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Community Event—change of date



CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN



The **DUCK RACE** and **FUN DAY** will be held this year on August Bank Holiday, **Monday, 27th August** and not, as hitherto, at the end of May. This means we have three extra months of eager anticipation for this fun-packed community day, with all the old favourite stalls and new attractions too. Contact **Johanna** (01352-770204) if you'd like to take a stall – the more the merrier – or lend a hand on the day!

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WING WALK' - 25th May 2018 - June Lincoln



Dear Potential Sponsor,

I (June Lincoln) am taking part in a Wing Walk. All proceeds will help in raising monies towards the start-up costs, for the Community Café in Leeswood (near Mold).

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Watch this page next month for the full report !!!

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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

Gill Burton

The 22nd March 2018 was the Guild AGM Mrs Jane Lucy opened the meeting and the President Mrs Lucille Ingman then welcomed everyone saying it was nice to see so many members had turned out for the evening. Mrs Jennie Webb, Secretary, read the minutes for the previous year and these were passed as a true record.

Lucille, in her report, said how wonderful that we had reached our 50th anniversary in April and plans were going ahead for a celebratory meal. She also reflected that we had also had sadness over the year with the passing of Mrs Jean Wynne, Mrs Joan Taylor, Mrs Mary Williams and Mrs Alice Lincoln. Lucille spoke very warmly of Mary and of all her work as secretary for the Guild for many years and for overseeing the cooking for the monthly lunches. She also stated how delighted she was that we had taken in new members, Mrs Janet Burden, Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick, Mrs Jane Owen, Mrs Ann Bannerjee and Mrs Gwen Grey. Lucille finished by thanking all members for faithfully attending meetings. Treasurer, Mrs Maureen Calder, read out her detailed balance sheet, no matters arising.

Speakers Secretary, Mrs Cynthia Flitcroft, relayed all the interesting people she had managed to arrange to visit us, and was thanked, by the President, as this is a very difficult job.

Mrs Jane Lucy, Entertainment Secretary, reported on the different outings we had over the year.

The election of officers was relatively easy, as everyone agreed to carry on with their positions.

After all the business it was then time for welcome refreshments provided by Mrs Jane Lucy. The raffle was then drawn and Mrs Gwen Grey was the winner. Mrs Janet Burden won the special raffle. The President closed the meeting.

We meet the second and fourth Thursday in the month and if you feel you would like to join us you would be made most welcome.

The President opened the meeting on the 12th April 2018 and handed over to Mrs Gill Burton, who read a poem on behalf of Mrs Flora Roberts. To keep us entertained Cynthia had arranged a couple of quizzes for us. These always turn to be great fun as we try to get our brainboxes into gear. Prizes were awarded for winners, losers and everyone in between. A slight mix up over refreshments meant they were provided by Mrs Flora Roberts and Mrs Maureen Calder so the end result was a very full plate.

The raffle was drawn and the winner was Mrs Gwen Grey and the special raffle was won by Mrs Jane Lucy.

In last month's report I referred to the Morris dancers as Maurice dancers. Don't know what happened there, can only put it down to a senior moment.

Editor Change

You may notice slight changes with how the Leeswood & District News is put together from this month onwards!

That's because (as you may likely know) John Davies has been putting the paper together 'on a temporary basis' after providing a fresh rebranding & new website to the community paper in February 2017.

John then continued to put it all together each month and this month it has been handed back to the original editor, June Lincoln.

It has been great to contribute my skills & support to this community feature, and I wish the Leeswood & District News all the best as it continues to provide the community with great information, news & events.

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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.

Sunday Evenings

On Sunday evening we meet at 5:00pm to read the Bible. As part of our 150th Celebrations, we plan to read through the whole bible in a year.

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

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

Website – www.bethanialeeswood.org

Phone Rob 01352 771607



Greetings Carnival Campers, we hope you are all feeling well and a little more content now that the weather is warming up. Or at least we hope it is a little warmer. There is something seriously wrong if by now it is not and, quite frankly, we are sick of talking about the weather. Shall we talk about something else instead? Yes, we shall!

In last month's edition we said that we could report on both the 'Family Night' and the Bingo. Yet again we

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were getting ahead of ourselves as the Bingo was not until the 25th April and the write up had to go to the Editor by the 18th, but do not worry we will be reporting on the Bingo and profits raised in next month's edition. That we can assure you! The Bingo will also have been our penultimate fundraiser before the big day itself so, hopefully, we will have had a good show of hands (and by that we mean a lot of you waving your Bingo books in the air shouting "HOUSE", or simply "EE-YA" [short for "here you are"] in other cases, mine in particular) but at least for now we can report on how the 'Family Night' went and how much profit we raised from it. We had a very good turn out on the night to be fair. The room was full of people of all ages and the sounds from the 80's and 90's (brought to us by the lovely DJ Rhiannon) were definitely suited to the middle-aged (like myself). To have however a mix of all ages show their continued support in this growing venture of ours certainly makes us very happy Campers indeed and it continues to drive us on. We hope to be able to put on another 'Family Night' in the future but, for now, we can report that we raised a sum of £214.50 which is a great amount towards the coffers.

We have also been very fortunate of late to have received some donations in from the Pontybodkin Ladies Guild, Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Community Council and Très Chic - a huge thanks to each of them. But if we may just give Très Chic a further mention on this occasion as a lot of you may not know who they are or what they do. Run by two ladies, this is a local business which is able to take unwanted or old furniture off your hands which they then very tastefully upcycle to sell on. Très Chic has, on two occasions so far, kindly donated part of their profits to the Carnival fund which we cannot thank them enough for. If you have any old furniture you wish to discard of which you think Très Chic could benefit from, please let any one of the Committee know and we can put you in touch with these ladies.

With the big day now fast-approaching, please do not forget our final fundraiser for the calendar year to be held on the 19th May 2018, namely the Prince, Rosebud and Queen Event. You may recall in April's edition we made comment on the format changing this time, giving a more at-ease approach for the children who

wish to enter rather than them feeling like they have to compete against one another. Just to serve as a reminder though (in case some of you did not see April's edition) we have decided that, rather than expecting the children to go on stage in front of an audience and a panel of Judges, we will simply draw the winning names out of a hat (or categorised boxes in this case). Hopefully the majority of you will have seen the last edition but, if there is anything you wish to know further in respect of the event, the relevant poster with details is advertised in this edition and there will be notes and Terms & Conditions for parents to read on the night or you can simply ask a member of the Committee who will answer any questions you may have.

We would just like to end the write-up with a few words to Mr Carlton Jones whom we ourselves wish to thank for all that he has done for the villages of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn over the years and how privileged some of us felt in being able to attend the presentation afternoon at the Community Centre on the 15th April 2018 to mark his retirement. As a lot of you will know, Carlton did so much for Leeswood Carnival back in the day and it would be pretty difficult to overlook all the hard work put in and the total dedication to it in order to bring our little village each year one of the greatest Carnivals around for many, many years. We may never get to reach those heights ourselves but we are so grateful that Carlton still continues to inspire us, to become bigger and better (but not too big for our boots mind), and that he still continues to support us with our Prince, Rosebud & Queen event each year. Very much the gentlest of gentlemen we only wish there were more like him and, if there were a title up for grabs of Carnival King, Carlton would win it hands down each time!

With very best wishes to you Carlton on your retirement. Take it easy.

We will see you on the 19th though won't we??!!

Kind regards,
Louise Hoyle Fennell
Committee Member

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



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Evelyn Jones

Wilson Jones and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for all of the cards and messages of sympathy following their sad loss of Evelyn on March 20th.

Also, for the kind donations of £600 which will be shared between Christ Church Pontblyddyn and The British Heart Foundation.

A special thank you to Vicar John and Ken Massey for their kind words and H.J Williams and Sons for their caring funeral arrangements.

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

On **Saturday, 2nd June**, from 9am to 11.30am, we are holding a **CAR BOOT SALE** in the church Car Park. Come to see what treasures you can find! Six pitches available at £10 each, plus a stall for the home team and refreshments. To book your place, please phone **Sue** on 01352-770137.

MOLD CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY: TRIPS 2018

Pick-up: Mynydd Isa. 8.40 am

Mold. 9 am (Darby and Joan Club, Grosvenor Street)

Saturday 12th May

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Saturday 9th June

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Saturday 14th July

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CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN MAY/JUNE 2018

SUNDAY 6TH MAY: EASTER 6

9.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

ASCENSION DAY - THURSDAY MAY 10TH

7.00P.M. HOLY COMMUNION IN

ST BERRIS CHURCH, LLANFERRES.

SUNDAY 13TH MAY: EASTER 7

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

4.00P.M. ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

IN ST GILES CHURCH WREXHAM

SUNDAY 20TH MAY: PENTECOST

11.15 MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 27TH MAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

WALK OF WITNESS.

10.15 A.M. MEET AT THE CENOTAPH

11.00 A.M. SERVICE IN METHODIST CHURCH

PREACHER: REV'D DANIEL STROUD.

RECTOR OF BRO FAMAU

MEMBER OF MOLD MISSION AREA TEAM.

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE: TRINITY 1

9.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

5.00P.M. EVENSONG IN TREUDDYN CHURCH

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE: TRINITY 2

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE – MISSION AREA SERVICE

10.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION IN

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CILCAIN

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE: TRINITY 3

11.15 MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 24TH JUNE: TRINITY 4

11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT SERVICES

CHRIST CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

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The Rectory, Llanfynydd, Wrexham. LL11 5HH.

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN EVENSONG

AND EVENING PRAYER?

The clue is obviously in the name. Evensong is a sung service, Evening Prayer is said. For the past few years all the Evening Services in Pontblyddyn have been said because we haven't had an organist to help us with the service. **This is about to change! We have accepted an offer from Mr Christopher Enston to play for a service of Evensong once every 2 months in Pontblyddyn.**

Our Evening service will be part of a pattern of worship which will be set up across the Pontblyddyn and Nercwys Churches. Each month there will be an Evensong Service at 5.00p.m. in one of the churches. See below for service dates. When the service is in our church, it will be the only Service in Christ Church that (there will not be a Morning Prayer Service).

Anyone who enjoys Evensong is very welcome to join us for any of the Evening Services in any of our Churches. The same chants will always be used at all of them, we will have traditional hymns and traditional prayers.

The Services pattern will be:

17th June at 5.00 p.m. in Pontblyddyn Church

***8th July** 5.00 p.m. in Nercwys Church

19th August 5.00 p.m. in Pontblyddyn Church

9th September 5.00 p.m. in Nercwys Church

21st October 5.00 pm. in Pontblyddyn Church

***Please note** the July service will be in Nercwys, our next service will be in August.

After the October service we will take a break to evaluate the services as we celebrate Christmas. If everything has worked out as we hope the pattern will be picked up in February 2019

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

26TH MAY 2018 & 30TH JUNE

"COME 4 COFFEE" 10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

Please note the Vicar will be available on those dates, if you wish to speak to her on Church Business.



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Leeswood Senior Citizen Club

Prize Bingo

On May 23rd 2018

Doors open 7:00pm

Eyes down 7:30pm

To be held at the Community Centre

NEW EDITOR

Thank you very much to the new member of our team:

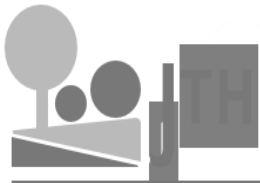
Karen Johnson

This amazing and brave lady has volunteered to take over the Editorship of the Leeswood and District News, later this year.

(more details will follow later)

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**Leeswood Senior
Citizens Club**

Prize Bingo Night

**Held At
Leeswood Community
Centre
May 23rd**

**Doors Open
7.00 PM
Eyes Down
7.30 PM**

FAMILY

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CALLING ALL ENTRANTS! CALLING ALL ENTRANTS!



LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

invite the Community to the

PRINCE, ROSEBUD & QUEEN COMPETITION & DISCO 2018

to be held at

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

on

SATURDAY 19TH MAY 2018

With Special Guests: The reigning PRINCE, ROSEBUD & QUEEN 2017

Doors open at 7pm

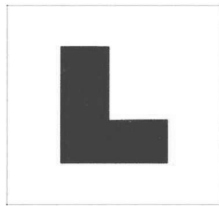
Registration for this event opens at 7.00pm and closes at 8.00pm

*The winning names of the Prince, Rosebud & Queen
will simply be drawn 'out of a hat' following close of registration*

Bar opens 7pm - Disco to follow close of events

If you have any queries, please contact a Committee Member

*The Carnival Committee would be extremely grateful for your continuing support
as a Community to make this 2018 Carnival a success*



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A MESSAGE FROM CARLTON JONES THANKS.

I am taking this opportunity to thank the very many people who recently attended the celebration of my past service to the Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council. I was overwhelmed when I walked into the Community Centre to see so many faces attending the event which was so excellently organised by the Clerk and Financial Officer Marie Reynolds.

I am indebted to Marie and all members of the Council for this very kind gesture for which I was totally surprised .

Thank you sincerely to all the many friends and representatives of local organisations including friends from Treuddyn, who came along to support me I am so indebted to you all, thanks to to Mr Andrew Jones and Mr Doug Jones representing Ysgol Derwenfa for which I have a special relationship. I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Councillor Brian Lloyd [Chairman of Flintshire County Council] and his wife Jean for their attendance and support.

Thank you to the Community Council for the lovely gift, and a very big thank you for the many cards and presents I received from friends and members of the public. I would also like to thank everyone in the community who have afforded me such wonderful support over the past years, it has been an honour to serve you all and hope along with others I have been able to make a small contribution in helping to make our Communities safer and better places in which to live.

I would like to conclude by wishing the present Council old and new members, Marie, the Council Clerk along with our very supportive County Councillor Raymond Hughes many years of success, and hope they are able to enjoy the pleasures and satisfaction that I have enjoyed over so many years.

Lastly a very big thanks to Cheryl and Gail for putting on such a wonderful Buffet

Carlton Jones.

WHEN IS A MOUNTAIN NOT A MOUNTAIN?

There are several "mountains" in Wales which never come anywhere near the Ordnance Survey general definition (a hill over 2000 feet). If you have been to Flint Mountain, for instance, you'll come to the conclusion it hardly merits the title. But in terms of names, local custom wins the day, and a mynydd can be a hill or a mountain. So Hope Mountain is a mountain is a mountain.

There are several ways up Hope Mountain [1083 feet] and the views from there are spectacular. Pathfinders will be blazing a trail from Leeswood via Pontblyddyn on Bank Holiday **Sunday, May 6th**, leaving the Community Centre at 10 am. So, if you want to locate footpaths to the top, come along and join us. As you might imagine, with even a small mountain, there is a significant climb involved, and I plan to come back a different way, via Llanfynydd and the old railway line to Coed Talon, so be prepared for that distance too

There is an extensive County park at the top, Waun-y-Llyn, open all the year round, with a convenient Car Park too, if you plan to visit another time using your own transport.

Incidentally Pathfinders have a monthly Sunday walk, so look out for the notices in the village and find out where we shall be off to next.

Good walking!

Mike Stevens

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The Methodist Church

Wesley Church, Leeswood

Methodist Church

Afternoon Tea

- 6th May Lord's Supper 9.30 am
Led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 13th May Morning Worship 10.45 am
Family Service
- 20th May Morning Worship 10.45 am
Led by Rev Elaine Hodge
- 27th May Walk of Witness 10.15 am
Morning Worship 10.45 am
Led by Rev Carole Poolman

'Thy Kingdom Come'

People around the world have been asked to pray for our world during the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost, 10th May until 20th May 2018.

The prayer below will be said by millions of Christians around the world.

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world

to preach the good news of your kingdom:

inspire us with your Spirit

and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,

that all who hear your Word

may be drawn to you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The postponed afternoon tea will now be held on

Tuesday 15th May



2 pm to 4.30 pm

Leeswood Nightingale House Hospice Friendship Group

We wish to thank everyone who supported our fund-raising Bingo on the 11th April 2018; either by kindly donating Bingo or Raffle prizes, or by attending (many of you did both, thank you especially). We wish to thank the following local businesses for supporting us with prizes:-

The staff of the Spar shop, Caergwrlle, The Co-operative shop, Leeswood, Martin Grafton Butchers, Mold, The Co-operative shop, Mold, Clays of Chester, Mold, Boots the Chemist, Mold, Pontblyddyn Riding Stables, The Bridge Inn, Pontblyddyn, House of Beauty, Mold. We raised £362.53 for hospice funds which makes over £1,000 so far this year.

Our next fund-raiser is a Strawberry Tea, at the Leeswood Community centre on Saturday 16th June 2018 from 2pm to 4pm, £4 per person.

We would like to do a Bingo in August if we can obtain sufficient prizes. Donations for the Raffle or Bingo can be given to any of us, or to Anne, Cynthia, Norma or Jennie at "Patchwork & Quilting" any Tuesday at the community centre between 10am to 2pm. Thank you all. (Lucille, Flora, Bryn, Anne, Jane, Jane Owen, Joan, Bryan and Jennifer.

What's on — MAY 2018

Committee	When	Where	Contact
Allotment Association	4th Monday of the Month	Community Centre	Joseph Caruana: 01352 770187
Carnival Group	2nd Tuesday of the Month	Community Centre	Leah Thomas Coleman: 07798
Community Centre	Last Tuesday of the Month	Community Centre	Gayle Brand: 01352 779068
Community Council	1st Tuesday of the Month	Community Centre	Marie Reynolds: 07912 146517
Activity / Group	When	Where	Contact
Amateur Dramatics	Various	Community Centre	Mike Stevens:
Bowling	Various	Bowling Club	Mike Jackson: 01352 771607
Bright Sparks	Friday: 09:30 -11:00 (Term Time Only)	Bethania Church	Ann Jackson: 01352 771607
Brownies	Tuesday: 17:15- 18:45	Community Centre	Cheryl Francis: 01352 218704
Craft	Alternate Mondays:13:30 - 16:00	Community Centre	Cynthia Flintcroft: 01352 771 245 01352 771629; chair- man@pontblyddyncc.org.uk
Cricket	Various	Pontblyddyn Cricket Club	Cheryl Francis:01352 218704
Guides	Tuesday: 17:15 - 18:45	Community Centre	Mike Stevens:
Guided Walks	Various	Leeswood & Surrounding area.	Joyce M'Caw: 07713 439716
High Fives	Wednesday: 17:45- 18:45 (Term Time Only)	Bethania Church	Jennifer Webb: 07858776594
Ladies Guild	Alternate Thursday: 19-00-21:00	Community Centre	Joyce M'Caw: 07713 439716
Lasers	Wednesday: 19:15- 21:00 (Term Time only)	Bethania Church	
Mother's Union		Christ Church Pontblyddh	
Over 60s	Alternate Wednesdays: 14:00 - 16:00	Community Centre	Mair Hughes: 01352 770597
Patch Work & Quilting	Tuesday: 10:00 - 15:00	Community Centre	Not currently accepting new mem-
Pigeon Racing	Friday Night	The Prince	Ray Hughes: 07794 208550
Play Group	Monday - Friday: 09:15 11:45 (Term Time Only)	Ysgol Derwenfa	Claire Coleman: 07851 975198
Rainbows	Thursday: 17:45: 18:45	Community Centre	Cheryl Francis: 01352 218704
Safe Haven	Tuesday: 14:00 16:00 (Term Time only)	Bethania Church	Dorothy: 07549 606145
Youth Club	Tuesday & Thursday 06:30 -	Ysgol Derwenfa	Blue Richard: 07960 989580
Zumba	Monday: 18:30- 19:15	Community Centre	Holly Dugan: 07947 575028

What's on—MAY 2018

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY

3rd May

Community Café Decorating

10:00- 15:00

Community Centre "Old Clinic"

10th, 17th, 24 & 31st May

Community Café Open

09:00 - 12:00

Community Centre

13th May

Ysgol Derwenfa

Treasure Hunt

19th May

Keep Wales Tidy

Community Litter Pick

10:00 _ 12:00

Leaving from Community Centre

19th May

Carnival Disco

Prince, Rosebud & Queen Competition

7Pm Community Centre

23rd May

Senior Citizens Bingo

Doors Open 7 PM

Eyes Down 7.30 PM

Community Centre

24th May

Age Connects Information Session

10:00 -12:00

Community Café

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CAFE

**Is OPENING
on the
THURSDAY
10th MAY 2018**

FROM

9.00 am to 12.00 pm

AT

The Community Centre

**Then the following Thursdays on
the 17th, 24th and 31st May**

So, come along and have a cuppa, meet your friends and friends you've not yet met. We look forward to welcoming you.

It is being held temporarily in the Committee room, until the 'old clinic' is ready.

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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

I have always admired Sir Isaac Newton for his contribution to science, physics and engineering. These subjects have contributed to allot of our intellectual achievements, which paved the way to created wealth and prosperity for the general public at large. Those of us, who study physics, science, or engineering, will come across the term Newton on many occasions. Newton (N) is the term used to measure force, and it is sometimes referred to as Newton force. Although Sir Isaac Newton lived between 1642 and 1727 his name is still very popular among the intellectual fraternity, and his principles do apply to other subjects rather than just those mentioned above.

Sir Isaac Newton is widely remembered for his law of physics that what goes up must come down. He is also remembered for understanding that for every force or action there is an equal and opposite force or action. This applies to a comprehensive range of disciplines within our daily lives. If these laws of physics were not true, then we will have objects moving about in perpetual motion for eternity. What keeps things steady and in place within our planet, is the gravitational pull exerted by the earth. An aeroplane flies because the force created by the engines and the wings is equal or more to that exerted by the forces of gravity. However, as soon as the forces exerted by the engines and the wings are eased off, the flying object will dissent back to earth. Again, it proves that Sir Isaac Newton was right when he said that what goes up must come down, and this proves that he was light years ahead of his time.

In an engineering project, the opposite forces are taken into consideration prior to the initial forces. Again this can be explained by the principles within a flying object. The initial force of a flying object will make it airborne. The equal and opposite forces will try to pull it back to earth again. In this case, if the opposite forces are not controlled, a flying object will come back down to earth with such a force that it will crush, causing considerable damage. In this case, the prior considerations which are put in place are the application of a smooth easing of power, and the shock absorption equipment, which will minimise the impact. These shows how equal and opposite forces can be used to our advantage, if applied properly, and if taken into consideration prior to the initial action.

Nature in itself operates on the same principle, and if we take into consideration the cycle of rain water, we can observe Newton's law of physics in action. Water in essence goes down to the lowest point available to it, this is because gravity pulls it downwards. At the

beginning of the cycle, water (due to hot conditions) is evaporated from the sea, leaving salt and other Impurities (which are heavier than vaporised water) behind. When the vaporised water reaches a certain height it will come in contact with colder weather and it will start to condense. When condensation takes place, the air molecules and the water molecules separate, and as water on its own cannot stay airborne, it will come down in the form of droplets. Here we have a case, where nature transformed water into vapour, lifted it into the air against the forces of gravity, and then condensed it back into water, which gravity pulled back down to earth.

Gravity also plays an important part in the energy contained within a mass of matter, and if a mass of matter is elevated to a certain level above a surface, it will contain an amount of energy equals to mass of the object multiplied by the gravity pull multiplied be the height. With this in mind, if rain falls on high ground it will contain a certain amount of energy, and if that water is collected in reservoir it will contain a huge amount of energy which could be harnessed to our advantage. That is where hydro-electric generation comes into play. Here, the amount of energy contained within the mass of water by virtue of its position is transformed in mechanical energy when it passes through the water turbines, which will then drive the electric generators to generate electricity. In this case, nature is working with us by lifting the water to a high position in the first place. Earlier on, I have mention the part played be the engines and the wings to lift an aircraft into the air. In this case we apply mechanical means to fight against the forces of nature and lift a mass into the air. In the case of a hydro-electric plant we harness the forces of gravity and work with nature to our advantage. With this in mind, it is clearly seen that there is to sides two everything and that for every force there is an equal and opposite force irrespective of how big it is.

Equals and opposites come from walks of life. In engineering we have seen practices that were the bee's knees at a certain time and made obsolete by another practice at a certain other time that followed. We have seen great names of car manufacturers, engine manufacturers, and home appliances manufacturers, disappear or replaced by others names over a period of time. One should take nothing for granted, because due to opposite forces nothing will last forever and everything comes to an end. It is proper to conclude, that as long as we understand that there is an equal and opposite action to every action we take, we will be better prepared to adjust ourselves to the new order. We need to be progressive, we need to move forward, we need to be innovative, and we need to look for new ideas all the time, nevertheless, whether they come from different people is another matter.

Are you looking for a volunteer role?

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- **Working with researchers to find out what is important for people in your area**

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If you are interested in becoming a Community Evaluator and would like to find out more, please contact the project administrator Becky:
Becky.Strike@ndti.org.uk or call 01225 789135 and she will be happy to answer any questions.



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Leeswood & Pontblyddyn : *working to become Age-Friendly*



In the last issue of the Leeswood News, we introduced the two initial areas of action in the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan:

Our initial actions

- Increase the use of the community centre, making best use of the available space and facilities including the 'old clinic'
- Create a regular "What's on" for Leeswood & Pontblyddyn and consider ways the community can keep it up-to-date

What's on activities and events

Our first edition "What's-on" flier is included in this month's issue of the Leeswood News and hard copies will be posted on public notice boards and in the Community Newsletter. If you know of any other groups/activities that are not included in the list, please forward the details to Shereen for inclusion in the next issue.

Our Age-Friendly Community priorities

Here is a reminder of the priorities identified during the consultation:

- More involvement of people of all ages to 'lighten the load'
- Increase the number/range of activities in the community for people of all ages
- Maximise the use of the community centre to protect the future of this valuable asset
- Improve information about organisations/groups and the support available
- Increase the range of communication media to raise awareness about what is happening in the community
- Increase community pride and spirit of volunteering to build community resilience

On Wednesday 28th March, we held a 'Pop-up' cinema screening of 'Mama Mia' for the Over's 60's group, with ice-creams served in the interval. A further screening is planned for some time in May showing Dad's Army. If you would like to come along, please email/phone, Shereen Devine. Tickets cost £2 and include an ice-cream and soft drink. The Date will be confirmed ASAP.

Further activities planned include

Age Connects Information session

Find out about Services and support for people aged 50+ in Flintshire
Date to be confirmed, Keep your eyes out for more information or contact Shereen.

Community spring clean event

Saturday 19th May: 10:00- 12:00 leaving from the Community Centre – Tea and Coffee will be proved afterwards.

Want to be kept informed?

The simplest way of keeping up with progress and to be informed of new activities is to join our Age-Friendly Community e-mail group. It is free to join and there is no obligation to get involved in any of the activities but we would definitely appreciate your help in spreading the news.

Email: Shereen.Devine@volunteermatters.org.uk

Don't have an email address? Contact Shereen on 07469 851886 and we will do our best to contact you about forthcoming events/activities.

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How can you help?

Refurbishing the 'Old Clinic'

We will be continuing work on the 'old clinic' (preparing and painting the walls) whilst we fundraise for much needed materials and equipment – additional help would be welcome on **Thursday May 3rd 10:00 – 15:00**

DIY SOS – can you help?

If you know any trades people in the village please encourage them to help or donate any useful items. If you are able to help, please contact Shereen (See contact details below) on 07469 851886 or email

Shereen.Devine@volunteeringmatters.org.uk. Willing volunteers will be provided with refreshments and a bacon bap (or suitable vegetarian alternative).

Staffing the Community Cafe

We will need volunteers to help run the interim café and the Community Café when it is completed. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to be involved, or if you would like to gain valuable skills and experience in preparation for applying for paid employment this could be an ideal opportunity.

Shereen Devine

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Organising new activities/events

Activities and events can only be organised with the help of a few willing volunteers. If you feel you could spare a little time or have an idea for an activity/event please contact Shereen.



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Memories of an oilfield man

Israeli Dispute

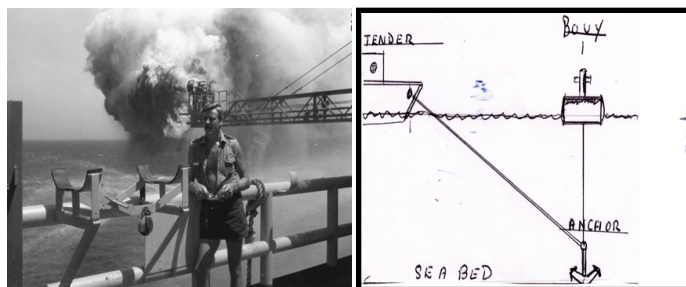
Tom Nicholson

The title makes this article sound worse than what it was, as stated in previous issues, the six day war between Israel and Egypt had not long ended with Egypt coming second best. We had been drilling in the Gulf of Suez for over twelve months with no incidents, if you do not count the normal personnel injuries, hardly a week passed without one of these or equipment failures, of the two, equipment failure was taken more seriously than personnel injuries, the reason being with equipment failure the rig was on downtime and the contract stated that our company IDC was responsible for downtime so GUPCO would not pay the rig while it was not drilling. In the seventies the cost of hiring our old rig was in the region of \$20,000 per day. In 2007 The Polaris was the last ultra-modern drill ship that I had worked on and that cost around £400,000 per day to hire, (mega bucks).

In the last year or so we had successfully drilled a number of gas and oil wells and burnt off excess gas via a flare boom*, (see attached photo). I really enjoyed flaring off especially in the evening time, if you can imagine an immense bonfire with numerous shooting stars in a starlit sky above what more could I ask for. During these burn offs there was little work that we could do other than keep a close observation on the flame and the wind direction; if the wind changed then the burn off would have to be shut down (valves closed etc) while we changed over to the opposite flare boom, there were two booms one on the Starboard side and the other on the Port side. During these burn offs the heat was unbearable, more often than not the paint on the side of the rig would peel and blister, one of our jobs would be to fit water cooling hoses (fire hoses) on the rig side, even though there were cooling spray rings fitted to the end of the boom, It was an amazing sight, the heat and the flames always attracted fish of all types and the smaller fish attracted bigger fish then came the sharks. Many a time I have and caught Tiger/Sand/ Hammerhead/ barracuda/and even Giant Manta Ray in the Indian ocean. I have seen huge turtles, and all of these were attracted by the light of the flare coming from the boom, it was always an amazing sight that I never tired off. One time I remember standing by the hand rail watching a group of Dolphins playing around, apparently this was a dolphin breeding ground, I thought this was unusual due to the number of sharks around, I watched as the young dolphins leapt into the air twisting and playing reminding me of baby lambs in the fields, all this they done as though they were trying to out jump each other, but it was not this sight that remains in my memory it was what happened with the six or seven adult dolphins that amazed me. They left the young ones playing which I thought was unusual, until I realised what was happening the adults must have known that a shark was in the vicinity, and that the young dolphins were on the menu; but I was absolutely amazed what happened next, I could not believe what I saw, if only camcorders were available in those days.

At a guess I would say It may have been around a hundred yards away, when I noticed a great deal of disturbance and turmoil in the water that could not have lasted longer than a couple of minutes or so, the dolphins then returned to their young who had never stopped playing around. I could not think of any reason for this behaviour until we spotted a very large dead shark floating on the water surface, what had happened was the dolphins had attacked the shark on both sides ramming it until it died, isn't nature wonderful (cruel but wonderful) anyway that was one of my more memorable memories.

Back to the Israel gun boat and I will relate what happened; we had just completed a well and the company man informed us of our next location this was a day's tow away. I had lowered one anchor Buoy* down to the New Orleans supply boat Gulf Tide, then passed and secured the towing bridles ready for the tow. During any rig move in the gulf there would always be an Israeli gun boat within a mile or two keeping us under close observation. Once we had reached the given location the boat dropped one fifteen-ton anchor with the two-ton location Buoy attached, via a four inch diameter wire cable. The buoy would be four hundred yards away from the rig, then the supply boat returned for the next anchor, this was when the Israeli gun boat decided to interfere via radio; we were in the radio room when the captain of the gun boat informed us that we had dropped our anchor in Israel waters and that we would have to retrieve it immediately or else, "Sorry sir we are working for GUPCO and this is an American vessel flying an United States flag" Luke said, The Israeli captain replied in perfect English "I understand your predicament sir but these are American guns trained on you and Washington is a long distance away" "I will have to ask for instructions from Gupco" Luke replied, - "By all means sir I will wait but you will move" by this time all of us expats were near the radio listening in, some were very alarmed but myself and Jimmy Danes took it in our stride Jimmy a Brummie and me being Scouse were trying to make light of the situation, that's my excuse anyway. "Stay where you are and do not pull the anchor up under any circumstances and we will send assistance out to you" was the reply from Gupco, Luke then spoke to the Israeli captain and informed him of our instructions, "very well sir you have been warned" then he gave orders for the anchor buoy to be blown out of the water which is what happened.



(photos of me during a flare off and a sketch of the Anchor Buoy)

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Israeli Dispute (cont)

"This is now getting serious Jim" I said. Then Luke decided to have his say "Tom why don't you issue gloves around as the hand rails will get hot when the shell start to hit us" - we all had a weird sense of humour in those days.

We were still attached to a tow boat , The Israeli had sent a small fast landing craft with a group of armed soldiers to board us we had no option but to let them on board, we were then asked to gather every person on board and bring their passports or work permits then gather on the main deck. While Jimmy was in his cabin he changed into a T shirt with the Union Jack printed on, what good that would be I don't know. All us expats had no problem with our passports, but the local Egyptian labour was terrified with good reason. I wrote of my leading roustabout, the one that was in the seven day war and was wounded in the back. I managed to get an official work permit and that saved him from being taken away with two others with no paper work, and were never seen again, "if you are going to shoot anybody shoot that cook he has been trying to poison us for months" Luke tried without success to lighten mood,

The assistance that Gupco sent out to us came in the form of a very old Egyptian gun boat left over from WW11 it reminded me of the boat in that very old movie the African Queen. We were where still attached to the tow boat but having no anchor on the sea bed we were just slowly drifting around waiting for further orders, the Egyptian gun boat was terrified of the Israelis and kept hiding on the Starboard side of our rig while the Israelis were on the port side, this stand-off went on for almost three days and ended only when the Egyptian gun boat broke down and began to drift towards the Israelis. I remember that the Gulf Tide supply boat offered to take the Egyptian boat in tow but was warned that if they did they would be blown out of the water, instead the Israelis called for a backup boat from the port of Tor to take the broken down boat away and that was the last we heard about it. Little did I know that the whole incident was being reported on the world news and Carol and the boys were watching it unfold on tv, we were finally given a new location for the rig. There was a lot more to that incident which I won't go into, I think that is enough for this issue readers may get bored.

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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 13th MARCH 2018.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors D.K. Crowther, L.T. Coleman and R. Williams.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS

CODE OF CONDUCT There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

Copies of the Precept 2018/2019 discussed at the special meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D. Rule and seconded by Councillor J. Atkinson that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Non-Charge of Burial Fees for a Child of Under 18 – The Clerk raised the point that the Cemetery fees included the cost of the grave digger, the Community Council received a cheque for the balance. It was sincerely hoped that an occasion such as this would not arise,

but it was agreed by all Councillors that the Community Council would cover the cost of the grave digger if it did.

Recycling/Bin Collections – it had been pointed out at the next meeting that there was a possibility of a £75 fine being issued by the County Council should residents put out black bin bags alongside their black bin. The Clerk pointed out that she had noticed black bin bags being put out in this way, but the particular household was recycling as these bags had also been put out and were full. Councillor R. Hughes advised that in these circumstances someone would come out to discuss the matter with residents and help would be given.

POLICE LIAISON

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

He had sent a report of the following incidences:

Crime Issues/Trends

Station Lane, Padeswood – theft of car keys from an unsecure commercial property. Enquiries are still on-going, property has been found.

Ffordd Celyn, Leeswood – theft of items from a motor vehicle, enquiries still on-going.

Maes-y-Meillion, Leeswood – theft of a 'Pecker' (tool used to break concrete). All lines of enquiry have been investigated.

Queen Street, Leeswood – hate related incident. Enquiries are on-going.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL DONATIONS 2017/2018

A discussion was held on the applications for financial assistance. It was agreed by all Councillors that the following donations be issued: -

1. 1st Leeswood Brownies	£150
2. 1st Leeswood Rainbows	£150
3. 1st Leeswood Guides	£75
4. 1st Leeswood Rangers	£75
5. Leeswood Senior Citizens	£150
6. Pontblyddyn Mothers Union	£100
7. Leeswood Bowling Club	£150
8. Leeswood & District Angling Club	£150
9. Nightingale House (Leeswood Support Group)	£150
10. Leeswood Invitation Homing Society	£150
11. Leeswood Carnival Committee	£200
12. Pontblyddyn Cricket Club	£100
13. Suitcase Theatre	£150
14. Age Friendly Communities	£100
15. Welsh Border Community Transport	£150
16. Air Ambulance Wales	£200
17. Citizens Advice Bureau	£100
Total	£2,300

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CO-OPTION OF MEMBER DUE TO VACANT SEAT FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR C.E. JONES JP

The Clerk advised that the procedure to fill the vacancy had been re-started and the notices to request an election to fill the vacancy had been placed on Community notice boards.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON YSGOL DERWENFA GOVERNORS

Councillor J. Atkinson has indicated that after great thought she wishes to step down as this Council's representative on the Ysgol Derwenfa Governors because she believes that she cannot give the commitment the post deserves. The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana thanked Councillor Atkinson for her work, her commitment to the position was appreciated and it was known that she had constraints on her time due to work. It was agreed by all Councillors that the election of a new representative be put on the Agenda for the next monthly meeting.

CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes reported that he had met with the County Council Tree Man on site. The tree to the rear of the cremated remains plot cannot come down, but can be trimmed, removing all the dead and decaying branches. There is nothing wrong with the tree itself.

The Clerk reported that Mr Aled Davies had been at the Cemetery and cleared the lying snow during the recent period of bad weather. However, he believed at the time that it was unsafe for people to go up there in vehicles, so he had closed the Cemetery gates to indicate this.

It was noted that moles were once again an issue in the Cemetery, this was to be brought to the attention of Mr Aled Davies. The Cemetery notice board had been damaged, possibly during the period of bad weather, the Clerk was to look into the purchasing of a new notice board.

HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Members had been circulated with a copy of the minutes of the Liaison Committee held on 4th December 2017 and a copy of the Agenda for the Liaison Meeting to be held on 5th March 2018. This information was accepted.

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana, reported that he had attended the Liaison Meeting held on 5th March 2018. He had previously received a complaint from a resident in regard to the smoke plume coming from the stack at Hanson Heidelberg Cement. The plume had looked a little different to usual but there was nothing dangerous in the smoke, coal was being burned in the furnace. Biosecurity was being operated to protect the public from anything harmful with emissions monitored at the top of the stack.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Members had been circulated with Age Friendly Communities e-mail correspondence, also a letter from Sarah Rochira, Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Chair, Ageing Well in Wales. Ms Rochira is regularly informed on developments at all programme levels and she takes a keen interest in developments at Local Authority and community level. She was delighted to hear of the innovative and pioneering work that is happening to make Leeswood and Pontblyddyn age-friendly communities. Through the Ageing Well in Wales programme, she hopes to share experiences with other communities around Wales and to inspire others to follow. The development of age-friendly communities is the overarching aim of Ageing Well in Wales. If Wales is to be made a good place to grow old for everyone, the development of age-friendly communities is essential. An age-friendly community is one that meets the needs of all ages. It is a community where older people are recognised and valued, and where older people are provided with opportunities to engage with all aspects of community life in a way that suits them. An age-friendly community recognises that the true experts in community planning are the members of that community themselves and works with them to co-produce community services and facilities. Age-friendly communities involve improving local transport services, housing, and public spaces to make sure they benefit everyone, regardless of their age. Age-friendly communities also encourage intergenerational working and the exchange of skills, knowledge and experience between generations. Ms Rochira is grateful for the work already achieved in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn and she congratulates those involved on their achievements to date.

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These efforts contribute to the Strategic Action Plan, and the Flintshire Ageing Well Plan, and is a credit to what communities can achieve through dedication, commitment and passion.

Notification of an Age Friendly Communities open event at the Leeswood Community Centre on Wednesday 14th March 2018, 12.30pm till 2.30pm had also been received. This is an event to find out how Rural Wisdom in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn is working for the older people and the Community.

All Councillors are invited to attend a meeting with the Age Friendly Communities Steering Group to be held at the Community Centre on Thursday 15th March 2018, 6.15pm till 7.15pm. This will be a very informal gathering, just to have a chat about the action plan, discuss what has been achieved so far and identify how we can move forward, with a focus on the Age-Friendly accreditation, Community Café, developing new activities and Community Events. A copy of the action plan has been circulated to all Members.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

It was reported that the new community bus service to Broughton was getting very little use. Hopefully this will pick up when the weather improves. If the service is not used it will be withdrawn.

Concern was expressed at the lack of evening and Sunday bus services in the community. All Councillors agreed that an invitation be sent to representatives of Llanfynydd and Treuddyn Community Councils to attend a joint meeting to discuss this issue.

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

It was pointed out that more injury accidents are recorded at Stryt Cae Rhedyn than at Bell’s Corner. Observation was made that the suggestion of putting yellow lines on Bell’s Corner related to danger to pedestrians because of the cars parked part on and part off the pavement. There had been no reference to accidents occurring in the area.

The Clerk referred to the part on and part off the pavement that was now occurring on the front of numbers 9-14 Bryn Clyd, Leeswood.

It had been particularly difficult this morning because not only were cars parked on the pavement but the bins and recycling were out making it impossible to walk the pavement. Councillors agreed that this was dangerous especially for children walking to school.

Councillor R. Hughes is to arrange a meeting on these sites with officers of Flintshire County Council.

CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

It was pointed out that time is running out for completion of this project. Any material such as old photographs that people may have to share on the iBeacons would be greatly appreciated. The Clerk is to contact Mrs Jo Danson to make progress.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

As a meeting at Bell’s Corner and Bryn Clyd is to be arranged with officers of Flintshire County Council, it was suggested that it may be convenient to include Pontblyddyn Crossroads at the same time. All Councillors in agreement.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS SUMMER PLAY SCHEME PROGRAMME 2018

The Clerk reported that Janet Roberts, Play Development Officer, Flintshire County Council has requested that this Council provides an invoice for £911.00 for the Play Opportunities grant from Welsh Government, towards the county summer play scheme programme. This Council will then be invoiced for the total cost for of the play scheme in September 2018.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE IN LOCAL COUNCILS 2016-17

Members had been circulated with a copy of this report received from the Welsh Audit Office. This Community Council complies with the requirements of the Welsh Audit Office.

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

E-mail correspondence had been received from Tom Jenkins, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales explaining that the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government has requested updated guidance on the conduct of community reviews

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by Principal Councils to support greater consistency in the manner in which they are conducted. The further documentation enclosed has a dual purpose, to serve as a guide to Principal Council officers in the conduct of a review of their communities and to inform interested parties such as Town/Community Councils as to how the process should operate. This was accepted.

TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR TRAINING

E-mail correspondence received from Matt Georgiou, Deputy Monitoring Officer, Flintshire County Council, advising that the Standards Committee are reviewing training needs for all Town/Community Councillors and their Clerks. The Committee wishes to establish the number of Councillors who have received training and how recently it was received. Also received was a copy of some slides that were used to deliver training to Town/Community Councillors following the last elections.

It was pointed out that Community Councillors will now be expected to receive training when available and it is likely that their progress will be monitored.

PLANNING AID WALES – FREE PLANNING TRAINING

Notification had been received from Gayle Wootton, Chair, Planning Aid Wales of free Planning Training to take place at the Beaufort Park Hotel on Monday 19th March 2018, 5.30pm till 8.45pm. The Clerk reported that she has booked two places on this workshop. The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule are to attend.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2018

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has issued its Annual Report. Members had been circulated with a copy of the information in the Report relevant to Town/Community Councils. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk seeks clarification regarding any payments to Community Councillors.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION EVENTS

From the Independent Remuneration Panel, correspondence regarding Regional Events being held across Wales to discuss the Panel's current remuneration framework in respect of Town/Community Councils. The North Wales event will be held on 9th May 2018, 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno. This was accepted.

PLANNING AID WALES – PRE-APPLICATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: GOING BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS

Planning Aid Wales are holding an event on 21st March 2018, 11.45am till 4pm at the Catrin Finch Building, Wrexham Glyndwr University. Welsh Government has introduced minimum requirements for pre-application Community consultation for all significant planning applications. Good developments are those that work well with their local areas, which means working with local Communities. However, some convincing is still required from each perspective to develop a positive and beneficial process. For Communities, faced with limited resources, meaningful consultation should involve early discussions with developers about 'options' rather than draft planning applications and a clear understanding about how comments are taken forward in shaping outcomes. This event will explain the requirements for pre-application consultation and other useful guidance for Communities. The cost per Councillor is £20. Councillor J.E. Saul is to attend.

WELSH AUDIT OFFICE – SURVEY OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

E-mail correspondence from Nick Selwyn, Welsh Audit Office, advising that the Community Council is expected to take part in a national survey. This survey is to hear the perspective of Town/Community Councils in order to gain an understanding of the issues in Communities across Wales. They are particularly interested in the Community Council's relations and dealings with the local authority; services or amenities delivered by our Community Council and any assets that have been transferred from local authorities to Town/Community Councils.

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Members had been circulated with a copy of the survey. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should undertake the survey on this Council's behalf.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) New Council Houses on old garage site to rear of Heol-y-Goron – five of these houses had now been let. There is a new system at Flintshire County Council called a Local Lettings Policy. Officers picked Leeswood residents from the Housing list to occupy these new houses.

b) Street Lights out – observation was made that street lights were still out. Councillor R. Hughes confirmed that this is no longer just a County Council issue as there is a problem underground which has to be dealt with by Scottish Power. This can take between 28 and 35 days to resolve.

c) County road improvements – Councillor R. Hughes reported that £1.4million had been made available for road improvements in the County.

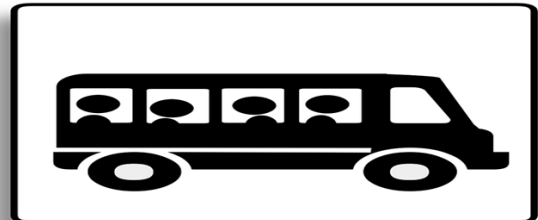
d) Drainage issues in the Community – it was noted that there are issues in Pontblyddyn near the Vicarage and in Leeswood on Stryt Cae Rhedyn and by the Prince of Wales Public House. These are being dealt with.

MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Dual Carriageway Pontblyddyn to Hope – query was raised as to why this was still named as a dual carriageway because it is a single lane from Pontblyddyn to Hope. It was pointed out that the road is deemed to be a dual carriageway as there is an island in between separating the roads.

b) Public Footpath to the rear of 26 to 42 Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – comment was made that although the footpath was now open, it had narrowed considerably due to the new development on the old Garage site at Heol-y-Goron. It was pointed out that the footpath would not be the same as before, but it was hoped that remedial work would be carried out to widen it a little.

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