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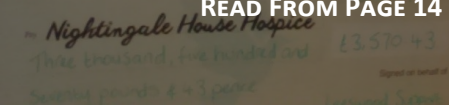
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LEESWOOD & DISTRICT RAISE OVER £3570 FOR NIGHTINGALE HOUSE HOSPICE

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Community Event

LEESWOOD HOSPICE FRIENDS GROUP

Bingo Evening - February 14 2018

&

St. Davids Day Coffee Morning - February 28 2018

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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

Gill Burton

On the 23rd November the President opened the meeting and Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick read a poem to get the meeting started. The President then handed over to Guild member Mrs Cynthia Flitcroft. Cynthia had a mass of lovely greenery and had also collected baubles and glitter. She then proceeded to show us how to make a centrepiece for the table over the festive season. She produced five in all. They were all beautiful so no excuse could be made from any of us for not enhancing our dinner table.

Refreshments were provided and served by Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick. The raffle was drawn and the winner was Doreen and as luck would have it Doreen also won the special raffle. The table decorations were also raffled, winners were Mrs Jane Lucy, Mrs Maureen Calder, Mrs Mary Morris, Mrs Lucille Ingman, and Mrs Cynthia Flitcroft. The President then closed the meeting.

The Christmas lunch at The Bridge had to be cancelled due to the snow but we hope to reschedule very soon.

The Carol service was held in the English Methodist Chapel among the beautifully decorated trees. It was a traditional service with all the well known hymns. A cup of tea with mince pies and scones was served afterwards. The collection is to go to Action for Children.

Our speaker for the 14th January was Mr. Dewi Hughes who showed us slides of Coed Talon, Pontybodkin and Leeswood from many years ago. We all thoroughly enjoyed seeing days gone by and some of us could put names and recognise faces. Refreshments were provided by Mrs Jenny Webb. He raffle was drawn and the winner was Mrs Gill Burton. The President closed the meeting.

DEFIB COMES TO PONTBLYDDYN!

Following on from Louise's magnificent efforts to install not one but two defibrillators in Leeswood, funding has been found to provide one to serve Pontblyddyn, the 'other end' of the community. It will be situated at the Bridge Inn, at the heart of the village, and will be available 24/7. More details in the March issue - keep an eye out!

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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.

Conversations of Faith

On Sunday evenings we meet at 6:00pm to read the Bible and to think about what God might be saying to us through it.

We call it 'Conversations of Faith' because -

- All are able to contribute, but no one is expected to or put on the spot
- No questions are off limits
- The session is for those who are seeking faith as well as those who are growing in faith
- We believe that God is able to speak through one another, not just through the person leading

Weekdays

Bright Sparks under 4s
Friday 9:30 – 11:00

High Fives - Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 5:45 – 6:45

Lasers – Year 6 and over
Wednesday 7:15 – 9:00

Safe Haven

If you know someone who has a disability please let them know about Safe Haven Crafts. They don't have to live in Leeswood. We have people coming from Wrexham and Queensferry. We have five regular craftees with learning difficulties, most of whom also use a wheelchair. We would love to have more. Check us out at www.safehaven.wales

I would like to take you back to 1868. Queen Victoria has been on the throne for 31 years and her beloved Albert has died. Britain had 3 different prime ministers the last one was William Ewart Gladstone. The last public hanging in Britain took place and the 1st TUC conference was held. The motor car was still almost 20 years away, but traffic lights were installed in Parliament Square in London. The book "Little Women" was published and the British explorer Robert Falcon Scott was born.

Why am I telling you this? In Leeswood in the same year, June to be precise, a group of Christians bought a piece of land in New Row, which is now County Road. Their plan was to build a Church and a manse, "to further the Baptist cause." Two of the trustees were John Hellin and Charles Jones. The Church, Bethania Baptist Church, is still there and going from strength to strength. This year we are holding a series of events to celebrate 150 years of Christian witness in the village. Watch this space.

Over the years the Church has been blessed and continues to be. We would like to thank all the Christians of the past for their loyalty in worshipping here through the good and bad times. There is a verse in Jeremiah which we as a Church have found to be helpful over the years and which sums up our 150 years. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We look forward to seeing you at some of our events.

by Rob Jackson



Please phone or check our website www.bethanialeeswood.org for changes and special events.

Website – www.bethanialeeswood.org

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Carnival News

Louise Hoyle Fennell



It seems a little late in wishing you all a “Happy New Year” seen as though we are now in February but, nevertheless, we do hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and New Year and that the big guy in that lovely red plush suit brought all you good boys and girls everything you wanted. Apart from the snow of course prior thereto, as that was a pain for most of us, but maybe not so much of a pain for the children who got to bunk off school for a couple of days!

Even though we are enduring some cold snaps (bear in mind I am writing this up mid-January and it is rather cold to say the least, but that could change so quickly come February), it is a little mad to think that we are now only five months away from the Carnival. There is of course plenty for us to be getting on with in between now and then such as organising a ‘family night’ at the Centre, another Bingo and the all important Prince/Rosebud/Queen event. Look out for those up-and-coming adverts!

We actually had a really good turn out on our Bingo night on the 29th November 2017, possibly on a par to our first ever one, with every seat taken in every available space that anyone could find. We even had to ring Clive as we had run out of bingo books to sell! But that just goes to show what a great community we live in. For people are willing to come out in whatever weather to support us. There were some lovely hampers won, which we are sure those winners would have been pleased with, and we managed to raise a very healthy £755.00 on the night. A Bingo night, as you know, is usually one of our more successful fundraisers but they are all as equally important regardless. Thank you however to all those that came to support us that night.

We can also report on the ‘big guy’ in that ‘lovely plush red suit’ who rode through the village on Saturday 16th December 2017. He did manage to finish his round much earlier than on his first attempt at this event back in 2016, finishing by a respectable 7.15pm, with us raising a fantastic £202.00. It was, as expected, a brilliant evening and well worth the cold hands and feet. We do mean our cold hands and feet and not parents and their children’s as, thankfully, it appeared everyone had taken on board the information



The Crazy Carnival Crew



The Crazy Carnival Crew

provided on the posters and it also helped that we were constantly updating our Facebook page to let people know where we were at what time.

In the meantime, we will leave you with a couple of photos and we’ll see you all at the next event which will be the ‘family night’ at the Community Centre on Saturday 7th April 2018. All the details will be in the next edition of the paper and on the notice boards, provided our poster pickers don’t take them down that is!



Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell
Committee Member
LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

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CPR and Defibrillator Training Update

Louise Hoyle Fennell

Dear Readers, I can now happily report that both of the village defibrillators are fully installed and operational.

The training session at Ysgol Derwenfa on the 8th November 2017 went extremely well. The children were very attentive (and so too were the staff) and I have to say Mr Nick Aitken from the Welsh Hearts Charity held everyone's interest with great ease. One pupil even got up to help put Mr Godwin in the recovery position. It's good to know therefore that, if roles are ever reversed, the teachers themselves are also in safe hands! Mr Aitken was exceptionally thorough throughout all of his demonstration and I am extremely grateful (and no doubt the school too) that he was able to give so much of his time that day.

Seen as though the local newspaper's photographer was unfortunately in and out quicker than the flash could go off on the camera, I did have permission from the school to take some extra photos and I have had further permission to be able to use several (with parental consent) so here they are. The school have also very kindly registered their defibrillator with the Welsh Ambulance Service which means that it can now be taken off site and used within the village. So, let's say for instance someone unfortunately collapses in the shop and the defibrillator is needed, all would be required is for someone to run down to the school to get the machine. There is always more than one member of staff in the shop so that should not be a problem. It would of course probably mean that a member of Ysgol Derwenfa's staff would then have to leave the school to assist if no-one else has the knowledge required in order to use the defibrillator, but that is a small price to pay if it means helping to save someone's life. There may however be (by chance) members of the public already there who are trained in CPR or defibrillation, or maybe even both. Let's hope so eh!

In respect of the Community Centre's public training session on the 18th November 2017, it went very well indeed. I had taken around 75 bookings in all which I felt was a great number for our first session. It was of course slightly difficult for those in rows three and four to see altogether properly, but thankfully they were able to stand and move around to at least try and get a better look. Again, Mr Nick Aitken from the Welsh Hearts Charity undertook the training and, again, he was exceptional in his delivery. I do not think anyone was disappointed. It was probably the best couple of hours spent out of people's busy lives but I think the main thing is everyone left with the knowledge that they would at least

now know what to do. Like Mr Aitken said it is all about preserving life and it is better to be attempting something than doing nothing, even if that means breaking a couple of the patient's ribs!

I was particularly impressed (and so was Mr Aitken) of the amount of people who stayed in order to obtain certificates for training. This meant that the session continued for a further hour but those that privately trained know that it was worth the wait to have the proof there that they did it. At least it looks pretty good on a C.V. for a prospective Employer! Unfortunately, with me not knowing what the procedure was about obtaining a certificate, some people were then unable to stay for the duration. However, I will be in contact with the Welsh Hearts Charity in the coming weeks to book further training sessions for the Spring and then the Autumn. Mr Aitken did say that, for easiness, we would be better booking the Centre for around three or four hours to then hold one hour sessions with groups of say twelve. That way people do then get to see everything and not just the shoulders or heads of others! If of course there is general interest, which I am sure there will be, booking will again be via myself but you must book your space. Watch out for the advertising nearer the time and do tell your friends, family or neighbours as they may wish to attend too.

It has been recommended to the Community Centre that they also register their machine with the Welsh Ambulance Service so it can be taken off site in an emergency. I know it was their intention to do this and may have done so already. I would like to particularly thank Clive Venables from the Centre for assisting me with the long process of trying to arrange a convenient date with the Charity to suit all (we did get there in the end) and for making sure the Centre was all set ready for us. Also, thanks to Gayle and Michael Brand for assisting greatly in serving refreshments to the public afterwards and for their help throughout.

The only downside to all of this is that the defibrillators will be internal and not external. This will mean that the machines will only be accessible within term time at the school and pretty much whenever the Centre is in use. It obviously makes more sense to have them external but I do not really want all our efforts to have been wasted by the cabinets being tampered with causing possible fault to them. Any damage could then mean that the general public are unable to gain access to the machines when urgently needed. This was not a decision I took lightly however.

See page 23 for pictures

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CPR and Defibrillator Training Update

Louise Hoyle Fennell (cont.)

I thought long and hard about whether to have the cabinets positioned internal or external but I have explained my reasoning for choosing internal and this has been accepted by both the school and the Centre and indeed members of the public who have enquired about external. However, if at any point in the future it is felt necessary to have either of the machines positioned externally, then the school and the Centre are completely free to do so but that will unfortunately come at a hefty cost for an external heated and alarmed cabinet.

There should now be green defibrillator posters here and there letting the public know where their nearest machine is. It is important that these posters are kept up indefinitely so please, our little current poster eaters, let's keep them up! Speaking of advertising, unfortunately, the press were not able to assist at the time of me contacting them regarding the training and handover at the Community Centre, which was a real shame. They simply could not afford weekend reporters and no photographers were available either, although they did manage to contact myself sometime after and ran a short story to at least cover our efforts. I took my own photos so here are a few for you to see if you were not able to make the event.

Just one final thanks to everyone who gave generously, whether that was them parting with their money or simply in them attending. They have been amazing.

Why not look up the Welsh Hearts Charity on the internet if you have access to it. If you were not able to make it to the training you can at least read up on the hard work they do day in day out. These smaller Charities do not get enough recognition, nor do they get enough donations, unlike the mainstream Charities.

All in all, I think we've done pretty well as a small community wouldn't you say? It has been a long process for us, but it's been worth it. I hope you think so too? And I hope that, even though we now have these life-saving machines in our actual reach, that we never ever have to use them!

In memory of Trevor Jones and Don Campbell

Kind regards everyone,
Louise Hoyle Fennell

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SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY: CANDLEMASS
4.00P.M. CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
WITH YSGOL DERWENFA CHOIR
OFFICIANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN
THE SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED
BY REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY: NEXT BEFORE LENT
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

ASH WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY:
7.00P.M. HOLY COMMUNION
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY: LENT I
11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER
OFFICIANT: MS KATHY STEWART

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY: LENT II
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH: LENT III
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV JOHN POOLMAN

**SUNDAY 11TH MARCH: LENT IV
MOTHERING SUNDAY**
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

**SUNDAY 18TH MARCH: LENT V
PASSIONTIDE BEGINS**
11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER
OFFICIANT: MS KATHY STEWART

**SUNDAY 25TH MARCH: LENT VI
PALM SUNDAY**
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

6.00P.M. EVENING PRAYER
OFFICIANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

HOLY WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH
7.30 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION
AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

GOOD FRIDAY 30TH MARCH
10.45 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
AT LEESWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Dates of EVENING PRAYER for 2018 IN CHRIST CHURCH.

25th March (Palm Sunday) at 6.00p.m.

8th July at 6.00 p.m.
(please not change of date)

30th September at 6.00p.m.

25th November at 4.00p.m.

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

24TH FEBRUARY 2018

"COME 4 COFFEE"

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON



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1st Leeswood

1st. Leeswood Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

The Groups meet in Leeswood but also take girls from Pontybodkyn, Treuddyn and other local areas.

If you are interested in sending your daughter please obtain information via WWW.girlguiding.org.uk.

The girls recently visited the Heritage Exhibition at the Wesley Methodist Chapel, Leeswood. They were interested to learn about the history of the Chapel and its predecessor, Horeb in County Road and to see pictures of relatives and ancestors. The girls were proud to take part in Councillor Joseph Caruana's Civic Service held in the Wesley Chapel.

The girls were on Parade at the Remembrance Sunday Services at both Christchurch, Pontblyddyn and at the Cenotaph in Leeswood and laid wreaths at both.

The Hope Girl Guiding District Carol Service was held in the Wesley Chapel. The singing was magnificent and readings were done by girls from Rainbow, Brownie and Guide groups of Hope, Kinnerton, Leeswood and Penyfford as well as the District Commissioner.

In January we had a visit by Peter our local Police and Community Support Officer who talked about his work and answered very intelligent questions from the Brownies and Guides. Peter is to assist the Brownies do their Crime Prevention Badge. The girls were excited to view the Police Van from both the inside and outside and by the demonstration of the blue lights and various sirens.

The Guides are looking forward to going Camping again.

The Guides, Brownies and Rainbows celebrate Chinese New Year and also Worldwide Thinking Day of Scouting and Guiding in February. There will be Dragon Dancing and Firecrackers in Leeswood.

The girls are looking forward to making Origami cards for Mothering Sunday under the guidance of local origami expert Mrs Maureen Calder.

Just before Easter we hope to have a visit from a feathery friend and will be decorating eggs.

We are also having a visit from a local Hospital Matron.

Thank you to all in our Community for your support.

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Eyes Down 7.30pm



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NEWS OF THE LEESWOOD NIGHTINGALE HOUSE HOSPICE

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We were delighted to have a Fund Raising Table at the Santa Claus table top sale held at the Leeswood Community Centre on 2nd. December 2017. £51.95 worth of Hospice goods were sold, including Christmas cards. We raised £63 on "Trash or Treasure" at 50p per go.

On 22nd. December 2017 we held our traditional Carol Service at the Leeswood Community Centre. Mrs Margaret Roberts kindly played the organ and Dewi Hughes, Conductor of the Cymau Choir did us the honour of conducting.

Our President [former Chair and in earlier days our Secretary], Mrs Lucille Ingman, M.B.E. presented a cheque for the magnificent sum of £3750.43 to Debbie Barton of Nightingale House Hospice. This money had been raised during 2016 and 2017 and is a marvellous achievement thanks to the generosity of everyone in Leeswood, Pontybodkyn, Pontblyddyn, Treuddyn, Nercwys, Caergwrlle and surrounding areas.

At the Carol Service £187.20, including various generous donations was raised.

BINGO Our next fundraiser is Bingo on St. Valentines Day, Wednesday 14th. February 2018 at Leeswood Community Centre 7pm. for EYES DOWN at 7.30pm. please come along and enjoy trying to win the excellent Bingo and Raffle Prizes. £6 per person. We hope to see you all there.

COFFEE MORNING We will be having our annual fund raising St. Davids Day coffee morning on Wednesday 28th. February 2018 10am. to 12 noon at Leeswood Community Centre where as usual the delightful children of Ysgol Derwenfa will sing and recite for our entertainment. £3 per person. We will also have a Raffle, Tombola Bottle Stall, "Trash or Treasure" and will sell Hospice Goods. We hope to see you all.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for the Bingo, Raffles, Bottle Stall or "Trash or Treasure" can give them to Anne, Jane, Jennie or Norma at Patchwork & Quilting any Tuesday between 10am. & 2pm. at the Leeswood Community Centre or we can collect if you ring 07858 776 594.

Thankyou all for your marvellous support.

Lucille, Bryn, Anne, Flora, Jane Lucy, Jane Owen, John, Jennie & Bryan.

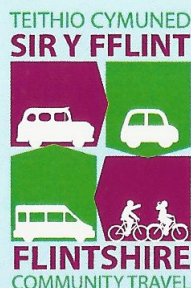
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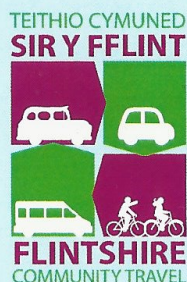
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Canolfan Cymuned Cymau	09:50	13:15
Ffrith	09:55	13:20
Swyddfa Post Llanfynydd	10:00	13:25
Ael y Bryn, Llanfynydd	10:02	13:27
Ffordd y Llan, Treuddyn	10:05	13:30
Ffordd y Rhos, Treuddyn	10:07	13:32
Bryn Pontybodkin	10:11	13:36
Parc Derw, Coed Llai	10:13	13:38
Parc Aderthu Brychdyn	10:31	13:56

Dydd Sadwrn yn unig

Parc Aderthu Brychdyn	12:30	16:15	17:00
Parc Derw, Coed Llai	12:48	16:33	17:18
Bryn Pontybodkin	12:50	16:35	17:20
Ffordd y Rhos, Treuddyn	12:54	16:39	17:24
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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
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Leeswood Wesleyan Methodist Chapel Celebrating their 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Festival



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- 4th Feb.** Morning Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Mr D. Scanlon
- 11th Feb.** Morning Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Church Members
- 18th Feb.** Morning Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Mrs M. Jones
- 25th Feb.** Lord's Supper **10.45 am**
Led by Rev Pat Christopher

A Circuit Day of Prayer and Fasting

The Buckley and Deeside Circuit invited its congregations to Fast and Pray for twenty four hours and during that time a variety of prayer opportunities were offered.

At Wesley, Leeswood we were offered a practical workshop about prayer during which we each made a prayer lantern as a prayer prompt.

These twenty four hours which began at 5pm on Friday 5th January were brought to a close the following day with a short service using the theme of 'Fasting and feast' and was followed by a 'Hotpot Feast' in Buckley Cross Methodist Church.

Rev Pat Christopher 01352 730313
email: patchristopher139@yahoo.com

Dear Friends,
During December we held another successful Christmas Tree Festival. The tree which received the greatest number of votes for 'Best Tree' was the Leeswood Craft Group and Pontabodkin Ladies' Guild tree with the theme, 'Homemade Crafts' and they were awarded a glass hanging tree. The Runner Up was the British Legion Tree whose theme was 'To the Memory of the Fallen and the Future of the Living' and they were awarded a folk style wooden tree. We would like to offer a big thank you to all who took part.



A prayer lantern

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Technical Corner

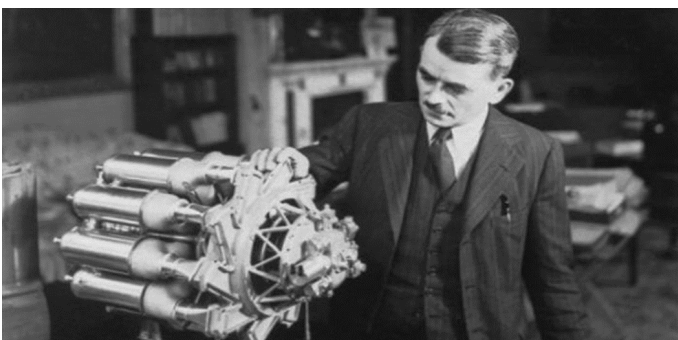
Joseph Caruana

Here we are, already one month into the New Year, all eager to improve ourselves and make it a better year than the last one. Eagerness to improve is a factor that motivates inventors and innovators alike. They have a burning desire to venture into the unknown and explore new ways how to better themselves not at the cost of those around them, but to the benefit of those around them.

This country has produced a great number of inventors and innovators, who were not afraid to venture prudently into the future, and come up with new ideas which were turned into successful financial rewards, creating employment for the masses, and putting money in the pockets of production workers, who toiled to produce such products.

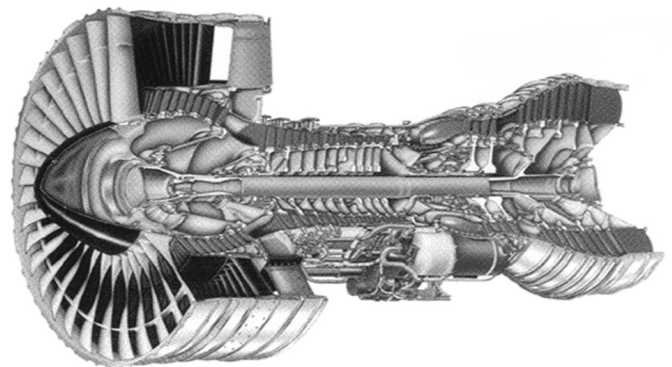
We have given the world a lot of great ideas, such as penicillin, the jet engine, the electric generator, the bicycle, and many others. We have also ventured into the unknown in the fields of physics and chemistry, with Sir Isaac Newton discovering the laws of gravity, and although it was discovered by chance, Newton was so intelligent that he turned a chance event into a successful occurrence. These people were extroverts in their technical speciality, that is why they ventured into the unknown, that is why Sir Isaac Newton was inquisitive and analysed the events that happened when he witnessed the events when he saw that apple falling from a tree. Probably many of us have witnessed things falling to the ground, but some of us might just accept these things as a common occurrence, and do not ask any question, or if we ask questions and we do not understand the answer we just leave it at that.

When Frank Whittle came up with the idea of the jet engine, he spoke about it to the influential people in the appropriate circles, but he felt that he was not understood. Notwithstanding, he did not give up and persevered with developing a prototype of the jet engine.



The above picture shows Frank Whittle standing next to a model of his early jet engines. A proud man who showing his invention to the world. Nevertheless, Jet engine development and innovation carried on as shown below.

The reading that follows is an explanation of the difference between invention and innovation. An invention is the concept idea of something new, while an innovation is a further development of something that already exists. However, if the incremental innovation consists of an addition concept idea, that concept idea could be regarded as an invention. As we all know, the jet engine has been further developed and commercialised over the span of its existence. The following picture shows how a jet engine looks today, and how much development has been done to the original concept.



As one can see, the jet engine of today is somewhat different from the original engine of Frank Whittle, nevertheless, the principle is still the same, and more important the concept is still the same. However, there has been incremental improvements which has dramatically improved the performance of the jet engine, and without these incremental improvements, the jet engine will not be performing the tasks that we see it perform today.

To this end, one can conclude that the invention of the jet engine does belong to Sir Frank Whittle, because he invented the concept of how the engine works, and the first patent for a jet engine in this country was registered in his name. However, further innovations were done to the original concept of the jet engine to enhance its performance. Therefore, the invention is the creation of the original concept while the innovation is any further development of the original concept.

Inventions and innovations get frequently mistaken for one another, and sometimes a clear identification may be needed. This applies to a lot of things within industrial development, and past experience have indicated that the subject might need to be analysed and understood from different points of view.

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Leeswood Legends

By Daniel Robertson

- Fallen Of The Parish -

Larry Wood was a tall, stocky, Ticket Master on the West Coast Mainline. He lived in Liverpool with his wife and often covered the Chester to Holyhead route for the Dublin Ferry Port.

Each morning Larry hopped onto one of the trains that he was always sent on. The train travelled from Coed Talon train station which was busy with children waiting to get to school in Mold. As usual Larry opened the carriage door and the children lined up, holding their tickets. "Hello Robert," he said as he clipped the ticket of a short boy.

"Morning Larry!" Replied Robert.

Larry said good morning to all the children every day as he clipped their tickets. When everyone was on the train he gave the signal and they started to move. There was one carriage on the train that was light brown on the inside and had red chairs and many windows. "Right," he said, turning to face the children. "Who's got an apple in their lunch box?" Five children put their hands up. Larry collected the five red apples and made his way back to the front of the carriage. "Can everyone see me?" He asked. There was a feeling of great excitement surging through the train because the children knew what was about to happen.

Larry threw one apple into the air, then another and another until he was juggling all five apples. All the children had their mouths open in awe until the train stopped in Mold. "People who gave me fruit hold your hands out." The five Leeswood children got ready as the apples flew across the carriage back to their owners. Larry opened the carriage door and as the children filed out he called to them, "have a good day at school, I'll see you again tomorrow!"

Larry was really popular with children because he treated them as if they were his own. What they didn't know was that he and his wife had experienced the loss of a stillborn son. Whenever Larry was alone he would sit and think of him.

Larry was sitting in his kitchen in Liverpool after his morning shift on September 3rd 1939, listening to the wireless when an announcement met his ears. At 11.15am Neville Chamberlain declared that Britain was at war with Germany.

From that moment on, life in Britain was changed forever. Cities were being bombed, people were rationing their food and men were being called up to fight the enemy.

Larry was exempt from joining the armed forces because his job on the railway was a protected occupation needed for the survival of the country.

Also, children began to be evacuated from England to the countryside by train because of the bombing raids. One of the worst cities to encounter destruction from bombing was Liverpool. The government thought children from Liverpool would be safer in Wales. When Larry arrived at Lime Street Station on the steam train, he saw hundreds of children waiting with gas masks carried across their shoulders, name tags hung around their necks and suitcases and small lunch boxes held for the journey to North Wales.

While they were travelling he would entertain the evacuees by juggling apples which really cheered them up and made them feel better before they went to see their new families. He also performed when taking the children to school in the morning but they too, like the evacuees, were scared and worried about their fathers at war and needed Larry's reassurance now more than ever.

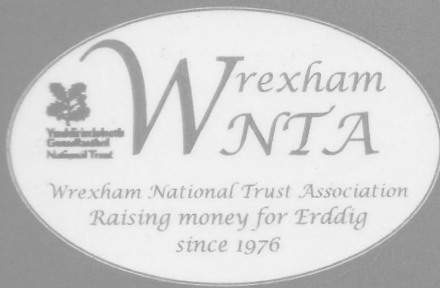
But something dreadful happened. Larry Wood was fast asleep in his bed one night when his house got bombed and with it, he was gone. The next morning there was no Larry to entertain the children and every day that went by his smile wasn't there and the children didn't know where he was. There was no telegram sent when Larry died, he never received a medal and you will never find his name on any war memorial but, to the children of Leeswood, he was a legend.

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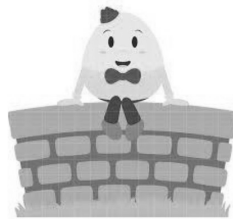
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LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2017.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was in attendance with his colleague PCSO 3683 Stephanie Jones.

PCSO Peter Jones reported the following incidences: -

Maxwell Drive, Leeswood – criminal damage, a lock was taken from a gate.

County Road, Leeswood – theft of a radiator.

Seven anti-social behaviour issues – these are in hand with Social Services.

There had been a North Wales Police funded Halloween Party for all ages of the Community Centre held on Saturday 28th October 2017. This was well attended and considered to have been a great success.

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana thanked both PCSOs for attending the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood 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

Four residents had expressed interest in the three vacant seats on the Community Council. The successful candidates were Mrs Clare Coleman, Ms Leah Thomas Coleman and Ms Lesley Catriona Richardson.

ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Planning Application for an extension to the Pontblyddyn Cemetery had been passed subject to the following conditions: -

- a) The development hereby approved shall be commenced before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission. This is to comply with requirements of Sections 91 to 93 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.
- b) The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents as submitted by this Council. This is to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details.
- c) The position of the burial plots shall:
 - be a minimum of 50m from potable groundwater supply source
 - be a minimum of 30m from a water course or spring
 - be a minimum of 10m from any field drains
 - not take place into standing water and the base of the grave above the local water table.This is to protect the quality of controlled waters in the local area and in compliance with Policy GEN1 of the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan.
- d) Notwithstanding the details submitted, the site shall not be brought into use until a scheme of hard/soft landscaping, which shall include indications of all existing trees and hedgerows on the land and details of any to be retained, together with measures for their protection in the course of

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development and ii) details of pathways and any retaining structures had been submitted for the consideration and written approval of the Local Planning Authority. This is in the interests of visual amenity and in compliance with Policy GEN1 of the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan.

e) The scheme as may subsequently be approved under condition c of this permission shall be implemented within six months of the bringing into use of this site or within such other timescale as may be approved by the Local Planning Authority. This is in the interests of visual amenity and in compliance with Policy GEN1 of the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan.

No further information had been received in relation to the purchase of the land.

CEMETERY

It was commented that the Cemetery remains in excellent condition and all Councillors agreed that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing an excellent job.

Observation made that the latest headstones to be erected in the Cemetery were not in line. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should inspect and report at the December monthly meeting.

FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN

All Councillors agreed that this item be re-Agenda'd for discussion at the monthly meeting on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Councillor R. Hughes who had advised that the twice weekly bus service from the communities of Leeswood, Treuddyn, Llanfynydd and Nercwys to Broughton Retail Park would run on a Tuesday and Saturday.

Councillors referred to the previous questionnaire which had been circulated throughout the Community. It was felt that the questions asked had not been helpful to the issue regarding the lack of evening transport. Comment was made that a possibility of meeting with the neighbouring Community Councils of Llanfynydd and Treuddyn had been suggested. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact the Clerk of those Councils to see if such a meeting could be organised.

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

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

Again, Councillors expressed great concern about the vehicles parking part on and part off the pavement on Bell's Corner. It was believed that being forced to travel over the white line onto the wrong side of the road in order to pass these vehicles would cause an accident. All Councillors agreed that this issue needed resolving quickly.

CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

Councillors taking part in this project reported that progress was being made with preparing the information for the iBeacons. This information was then being uploaded onto the app. The next meeting with Jo Danson was to take place on Tuesday 14th November 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

In June 2017 Flintshire County Council undertook a consultation exercise into a Public Space Protection Order around dog control and dog fouling. On conclusion of the consultation, the results of the online survey and comments were collated and presented to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for discussion and the Cabinet Committee for final determination. On Tuesday 26th September, the Cabinet Committee agreed the following conditions to be enforceable from the 20th October 2017.

The Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Space Protection Order will require dog walkers to:

- Remove dog waste immediately from the ground at all public locations.
- Put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. This only applies to any public land where a dog is considered to be out of control or causing alarm and distress.
- Keep dogs on leads within cemeteries.
- Have a means on their person to collect dog waste from the ground if asked by an authorised officer.

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Dogs are also excluded from entering:

- Equipped children's play areas
- The playing area of specific sporting or recreational facilities
- School Grounds
- The playing areas of marked sports pitches

Dogs will be able to be exercised in areas surrounding the marked sports pitches, there is not a blanket ban on dogs in areas with marked sports pitches.

Breach of any of these conditions will result in the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75.

Signs are currently being produced and will be placed at appropriate locations in order for enforcement to take place in due course.

Information and maps of affected areas will be available via the Flintshire website www.flintshire.gov.uk/psporeults.

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.

MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS

The Clerk referred to the correspondence that 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. Comment was made that the playing area at Ffordd Siarl which had been highlighted as amber and in need of upgrading, currently had equipment which was not suitable for younger children. It was agreed that any funding given should benefit the smaller children. All Councillors agreed that this item was to be re-agendad for the December 2017 monthly meeting.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

It was brought to the Council's attention that there had recently been an accident on the Pontblyddyn crossroads whereby a motorcyclist had come off his vehicle. The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Councillor R. Hughes who had advised that the Flintshire County Council had previously looked in to putting traffic lights on the Pontblyddyn crossroads and it was decided that there was no need for them. Councillor R. Hughes had asked for the Flintshire County Council to re-examine this.

Observation was made that if traffic lights were unacceptable then some other form of traffic calming should be sought. Particular reference was made to the 'tight' corners for large vehicles when turning and could consideration be given to widening the splay of the road.

It was agreed by all Councillors that a letter be sent to Flintshire County Council.

A SHARED COMMUNITY – CHARTER BETWEEN FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS 2014

Members had been circulated with copies of this document and a copy of the Action Plan 2014 for Charter between Flintshire County Council and Town and Community Councils. It was decided at the County Forum meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2017 to review the Charter. This correspondence was accepted.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – GUIDANCE FOR PRINCIPAL COUNCILS ON THE REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES

Arising from the latest County Forum meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2017, this document had been circulated to all members. It is anticipated that Flintshire County Council will be required to undertake such a review over the next couple of years. This correspondence was accepted.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2023

This was a detailed document outlining the Flintshire County Council Plan for the years 2017-2023 which had been circulated to all members. Further supporting information had also been circulated.

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Councillor G. Sherwood reported that he had attended the Flintshire County Council Public Engagement event held on Monday 6th November 2017 at Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold. Flintshire County Council is one of the most under-funded County Councils in Wales, coming at nineteenth place out of 22. Funding from the UK Government to the Welsh Government was being cut further and this cut was being borne by the County Councils. The County Council were having to budget for even more cuts and other than the ring-fenced budgets, such as education and social care, everything had been cut back as far as it could.

WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT – UPDATED SCHEME SETTING OUT BASIS OF A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WELSH GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Members had been circulated with information on the Local Government Scheme which looks at how the Welsh Government, Local Government and the wider Public Services will deliver services according to the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations Wales Act 2015. This correspondence was accepted.

DRAFT LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

Members will find enclosed a copy of a draft Local Resolution Procedure. Mr Gareth Owens, Chief Officer, Governance, Flintshire County Council, urges every Council to adopt such a protocol and to do so before there is a 'live' complaint. Mr Owens intends to host an event on how to adopt and apply a Local Resolution Procedure. This event should be attended by the Clerk to the Council.

Subject to a couple of changes to tailor the draft Local Resolution Procedure to this Council, it was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that this be adopted. All Councillors were in agreement.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – REVISED PROPOSALS REPORT 2018 REVIEW

The revised proposals report stated that the Commission had received a representation at the Wrexham public hearing from the Member of Parliament for the existing Delyn constituency that the electoral ward of Gwernaffield should be included within the Alyn and Deeside proposed constituency due to its local ties with the town of

Mold, and that Northop Hall should be included within the proposed constituency of Flint and Rhuddlan due to its local ties with the electoral ward of Northop. This was supported by other representations received by the Commission which included this Council's and in the Labour Party submission. Councillors accepted this information.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PREFERRED STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Andrew Farrow, Chief Officer, Planning and Environment, Flintshire County Council, informing that the Flintshire Local Development Plan 2015-2030 Preferred Strategy will be open for consultation from 9th November to 21st December 2017. This item is to be put on the Agenda for the December monthly meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Christ Church, Pontblyddyn – invitation to put a crib setting in the Crib Festival to be held in Church over the weekend 9th/10th December 2017. All Councillors agreed that this Council should participate by putting a crib setting in the Festival.

b) Leeswood Methodist Church – an invitation to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival 16th/17th December 2017. The cost of the tree is £20. All Councillors agreed that this Council should once again participate in this Festival.

c) Leeswood Royal British Legion – correspondence received advising that the Leeswood Sub-branch of the Royal British Legion no longer had the funds to purchase the wreaths to lay at the Cenotaphs on Remembrance Sunday. All Councillors agreed that the Community Council would purchase these on their behalf.

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Leeswood Allotments

Much of what happens on the allotments is weather dependant and John Harrison's book "Vegetable Growing Month by Month" tells me that February is often the coldest winter month so, being a somewhat fair weather gardener, I'm afraid there probably won't be much progress on my allotment this month.

However, the nights are drawing out. I am aware of this because my one remaining chicken, Carmen is taking to her straw filled bed a little later each week. John Harrison's book also says that longer days mean that we can start planting, though only if the weather allows. Seeds will not germinate in cold wet weather but we can get around this by using cloches.

I had this in mind when I ordered one on line. It was a Christmas present to myself. It was a bargain in the pre Christmas sale, 2.5 metres long with plenty of pegs to secure it in the ground and sections to open along its length should you need to. It was due to be delivered on December 28th and I eagerly awaited it's arrival. Last week I had notification that it won't be here for another 3 weeks. I'm sure I'm one of many who have been disappointed by the late delivery of on-line orders this Christmas.

Never mind there will be plenty of time to set it up, get something planted and still have a head start over seeds sown straight in the ground in March or April. If I start a few broad beans growing in pots in the back garden and pop in some garlic cloves, which like a cold spell, then February will have been a productive month after all. Yes, you may not see much activity down on the allotments in February but allotment holders are planning and preparing even in the coldest month.

Just a reminder that, if you have set yourself a New Year's resolution to get fitter and healthier in 2018 you might consider taking on an allotment. There are plots available just get in touch with Joseph Caruana on 01352 770187

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