

# Leeswood & District News

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## CARNIVAL 2018

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## IN SUPPORT OF TREUDDYN EISTEDDFOD

Concert with Flint Male Voice Choir at Ysgol Terrig Treuddyn

7pm on Saturday 14 July 2018. Adults £8, schoolchildren £4.

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## PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

Gill Burton

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 saw the ladies meet at the Plas Hafod to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a lovely evening, a delicious meal and then each member was presented with a beautiful love spoon as a memento. The President, Mrs Lucille Ingman, was thanked for steering the Guild through the 50 years with a bouquet of flowers. A celebratory cake, which had been decorated with some very delicate flowers by Guild member, Mrs Mary Morris was cut. Lucille had provided a raffle prize for our very special evening and Mrs Maureen Calder was the winner. As we left for home we all voted the evening a great success.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> May the President opened the meeting and handed over to Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick who read a very funny poem followed by the Lord's Prayer.

We then walked up the village to the old Bethel chapel where Mr and Mrs Sherwood had kindly agreed to let us look at how they had managed to turn it into a beautiful home. Looking at photographs of how it looked when they first began it was incredible the work that had to be done, but they did it and what a transformation they have achieved, they must be very proud and rightly so, and in doing so have saved a wonderful building for the future. Back at the centre Doreen served refreshments, the raffle was drawn and Mrs Jennie Webb was the winner. Mrs Margaret Roberts won the special raffle. The President thanked Mr and Mrs Sherwood for

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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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Carnival News

# CARNIVAL

GOSH folks, we're now just one month away from the big day. Can you believe it?! Keep those fingers crossed (your toes and even your eyes) for good luck that we are blessed with the same weather as we had early May Bank Holiday and everyone will be happy for sure! Before we continue, we would just like to say thank you to all who attended the Bingo on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The room was not as full as it usually is but we still managed to raise a whopping £508.00. Not bad eh!

As you may now be aware (from the previous edition), on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the Community Centre we held our Prince, Rosebud

and Queen Event, this being on the very same day that a certain Royal Prince was married in Windsor. Without the eyes of world watching (our event not theirs), thankfully things were more relaxed for the children and we definitely feel now it was the right decision to run the event with the winning names simply picked out of a hat. Entry was free to the event but we still managed to raise a respectable £39.39 profit after deductions.

Thank you to Mr Carlton Jones for attending the event to draw our winners, and of course to all those children who entered their names, but we can now announce the 2018 winners as:-

Prince - Elliot Graham

Rosebud - Demi Leech

Queen - Ivana Georgieva

We are sure they will do a wonderful job representing us on the day and throughout the

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Unfortunately, Demi is not pictured with both Elliot and Ivana as she was away on holiday.

However, well done to all three of them!

coming year and no doubt their families will be extremely proud of their achievements. We would also like to thank all those who attended on the night to support us. It really is such a special night this event!

Changing the subject, but yet another important piece of information to note, you will see advertised this year's road closure poster in this edition. Details are slightly different to that of last year. Due to circumstances, we will not be commencing the parade from the old Laura Ashley Factory but from Ysgol Derwenfa. The parade can be somewhat long and arduous for some, particularly when everyone is trying to keep up with each other, and more often than not it ends up on a stop-start journey throughout with some playing catch-up! As you can imagine this can be quite unpleasant for the marching band at the front of the parade and those bands are pretty hard to come across when it's the whole country's Carnival time! So with this in mind, and a lot of discussion, we feel it best to start our journey from the school for which we have been granted permission and we sincerely thank the Head (Mr Andrew Jones) for that. We appreciate this will mean that the residents of Pontybodkin Hill, County Road and the beginning of Queen Street will have to walk a little further on to by the school to see the start of the parade but we hope that this won't affect anyone too much. We are very sorry if it does affect some, particularly the more vulnerable or those housebound who like to watch from their doorsteps, but if you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the Carnival Facebook page or one of the Committee Members who will be sure to answer any concerns you have.

In the meantime though, we would like to thank Mr Roy Nunn from the "Nu-Image" factory on Pontybodkin Hill for his past co-operation in allowing us to use the car park on previous Carnivals. It has been very helpful to us and, hopefully, if we ever need to revert back to the hill we can do so.

There will be wristbands for sale before and on the day but, at the time of going to print, we are to finalise our sale outlet points so you will have to look out for the wristband poster which will be advertised around the village in due course. Entry onto the field is not permitted without a wristband but, just so you know, the cost for adults and children of high school age will be £2.00 and for children of primary school age entry is free.

Finally, apart from the road closure, please see the other relevant posters within this edition. Those are the "decorate your house" and the "Carnival Day" posters. You will see from the Carnival Day advert that we have an application pending for an RAF Flypast. We have applied every year since we started, but this year we have been fortunate enough to have our application accepted. Well, the first part of it at least! We will not know whether our application has been fully accepted until around a week before the day (hence the word "pending" on the advert) but wouldn't it be wonderful to have a Spitfire flypast particularly on the centenary year of the RAF! And if we are lucky enough to see such a sight, let's hope it comes right over the Carnival field and not over the mountain heading to who knows where otherwise I personally am in deep trouble with the co-ordinates I've given, not to mention in deeper trouble with the Committee! Being "sent to Coventry" comes to mind. Along with the plane!

Next month's write up will probably only contain last minute details of the day but please, don't forget, there is still time to register as a volunteer with us if you fancy it. This great adventure is not just ours but yours. It's everyone's and long may it continue!!

Kind regards,  
Louise Hoyle Fennell (Committee Member)  
LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



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## MIDSUMMER STRAWBERRY TEA



at

Hartsheath, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, CH7 4HP

(look out for the balloons!)



with

An Exhibition of prints inspired by walks on the Estate by local artists from

The Regional Print Centre, Wrexham

on

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018

2pm to 4.30pm

Admission: Adults, £5, Children under 12, £1 to include tea or coffee, strawberries and cream, and scone or small cake

Cake Stall, Croquet and other attractions

*Proceeds from the day will be divided between*

*Christ Church, Pontblyddyn and The Hartsheath Charitable Trust*

## CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

On Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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A special thankyou to The Rev'd Carol Poolman for the kind words and support and also H.J Williams and Sons for their caring funeral arrangements.

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## CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

### JUNE/JULY 2018

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE: TRINITY 1  
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE: TRINITY 2  
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

### WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – MISSION AREA SERVICE

10.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION IN  
ST MARY'S CHURCH, CILCAIN

SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE: TRINITY 3  
5.00P.M. EVENSONG

SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE: TRINITY 4  
11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY: TRINITY 5  
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY: TRINITY 6  
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

5.00P.M. EVENSONG IN NERCWYS CHURCH

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY: TRINITY 7  
11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY: TRINITY 8  
11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY: TRINITY 9  
10.30A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

FOR ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS  
IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

### CHRIST CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

Rev'd Carole Poolman, Vicar.

The Rectory, Llanfynydd, Wrexham. LL11 5HH.

**Phone:** 01978 762304

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## IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

"COME 4 COFFEE"

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

**30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE & 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY all the old church registers will be available for inspection.

*Please note if you wish to speak to the Vicar on*

**On Sunday 22nd April**

**the Congregation of Christ Church held their Annual Meeting**

**At that meeting the following  
Leadership Team was nominated**

***Mission Area Warden***  
Ms M. E. Morgan

***Mission Area Conference Reps –***  
*Mrs J. F. Kaufmann & Mrs S. Braisby*  
**Vicar's Warden** Mrs B. Egerton

**People's Warden** Mrs A. Jones

**Treasurer** Mr R. Smith

**Secretary** Miss M. Reynolds

**Committee Members**

Mrs S. Braisby

Mrs H. J. Jones

*Mrs J. F. Kaufmann*

**The nominations were ratified at the Mold Mission Area**

**Vestry on 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

## CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

is open every day between  
the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.  
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### TRIPS 2018

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

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Dobbies' Garden Centre and Attingham Park (N.T.)

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July

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#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September

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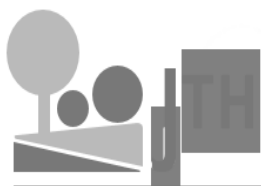
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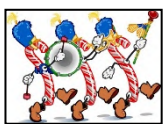
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# CARNIVAL

**THE CARNIVAL IS COMING!!**

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018, PHOENIX PARK**

**NO DOGS ON THE FIELD PLEASE, THANK YOU**



**PARADE 12NOON**

**FAIRGROUND ATTRACTIONS**



**CROWNING OF THE CARNIVAL  
PRINCE, ROSEBUD & QUEEN**

**COCONUT SHY, DONKEYS, FACE-PAINTING,  
FANCY DRESS COMPETITION, MORRIS-DANCING,  
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*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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invites you to attend a**

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**Saturday**

**16th June 2018**

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SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018?  
THEN WHY NOT!!**

**ADD A *SPLASH* OF COLOUR TO THE DAY!**



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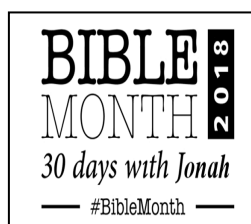
**YOUR EFFORTS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE CARNIVAL,  
HOWEVER BIG OR SMALL, ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED**

The **Methodist Church** 

Wesley Church, Leeswood

## Bible Month

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Lord's Supper **9.30 am**  
Led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 10<sup>th</sup> June** Morning Worship **10.45 am**  
Family Service
- 17<sup>th</sup> June** Morning Worship **10.45 am**  
Led by Michele Jones
- 24<sup>th</sup> June** Morning Worship **10.45 am**  
Led by Rev Bernard Nixon



During June 2018 churches around the country are studying the book of Jonah. The Methodist Church is part of this initiative and each week ministers and preachers will look at a chapter of the amazing story of Jonah.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
at 6.30 pm  
Quiz and Supper



**Teams of 4**  
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## What's On June 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 665392
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
<b>Activity / Group</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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
Community Theatre	Various	Community Centre	Mike Stevens: mike38stevens@gmail.com
Craft	Alternate Mondays:13:30 - 16:00	Community Centre	Cynthia Flintcroft: 01352 771 245 01352 771629: chair-
Cricket	Various	Pontblydyn Cricket Club	man@pontblydyncc.org.uk
Guides	Tuesday: 17:15 - 18:45	Community Centre	Cheryl Francis:01352 218704
High Fives	Wednesday: 17:45- 18:45 (Term Time Only )	Bethania Church	Joyce M'Caw: 07713 439716
Ladies Guild	Alternate Thursday: 19-00-21:00	Community Centre	Jenny Webb: 07858 776594
Lasers	Wednesday: 19:15- 21:00 (Term Time only)	Bethania Church	Joyce M'Caw: 07713 439716
Mother's Union		Christ Church Pontblyddn	
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 members
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
Suit Case Theatre	Various	Community Centre	Mike Stevens: mike38stevens@gmail.com
Youth Club	Tuesday & Thursday 06:30 -	Ysgol Derwenfa	Blue Richard: 07960 989580
Zumba	Monday: 18:30- 19:15	Community Centre	Holly Dugan: 07947 575028
Walks Around Leeswood & District	Various	Leeswood & Surrounding area.	Mike Stevens: mike38stevens@gmail.com



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## What's on—June 2018

### Special Events June

5th & 26th June

09:30 - 11:30

Mobile Library

Maes Y Meillion

14th June

12:15

Film Club

Dad's Army

Community Centre

To book Contact Helen Jones 01352 701429

9th June

Karaoke Night

In support of Leeswood Play Group

Community Centre

See notice boards for details.

16th June

14:00- 16:00

Strawberry Tea

In support of Nightingale House Hospice

Leeswood Community Centre

See Notice Board for details

22nd June

19:30

Vale Royal Singers

Bethania Church

Contact: Rob Jackson 01352 771607

30th June

10:00 - 12:00

2nd Litter Pick, With Keep Wales Tidy

Leaving from the Community Centre

Returning to the Centre for refreshments

Contact: Shereen:07469 851886



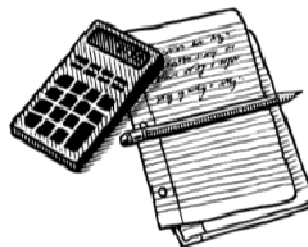
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## Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

Industry is ongoing, and it has a life of its own. It feeds on progress and unless there is a sustainable progressive innovations program, it will wither and die. We have seen many sections of industry come to a halt and are now assigned to history. History is a sign of the progress achieved by past generations, nevertheless, our generation will be judged on what we achieve and provide for future generations to build on. We also have to provide enough industrial foundations to support future growth, and sustain a good manufacturing base to produce goods for export markets. The playing field has now changed, and we can no longer manufacture cheap goods to flood the markets, but we can manufacture goods with a high level of intellectual content, excellent quality, and a maintenance program to support our products in their field of operation. Some individuals might feel exploited or restricted as to how far they can go within an organisation. Some of us might have experienced that due to changes or takeovers, they no longer fit within the new organisation thus becoming redundant. This country has a lot of good talented people of all ages, and all of us can work together for the greater good of the country. One might have also experienced situations where individuals do exploit their position of seniority to hold down others which might be more qualified to do the job. These actions are not only harmful to those individuals which are being held down, but also to the country's economy at large, because talents might be suppressed and not exploited positively to create wealth.

One way of creating wealth is by transforming matter from one form into another to accommodate a market demand. An example of this is when steel is transformed from its original state into a useful object, whether it is a domestic appliance or an industrial machine. Nevertheless, there is a significant difference in the secondary wealth creation of a manufactured item. In the case of a domestic appliance, for example a cooker for home use, the food it produces is mainly for domestic consumption and not to be sold for a profit. In the case of a commercial cooker as used in a catering establishment, the food that is produced by the cooker is sold to the public at a profit.

When a product is manufactured with the intention to produce further wealth, it enters a totally new category and it will probably face competition from items of similar capabilities. With this in mind, the purchaser will evaluate the returns he is going to get on the money he is going to invest to buy the equipment. An aspect which will play a good part will be the efficiency of the equipment. The higher the efficiency the more the profit will be and therefore the greater the return on the investment.

Designers and engineers normally work together to develop a product which will fit the market need for which is intended. Any excessive or unnecessary features will incur extra costs which will make it more expensive and less competitive on the market. It is therefore imperative that designers and engineers keep their feet on the ground and concentrate on strengthening the features which will make the product more sellable in an increasingly competitive market. In today's market a product needs to be lean, value for money, reliable, and most important of all it should earn its living during its life span.

# Leeswood & District News



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



Here is a brief reminder of the initial actions we are working on within our Age-Friendly Community Action Plan:

To increase the use of the community centre, making best use of the available space and facilities including the 'old clinic'

To 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 second edition "What's On" is included in this issue of the Leeswood News. This will now be a regular feature of the newsletter – I hope you find it useful. If you know of any other groups/activities that are not included in the list, please forward the details to Shereen (contact details at the end of this article) for inclusion in the next issue.

### *Increasing the use of the community centre*

#### **Community Café**

Last month saw the opening of our 'interim' café. On Wednesday 9th May the Over 60's group, having very kindly agreed to be our 'guinea pigs', were our first customers, allowing us to practice our hospitality skills, fine-tune our catering procedures, give us feedback on the quality and pricing and make recommendations on how we can improve. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, the café opened to our first paying guests ranging in age from 2 to some of the more senior aged residents in our community. Everyone was thrilled to see this new facility in the village and we look forward to welcoming them back each week, along with new customers.

Pupils in Ysgol Derwenfa were invited to take part in a competition to come up with a unique name for the café. We had 80 entries from children aged 6 to 11 and some of the names were really inspired! A big thank you to all those who took part and to teaching staff for their support. The winning name was chosen by a panel of judges representing groups in the community. **Congratulations to Chloe Griffith in year 2 for the winning suggestion.**

## *Sunshine Café / Caffi Heulwen*

All the Youth Groups in the Community will be invited to design a logo.

We will be using the café as an opportunity to find out what new activities you would like to see in the Community. Suggestions so far include:

- Tai Chi/exercise sessions
- Book Club
- Digital/I Pad Training
- Men's Social Group
- Intergenerational Activities
- Regular Film Club
- Knit & Natter
- Belly Dancing
- Arm Chair Aerobics

If you are interested in any of the above, or have other suggestions, please forward your details and ideas to Shereen.

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## Recent activities/events

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Age Connects held a drop-in session providing information about services and support available for people aged 50+ in Flintshire.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, residents got together to have a community spring clean around the village.... we filled more than 9 bin bags with discarded litter, household items and cigarettes – thank you to everyone who took part.

## Forthcoming activities/events

Film Club –will take place on **14th June at 12:15** in the Community Centre, showing Dad's Army. Tickets £2, this is to cover any expenses and will include an ice cream and a drink. If you would like to come along, please email/phone Helen Jones to book your place. **01352 701429** [helen.jones@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:helen.jones@flintshire.gov.uk)

As the Best Kept Village Judging is taking place in July, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Litter Pick has been arranged for the **30<sup>th</sup> June. 10:00 –12:00** Leaving from the Community Centre.

**7<sup>th</sup> July**, A Community Celebration Day, this is a fantastic opportunity to Celebrate Community Activities. If you would like to book a space to promote your Community Group/ Club, Please Contact Shereen.

## Work on the 'Old Clinic'

At the time of printing, we have held six sessions in the 'old clinic': - old furniture and fixings have been removed, wallpaper stripped, walls sanded, paint applied to 'good' walls. The remaining walls need to be 'patch' plastered before paint can be applied. The old carpet has been removed and skirting boards sanded ready for a fresh coat of paint. Chair seat pads have been re-covered with wipe-able fabric. ***Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped so far.***

This work has taken place thanks to some initial funding and donations - a donation of £100 from the Community Council; over £100 from the Rural Wisdom project; a donation from Cllr Ray Hughes to help get the interim Café up and running.

Much work still needs to be done for the 'Old Clinic' to be used as an informal meeting space/café. This requires materials, equipment and skilled labour. ***A BIG thank you to June Lincoln who is donating funds from her sponsored Wing Walk to the Community Café***

**A BIG THANK YOU to Wates builders who are kindly providing skilled labour and materials over the coming weeks to help us get the 'Old Clinic' nearer to completion**

## *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@volunteeringmatters.org.uk](mailto:Shereen.Devine@volunteeringmatters.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.

## *How can you help?*

### ***Refurbishing the 'Old Clinic'***

There is still a fair amount of decorating to be done as walls will need a second coat of paint. If you are able to help, please contact Shereen (See contact details below). Willing volunteers will be provided with refreshments and snacks.

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## ***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.

## ***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.

## ***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



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# CARNIVAL

## ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE



## LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

kindly request that **ALL** vehicles parked **ON** the main road **AND** the procession route for the Carnival, those properties being on wards **FROM**

The Co-op, Queen Street, Leeswood, and throughout namely:-

Bryn Meirion (main road) and Bryn Clyd (main road), King Street, Chapel Terrace, Ash Villas, Oak Villas, Parc Derwen leading into Oak Drive/Ffordd Derw and Willow Walk/Rhodfa Helyg **BE REMOVED** from those designated areas **by 11.30am** on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018** to allow the

Carnival procession to take place at 12noon - main road opens again at 1.00pm

**Alternative parking will be available at the rear of Leeswood Community Centre or otherwise signposted**

***We are sorry for any inconvenience, but your co-operation would be most appreciated***

**If you have any queries concerning this, please contact Councillor Raymond Hughes of 3 Erith Street, Leeswood (Tel: 07794 208550)**



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## 2nd Annual Community Spring Clean Litter Pick With Keep Wales Tidy

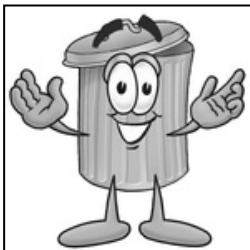
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
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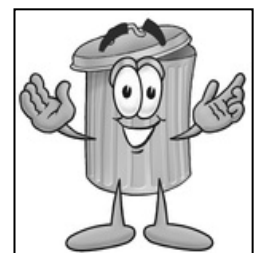


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### LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2018.

#### **PRESENT**

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **DOMESTIC ENERGY TEAM, HEALTHY HOMES, HEALTHY PEOPLE AND WARM HOMES FUND**

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana welcomed Shelley Webber, Project Manager, Regeneration, Community and Enterprise Portfolio, Flintshire County Council. Ms Webber explained that Flintshire County Council have been successful in securing £3.5 million in funding to help the most vulnerable residents of Flintshire. This is part of the Warm Wales, Healthy Homes Healthy People initiative. To enable the team to identify those most in need, Flintshire County Council need the assistance of the Town/Community Councils who they believe are in the best position to help them determine where these residents are. Residents who may be in need of help are those who are considered to have inadequate heating in their homes, such as coal fires and storage heaters. This form of heating would be replaced by gas in areas where this is possible or renewable energy

Visits to those members of the Community highlighted for a possible need for assistance will assess four areas; i) Home and Personal Safety; ii) Income maximisation and Personal/Family Support; iii) Affordable Warmth and iv) Health and Wellbeing outcomes. A leaflet has been published to identify those in need of assistance and there are five questions; a) do you own or rent your property from a landlord or agent; b) is your property affecting you or your family's health; c) is your property cold or damp; d) do you struggle to heat your property and e) are you in arrears with your rent, mortgage or fuel bills. If residents can answer yes to two or more of these questions, then Healthy Homes Healthy People can help. The details of any resident needing help should be passed onto Joanna Seymour, Project Manager, Healthy Homes Healthy People North Wales by e-mail on [HealthyHomesHP@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:HealthyHomesHP@flintshire.gov.uk) or by phone on 01352 703440.

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

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Atkinson and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was in attendance.

The following incidences were reported: -

#### **Crime Issues/Trends**

Dangerous Dog on Queen Street, Leeswood – Dog chased an individual showing its teeth and barking. Was dealt with by owner receiving a visit and having the LEAD initiative.

Common Assault – Child assaulted by another child on the way home from school.

Investigations are ongoing.

Comment was made that there had been a road traffic accident outside the Druid Inn, Pontblyddyn. Concern was expressed about the speeding through Pontblyddyn village. It was believed that this accident was a result of illness.

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Query was raised as to the progress of the hate related incident on Queen Street, Leeswood that had been previously reported. PCSO Jones advised that this was ongoing and independent witnesses were being interviewed.

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana thanked PCSO Peter Jones for attending the meeting.

Observation was expressed regarding criminal activity occurring in the Community that was not being reported by the PCSO. Councillors were aware that the PCSO may not be familiar with these incidences himself and considered that a request be made for a more senior Officer to attend a Community Council meeting. All in agreement.

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

The Clerk advised that an election had not been requested. Notices of co-option would now be put on the Community notice boards.

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON YSGOL DERWENFA GOVERNORS**

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that Councillor D.K. Crowther replace Councillor J. Atkinson as this Council's representative on the Ysgol Derwenfa Governors. A second candidate, Councillor L.C. Richardson, was proposed by Councillor J. Atkinson and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul. Councillor D.K. Crowther was appointed by six votes to three. Three Councillors abstained, two of which were the nominees.

### **CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that Mr Aled Davies had e-mailed about the issue of people dumping household rubbish at the Cemetery. In the past five weeks his team had removed 440kg of this. Councillors expressed their dismay at people using the Cemetery for this purpose.

### **AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Steering Group had met, and progress was being made in relation to the opening of a Community Café/Drop In. This will be happening over the next few months, the Café to initially be opened using the Committee Room of the Community Centre and then moving to the Clinic Area. The Food Protection Agency would need to inspect the kitchen to ensure that it could be used for the purpose of providing small snacks, such as toast and teacakes. Councillor L.C. Richardson reported that an Officer of Flintshire County Council had been to inspect the kitchen and he had advised that it was in a condition good enough to provide small snacks but would need to come back and inspect further for other types of food to be provided. Days and times of the Community Café is yet to be provided but it is thought to be aimed at people around in the morning.

### **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

It was reported that the new community bus service to Broughton was still getting very little use and what use there was seemed to be from residents of this Community. Concern was expressed if the service is not used it will be withdrawn.

The Clerk to Llanfynydd and Treuddyn Community Councils had e-mailed advising that a meeting had been arranged by County Councillor Carolyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Streetscene on Friday 6th April 2018 for 7pm at Hafan Deg Centre, Treuddyn. Officers from Flintshire County Council Public Transport Department will be attending and also Mark Tami. The main topic of discussion is the loss of daily bus services affecting Treuddyn, Llanfynydd, Ffrith, Cymau and Abermorddu. This would also be a good opportunity to ask any questions in relation to the lack of evening bus services. It is a public meeting and members of this Council are very welcome to attend. Councillors expressed their gratitude for the invitation to this meeting and observed that the neighbouring Communities were in a worse position than this one having less in the way of

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

Mr Lee Shone, Road Safety Officer, Flintshire County Council had e-mailed Councillor R. Hughes explaining the process of obtaining double yellow lines on Bell’s Corner and the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street.

In this e-mail Mr Shone advised that firstly prior to completing a Draft Order, Notice of Proposal and Statement of Reasons, it would be necessary to seek approval from the Emergency Services and Key Stakeholders. The Notice would then be advertised in the local press, online, on-site and in a nominated location such as a local Library, Post Office for the statutory 21 days Consultation Period, again all associated costs are non-refundable.

There is a potential risk of objections being received during the Consultation Period and that these may not be over-ruled, therefore, the associated costs would be borne by this Council. However, should the objection not be valid, then a Delegated Report will be written and signed, recommending that the objection/s be over-ruled. The Notice of Marking can then be advertised, with the order being sealed and all objectors would receive a written response. Following this, the road marking works would then be programmed.

Should the proposal not go ahead, there will be an element of cost for the Traffic Regulation Order that is non-refundable and if the road markings and signing does not go ahead because of objection/s that cannot be over-ruled a proportion of this money would be returned. The maximum anticipated cost is £2,500 for the Traffic Regulation Order and physical works.

Councillor R. Hughes advised that two Officers of the Flintshire County Council have agreed to meet with him and two representatives of this Council, the Chairman and Clerk on site at 12 midday on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### **CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT**

Councillor D.K. Crowther advised that had arranged an appointment at the Flintshire Record Office to obtain more material for inclusion on the iBeacon sites. Councillor J.E. Saul stated that he would attend with Councillor Crowther. 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 organise a meeting.

### **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018**

It was suggested that a Community meeting be arranged to discuss this Community Council’s application in the Best Kept Communities Competition 2018. The Clerk is to invite representatives from all organisations to attend.

### **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS**

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

### **PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN**

Councillor R. Hughes reported that this work could be done by Flintshire County Council. The cost would be approximately £300. It was agreed by all Councillors that the work be done by the County Council and a discussion regarding a suitable place for the sign to be located could take place with the Officers attending the site meeting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

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

Councillor J.E. Saul had attended this Planning Aid Wales Consultation Event on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at the Glyndwr University, Wrexham. His report had been circulated to all Councillors. This is new legislation introduced in 2016. Some planning authorities do not feel that they have the resources to make it worthwhile but some of the requirements are statutory. It is meant to

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The 28-day consultation period means it could be too late to comment between council meetings.

One possibly related point raised at the conference was that Wrexham will no longer issue paper copies of application documents and councils will have to view them on line.

Community and Town councils are now faced with installing smart TVs in their meeting rooms. There are no proposals by Flintshire to follow suit at present but with boundary changes we could end up in the same authority.

What does this apply to?

Applicants for schemes comprising 'major development' will need to undertake formal preapplication consultation. Major development is defined as:

- housing developments of 10 or more dwellings or where the site area is of 0.5 ha or more (if the number of dwellings is not known).
- the provision of a building(s) where the floorspace created exceeds 1,000 sq m.
- the mining and working of minerals or the use of land for mineral-working deposits.
- Waste development.
- development carried out on a site of 1 ha or more.

The statutory 28-day consultation period will begin once:

- Site notices (in English and Welsh) are placed for public view in and around the site.
- Owners or occupiers of land adjoining the application site have been notified via a letter (in English and Welsh).
- 'Community' and 'specified' consultees, have been consulted via a letter.
- A copy of the draft planning application is made available for public viewing - developers are encouraged to make this information available for viewing online.

### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union. It addresses the export of

When the GDPR takes effect, it will replace the 1995 Data Protection Directive (Directive 95/46/EC). It was adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and becomes enforceable from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, after a two-year transition period. In the Queen's Speech on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017, the Data Protection Bill was announced. This will replace the Data Protection Act of 1998. As part of the Bill, the EU's GDPR standard will be applied preparing Britain for Brexit.

Members had been circulated with a Factsheet on the Data Protection Bill; the ICO Factsheet on preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); the Eduserv Guide to GDPR for Local Government and various documents from Sealand Community Council detailing the policies that they have in place regarding Data Protection.

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that no-one seemed to know whether Community Councils needed to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Some Community Councils would not be affected by this change as they kept very little in the way of data other than relating to invoices from suppliers. It was pointed out that we keep information regarding the Cemetery. The Clerk stated that this was only the name and addresses of those who own the grave, but she intended to speak to the Bereavement Officer at Flintshire County Council for advice.

All Councillors agreed that this item should be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

### **BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER**

#### **REFERENCE GROUP**

Members had been circulated with copies of the BCU Health Board Draft Summary of Priorities 2018/21; Patient Advice Support Service presentation and the National Plan for Hearing Loss. Comment was made that the Draft Summary of Priorities may work in theory but does not work in practice. It was a struggle to maintain nursing staff numbers within the NHS and Supply Nurses were being used more and more. The hourly pay rate for Supply Nurses is significantly higher than the pay rate for NHS staff.

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The Welsh Government has published plans to strengthen local government in Wales. A Green Paper consultation sets out proposals to explore the possibility of creating larger, stronger councils. It also sets out for debate, possible options on how this can be achieved – from voluntary mergers, to a phased approach with early adopters merging first, followed by other authorities, to a comprehensive merger programme.

The Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services, Alun Davies AM has researched the challenges Authorities face and how these challenges are impacting on the future sustainability of services. Proposals aim to ensure councils are able to continue to provide essential services.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) Running water on the Hall Hill, Leeswood – it was pointed out that during the recent spell of wet weather, the water had been running from the field through the wall onto the road. Councillor R. Hughes advised that a request had been made for a drain to be cut in the field parallel to the wall to prevent this. To seal the wall would cause a bigger problem. This is an issue for the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council and it was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk write expressing this Council's concern regarding the state of the wall.

### **MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

a) Bin Collections – an issue was raised with the Bin Collections at Alyn Terrace, Pontblyddyn. There is an inconsistency with the collections, some operatives will go around the back of the properties while others state that the bins have to be at the end on the front. It was pointed out that Erith Street/King Street, Leeswood have to take their bins to the end of the row for collection. Councillor R. Hughes would speak to Streetscene about this.

b) Grid, bottom of Bryn Clyd, Leeswood – it was advised that this grid was blocked. Councillor R. Hughes was to report this.

c) Llys Llwydden, Leeswood – report was made that there is no street sign advising of the name of the new properties built on the site of the old garages at Heol-y-Goron. Councillor R. Hughes

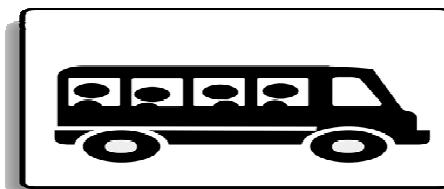
was felt that as cars travelled into there at speed it could cause an accident.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Request for salt bins on Rhodfa Helyg and other roads on the estate – Megan Phillips, a resident of Rhodfa Helyg has e-mailed a request for salt bins. Councillors pointed out that there a number of streets in the Community that do not get cleared during snowy weather and it would be very expensive to provide salt bins on each one. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would go and see Ms Phillips to discuss the matter with her. The Clerk is to write to the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council requesting that they treat the side roads in the Community if possible.

b) Mayor of Mold – Members had been circulated with a diary of the Bailey Hill fundraising events. This was accepted.

c) Chairman, Flintshire County Council – Spring Charity Fashion Show will be held at the Mold Ex-



Place	Date
Hereford	June 20 <sup>th</sup>
Buxton & Bakewell	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
Llandudno	Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>

LEAVING TIME: 9.30

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FOOTPATHS IN  
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PONTBLYDDYN  
TO  
HOPE MOUNTAIN

1) Leave the Bridge Inn at Pontblyddyn via the road to Wrexham, following the pavement as far as the Cricket ground. Cross the busy road with care and continue along the other side. Once over the Nant look out for a walkers' sign on a post off to the right. Cross over the stile into the field and climb steeply up, with the newly created field edge on your right, through a gate and upwards, aiming for weathered hawthorn on the brow.

2) When you reach this ancient hedge, you realise of course that this is not the brow of the hill at all, but turn left here to follow the broken line of hawthorn, as if making for a telephone//radio mast. Continue to the corner of the field and turn right, uphill again now, with the field edge on your left, making for the farm buildings of Pen-y-Parc. You will reach a stone stile and gate in the top corner.

3) Go through here onto a road and turn left along it. Follow the road for a short distance, before turning right over a stile with a fallen waymarker post beside it. Here you need to continue upwards along an ancient delightful lane to an open gate where you approach woodland. Just before the wood a walkers' sign directs you left, which you do, keeping a hedge also on your left to reach another wood. Follow the hedge and wood now all the way round on your left.

4) At the field corner the path apparently divides, according to the map, though there is no evidence of a stile. Keep right here and uphill along the spur of the hill to reach a field corner, gorse and a new stile.

Good views begin to emerge, with the village of Leeswood spread out to your right, and the inevitable Cement Works behind you. Once over the stile follow the spur of the hill, keeping the hedge close by on your left, under power lines and at the corner of the field another new stile takes you onto a road, where you turn right. Here you leave the OS Map Explorer 266, to follow, in my case, Pathfinder 789.

5) Leave the road almost immediately and turn left up an unmade road past property [Berth] on your left. As the track veers right, cross left into Waun-y-Llyn Country Park, well signed, using a stile by the side of a gate. Continue uphill, a prominent silver birch on your left, the track also veering left, though not making for the top of the hill now, skirting it instead. As you follow this broad path, as if to the top, look out for a cunning path off to the left through gorse bushes, though it seems to progress in a straight line on the map.

6) You reach a sloping stony pavement, interesting and possibly slippery, and the path winds its way round to a stone wall and fence. Ahead you can see the pool, Waun-y-Llyn itself, but turn right instead, skirting the marsh on your left. This path will take you round to the top of Hope Mountain and the direction finder. A place for a picnic. Start your descent making for the gate from the Car park.

7) Walk through the Car Park to reach the main road and turn left along it, but only for

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Look out for a walkers' sign on a post off to your right, taking you back into fields. You are aiming for a far corner of this field, which is at first hidden from view. As a start, make for the highest point ahead and survey your way ahead, if it's not too misty. The way out of this sloping field is in a corner marked by an ancient wall coming down from the left, and a bridle way running parallel to Mountain Road. Descend to this junction and turn left along the bridle way through a gate.

8) You reach habitation [Fron] and the path divides three ways. Continue as if downhill, the central path, over a stile, following your way down through a gully and over two stiles, due west, to come out on a track and then a minor road, where you turn left. Continue down along this road to reach the B 5101. Turn right. Here be much traffic. You have a short distance to follow along this road to reach the old railway level crossing. Here you can turn right to follow the old railway line itself all the way down to Coed Talon.

9) Turn right at the main main road, the A5104, following a pavement back down to Pontblyddyn, or up from Pontybodkin to Leeswood.

Allow 3½ hours for this walk. Distance: 6¼ miles

Mike Stevens

## NEXT WALK

**SUNDAY JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10am**

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Some old school photographs in Leeswood from Flintshire Archives.

Can anyone put names to faces or places?

If anyone has any old photographs, I am happy to scan them and add them to the collection. Thank you: Eddie Saul

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