEEN STREET AT APPROX., 10.00AM.

THE COACH WILL PICK UP ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE
SERVICE AND TRANSPORT THEM TO CHRIST CHURCH.

AFTER THE SERVICE A SHORT SERVICE OF DEDICATION WILL BE HELD
AT THE LYCHGATE WHERE WREATHS WILL BE LAID.

AFTER THE CEREMONY THE COACH WILL TRANSPORT THOSE PRESENT,
TO LEESWOOD - FOR A SHORT SERVICE AND WREATH LAYING
CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH IN QUEEN STREET. - TO COMMENCE
APPROX. 12.00PM

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT ONE OR BOTH SERVICES WILL BE VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DAY IN THE LEGIONS CALENDAR. A TIME
WHEN WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER TOGETHER AND
REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE OF THEIR LIVES AND TO THE MANY
THOUSANDS OF THOSE WHO WERE INJURED SOME CRITICALLY IN THE
NEVER ENDING THEATRES OF WAR, - IN THE HOPE WE CAN ALL LIVE IN
A MORE SAFE AND PEACEFUL WORLD.

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ON FRIDAY THE 10TH OF OCTOBER AT THE LEESWOOD CENOTAPH.
[QUEEN STREET] PUPILS OF YSGOL DERWENFA WILL HOLD THEIR
ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE TO COMMENCE AT 10.45AM.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

CARLTON JONES.
CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY. [LEESWOOD BRANCH]

[For further information please contact - Carlton. [01352 770644]

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**We are now looking for a
replacement for the Dingle
Road delivery.**

Leeswood Allotments

Last Halloween I saved the seeds from our supermarket pumpkin (and there were a lot of them!), let them dry and then planted the best of them in individual plant pots this Spring. They germinated well and I had enough seedlings to be able to give some away. The rest were planted on our allotment resulting in a good sized pumpkin patch producing fruit of varying sizes. This year the pumpkins in the supermarkets were cheap enough but to grow your own gives a great sense of satisfaction. Growing your own Halloween pumpkin is a great way to introduce children to gardening and demonstrating that some activities do not produce instant results but the wait is rewarding.

There are still some plots vacant on our Leeswood Allotment site so if you know of anyone living locally who you think might like one, please let them know. Half plots are also available. Contact Joseph Caruana on 01352 770187



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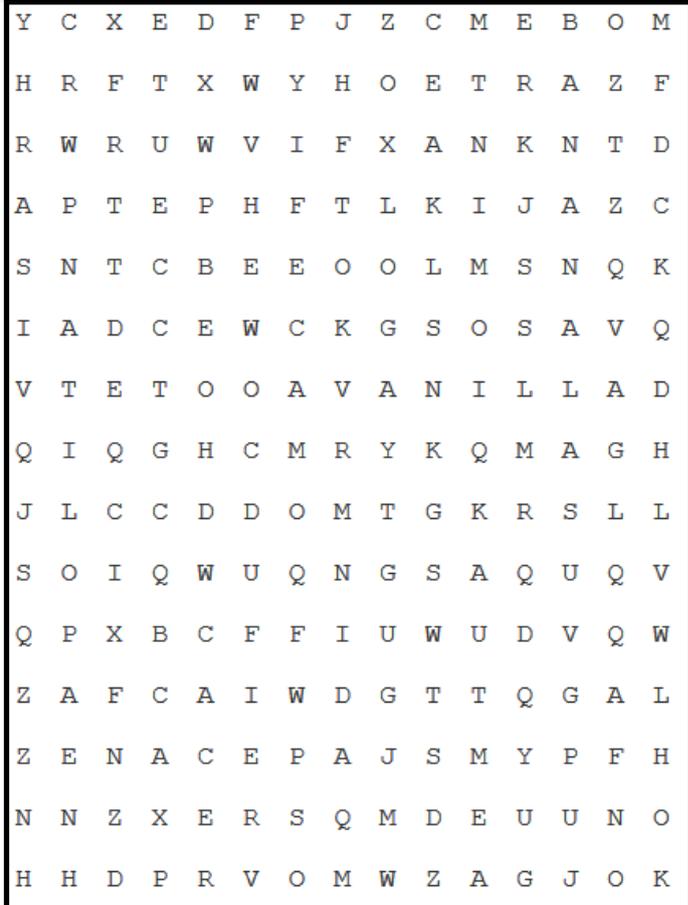
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