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CHRISTMAS IS HERE

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Community Event

LEESWOOD TREUDDYN & DISTRICT LOCAL COMMITTEE CAROLS & MINCE PIES

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FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER 2017
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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

Gill Burton

26th October 2017

The President, Mrs Lucille Ingman opened the meeting and as it was my turn for refreshments I began the evening with a reading, followed by the Lord's Prayer. The President then introduced our guests for the evening Councillor Bob Goffey and Councillor Yvonne Jones. Mr Goffey had come along to tell us of plans to redevelop Bailey Hill in Mold. At the moment everything is being put together for the committee to ask for a grant from the Lottery Fund. If all goes to plan, there will be big changes, so it will be interesting to see what happens. Refreshments were then served and the raffle drawn, the winners were Mrs Lucille Ingman and Mrs Jennie Webb.

9th November 2017

The President opened the meeting and Mrs Jane Lucy read a poem very apt for this weekend, Remembrance Sunday. Our speaker for the evening was Rev. James Morgan who came to tell of his new post as Minister at the new prison in Wrexham. James moved to north Wales to be nearer to his wife's mother and took up the position as Minister at the Bethania Chapel. He applied and was appointed the post and began his work at the prison in January of this year. The Berwyn prison has four categories ranging from very serious A to less serious D with B and C in between. There are three house blocks, Alwen, Bala and Ceiriog housing 750 men which is a third of the capacity when it is full. All religions are catered for and James is head of the Free Church. The prison's aim is to rehabilitate and with this in mind there are workshops and an educational college. It was a most interesting evening.

Mrs Jane Lucy served refreshments on behalf of the President, the raffle was drawn, the winners being Mrs Margaret Roberts and Mrs Gill Burton.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE LADIES GUILD



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Leeswood

Bethania Church

Coedllai

A warm welcome to all – Croeso cynnes i bawb



Sundays at Bethania

From the very beginning, Christians have met to worship God together on the Lord's Day, the day of Jesus' resurrection.

Morning Service

Our morning service begins at 10:15am and finishes about 11:30am.

The service is structured but fairly informal in style. We sing contemporary Christian songs and some classic hymns too. The Bible teaching seeks to be relevant to our lives and journey of faith, and should be appropriate for those who are seeking faith as well as those growing in faith.

Kidzone is available for younger children. After the service we have tea and coffee, and sometimes a meal together as a church family.

Christmas Carol Service 17th December at 4pm (there will be no morning service that day).

Christmas Morning Service starts at 10.30 am (Bring your favourite Christmas present to show and tell).

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

In a world that is cold,

Love is the answer.

When you're not feeling bold,

Love is the answer.

When you're faced with trials,

Love is the answer.

For without Love,

There is no answer.

If I have no love, I am nothing.

by John Warburton

Christmas

A ray of sunlight left the radiant surface of our star about 8 minutes and 20 seconds ago.

No one saw it.

Three and a half minutes ago it passed through the orbit of Venus.

Not a soul noticed it.

A second ago it flashed past the International Space Station.

None of the astronauts glimpsed it.

Nobody saw the ray of light because it is invisible in a vacuum. It isn't until it enters our atmosphere, collides with particles in the air, or a wall, or your child's face that it bounces off, scattering its energy, entering our eyes and becoming visible to us.

If it doesn't interact with anything, then it will disappear into infinity unobserved.

All of which makes me think about what the Gospel of John says about Jesus, Son of God

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him,

the world did not recognise him. (John 1:9-10)

Just as light is invisible until it interacts with something, so Jesus' presence in the universe is hidden from our eyes until he changes something or someone close to us. He illumines our spiritual darkness. Jesus changed the world two thousand years ago when he entered our society in a Bethlehem stable, and he continues changing our world now, touching hearts and leading us into his world of love, peace, justice, and, above all, a life filled with God.

written by Peter James Cousins

A warm welcome to all – Croeso cynnes i bawb

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

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Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell



Hello Carnival Campers, well, here we are, December already!

A few things to report on but, firstly, may I personally apologise for saying in last month's edition that we would be reporting on the Bingo as well as our other pending matters. We cannot I'm afraid. It clean went out of my head that both December and January editions are combined and that the paper would have already gone to print by the time the Bingo had taken place. I am sorry for that but we will of course report on the Bingo night in February's edition. (Gosh, I am wishing away the months here!).

So, moving on now to the AGM held on Monday 13th November 2017. It was a relatively low turn-out but, having said that, we are not (as you know) a glass half-empty bunch and we tend to focus on what we have got rather than what we haven't. We are, as always, grateful to those that are and were good enough to attend and to those who have put themselves on the volunteers list. However, we will keep banging on about more volunteers needed (especially the male kind) who can spare a couple of days before the big day (and on the day itself) helping out with such things as erecting marquees, pegging out the field, positioning parking signs throughout the village, etc.

We were a little premature with our meeting date which meant that the full set of accounts was in fact still in the hands of our Bookkeeper/Auditor, but we were nonetheless still able to report on our finances. If anyone wishes to view the accounts then they will have to get in touch with David Ellis from the Committee. David has stepped back into the role of Treasurer (for now at least) as we have of course lost Stewart Williams (such a shame), but we have also now welcomed on board Rebecca Ward and we are more than sure Rebecca will get stuck in as and when need be.

We discussed several things in the meeting, one of which was the fact that posters were continually being taken down from the notice boards, particularly outside Ysgol Derwenfa. This is not just happening to the Carnival posters but pretty much everyone's.

All we can ask is that you inform your friends and family of any up-and-coming events we have if you read about them here in the paper or if indeed you are fortunate enough to

see an advert on the notice boards before they have been taken down. It is a real shame this happens as the Carnival is for the benefit of the village and surrounding villages and, if we don't have the money because our fundraising adverts are being discarded of, then we can't pay for the extras that everyone wants.

If our poster pickers wish to discard of them, then we invite them to do so after our events have taken place and it will then save us an extra job of driving around the village to take them down!

Finally, we can now furnish you with a date for Father Christmas. Please make sure you shout from those frosted rooftops for this one. The man himself will be riding through the village on his sleigh on Saturday 16th December 2017. Again, like last year, this event will commence at 4.30pm from the junction of Dingle Road and hopefully we will not encounter any problems this time with the lighting. If we do, then you'll hear him before you see him that's for sure!! A lot of children and their parents appeared to have been waiting further down in the village for quite some time last year and the children were really, really cold by the time Father Christmas reached them, so we must impress to all parents that it will take us a while to reach you and your children as it will be a case of stop-starting so that Father Christmas can see the children and hand out their sweets to them.

We will be putting regular updates on our Facebook page as to what point we are at within the village. A bit like the internet frenzy "Norad Tracks Santa" but in our case it's "Leeswood Tracks Santa"!!

There is a poster in this edition setting everything out and, again they will be put up here, there and everywhere, but be warned poster pickers, Father Christmas sees and hears everything y'know!

Any queries on this event, or indeed for anything else, please contact a member of the Committee. You should pretty much know who we all are by now and, on that note, we would all like to wish and your friends and family a peaceful, safe and relaxing Christmas and also take this opportunity to extend our sincerest wishes and heartfelt thoughts for those without their loved ones at this time.

All the best to each and every one of you for 2018.



Kind regards,
Louise Hoyle Fennell
Committee Member

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



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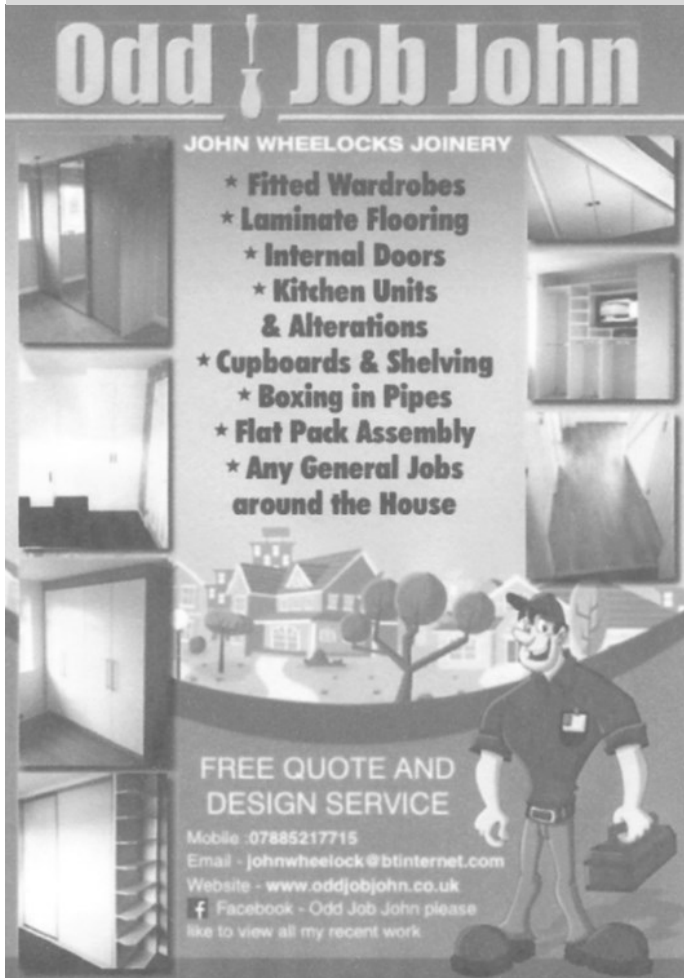
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Do I have to set up a new policy to put it in trust?

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Church News

Pontblyddyn

Christ Church

Upcoming Services

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
OFFICIANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER: ADVENT 3

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

4.00P.M. EVENING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

No MORNING SERVICE

4.00PM CRIB SERVICE

IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, TREUDDYN

OFFICIANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

11.00 P.M. MIDNIGHT MASS

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

25TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 A.M. FAMILY COMMUNION
IN ST MARY'S CHURCH TREUDDYN
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

31ST DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS 1

11.15 A.M. A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
FOR ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS
IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, NERCWYS
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
OFFICIANT: REV JOHN POOLMAN

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY: EPIPHANY 2

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY: EPIPHANY 3

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY: EPIPHANY 4

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY: CANDLEMASS

4.00 P.M. SERVICE OF LIGHT

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

7.30 P.M. CIVIC & MISSION AREA

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

In Christ Church, Pontblyddyn

Followed by refreshments

– do come and join us!



**Dates of EVENING PRAYER
IN CHRIST CHURCH.**

The final service of Evening Prayer for this year
will be on **17th December at 4.00 p.m.**

**In 2018 Evening Prayer will take place at
6.00 p.m. on 25th March (Palm Sunday)**

6.00p.m. on 1st July

*A date will also be set for September and
December*

**MAY YOU KNOW THE PEACE, JOY
AND PRESENCE OF THE CHRIST
CHILD THIS CHRISTMASTIDE.**



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&

"VICAR'S SURGERY"

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

27TH JANUARY

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

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

*PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a "Come for
Coffee" event on the last Saturday of December.*

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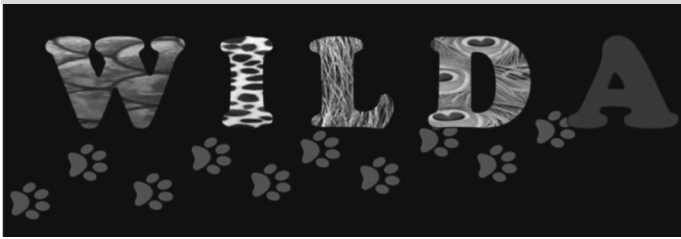
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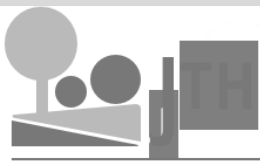
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BETHANIA

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JOIN
US EACH
SUNDAY
10:15AM

In **2018** Bethania Baptist Chapel celebrates its 150th anniversary. We would like to hear from anyone who has pictures, or stories to tell, of chapel life over the years. It doesn't matter how long ago or how recent. Drop us a line!

Watch this space for news of exciting events throughout next year.

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The **Methodist** Church

Wesley Church, Leeswood

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Led by Rev B Nixon
- 10th Dec. Morning Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Mr D. Blainey

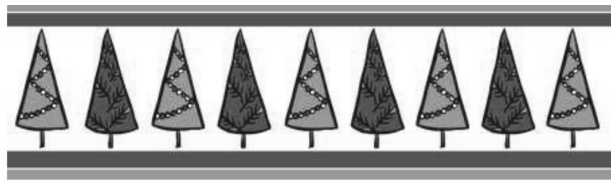
Tree Festival Weekend 15th to 17th December

- 17th Dec. Lord's Supper **9.30 am**
Led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 17th Dec. Family Prize Giving **4 pm**
to close the Tree Festival
Led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 24th Dec. Morning Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Mr C Cole
- 31th Dec. Coffee and Carols **10.45 am**
Led by Rev Pat Christopher

Happy New Year Everyone!

- 7th Jan Morning Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Mrs S Davies
- 14th Jan Family Service **10.45 am**
Led by church members
- 21st Jan Covenant Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 28th Jan Morning Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Rev R Fox

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Christmas Tree Festival Fri 15th to Sun 17th Dec Free admission!



Each tree will be decorated by a local group and the winning tree will be chosen by visitors during the weekend.

The theme of the Chapel's tree is 'Remembrance and Celebration'.

You are invited to write the name of a loved one who has died on a heart to remember and celebrate their life and hang it on the tree. The families represented will be remembered in our prayers during Advent.

There will also be a 'Sock Tree' on which you are invited to hang new socks which will be given to families in need.

**All are welcome to
this 'treemendous' event!**

**Best Tree Competition &
'Find the Mice' Treasure Hunt
Family Service & Prize Giving
Sunday 17th December 4 pm**

For an entry form please contact the
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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

In industry we very frequently hear comments regarding the attitude of some individuals, and two most commonly heard comments are with reference to whether someone is adopting a positive or a negative attitude. Nevertheless, one could be seen to be positive in order to manipulate a situation for his or her advantage alone. When this happens, it might be a case where a subordinate agrees positively with a decision made by his superiors so as to gain favour. On the other hand, if someone puts up an intelligent critical opinion of a decision he might find him or herself branded as being negative. This could be a complicated situation which could be manipulated, and would probably produce a negative result over time.

In this day and age, one might realise that a dialogue between all parties involved in an industrial organisation, could be beneficial and fruitful. If one feels, that he or she are being continuously suppressed by their superior, one could develop a negative attitude, could become an introvert, and might keep good ideas to him or herself, rather than sharing them. There are several reasons why someone in charge might try to keep his or her subordinates suppressed, and might be due to degree of fear that those who are under his control might one day know as much as him and pose a threat to his or her position.

Another situation where one could find friction between those who are in charge and those who carry out the actual task, is when those who are carrying the actual task know more about the operation carried out than those who are in charge. A situation like this could also cause resentment and

ill feeling because those in charge might be paid a lot more than those who are actually doing the grafting. It is perfectly understood, that nobody knows everything about everything, therefore, it should also be perfectly understood that those doing the actual operation might have valuable ideas that might improve an industrial operation which could give an organisation a competitive edge or profitable advantages.

It is clearly understood, that an industrial organisation is as good as its workforce, and the workforce is as strong as the talents or skills they have to offer. Now, if those in charge keeps a keen eye for talent, and implement that talent for the benefit of the organisation, than one could develop a strong industrial base right through the organisation. If on the other hand, people with talent feel that their ideas are consciously being suppressed, and months later they see their ideas being implemented at the glorification of someone who might hold a higher position, those with talent might feel that the position that one might hold can manipulate intellectual talent to the advantage of rank and position.

To this end, it might be recommended that it could be a good idea to look positively at how to integrate intellectuality and position with mutual respect. Respect is something that one earns over a period of time, and it is normally earned by how we behave with others. One of the best ingredients that might contribute to a respectable position within an organisation is to be humble and ready to listen to those who are willing to contribute. With this in mind, it is the duty of everybody to recognise progressive talent, and try to contribute to develop a procedure within which these talents can be processed and turned into industrial success.

As a nation, this country have always developed good talent, and translated that talent into a strong industrial wealth. With the kind of wealth that the nation has created in the past, one can say that we can definitely develop the present, and shape the future.

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This is a circular walk from the village of Leeswood to the Black Gates and the White Gates of Leeswood Hall. Allow 2½ hours for the complete walk. Some stretches may well be muddy. Start at the Community Centre in Leeswood.

1. Leave the Community Centre and turn left on King Street, following the pavement past the Surgery, then over the road to the pavement on the other side. Cross Ffordd Derw, coming in from the right, as you walk along out of the village. When you reach the bus stop cross over to the other side to find the lane up to the farm, indicated by the right-hand of two waymark signs on a post.
2. Continue up the lane, allotments on the right, to reach the farm entrance. Opposite, on the right, is a kissing gate taking you into a coppice. Waymarks point in two directions. Follow the one taking you half-right between trees and down to a hidden kissing gate. Once in the field beyond, keep close to the field edge on your right to another gate already visible, just ahead. A waymark here would be useful. Go through the gate.
3. As you approach the pool used by anglers bear left to a stile. The whole of this section, by the way, is pretty muddy. Once over the stile you need to negotiate a way through marshy territory. At first, keep close to the pool fence on your right and this will help you cross an obscure stream which feeds into the pool. Keep some temporary fence work on your left at a point where the stream is covered over, then bear left. Make for a stile in the hedgerow ahead, at first not easily spotted, hidden beneath a splendid oak tree.
4. Once over this excellent stile you are in a field. Keep close to the hedge on the right as you walk uphill. Approaching the brow, the footpath moves away from the hedge to find a prominent stile in the hedgerow facing you. Once over this good new stile, complete with waymark, keep the well-groomed hedge close by on the right to a stile in the corner and a waymark on a post. This takes you to the edge of a road, Stryt Cae Rhedyn. Turn right, but cross the road immediately to a kissing gate and a waymark on a post on the opposite side.
5. Follow the field edge on your right and go downhill towards the wood, Coed Llai, "Lees Wood". In the field corner you reach a stile needing a waymark. Once over, you are in a rectangular-shaped field and need to reach the opposite corner. To do this, take the short route straight across the field and turn left as you reach the wood. Or you could follow two sides of the field to avoid damaging any crops. Whatever the route you reach the far field corner.
6. Here you plunge into undergrowth, between two marked posts, into woodland, where you may have to make your own path. Keep the ever-deepening ditch to your left and look out for hidden roots and fallen branches. You will then reach a waymarked stile taking you into the field beyond. Once over, turn sharp left and, keeping the field edge close by on the left, go downhill. You are looking for an open gateway to the left, some way down. When you get there, turn left through the gateway and immediately right, so that you now have a hedge close by on the right. When this hedge starts to veer away to the right, you need to leave it. Continue downhill, in the same direction you have been following, across the centre of the field, aiming for the corner of woodland. After a short distance you will begin to see the stile you need in a hedge at the bottom of the field.
7. Cross this good, waymarked stile into the next field. Keep going in the same direction as before, aiming for a road. You may be able to see traffic on this the B5444. Don't wander off to the left. You need to cross the river Terrig first, and should soon see the green fences of the bridge. Cross over the river and make for a good, waymarked stile in the hedge beyond. Once over, you find yourself standing on the edge of a busy road. Turn left. 8. Look out for very fast, possibly intense traffic behind you, but stay on the left-hand side of the road to be able to admire the Black Gates of Leeswood

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9. Once over, turn left. The river is over to your left, with interesting birdlife [I saw an egret on my last visit] as you make your way to a field corner and a stile onto a road once more, narrow but busy with farm vehicles and buses. Once over the stile turn left and follow the road to the narrow bridge ahead, past White Gates Cottage and cross the river again over the old stone bridge. You are now very close to the stunning White Gates of Leeswood Hall, on the left. After admiring the gates at close hand, take the sharp left-hand bend and follow the road uphill.

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11. Keep close to the field edge, uphill, with a hedge on your immediate left, and follow it round. When you are almost at the top of the rise, look out on the left for a well-maintained stile, with a waymark, in the hedgerow, approached by a wooden bridge over the ditch. Once over the stile you are in another field which you need to cross directly. You cannot see the field gate you are aiming for. So take as your marker a prominent tree on the far side of the field. Not the rather pointed tree, but another one, to the left of it. You can see farm buildings ahead, too, but need to aim well left of these. Cross the field and reach the field gate, which leads you into another field, sloping down from the left.

Continued...

Leeswood & District News



New Series: FOOTPATHS IN LEESWOOD & DISTRICT No 3. To Heaven and Hell (and back) CONTINUED...

On your right is a pond, well stocked with wild life. Keep close to the hedge on your right with the pool beyond. After a short distance you reach another stile, taking you into a field often with horses. Leave the comfort of the hedge now, on the right, and strike across the field. Aim for a stile in the hedgerow facing you, possibly out of view. When you reach the stile, marked by a post with a waymark, cross over onto the road. Take an access drive, opposite, to Celyn Farm.

12. You now pass between farm buildings, one marked with a date, 1827 and continue towards a gate across the drive, with an attractive stone stile next to a dog kennel, on the left. Use the stile to gain access into more open territory. Bear left. You are faced with a choice of three field gates. Take the middle one which will allow you into a field with a hedge on the left. Access for walkers here could be improved. You are now in a field sloping away to the right with good views. Keep close to the hedge on the left to reach a field corner, where there is a stile with a waymark on a post, which at present gives a good indication of the way to walk, after crossing into the next field.

13. Once in this next field leave the security of hedgerows and cross directly to a somewhat distant field corner. Aim for a prominent ash tree on the skyline. You reach an impressive new galvanised gate which will take you into a field sloping away to your right. Hug the hedge to your left and after a short distance reach a new stile with two waymarks. Cross the stile and turn right, downhill now. Keep to the field edge on your right, as it bends left to a field corner with an inadequate stile which has lost its step. A sign indicates: "Leeswood Heritage Trail"

14. Once over, follow the right-hand hedgerow for a very short distance before striking out across the field, avoiding going uphill, aiming for the trees in the hedge ahead. You need to find, somewhat out of your vision, a galvanised stile, which will help you into yet another field. Keep the field edge to your right to gain access into the field beyond. Keep the next field edge to your right, passing a house, also on the right, then under power lines to avoid a muddy gateway entrance to reach a field corner and stile with stone steps.

15. This stile takes you into your last field. Once over, turn sharp left for a short stretch, the hedge on your left, to a good stile in the field corner, but without a waymark. Once over, take the left-hand downhill path, keeping the football pitch over to your right. Here you will find a well-used path taking you to the backs of Albert Street, the football pitch now quite high up on the right. A new kissing gate, in good order but short of a waymark, allows you through into an access drive, the green railings of the park on your right, with the houses of Albert Street on your left. Continue down to the road, the former chapel on your left, and then turn off right into the park. Instead of following the main pathway, keep left, close to splendid old trees and a new fence. Keep the mound to your right to find the steps down to the Community Centre by the side of the Bowling Green and you are home.

JOIN ME ON THIS WALK, SUNDAY JANUARY 7th 2018

10 am at the Community Centre

Mike Stevens



Flintshire Community Travel Cymau Community Centre - Broughton Retail Park Timetable from 28th November 2017



Tuesday and Saturday (Excluding Public Holidays)

Cymau Community Centre	09:50	13:15
Ffrith	09:55	13:20
Llanfynydd Post Office	10:00	13:25
Ael y Bryn Llanfynydd	10:02	13:27
Treuddyn	10:05	13:30
Ffordd y Rhos, Treuddyn	10:07	13:32
Pontybodkin Hill	10:11	13:36
Oak Park, Leeswood	10:13	13:38
Broughton Retail Park	10:31	13:56

Saturday only

Broughton Retail Park	12:30	16:15	17:00
Oak Park, Leeswood	12:48	16:33	17:18
Pontybodkin Hill	12:50	16:35	17:20
Ffordd y Rhos, Treuddyn	12:54	16:39	17:24
Treuddyn	12:56	16:41	17:26
Ael y Bryn Llanfynydd	12:59	16:44	17:29
Llanfynydd Post Office	13:01	16:46	17:31
Ffrith	13:06	16:51	17:36
Cymau Community Centre	13:11	16:56	17:41

Please contact streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk or 01352 701234 for any enquiries.



Teithio Cymuned Sir y Fflint Canolfan Cymuned Cymau - Parc Aderthu Brychdyn Amserlen am 28 Tachwedd 2017



Dydd Mawrth a Dydd Sadwrn eithrio Gwyliau Banc

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Leeswood Legends

- The White Gates -

'Where are my Switzers? Let them guard the door'
Shakespeare

Many years ago in the 1700s there was a young boy who lived in Switzerland named Switzer. Switzer would play in the snow with his father and many brothers, then come home to hot cheese fondue. As a teenager he became a Swiss Guard. He fought in many battles and was involved with several peasant rebellions. Due to his talent he became the Head of the Swiss Guard. To him this was a great honour and his parents threw a party in celebration but a few years later their hearts were broken, he would be leaving home and travelling to Vatican City where he would guard the Pope.

He was getting ready to leave when he met Vetia and love had found him. Unfortunately for Switzer, Swiss Guards are required to be unmarried so Switzer had a hard decision to make between work and love. He chose to desert the Swiss Guard and he and Vetia had to leave Switzerland. They decided to escape to Britain, they were sure not to find them there. So Switzer and his loved one set off across the treacherous grounds of Switzerland and along the French border. After many weeks of travelling they finally reached a dock and boarded a mail boat to England. But sadly, Vetia died of a fever over night. Switzer felt that it was all his fault and that life wasn't worth living.

At first dawn the mail boat arrived at its destination. It was bustling with people, smelling of smoke and loud voices created a wall of sound. Surrounded by strangers, Switzer felt lost and alone. He was knocked from side to side by the stampede of people and fell flat, his face pressed against the cold gravel.

"Are you injured down there?" asked a friendly voice, as the owner of it pulled him up. "I'm George, nice to be in your presence Mister ..." George Wynne was a Minister in the Government. He was also the local Member of Parliament for Flintshire. This was the start of a friendship which would lead Switzer to Leeswood Hall. It so happened that George Wynne owned Leeswood Hall and was looking for a gardener and that later on in the relationship of George and Switzer,

Switzer would become his gardener but not just any gardener, a Master Gardener.

At Leeswood Hall, Switzer lived in one of the cottages in the grounds and was the Master Gardener. Switzer wanted gates at the bottom of the acre of land leading up to the house. He wanted the gates to be white and to look like Switzerland. He also wanted two high stone pillars, one at either side of the gates, with something to remind him of the Swiss Guards without revealing his secret.

Therefore, he asked for Greek sphinxes that guard temples.

When Christmas came many years later, when he had aged decades older, he looked out of the thin glass in his window and his eyes shot from the beautiful Leeswood Hall to the stunning White Gates and he was instantly reminded of his mother stirring a hot cheese fondue and playing with his father and many brothers in the snow and, as always, Vetia. That night he died silently and peacefully asleep in his bed, dreaming of his family and loved one.

By Daniel Robertson, Ysgol Derwenfa.

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PRIZE BINGO ON WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY IN
LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO YSGOL DERWENFA

DOORS OPEN: 6:30 PM

EYES DOWN: AT 7 PM



Ysgol Derwenfa Leeswood News Team

DEFBRILLATOR

Recently in Ysgol Derwenfa, we have had a defibrillator installed. We are proud to have this piece of equipment in our school. We have all had some training by Welsh Hearts charity and it was a fun but thinking about it, it's a serious matter. It has been installed where all the pupils can get it if in need of using the defibrillator. We are very grateful for this and hope it isn't needed but it is better to be safe than sorry.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Wednesday November 15th, 2017, the new School Council had a service. The Chairman of the School Council, Daniel Robertson, put together an assembly and that is what we are going to talk to you about today.

First the School Council introduced themselves including the Chairman and Secretary, Daniel Robertson and Ellen Waddell. Each member held up a piece of paper. There were letters on the paper they were holding up and when you read what they were holding up as a word it read COUNCIL. Each letter stood for a sentence beginning with a letter of the word like, C stood for Care for our school. When they'd gone through that the Chairman and Secretary went along explaining how you could care for our school and things like that.

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance day we had a thoughtful service at the cenotaph at Leeswood. We had readers, Sam Tudor, Rhys White, Callum Kendrick, Steven Rogers, Daniel Robertson, Nell Hardy, Neve Robins and Abi Smith. Reading Poems, Prayers and Bible Readings, it was very respectful. Mr. Jones read out all names on the cenotaph and we had some pupils who had relatives on it. We even had some information about the men on the cenotaph. We had some adults watching as they went by in their cars and some of them even stopped and got out of their cars and watched the service as it progressed.

CHRISTMAS

It's almost Christmas time and most of us celebrate Christmas with our family and friends. In school every year we have a Christmas play and a Christmas party and we have some dates for everything. The Christmas play is on Tuesday 12th December at 1.15pm for the Senior Citizens, the Foundation Phase play is on Wednesday 13th December at 1.15pm and 6pm and Thursday December 4th is the KS2 play at 1.15pm and 6pm. The Christmas party is on Thursday December 21st and our Christmas Fayre is on December 1st. Hope everyone has a very merry Christmas and enjoy your break off school or work.

Christmas Fete Poster



BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY ALONG TO
LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE'S XMAS
FETE ON SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

6.30pm - 11pm

SANTA IS POPPING IN FROM NORTH POLE HQ
(6.30pm - 7.30pm)

LOADS OF CHARITY, CRAFT AND GAMES
STALLS, FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS

VISIT SANTA £2 PER CHILD WITH GIFT
(to pay for Rudolph's food)

BAR WILL BE OPEN (7pm onwards)



If you think things are bad now – it's going to get worse...

The financial situation facing Flintshire and all Councils is dire. We have had to endure ten years of budget cuts throughout an era of austerity. Next year will be the toughest yet and we are far away from being able to balance the Council's budgets, at this stage of planning the budget, now that we have seen the detail of the Welsh budget planned for 2018/19.

Flintshire County Council has an annual Council Fund Budget (for most services but excluding Council housing, housing benefits payments and other specific budgets) of around £250M. Since austerity began, following the world-wide economic collapse, we have made nearly £80M of savings to balance the books and protect front line services. At the same time we have continued to be a high performer in Wales across all services, and have been ambitious and innovative in building new schools, extra care housing schemes and now council housing as shining examples. We have worked with communities to transfer facilities such as Holywell Leisure Centre to community ownership.

We could now be stopped in our tracks. We had forecast a budget gap of around £12M for next year. The situation has worsened knowing that we will lose another £1.6M-£3.0M or more of Welsh Government funding on top of this to come in April. To put this in perspective – as an illustration of the scale of the challenge – we could close all of our leisure centres and libraries, end our subsidy to Theatr Clwyd, and raise Council Tax by 5%, and

we would still have a funding gap to bridge. This is because over 3/5ths of our budget goes straight into schools and social services to which people are entitled; meaning that the cuts largely fall on all of the other services from leisure to culture, to roads and the environment, to environmental health and trading standards. People ask why it is that we have to find such large sums if we are facing budget cuts of 'only' £1.6 – 0.9% of our core Government grant which, at around 75% of our budget, is topped up by local Council Tax income. The answer is that we have to absorb the costs of normal inflation such as pay and prices, high cost of inflation such as rising energy and fuel prices for buildings and vehicles, the spiralling costs of extra demands for services such as older people and social care in an ageing population, new UK Government taxes on employers, and new Government schemes and initiatives for which we are not properly funded. These all add up.

Over the next two months we will be announcing how we plan to cope. We would appreciate you tracking the position and offering your support.

Our hope – across the political groups on the Council – is that the UK Government will relent on its policy of austerity and release much needed funding for social services and education particularly. If it does not, and the Welsh Government has no more money to pass on, we might see the closure of services and facilities which our communities rely on and, until now, we have been able to protect. Act now and lobby Rt. Hon. David Hanson MP on david.hanson.mp@parliament.co.uk or Hannah Blythyn AM at http://www.hannahblythyn.wales/contact_me irrespective of your political views or beliefs. As communities of Flintshire we are all in this together.



LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

On behalf of the above Branch and it's members I am taking this opportunity to pay tribute and extend my sincere thanks to everyone who assisted and supported us at this years Armistice Services and Parade.

The short Parade from the Community Centre to Queen Street was headed by our committed Standard Bearer Mr. Terry Hughes and followed by Ex- Service members, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and representatives of the Community.

After being conveyed to Pontblyddyn by the kind gesture of Mr. Paul Davies., the assembly walked through the Lychgate and into the Church where the service was conducted by the Rev. Paul Dunsford who gave an excellent account of his own Service as Chaplain in the Armed Forces and of others who gave of their lives so that we may live in a more peaceful world. his Sermon was well received by all those present.

Readers at the Service were Carlton Jones. [RBL Chairman] and Cheryl Francis [RBL Poppy Organiser].

Following the Church Service a short service and the laying of wreathes was held at the Lychgate where the Last Post and reveille were sounded with kind assistance of Mr.Clive Venables

Wreathes were then laid by Cll'r Ray Hughes and Mr. Joey Roberts on behalf of the Legion. Cll,r David Rule [Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Community Council] Mr. Andrew Jones [Headmaster of Ysgol Derwenfa.], and on behalf of the Brownies, Melody Palmer, and Jasmine Eastman the Flag Bearer was Emily Leech.

Following the Church Service a service and wreath laying ceremony was held at the Leeswood Cenotaph. Names of the fallen were read by Marie Reynolds, and prayers were read by Melonie Condren. A short poem relating to the Poppy was read by C'lr Joseph Caruana.

Wreathes were laid by Cll'r Ray Hughes on behalf of the Leeswood & District Branch of the Royal British Legion , Joseph Caruanae. [Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council] Kimberly Caruana [Allotments] Michael Brand .[Leeswood Community Centre] Ceris Ferrer. [Churches Together] June Lincoln [Leeswood & District News] Hannah Reynolds. [Lesswood Labour Party] Mr John Furnival.

[Leeswood Hospice Group.] .Leeswood - Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Josie and Daisy Allen

Sophie Brown, Lily Turner and Ella Leech. Flag Bearers were Ella Wilson, ,Emily Leech , and the Rainbows was Ella Leech. - I would like to take this opportunity to thank the groups leaders who do magnificent work with the local young people, namely, Cheryl Francis, Gail Brand and Jenny Webb .

The Exhortation was read at both services by the RBL Chairman Carlton Jones

On Friday the 10th of November the Annual Remembrance Service was held at the Leeswood Cenotaph by the Children from years 4,5,6. Accompanied by staff of the school..

The Headmaster Mr Andrew Jones led the service and read out the names of the fallen, he also gave a detailed account of some of the fallen, their past local addresses and how and where they were killed and the location of their burial sites., I give a special thanks to the Rev. Pat Christopher, Leeswood Methodist Church for the research she carried out to avail us of the relevant and interesting information. of those named on our War Memorial..

Mr Jones reminded those present of the sacrifice made by so many who gave of their lives so that we can enjoy our freedom, Other members of staff present were Mr John Godwin and Miss.Rebecca Astin.

The children taking part in the service were Sam Tudor, Callum Kendrick, Neve Robins Steven Rogers, the readers were. Rees White, Abbey Smith, Nel Hardy, and Daniel Robertson.

All the pupils present laid crosses at the Cenotaph Garden. I am once again taking the opportunity to thank everyone who took part or who attended the services.

A special thanks to Mr, Terry Hughes our Standard Bearer and his wife Eileen who led the children to the Cenotaph.along with staff members.

A special thanks to our excellent Branch Poppy Organiser, Cheryl Francis for her sterling work once again organising the -[Poppy Appeal]once again and to all the collectors who lend their support.

Carlton Jones.

[Branch Chairman.]



Council Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman,
Councillors J. Atkinson, T. Hughes, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and
R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors D.K. Crowther and
R. Hughes.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF

CONDUCT There were no declarations of
interest.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend the meeting this
evening.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th
September 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was
proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by
Councillor G. Sherwood that these minutes be accepted as a
true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that she was hoping to arrange a meeting
between Councillor R. Hughes and Mr Aled Davies once
Councillor Hughes had returned from holiday.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number – 057536

Erw Las, Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood, CH7 4SS.

Application for an erection of a rear and side single storey
extension.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor G.
Sherwood and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that
Flintshire County Council be informed that this Council had
no observations to make on this planning application. All
Councillors in agreement.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Application number – 056118

The Cabin, Tyddyn Glo Farm, Dingle Road, Leeswood, CH7
4SN.

Application for a lawful
development certificate (existing) for the erection of a
dwelling.

Copy correspondence addressed to Flintshire County Council
Planning Department had been received from a resident. In
this letter, concern was expressed about the possibility of
other 'development' on the site.

Councillors commented that they had expressed
dissatisfaction at a previous meeting in relation to the
handling of this issue by the Planning Department of
Flintshire County Council. It was agreed that a letter be
forwarded to the Planning Department of Flintshire County
Council supporting the comments made in the letter.

FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN

All Councillors agreed that this item be re-Agendad for
discussion at the monthly meeting on Tuesday 7th November
2017.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Councillor R.
Hughes who had advised that the potential twice weekly bus
service from the communities of Leeswood, Treuddyn,
Llanfynydd and Nercwys to Broughton and Chester was still
under discussion. Further information would be provided
once available.

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

The Clerk advised that Councillor R. Hughes had informed
that he was waiting to hear from the County Council in
regard to the possible cost of match funding for double
yellow lines on Bell's Corner.

Concern was expressed by Councillors about the vehicles
parking part on the pavement and part off on Bell's Corner
and that it was necessary to travel over the white line onto
the wrong side of the road in order to pass them. This was
considered dangerous and that accidents are possible. It was
agreed by all that this issue needed resolving quickly.

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

The Clerk had received a report
from Councillor R. Hughes who had stated that there were
Health & Safety issues relating to this matter. These were
being looked into.

CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

The meeting on Tuesday 12th September 2017 had gone well.
Ten areas had been identified to find material on. These
were: - a) the Community Centre; b) the Iron Works; c) the
Cenotaph; d) the Prince of Wales; e) Cruck Barn, North End; f)
Cae Gwial; g) Bethel Chapel; h) the Bridge at Pontblyddyn; i)
Christ Church and j) the White Gates.



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Each subject had been distributed between the Councillors involved in the group to work on. The next meeting was to take place on Tuesday 10th October 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

The Clerk reported that following the consultation period the results of the online survey and comments had been collated and presented to the County Council's Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for discussion and the Cabinet Committee of Flintshire County Council for final determination. From 20th October 2017, the Public Spaces Protection Order will be enforceable countywide. This replaces the out of date Dog Control Order.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018

Following the encouraging remarks and awards from this year's Best Kept Communities Competition it was suggested that consideration be given to build on this for preparation of next year's entry. Observation was made that perhaps this would be something the Age Friendly Communities Steering Group could get involved in and hopefully encourage residents to join in. All Councillors agreed that this matter remain on the Agenda and that the Steering Group be invited to help out.

SOUTH FLINTSHIRE POLICE CONSULTATION EVENING

Councillor D.K. Crowther provided a report from the South Flintshire Police Consultation Evening held at Mold Town Hall on Thursday 21st September 2017. This had been circulated to all Councillors.

The main points of the report are as follows: -

- i) It is important that we report any issues straight away to our local PCSO. Or call 101.
- ii) We must as a community be vigilant at all times. Especially where there are vulnerable people who might be bullied into using their homes to distribute drugs or stolen property. These people are being used by criminal gangs.
- iii) By reporting suspicious activity, we can all help to reduce crime and drug use. The police can gather vital information that is used in helping to arrest the person(s) higher up the link in the criminal gangs from the bigger cities like Liverpool and Manchester.
- iv) The Police are struggling to wear all the hats they have been given. For example: two police officers attend to a person who has mental health problems.

The officers are asked to take the person to Wrexham Hospital. Wrexham have no medical team to assess the individual, so they are asked to go to Bangor Hospital. The police have to wait until the person has been admitted into the care of medical staff. (This can take many hours). The two police officers are then told that there is now a place available in Wrexham Maelor Hospital. 6/8/10 hours. This has taken many hours of police time and resources. It could be a medical (RTA waiting for an ambulance), mental health (waiting for a mental health professional) or a problem with a child (waiting for someone from Social Services) There has to be **TWO** police officers in attendance.

Inspector Whibberley will be the first to admit that they need to engage more with the media and public. Maybe we as a council could help more by getting the message out to the people of Leeswood & Pontblyddyn that we NEED to be more vigilant in our communities. Would the people of Leeswood & Pontblyddyn feel more protected if they spoke to a local councillor, rather than the police?

Councillors expressed gratitude at the report sent by Councillor Crowther. It was agreed by all that these issues be discussed with PCSO 3684 Peter Jones.

MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS

Correspondence had been received from Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer Organisational Change, Aura Leisure and Libraries relating to provision of match funding for play area equipment 2017/2018. The playing area at Ffordd Siarl is highlighted as amber and in need of upgrading. Comment was made that the financial position needs to be looked at before a decision could be made. All Councillors agreed that this item be put on the Agenda for November monthly meeting.

INDO LIGHTING – UPGRADE TO LED STREET LIGHTING

E-mail correspondence had been received from INDO Lighting for consideration of upgrading Community Council owned street lights to LED. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor J. Atkinson that further information be obtained, and this matter be put on the Agenda for the November monthly meeting. All Councillors were in agreement.

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL – HISTORIC MOLD

E-mail correspondence from Mold Town Council about an event showing the history of Mold over the last 150 years with a large display of photographs and memorabilia. This is to take place at the Town Hall on Friday 6th October 10am till 6pm and Saturday 7th October 10am till 1pm. All Councillors agreed to accept this correspondence.



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NORTH WALES CHC – RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT

WHITE PAPER ‘SERVICES FIT FOR THE FUTURE’

E-mail correspondence had been received from Geoff Ryall-Harvey, Chief Officer, North Wales Community Health Council. Members had been circulated with this document and the response to the Welsh Government White Paper ‘Services Fit for the Future’. Councillors agreed to accept this correspondence.

COUNCILLOR C.E. JONES JP – RESIGNATION FROM LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from Councillor C.E. Jones JP stating his intention to resign as a Community Councillor. Councillors expressed their regret at this, Councillor C.E. Jones JP had been the longest serving Community Councillor to date and his knowledge, also support would be greatly missed. It was agreed by all Councillors that this item be put on the Agenda for the November meeting.

MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Chairman’s Civic Service – Councillors agreed that the Civic Service held on Sunday 24th September 2017 had been a lovely day. Particular comment was made about the buffet provided by the Guides and Brownies leaders. Reverend Pat Christopher conducted a very nice Service and Mr Raymond Bryan was thanked for playing the organ. The Chairman stated that he had very much enjoyed the Civic Service and he thanked the Councillors for their support.

b) Wall/Posts at New Inn, Pontblyddyn – It was brought to the Council’s attention that a wall and posts was being erected at the New Inn, Pontblyddyn. The structure was considered to resemble a boundary for a car park. Concern was expressed as it had been noted that the structure did not appear to have sufficient strength to hold back the soil. All Councillors agreed that this matter should be reported to the Planning Department at Flintshire County Council.

c) Traffic Lights at the Crossroads, Pontblyddyn – The speed of traffic through Pontblyddyn village was believed to be a cause for concern. Suggestion was made that a request for traffic lights on the staggered crossroads be made to the Highways Department, Flintshire County Council. All Councillors in agreement. d)

Pontblyddyn village sign – It was requested that this matter be put on the Agenda for the November monthly meeting. All Councillors in agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Advanced notification of dates of Flintshire County Council Chairman, Councillor Brian Lloyd, Civic Dinner to be held on Friday 16th March 2018 at the Beaufort Park Hotel. This was accepted.

b) E-mail correspondence from Councillor Elwyn Jones, Mayor of Shotton, thanking the Chairman of this Council for his invitation to the Civic Service held on Sunday 24th September 2017.



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SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2017

commencing at 4.30pm from the junction of Dingle Road into the village

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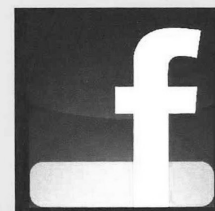
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We would like to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. Thank you to John Davies who has put so much time and effort into the re-design of the Leeswood & District News, and for his hard-work in fitting together the 'jigsaw' puzzle of articles etc. each month. We would never have been able to do it without him. I think you will all agree it looks so much better. Would be great if we could increase our circulation. Don't forget that we have a web page: www.leeswood-district.news and we are also on Facebook (*Leeswood & District News*).

I ask for your indulgence over the next 9 months, as I am doing a Masters at Aberystwyth University, which means I am extremely busy, what with either being at Uni, driving too and from Uni, working, or producing one or more assignments, and on top of this I start my dissertation (which is part of the course) around March 2018. I know I have set myself a hefty challenge.....but just know it will be worth it. So please just bear with me if I don't get back to you quickly or answer my phone. Thank you.

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