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WING WALK - £250 RAISED FOR SUNSHINE CAFE

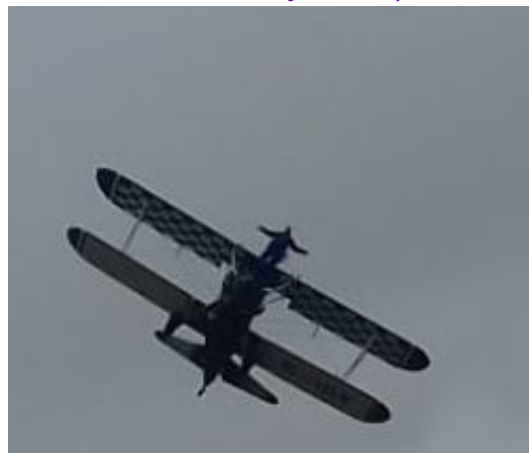


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June Lincoln completed a Wing Walk on her 60th Birthday (25th May 2018, raising £250 for the Sunshine Café (Leeswood's Community Café)



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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

The President, Mrs Lucille Ingman, welcomed everyone to the meeting on the 24th May 2018 and handed over to Mrs Mary Morris who read a very apt poem. Lucille then introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr Mike Stevens. Mike began his talk telling us of the many footpaths around Leeswood and how important it is to keep them in good order. Certain paths brought back memories of long ago when to get to school in Mold you had to make your way to Coed Talon to catch the train. Mike also explained that he leads a walk on a Sunday each month.

We were then lucky to hear about Mike's play writing. His first play was about the Gresford pit disaster, others to include the Mold riots and the Shotton Steel strike. His latest is set in Leeswood Hall in 1918, when it was a convalescent home for soldiers. He also has a play to be staged in Theatre Clwyd later in the year, so keep your eye out for dates, as I am sure it will be most interesting.

Refreshments were provided and served by Mrs Mary Morris. The raffle was drawn and Mrs Flora Roberts was the winner. Mrs Janet Burden won the special raffle.

The President declared the meeting closed.

Gill Barton

June 14th

Mrs Ingham welcomed all to tonight's meeting. Mrs Gwen Gray started our meeting with a reading from the friendship book, it was much appreciated. Our speaker tonight was Reverend Pat Christopher, our local Methodist minister. She told us her life story, growing up in Saltney, attending Wood Memorial Junior School and then later Hawarden Grammar School. Her working life started in a research laboratory and then after teacher training she taught in St. Ethelwold's in Shotton first and then she changed into her religious career as a Methodist Minister.

Over the years Reverend Pat has spent time in several churches in an around our area and her enthusiasm and commitment shows through. We all found her talk very interesting, enlightening and most entertaining.

Mrs Anne Davies gave the vote of thanks to Reverend Pat for her talk. We all enjoyed it very much.

Mrs Gwen Gray was warmly thanked for her lovely refreshments. The raffle winners were Mrs Jan Lucy and Mrs Ingham won the special raffle donated by Mrs Gwyneth Davies.

C. Fliteroft

APOLOGY

From June Lincoln:

Many apologies to those whose Articles and/or contributions were missing bits at the bottom of their pages last month.

I hope I have managed to do properly this month.

June

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LEESWOOD GUIDES

On the 29th May Leeswood Guides made a three quarter of an hour embark to Liverpool on the train. After arriving in Liverpool our leader, Wise Owl, handed out a treasure trail to complete over the course of the day. Some of the things we were looking for were; Lambanana's, a piano, the Liverbird and multiple selected statues.

Just before lunch, we made the decision to catch the ferry—name Snowdrop or #Razzledazzle—to head over towards Spaceport. In Spaceport there was a Space Shuttle simulator which was lots of fun! A private collection of lifesize Starwars characters, and we all battled it out in an 'Out of the World' quiz.

At 12.30 we headed back to Woodside and the ferry terminal. During the ride back we managed to catch a glimpse of the new Atlantic cruiser named 'The Sir David Attenborough', it looked fantastic!

Once we had finished our lunch we began walking towards 'Liverpool One' to call into HMV and the Beatles Cavern walk. It was getting on for 5.00pm when we hopped onto the carousel before we went to our final attraction; 'The Custom Officers House'. We finally arrived back at Leeswood Community Centre for 6.30 pm. An amazing day was had by all! Many thanks to Gayle, Mike and Cerys for taking us.

LEESWOOD GUIDES AND RAINBOWS

On the 19th May Leeswood Guides and Rainbows went with Hope Rainbows to Chester Zoo on a trip, whilst we were there we saw lots of animals, like Jaguars, Sloths, Monkeys, Birds and Frogs. We also went to the island, on the monorail and to the giftshops, it was very sunny and hot!

We all had a great day.

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In 2018 Bethania Chapel celebrates 150 years in Leeswood, but its earliest origins go back to the 1850s. The work of itinerant Baptist preachers travelling throughout Wales and preaching the gospel resulted in many powerful and life changing experiences. Hardened men like the miners from Leeswood and Treuddyn, found their lives changed by the power and the good news of Jesus during the many Welsh revivals. It was transformed people like these that wanted to take the good news that they had heard into the surrounding villages.

By 1861 a small Baptist fellowship had been established in Treuddyn and Berea Chapel, which still stands, but is now a private home, was built at the Ffordd-y-Llan turning for Treuddyn. At this time, Leeswood was a small, Welsh speaking, mining community. A few people from Leeswood who were members at Berea began to hold house meetings in the village. In 1868 the Leeswood Baptists were able to buy a piece of land for £44-10-0d, and Bethania opened as a Welsh Baptist Chapel in 1870.

Precisely why a group of Welsh miners dug into their own pockets to do such an ambitious thing 150 years ago can only be speculated upon. Evidently their encounter with the Jesus they had read about in the Gospels and heard about from preachers, had been a significant and life changing experience for them.

Bethania Church Community is still a place where lives are changed by the same message of good

BETHANIA CHURCH COMMUNITY IS STILL A PLACE WHERE LIVES ARE CHANGED BY THE SAME MESSAGE OF GOOD NEWS

news that the chapel's founders would have heard or read back then. To celebrate 150 years, Bethania is giving every household in the village a copy of Mark's Gospel, from the Good News Bible.

Please accept this gift and take some time to read this short but exciting book. Visit Bethania to find out more.

We meet every Sunday at 10:15am, but also have

special events on throughout 2018 for you and your family to participate in, which are listed below. We look forward to welcoming you!

BETHANIA CHURCH 150th CELEBRATIONS WHAT'S ON IN 2018!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Fri. Jun. 22	7:00pm	Vale Royal Singers (cost £7.50)	Bethania Chapel
Sat. Jul. 14	PM	Leeswood Carnival – Bethania Puppets	Phoenix Park
Sun. Jul. 29	10:15am	Talk by Howard Baker from The Bible Society	Bethania Chapel
Sun. Aug. 26	10:15am	Messy Church	Bethania Chapel

CELEBRATION WEEK: FRI. 14 - SUN 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

Fri. 14	10:15am	Pubs and Chapels Heritage Walk	Meet at Cenotaph
Sat. 15	8:00am	Men's breakfast	Bethania Chapel
Sun. 16	10:15am	Gospel Service & Fellowship Meal	Bethania Chapel
	4:00pm	Gwasanaeth Cymraeg/Welsh Service	Bethania Chapel
Mon. 17	7:15pm	Film Night (12+)	Bethania Chapel
Tues. 18	2:00	Sensory Event for Safe Haven Craft Club	Bethania Chapel
	7:15pm	Sensory Event for All	Bethania Chapel
Wed. 19	5:30-7:30pm	Holiday Club event for primary school	Bethania Chapel
Thurs. 20	7:15pm	Darts/Bullseye/Pub Games Night	Bethania Chapel
Fri. 21	9:00-11:00am	Bright Sparks' Coffee Morning	Bethania Chapel
	7:15pm	Ian Yates and Band (cost £5)	Leeswood Community Centre
Sat. 22	8:00am	Ladies' breakfast	Bethania Chapel
	3:00pm	BBQ followed by a Social	County Road
Sun. 23	10:15am	Celebration Service with Phil Jump	Bethania Chapel

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CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN JULY/AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY 1ST JULY: TRINITY 5
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 8TH JULY: TRINITY 6
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

5.00P.M. EVENSONG IN NERCWYS CHURCH

SUNDAY 15TH JULY: TRINITY 7
11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 22ND JULY: TRINITY 8
11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 29TH JULY: TRINITY 9
10.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

GUEST SPEAKER: REV'D BOB FRIEDRICH DIOCESAN
ADVISOR ON DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCHES.

THE SERVICE WILL BE FOR ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS AND ANYONE ELSE
WHO MAY BE INTERESTED.

SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST: TRINITY 10
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST: TRINITY 11
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST: TRINITY 12
5.00P.M. EVENSONG

ORGANIST: MR CHRISTOPHER ENSTON

WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST
7.00P.M. SUMMER SONGS OF PRAISE
AN ECUMENICAL AND MISSION AREA SERVICE.

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST: TRINITY 13
11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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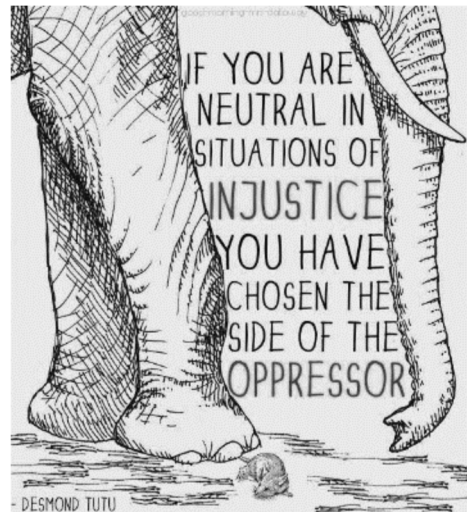
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10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

28TH JULY & 25TH AUGUST

ON 28TH JULY all the old church registers will be
available for inspection.

***INJUSTICE.** At a time when so many people are suffering in our world, whether it be from the austerity measures in this country, the zero tolerance on the Mexico/USA borders, or the War/ Poverty which drives people to leave their own homeland to undertake a perilous journey seeking security elsewhere in the world; this remark by Bishop Desmond Tutu is worth bearing in mind. Rev'd Carole Poolman*



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Leeswood Allotments

There has been a good response to the advertisements for people to take up vacant plots on the allotment site. To date we have five new members who have all made an enthusiastic start. We wish them all well.



At the April meeting of the Allotment Association it was regrettably decided that we would not hold an open day this year. At the beginning of the growing season there were quite a few empty plots and though our new members have all made a good start, we felt that there would not be sufficient produce to put on a worth while show. However we will be represented at the carnival this year. There will be an allotment table where we hope to display some of the fruit and vegetables which we have grown.

As in previous years we welcome any produce grown by Leeswood residents in their own back gardens. Please bring any contributions along to our stall on the morning of the carnival.

The Allotment site will also be open to the public on the day of the carnival and as usual there will be allotment holders there to answer any questions. Opening times will be published later.

Finally, a reminder that we do still have allotment plots and half plots available so please continue to spread the word.



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- 1st July** Lord's Supper **9.30 am**
Led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 8th July** Morning Worship **10.45 am**
Led by Mr David Blainey
- 15th July** Morning Worship **10.45 am**
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Committee	When	Where	Contact
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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
Activity / Group	When	Where	Contact
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—July 2018

July 12th

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Carnival

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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

I have recently come across an old piece of machinery, and I was pleased to see that it was still in good working order. What I was really pleased about was that the machine in question was totally made in this country. This goes to show that when things were made in this country they were made to last. In those days people use to put their inspirations into practice and they were probably motivated by identifying a need which did lead them to produce an industrial solution to meet that need. What probably gave that generation a competitive edge, was that they had a more practical hand-on approach, and therefore understood the behaviour of the machines they developed. With this in mind, they applied the necessary precaution for the smooth running of the machine, which they designed to last forever. By making these machines to last so long, they carved a place in history, which will forever belong to them.

By having such a strong industrial past, it is possible that we can analyse the ways and systems which they applied in the development of their machines, and further develop the results from the analysis to achieve even greater results. However, to do this one needs to have an incentive, and the incentive is normally in the form of a reward in terms of financial well being. There are allot of individuals, who possess the talent to develop industrial projects to a level which would compete with excellence on the word market. If there are these individuals, with these abilities at their disposal, why are we not seeing more industrial developments? Could it be because they do not have the initial financial resources to start the ball rolling? Could it be because they do not have the expertise to market the final product, or could it be a combination of both? Whichever it is, it could be said that someone needs to address the situation and tap into these human resources to create wealth and prosperity within the industrial sector.

In many cases, inventors are not properly appreciated. A fine example of this is when the Wright brothers come up with the idea of making an aeroplane. The powers that be of that time, could not understand that a machine which was heavier then air could fly. The Wright brothers did their best to persuade investor to invest in the invention, but for some reason no one shown an interest. Unfortunately the Wright brothers pursued their invention else were. Nevertheless, the Wright brothers were from this country and they were inspired when they were in this country, therefore the invention was a British invention.

There could be another issue which could cause a problem with inventors. As an invention could be rather complex, an inventor could find it difficult to explain the invention to other people, because although an idea could look easy as a vision, it may prove difficult to either explain it verbally or put it on paper. It would therefore be a good idea to develop means to aid people with new ideas to be able to convey their intellectuality in a manner that could

be easily understood and translated into industrial terms. With this in mind, one could open a number of opportunities which could be developed in a profitable industrial success.

It might be right to say, that we have a great opportunity to shape the future, and it is up to us to further develop of industrial heritage which has been left to us by our predecessors. It is good to feel proud that we carried on building on what we inherited, rather than relying on cheap imports made on the other side of the world.

Some inventions are taken for granted, and some of our great inventors have sadly been forgotten, nevertheless, forgotten or not, this country has produced its share of inventors. One such inventor was Sir Joseph Whitworth, who invented the Whitworth tread.

Joseph Whitworth was born on the 21st December 1803 in Stockport Cheshire. Although being the son of a headmaster, Whitworth did not distinguish himself as a young man, and he only received elementary education. Upon leaving school he served a four year apprenticeship with one of his uncles who were a cotton spinner in Derbyshire. On completion of his apprenticeship, he worked for four years as a mechanic in a factory in Manchester, from where he moved to work for Henry Maudsley at his factory in Westminster Bridge in London.

In 1841, Whitworth recommended the introduction of standard system of threads which would feature a fixed angle and a standard pitch for a given diameter. After his work was exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851 the Whitworth screw-thread system earned him critical acclaim both at home and abroad. Sir Joseph Whitworth strongly believed in educating young people in engineering disciplines and offered several engineering scholarships. He also wrote to the priminister of that time, and expressed his views about the importance of making students aware of how to use engineering tools to combine their theoretical knowledge with hands on practical approach.



The above diagram shows the characteristics of the Whitworth tread as developed by Sir Joseph Whitworth. The Whitworth tread was also known as British Standard Whitworth or BSW for short, and due to its' popularity with British manufacturers it was used on a large number of machinery which was exported to the four corners of the globe, thus making its' mark as a world leader of its' time.

Times might have changed, but the desire to develop new ideas is still the same. With this in mind, it might be recommended that we need to encourage young intellectual thinking to produce original solutions to identified markets.

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



Our Age-Friendly Community priorities

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

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

"What's On" activities and events

Our 3rd 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.

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	Knit & Natter
Book Club	Belly Dancing
Digital/I Pad Training	Arm Chair Aerobics
Men's Social Group	Intergenerational Activities
Regular Film Club (2 sessions held to date)	

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

Work on the 'Old Clinic'

A BIG THANK YOU to Wates builders who have kindly provided skilled labour and materials over the last few weeks to help us get the 'Old Clinic' nearer to completion. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers who have given up a lot of their time and donated materials.

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.

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

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Sunshine Cafe

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For more information please contact

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Volunteers wanted



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make this a success?

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staff.

Sunshine Café Menu

Pot of Tea	60p
Earl Grey	70p
Cafetiere of Coffee for one	70p
Cafetiere of Coffee for two	£1.20
Hot Chocolate	£1
Hot Chocolate with Vanilla Cream & Marshmallows	£1.20
Strawberry or Chocolate Milkshake	£1
No added sugar Cordial	20p
Toast with butter	30p
Toast with jam & butter	35p
Toasted tea cake	40p
Toasted tea cake with jam & butter	45p
Biscuits & Cakes individually priced	

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Caffi Heulwen Bwydlen

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Earl Grey	70p
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LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

01/05/2018

PRESENT

Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)
Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman

Councillors D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, L.C. Richardson, G. Sherwood, J.E. Saul and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, C. Coleman and L.T. Coleman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana, thanked all Councillors for their support during his year of Office. He made particular reference to the Civic Service stating that he had appreciated the Councillors attendance. Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman, thanked the outgoing Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana for his work during the past year. This was endorsed by all Councillors

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2018/2019

It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that Councillor D. Rule be appointed Chairman for the year 2018/2019. All Councillors in agreement. The new Chairman, Councillor D. Rule, stated that it was an honour to be elected as Chairman to the Council and thanked the Council for their support.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2018/2019

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that Councillor R. Hughes be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2018/2019. This was unanimously agreed. Councillor R. Hughes thanked the Council for their support.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2018/2019

Acknowledgement was made that that the Cemetery sub-Committee was down a member with the retirement of Councillor C.E. Jones JP. . It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the remaining six members of the Cemetery Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc. Councillor R. Hughes suggested that this item be added onto the agenda for the June monthly meeting as there were new Councillors not present this evening who may wish to join the Committee. All Councillors in agreement.

Members are: - Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, T. Hughes and J.E. Saul.

APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2018/2019

It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the Finance Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc but replacing ex-Councillor C.E. Jones JP with Councillor D.K. Crowther. All Councillors in agreement.

Members are: - Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

It was agreed that this should be open to all Councillors.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Observation was made that the Leeswood Community Centre Management Committee in its current form would cease to exist once the asset transfer had taken place. This Committee is likely to be replaced by a Fundraising Support group. However, as the Committee is still in

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However, as the Committee is still in existence at this moment in time it was unanimously agreed, the members representing this Council on the Leeswood Community Management Committee would be Councillors J. Caruana and G. Sherwood. Following the dissolution of the Management Committee, the Trustees would give a report to the Community Council.

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor R. Williams informed that he no longer wished to be this Council's substitute member on the Liaison Committee. The Chairman, Councillor D. Rule thanked Councillor R. Williams for his work as substitute member.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that Councillor J. Caruana continue to serve as this Council's representative on the Liaison Committee. Councillor J. Caruana was thanked for his work on the Liaison Committee.

COUNTY FORUM REPRESENTATIVE

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor J.E. Saul and the Clerk would remain as the Council's representatives on the County Forum.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE AREA MEETINGS OF ONE VOICE WALES

Agreed that G. Sherwood would continue to attend these meetings. The other place could be taken by any Councillor who wished to attend.

LEAD MEMBER FOR AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that Councillor G. Sherwood remain as the lead member. All Councillors in agreement.

RISK ASSESSMENT 2018/2019

Following a short discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that this item be included on the agenda for the June 2018 monthly meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend. He had sent a report in his absence.

Crime Issues / Trends

(Review from last month - April Meeting)

Dangerous Dogs on Queen Street - Dog chased an individual showing its teeth and barking. - Was dealt with by owner receiving a visit, also having the LEAD initiative. Common Assault - Child assaulted by another child on the way home from school. Investigations ongoing. No further action was taken in this matter.

Crime Issues / Trends

(04/04/2018 to 30/04/2018)

Pontblyddyn Service Station - Making off without payment. Vehicle had filled up with fuel and made no attempt to pay. Enquiries on-going.

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues

County Road, Leeswood - Group of drunken children found on County Road. Officers located source of party and words of advice were given to parents. Children were all safely taken home. County Road, Leeswood - Youths messing around with traffic lights on County Road, area search was conducted but there was nobody in the area. Derwen Deg, Leeswood - Suspicious Circumstances. Male knocked on door of resident in Derwen Deg asking to borrow a spanner. He was in company of another male who appeared to be paying attention to vehicles on the drive. CCTV was obtained and there have been no further reports since. Patrols are being conducted regularly in Leeswood and an email was sent out asking for increased patrols.

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

The Clerk reported that there had been three expressions of interest from residents of the Community for the vacant Community Council seat.

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These were from Mr David Foster of 11 Dingle Road, Mr Shaun Owen of 15 Ash Grove and Mr Clive Venables of 23 Heol-y-Goron.

In accordance with the procedure as stated in the Flintshire County Council Guidance for the Filling of Casual Vacancies via Co-Option, Mr David Foster was elected to fill the vacant seat.

CEMETERY

It was suggested that the Cemetery Committee and the Finance Committee should hold a joint meeting to discuss what needs doing with regard to the Cemetery extension and to form a plan of process to cost the works out. Comment was made that it would be advisable to meet at the Cemetery first in order to get a picture of it. All Councillors were to attend this meeting at the Cemetery which was to take place on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 6.30pm.

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he was waiting to hear from Mr Aled Davies to discuss the work to be done on the tree to the rear of the Cremated Remains section. He stated that he would now ring Mr Aled Davies about this matter.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that great progress was being made in relation to the opening of a Community Café/Drop In. The Community Café would be opened on 18th May 2018 for one morning per week on a six-week trial basis.

This enterprise is aimed at all ages of the Community and it was hoped that it might target the mothers going home after taking their children to School or people going to the Doctor's Surgery.

New blinds had been fitted in the Community Centre Committee Room, these were a donation.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Flintshire County Council had been running three-hour workshops regarding subsidised Bus Services. At present the Mold to Wrexham/Wrexham to Mold service that runs through Leeswood is a commercial bus service that is operated by Arriva. Councillor R Hughes reported that the double yellow lines would not be put on just the corners but had to be a

certain distance on either side of the affected area. They also had to be put directly across the road from the affected areas for a certain distance. Flintshire County Council is now preparing the scheme and will be in contact once this has been done.

CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT

Councillors D.K. Crowther, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and the Clerk had met with Mrs Jo Danson on 24th April 2018. Councillors D.K. Crowther and J.E. Saul had been to the Hawarden Record Office to look up photographs to be included on the iBeacons. Mrs Jo Danson is to meet up with some members of the Community to record memories. It had been agreed where to set the iBeacons through Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. Councillor L.C. Richardson is to be included on the e-mail for the next iBeacon meeting.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018

A Community Council/Community meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 15th May 2018. Invitations had been sent to representatives from all organisations to attend.

It was pointed out that there had been more fly tipping in the Community. A group of residents had once again been out on a Sunday morning to clear this. Councillor R Hughes pointed out that nothing could be done unless there was proof of the people responsible for the fly tipping. Flintshire County Council will collect items of rubbish at a cost of £30 for five items. Observation was made that there were cans and bottles amongst the rubbish that had been fly tipped, this can be disposed of in the recycling bags.

Councillors expressed gratitude at Mr David Ellis who had led the team of residents clearing the rubbish and it was agreed by all Councillors that he should be given a donation of £50 as a show of appreciation.

COUNCILLOR C.E. JONES JP - COMMEMORATION OF SERVICE AS LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

Ex-Councillor C.E. Jones JP had written a letter to the Community Council, thanking the members for the Commemoration Event held on Sunday 15th April 2018. He had been overwhelmed by the turnout of so many representatives from the Community's organisations. All Councillors

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agreed that it had been a very successful afternoon and were pleased that ex-Councillor C.E. Jones JP had enjoyed himself.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSS-ROADS

Councillor R. Hughes informed that someone from the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council would be getting in contact regarding a site meeting at the Pontblyddyn Crossroads.

PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk was to get in touch with an Officer of Flintshire County Council Highways Department to discuss the purchase and erection of a plain sign in Pontblyddyn.

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN - CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

Received from Revd Carole Poolman, Priest in Charge, Christ Church Pontblyddyn a letter advising of the increased costs in maintaining the Churchyard. Further financial assistance with funding is requested. After discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that this Council was not in a position at present to give more financial assistance, but a review of the current grant would take place at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2019.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

A copy of a GDPR Toolkit of local Councils regarding the new Data Protection Laws had been circulated to all Councillors. This document has been produced by the National Association of Local Councils in conjunction with Winckworth Sherwood, Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents. It was agreed by all Councillors that this matter be put on the agenda for discussion at the June 2018 monthly meeting.

ONE VOICE WALES, THE VOICE OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN WALES - RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES

In regard to the Review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales, the formal response made by One Voice Wales to the

consultation invitation by the Independent Review Panel had been circulated to all members. This was accepted.

AGE CYMRU - REPORT ON SHOWCASING DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO TACKLING LONELINESS ACROSS WALES

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Age Cymru report which has been collated based on responses received from Stakeholders who have provided an update on their work to tackle loneliness. This report was accepted.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - CONSULTATION ON THE BUS NETWORK REVIEW 2018

Correspondence had been received from Ruth Cartwright, Programme Manager, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council subsidises 24 bus routes through either standalone contracts or agreements with commercial operators to provide services that are not commercially viable, such as early morning, evening, via certain villages etc. While some Local Authorities have stopped subsidising bus travel altogether, Flintshire has not taken that approach. However, there is a need to ensure an effective and integrated bus network into the future, and services must be sustainable, affordable and meet the changing and prioritised needs of our residents.

A full review of the current bus network is being undertaken to establish current and future demands on the network and create a sustainable, equitable and stable transport system which fits the needs of local communities and the wider employment and social sector demand. Four proposed options are given to analyse what best suits the needs of our community: -

- a) Stop subsidising bus services altogether
- b) Continue to support the services currently subsidised
- c) Support services on the core bus network and implement Local Travel arrangements for the non-core network
- d) Support services on the core bus network and implement a demand responsive 'ring and ride' service

A number of community engagement 'drop in' events are taking place across the

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county for members of the public to discuss the review with officers of the Council. These will be held at the following locations: -

Hawksbury Community Centre - 26th April 2018, 4pm-7pm

Mold Town Hall - 27th April 2018, 4pm-7pm

Holywell Town Council - 2nd May 2018, 4pm-7pm

Connah's Quay Civic Centre - 3rd May 2018 - 4pm-7pm

Flint Town Hall - 10th May 2018, 4pm-7pm

It was pointed out that the Wrexham-Mold/Mold-Wrexham Arriva operated bus service through this Community was on a commercial basis. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had been in discussion with Flintshire County Council about there being a replacement Bus Service should anything go wrong with the current Service.

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - NEWS RELEASE ADVISING OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR APPOINTED FOR NORTH WALES HEALTH WATCHDOG

Members had been circulated with a copy of the news release introducing the new Chair and Vice-Chair of the North Wales Community Health Council.

The independent health service watchdog for North Wales has appointed Mr Mark Thornton as the new Chair of the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) at its recent Annual General Meeting and Dr Garth Higginbotham was elected as Vice-Chair. This correspondence was accepted.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Pot Holes in the Community - Flintshire County Council have been filling in as many of the pot hole as possible.

b) Highway white lining - Flintshire County Council's programme of white lining was to start soon.

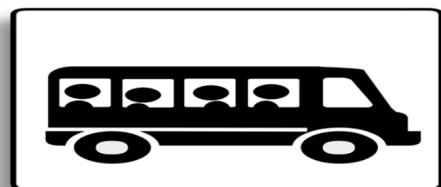
MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) 20mph speed limit outside Flintshire Schools - comment was made as to when Flintshire County Council intended to make the 20mph speed limit outside Schools mandatory rather than advisory. It was pointed out that neighbouring local authorities had mandatory 20mph outside their Schools and it was felt that Flintshire County Council should do the same. All Councillors agreed that an e-mail should be sent to Mr Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council asking for this matter to be looked into.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Flintshire County Council, Chairman's Civic Service - the Chairman of Flintshire County Council, Councillor Paul Cunningham is holding his Civic Service on Sunday 1st July 2018 in Parish Church of St. Mary & St. David, Church Street, Flint, at 11.00am.

Community Coach Trips



Place	Date
Buxton & Bakewell	July 18 th
Llandudno	Sept 19 th

LEAVING TIME: 9.30

To book your seat for any of the above please contact Mair: 770597

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FOOTPATHS IN
LEESWOOD &
DISTRICT
New Series No.6

BLACK MEADOWS
AND THE OLD
RAILWAY LINE

1. Leave Leeswood Community Centre, turning R. on King Street and R. again after the old School House to follow the broad path, with Phoenix Park on your right. Continue over the cattle grid, where the track narrows, and downhill to Black Meadows.
2. You will find a gate across the track, which may be marked "PRIVATE", but there is a public right of way here, so continue as if towards the house. Signs of wildlife and fishing on the Pool to your left.
3. Keep a sharp lookout for an overgrown footpath going off to the R. before the entrance to the house, which will take you over a footbridge and stile into more open country. Although the path may not be clear, you aim to walk for a short distance until you can gain access onto the old railway line, over to you left. Here you turn R.
4. This pleasant walk continues for some distance in a W. or NW direction, with the old railway line forming a level surface, now overgrown, so keep a wary eye on low-flying brambles and fallen trees [this must have been a branch line] Eventually you come to the end of this wooded stretch and reach a gate which crosses the path and needs to be climbed. The reason for this would seem to be that the old railway line is not the official footpath, although it has come to be adopted as such. There is a sterner obstacle ahead!
5. Once over the gate you can continue for a short distance, but it soon becomes obvious you have to cross the "swamp" over to your left to reach higher ground. This marshy area can be wet, or very wet, depending on recent rainfall, but pick your way through to reach the field edge, where you can turn R. onto the "proper" footpath and eventually reach a field gate which, at the present time [Summer 2018] is impossible to open, and has to be climbed. You will be surprised to discover a walkers' sign on a post the other side, confirming this as the official route. But there should have a proper stile here.
6. Now on the other side you will see you have reached a road, where you turn R. and go steeply uphill to Celyn Cottages on your L. Just opposite the entrance way here, you will see a walkers' signpost and stile, to the R. Cross the stile into the field. Orientation is slightly awkward from this point. Aim for the highest point in the field, in fact crossing the field on the diagonal, to find an exit point into a muddy lane, where you turn R.
7. Shortly you will come to a stile, in the corner, L., where you can cross into a field. Keep the hedge on your L. to find another stile into the adjacent field. In this field again keep close to the field edge on your L., climbing gently upwards. Good views here. This brings you to a well-maintained stile in a corner, bristling with holly,
8. Once over the stile follow the field edge to you L. making for Leeswood Green Farm ahead. The stile you need is in the corner, and this will take you round through a coppice to a kissing gate and a lane. Turn L. Follow the lane down to Stryt Cae Rhedyn, and at the main road turn R. and make your way back to Leeswood Community Centre.

Mike Stevens

The next community walk in this series will be SUNDAY JULY 8th, when our destination will be NERCWYS HALL. Meet at the Community Centre at 10 am

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ADMENDMENT - Re: Walk No 5 (last month)

FOOTPATHS IN
LEESWOOD &
DISTRICT
New Series No.5

PONTBLYDDYN
TO
HOPE MOUNTAIN

Point NO 7:

Should have read:

Walk through the Car Park to reach the main road and turn left along it, but only **for a short distance, as you need to turn right along Mountain Road.** 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.



We are in Leeswood Hall on NOVEMBER 11th, 1918 as the First World War comes to an end. The Hall was a military convalescent hospital at the time, and the play looks at how wounded soldiers, nurses, residents and local people alike look back on the war and begin to face an uncertain future.

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MEMORIES OF AN OILFIELD MAN

Tom Nicholson

We had been living in Cyprus for a couple of months now the boys were settled in Foleys English grammar school making new friends of different nationalities, those friendships have lasted many years and they are still in close contact with each other. Carol was also making new friends associated with Foleys school, but I was not home long enough, there were a couple of work associates that had moved to Cyprus but they worked on different rigs to me so it worked out that our field breaks only came together every couple of months, Jimmy King/Pat/ Lynne the eldest/ Barbie/ and Thumper the youngest, we never knew him by any other name in all the years that we knew them but they came to stay with us a few times to give them a break from Egypt and a taste of normality for a week or two. I remember them staying with us during one Cypriot winter, there had been a very heavy snow fall on Mount Olympus in the Troodos mountains. The king family had never ever experienced snow before, we found that hard to believe but it was true, I thought it would be fun for all of us to go skiing I was the only one with any experience. We had a great time having snow ball fights and more often on their backsides than upright, I had warned them about snow burn but they ignored my advice and ended up looking like lobsters, Dennis had a friend who's father John Bierman worked for Reuters (news media) and Carol passed on information regarding our Israel incident, and when during a contract in the Persian Gulf I was staying in the Commodore Hotel in Tehran during a revolution when the Shah Mohammed Pahlavi was deposed and the exiled Ayatolla Khomeini returned from France where he had been in exile but I will save that for a later issue. Carol also gave him the update on that also, it seemed that where ever I worked political turmoil was not far away (I loved every minute of it) one week of excitement is worth one year of boredom, Anyway, back to my memories. The rig was running as smooth as could be expected considering the antiquated age of it, I suggested to Luke that the Helideck required painting "that's your call, you order the paint and carry on as long as it does not interfere with the running of the rig but do not forget to order extra for trading" he added, I should mention what he meant by trading - I had an arrangement with the supply boat skipper, I would trade marine paint for crates of beer or a

couple of bottles of Jack Daniels (wish it were rum though). Other times I would loan out the welders, no cash ever changed hands, that was the good old trading system and it worked well, and I must add we only had a drink after we had finished our twelve/fourteen hour shift, with the exception of my American mate Willie Johnson he would be working the brake on the rig floor with half bottle of Jack Daniels in the back pocket of his striped American railway bib and brace coveralls wearing no shirt no and no socks, he never appeared under the influence although he would never pass an alcohol test,(how times change).

Back to the painting of the helideck, it took me a full shift to stencil the name of our rig "Zarah Rig 22" then a circle with a large letter H in the centre of it, the following morning I gave my crew instructions of what needed doing gave them everything they needed for the job, then I was called onto the rig floor so I left them to it, after six hours I returned to check on the paint job only to find that there was dozens of footprints coming from the centre of the H and walking across the wet paint they had only started at the outer perimeter painted themselves in, we had to wait for the paint to dry before painting over their footprints. P.S: The letter H does not mean helicopter, it means Hazardous area

I remember when the Egyptian Government introduced a type of tax on cigarettes and other luxuries etc , there were riots on the streets (mostly students). The main incident that I will never forget happened after we had just came off the rig and in a taxicab heading for the office travelling along the Corniche, this was the road alongside the river Nile, just as we approached the tunnel taking us under the Nile we were stopped by the Militia in their olive green uniforms (these are very different to the local police or army)and nobody messes with them. They had stopped all of the traffic and let the protesters march into the tunnel while another group of militia were waiting at the opposite end with automatic guns they then opened fire on the leading protesters killing about a dozen, three army trucks went into the tunnel and retrieved the bodies, and we were told to proceed on our way as though nothing had happened. I never heard of any more protests after that. As I stated previously life is cheap out there still is it doesn't matter what we think of our own country, we are still a hundred times better off than in some of the places I have worked and lived. But they all build up my memories that do not mean much to anybody but me, so I will keep adding these for the Leeswood readers..... (to be truthful it's for me !)

Leeswood & District News

CARNIVAL

Well, here we are Campers, July already. Can you actually believe it? We are now just days away from the big day itself and there is still so much to do!

The Committee will be making sure all their T's are crossed and those I's dotted so that everything goes according to plan, not to mention the time and effort going into the hard labour that is involved in the run up to and on the day itself, but we will come to that in a minute (cough cough - **volunteers required** - cough cough). First of all though, for the public to note, there are four posters in this edition for you to refer to and they are for the wristband sale outlets, decorating your house, the all important road closure details and of course for Carnival day itself. Just as a backup though, we will run through those details with you now.

We can tell you that the wristbands (in order for you to enter onto the Carnival field) are for sale at Leeswood Playgroup and the Co-op and also the Petrol Garage and The Bridge Inn in Pontblyddyn, and we are very grateful to them for kindly selling these on our behalf. Wristbands are £2 for an adult and for children of high-school age but children of primary age will gain entry for free. The wristbands will also be available to purchase on the gates/field on the day so it is pretty easy for everyone all round. They are particularly bright in colour so the Committee will be keeping a watchful eye on those who think it acceptable to gain entry by other means without paying!

As for colour, you know that the Committee love to see your houses decorated in time for the day and we hope this continues each year as it gives such a happy vibe to the village. Once the official Carnival bunting is up too, which will be just a few days before the day, we should all most definitely by then be in Carnival mode for sure! Now on to the road closure and, just for clarification like in last month's edition, you will note that the details are slightly different to that of last year. We will not be commencing the parade from the old Laura Ashley Factory, as we have done the last three years, but this time from Ysgol Derwenfa. Details emanating from this Committee decision were explained in last month's write up and we sincerely hope it does not inflict problems on some too much. The decision however was for good reason and was not taken lightly, as are all our decisions. Nevertheless, the main road will be closed from 11.30am with the request that all vehicles be removed from the main road by that time and then the road will be back open at 1pm.

Hopefully, this will not cause too much disruption. Please however pass this information on to anyone you know just in case they do not get to see the advert and they wonder why the 11.50am Arriva bus has not turned up to go to Wrexham or the 12.15pm to Mold!

If you do have any queries concerning the road closure then please do not hesitate to contact Councillor Raymond Hughes as directed on the relevant poster which will be distributed in the usual way, i.e. notice boards, house-to-house leaflet drop, here in this edition...

Lastly, in respect of the posters, the Carnival Day poster details times of the parade (i.e. 12 noon) and what attractions you can expect to see on the day. As it is, our RAF application is still pending and we have everything crossed for that Spitfire Flypast.

Please, please, please spread the word that there is a "NO DOGS ON THE FIELD" policy as each year we find that people are bringing their pet pooches along and then have to be refused entry, which is a real shame for them. This policy is in place for good reason and, although we appreciate that most dog owners are responsible, there are some that are sadly not and we do not wish to see the public being forced to leave because someone has let their dog poop on the field and they are too lazy to pick it up. Like we say, it is a minority who behave in that manner but it does happen and that is why we make this decision. Plus, we do not want the younger children being scared off as they sometimes are with dogs.

Just to finish off, there is still time to register as a volunteer as "coughed" about at the beginning of the write-up. At the time of going to the Editor for publishing, we have not been able to provide you with a date for the yearly volunteers' meeting but we do hope you keep an eye out for those details so you get the chance to attend. It is usually around a week before the big day we have the volunteers' meeting and we will of course need more on board to assist with the heavy manual labour in the run up too and on the day and for things like marshalling on the roads or field etc so please get your names forward either by our social media's Facebook page or grab anyone of us to give us your names. Don't hurt us though when you're grabbing us as we need all the working arms and legs we can get!!

HAPPY, HAPPY CARNIVAL DAYS OUR AMAZINCARNIVAL CAMPERS!

See you all there.

Kind regards,



Louise Hoyle Fennell
Committee Member

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

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 14th 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)

CARNIVAL

Wristbands for Carnival Day

(Saturday 14th July 2018)

**are now available to purchase from
the following outlets:-**

The Co-op, Leeswood

The Playgroup, Leeswood

The Petrol Garage, Pontblyddyn

The Bridge Inn, Pontblyddyn

Also available to purchase on the field on the day

Cost £2.00 per adult & high school children

Free entry for primary school children

Entry will be refused without a wristband

Any enquiries, please raise with any member of the

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Thank you for your co-operation

CARNIVAL

**FEEL LIKE DECORATING YOUR
PROPERTY FOR THE CARNIVAL ON
SATURDAY 14TH JULY 2018?
THEN WHY NOT!!**

ADD A *SPLASH* OF COLOUR TO THE DAY!



**If you have any queries, or would like to be added to our list of
properties we can use to hang our official Carnival bunting from,
then please contact:-**

David Ellis (Vice-Chair) 07734 471328

or

simply let the Committee know through their Facebook page

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



CARNIVAL

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING!!

SATURDAY 14TH 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,
PUPPET SHOW, R.A.F. SPITFIRE FLYPAST
(APPLICATION PENDING), SAMBA BAND,
VARIOUS STALLS, PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE TO ENJOY
FOOD OUTLETS, LICENSED BEER TENT AND LIVE MUSIC
EARLY EVENING UNTIL LATE ON THE CARNIVAL FIELD**

**WRISTBAND ENTRANCE £2.00 adult/high school age
Free entry for children primary school age & below
(PLEASE SEE WRISTBAND ADVERT FOR SALE OUTLETS)
SOUVENIR PROGRAMMES £1.00**

RAFFLE: 1st Prize £100 CASH, plus more! YOU GOTTA BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!

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