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### PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

**LADIES GUILD** 

Our last meeting in June (28th) and all present were welcomed by Mrs Ingham. Mrs Flitcroft started the evening with a short reading. Our speaker tonight was Miss Jenny Pitts, she told us about her working life in gardens such as Erddig, moved onto a Garden Centre and now Jenny works at Coleg Cambria. She explained her own newest venture: 'Black Cat Designs' as she now gardens to order. Several ladies asked questions and Jenny gave very comprehensive answers. Everyone enjoyed the very informative talk. Mrs Ingman thanked Mrs Flitcroft for the lovely refreshments. The raffle prize winners were Mrs Gwyneth Davies and the special raffle (donated by Mrs. Ingham) + extra prizes that had been donated by Mrs Jenny Webb, were won by Mrs Anne Davies, Mrs Gwen Gray, Mrs Janet Burden and Mrs Dot Davies.

The first meeting in July was on July 12<sup>th</sup>. All were welcomed by Mrs Ingham. The meeting was started by Mrs Gwyneth Davies who read a short poem about summer. We had no outside speaker this evening. Our future plans were discussed, the next meeting (our last in July before the summer break) will be a meal out at the Bridge Inn. The theatre trip in November was discussed and the Tea Dance that is to be held in the Community Centre on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We also considered arrangements for our Christmas Meal; always well prepared in the Guild! As we had no speaker we enjoyed a 'chat night' talking about all kinds of topics from holiday memories to Tai Chi practice and memories of living in Queen Street in the old days! Mrs Ingman thanked Mrs Gwyneth Davies for the lovely refreshments. The raffles were donated by Mrs Gwyneth Davies and Mrs Janet Burden and they were won by Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick and Mrs Gwyneth Davies won the special raffle.

The Guild will meet next September on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> - The 27<sup>th</sup> September meeting will take the form of our Harvest Festival – all friends from the village are always welcome to join us,

on that occasion.

C. Flitcroft

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# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The attached photographs were taken outside Pontblyddyn Church at the dedication ceremony for the Leeswood and District Royal British Legion's new Standard on Sunday 22nd July 2018. The service was conducted by the Reverend Carole Poolman.

The new Standard will be paraded by our Standard Bearer, Terry Hughes, at the 1914-18 hundred years centenary in Ypres, Belgium at the beginning of August.

Thank you to all those who attended the ceremony.

Carlton Jones
Chairman Leeswood RBL



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# Sittin' on the dock of the bay... Watchin' the tide

I'm sitting quietly on a bench, watching the moon over the waters of Rhos on Sea harbour. Well, to tell the truth, it's the middle of the day and the moon isn't even visible in the sky. I'm a retired science teacher and what I'm really watching is the effect of the moon's gravity drawing the sea gently up the shore in the form of the tide. The tide is coming in fast now, and as I watch the sea's waters raise the fishing boats in their moorings, I'm amazed to think that it's the unseen force of the moon's gravity that is making this unstoppable event happen. It leads me to think about other unseen forces which change the world we all live in.

Especially I'm remembering another seashore a long time ago when a different sort of tide swept into the lives of a group of fishermen working on the banks of the Sea of Galilee. That tide was spiritual in nature. Jesus strode purposefully onto the sands and invited them to leave their nets and follow him in spreading the good news that God loves us.

Decision time! Go or stay? These rough and ready fishermen were so impressed by Jesus that they immediately left their boats and followed him. They became household names: Peter, Andrew, James, John were among Jesus' first disciples. I'm even named after Peter, the fisherman-turned-preacher.

Most folk strolling along the promenade this afternoon don't think about the moon's gravity on the ocean that causes the tide to run on the beach, but it's real nonetheless. In a similar way, there's a spiritual tide which flows around us. Jesus still invites people to follow him and for us to live with his love in our hearts. He insisted that his way leads us into God's blessing.

We can decide to resist or to run with the tide of God's love. Whatever our choice, like the invisible pull of the moon, the gracious spiritual attraction of God is present. Do we respond, 'Yes!' or 'No'?

**Peter Cousins** 

### 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 modern Christian songs and some classic hymns too. We have Bible teaching that is 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, are reading through the whole Bible in a year. Come along and listen.

At 6.00pm we have a time of prayer for our year of celebrations.

### Weekdays

Bright Sparks under 4s

Break for Summer (restarts in September)

High Fives - Reception to Year 6

Break for Summer (restarts in September)

Lasers - Year 6 and over

Break for Summer (restarts in September)

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If you know someone who has a disability please let them know about Safe Haven Crafts. They don't have to live in Leeswood. We have people coming from Wrexham and Queensferry. We have 10 or so regular 'craftees' with learning difficulties, most of whom also use a wheelchair. We would love to have more. Check out

www.safehaven.wales

### Croeso

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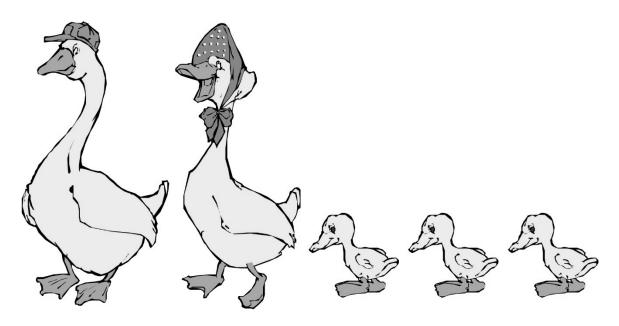
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SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST: TRINITY 10

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: TRINITY 11

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: TRINITY 12

5.00p.m. Evensong

**ORGANIST: MR CHRISTOPHER ENSTON** 

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST

7.00p.m. Summer Songs of Praise

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SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST: TRINITY 13

11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 14

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 15

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

5.00p.m. Evensong in Nercwys Church

SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 16

11,15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 18

11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 19

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, NERCWYS

**EVENSONG IN OCTOBER** WILL BE IN PONTBLYDDYN CHURCH ON SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 5.00P.M.

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### **CHRIST CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS**

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Many of us know Psalm 23 well, it may even by one of our favourites. The following words are a paraphrase of that psalm, not very different, but just different enough to make us pause and think

God, you are enough for us; you give us rest in soft fields and beside whispering streams; you restore and renew us, and lead us into life-giving ways;

When death and evil come close to us, you carry us through, you protect and comfort us; when others seek to do us harm, your grace uplifts and provides for us in public view; you fill us with your strength and we enjoy overflowing abundance;

We have confidence that your goodness and compassion will fill our days,

and we will stay immersed in your life and presence forever. Amen.

### **CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN**

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

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# Your Contributions

Do you have an idea for a great article?

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Please send, or drop it in, to:

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Deadline for next edition:

Saturday 18th August



# **Leeswood Allotments**

On Carnival Day Leeswood Allotments held a very successful stall. We had lots of people stop by to say hello, view the produce on display and sample home made scones and jam, made from allotment blackcurrants. Everyone said how delicious they were.

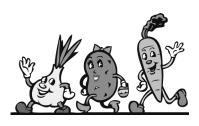
Children were able to get involved too. They coloured in pictures of fruit and vegetables and were invited to plant seeds in a pot which they could take away.

There was quite a bit of interest in how the Allotments were organised and we think we have some new members keen to sign up.

The Allotment site was open to visitors for the day and again quite a bit of interest was shown this year. Thankfully the weather was good and the site was a credit to everyone involved.

At the end of the day the draw for the produce on display was made. It was won by Mrs Anne Bryan from the village and Mr Stan Tebble who was here for the day, visiting family.

Thanks to the Allotment members who helped out on the day, both on the carnival field and down at the allotment. Thanks must also go to those Allotment holders who donated produce and helped out in any way, making it a very successful effort.





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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
Activity / Group	When	Where	Contact
Book Swap	Every Thursday 09:00 - 12:00	Sunshine Café	Shereen Devine: 07469 851886
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
Cricket	Various	Pontblyddyn Cricket Club	01352 771629: chair- man@pontblyddyncc.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	Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 19-00-21:00	Community Centre	Jenny Webb: 07858776594
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:
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
Sunshine Café	Thursday 09:00 - 12:00	Community Centre	Shereen Devine: 07469 851886
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 & Surrounding District	Various	Leeswood & Surrounding area.	Mike Stevens: mike38stevens@gmail.com

# What's on—August 2018

### 8th & 22nd August 11:45 -12:45

Mobile Library Maes y Meillion

### 15th August

Tea dance

Community Centre

Contact: Gayle Brand 01352 779068

### 31st August

Hannah Blythyn AM surgery Community Centre 10: 00 - 12:00

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

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### **Technical Corner**

Joseph Caruana

Although engineering comes in several different disciplines, when we hear someone saying that he or she is an engineer, we automatically think that they understand all that there is to be understood in all forms of engineering. This is not exactly the case, because a mechanical engineer might know nothing regarding matters relating to civil engineering. Notwithstanding, all engineering disciplines contribute to industry in one way or another, and they all mesh together like wheels within a machine. We also hear people being referred to as industrialist. This term is more associated with entrepreneurs who combines different engineering disciplines to create a business venture for profitable returns. Industry covers such a vast range of engineering discipline that it is almost impossible for a single individual to fully qualify in all of them. Nevertheless, most industrialists have qualifications in more than one engineering discipline or a combination of engineering qualifications and business studies. In most cases, business studies acts as a bridge between engineering, finance, and the application of intellectual property.

The relationship between the financial sector and the industrial sector has always been one of mutual benefits. However, which of the two benefits the most, depends on who puts the most into the venture in comparison with who gets the most out. Money can be termed as a unit of measure of the value of wealth, and is what is used to measure how much one puts in and how much one takes out. The financial sector's contribution to an industrial development or an invention will obviously be a monetary contribution, while that of industry will be in the form of skills and academic intellectualities.

Different people might have different views as to which of the two sectors is the dominant sector. This could be a very delicate issue, because the two sectors need each other if they are to prosper. If they fail to identify and exploit each other's strong points, they will not progress at a sufficient pace to create enough wealth to sustain further progress.

One of the main differences between the two sectors, is the fluidity of finances, and the flexibility of the workforce. By being fluid enough to be transferred from one place to another, finances can be moved around to support different projects much quicker then training a workforce from scratch.

This is where the workforce has to be two steps ahead, and prepare itself for every eventuality that might occur. A technologically advanced workforce might be able to demonstrate a competitive edge, thus developing an atmosphere that would create a vacuum for what it can offer.

Due to the fluidity of the financial sector, and its ability to move finances as it sees fit to get the best possible return, one could end up in a situation where whole communities could be affected. As an example, we could have a situation where a community could depend on a major employer for its livelihood. Now, imagine a scenario where the financial backers decide to take their investment and move it to another part of the globe. Could the community find an equivalent source of income as quickly as the financial sector finds a place to invest its capital? An important point to mention would be that the financial sector can move its capital at the drop of a hat, while a community might straggle to fit within the new constraints.

When it comes to moving investment and manufacturing abroad, a product identity could be misleading. In such a case, one needs to be careful to differentiate between where the product is actually made, and the national identity of the brand under which the product is marketed. In some cases, some people might buy a certain brand of product because that particular brand is associated with a certain country. With this in mind, one needs to be careful, and question where a product is made, if they feel they wish to support their country's economy.

The future of industrial development could be very exciting, and if the financial sector and the industrial sector work together with mutual respect for each other, we might create a situation which could be beneficial to all those involved. Respect is normally demonstrated when one side makes sacrifices for the other, because at the end of the day, at some stage along the line, thing might change, and the balance of who influences what, might move from one sector to another. From this one could conclude that allot of work needs to be done, and prepare a good solid ground work, for a world class, prosperous and successful future. We have inherited a great industrial wealth, and it is the duty of each and every one of us to further develop the industrial achievements of the past. The past is there to be studied for further development. We also need to keep a keen eye on innovative developments to keep ahead of whatever the competition throws at us.



# Wesley Church, Leeswood

5<sup>th</sup> August Lord's Supper 9.30 am

Led by Revd Pat Christopher

12<sup>th</sup> August Morning Worship 10.45 am

Led by Revd R. Clarke

19<sup>th</sup> August Morning Worship 10.45 am

Led by Revd C. Foreman

26<sup>th</sup> August Morning Worship 10.45 am

Family Service

# The Methodist Conference 2018 Report

Each year representatives from across the UK gather to discuss, debate and decide issues concerning the Methodist Church and issues that affect its people at home and abroad.

The Revd Michaela Youngson was inducted as President and Mr Bala Gnanapragasam as Vice-President. 'Radical Grace' was the theme chosen

by the President for her address, with the Vice-President exploring 'Transforming Hope'.

These can be downloaded and read at:

bit.ly/presaddress18 and bit/ly/vpaddress18.

### Marriage and Relationships

A task group is working on a report concerning Marriage and Relationships which will be brought to the 2019 Conference for discussion with a final decision in 2020.

### 3Generate

This annual children and youth assembly continues to grow and urges churches to engage in a 'Year of Testimony' in 2019 to 20120 recognising the importance of speaking about God, faith and the sharing of stories. It also urges us to an action to challenge injustice.

Methodist Homes for the Aged Celebrate 75 years of helping people in the late stages of life.

### All We Can

This mission outreach part of the Church estimate that 922,507 people have benefited directly or indirectly from its development programmes, with 71,887 people receiving emergency assistance including food, medicine and shelter. All We Can increased its income by 26% to £3.011m last year.

### Reaffirm 'Our Calling'

Consideration was given as to how 'Our Calling' - the aims of the Methodist Church and its people can be used as a basis for shaping our priorities. We aim to ensure that our decision making and thinking is entirely rooted in the life of God and that our choices are made in the light of the need of the faithful people of Christ today. To watch a film and find out more visit

www.methodist.org.uk/ourcalling



### 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
- lii) 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

# Age- Friendly Steering Group Gathering Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 18:30 "Old Clinic", Leeswood Community Centre

A fantastic opportunity to hear about and review the above Age- Friendly Priorities and to help shape your Community.

### Would you like to become a Dementia Friend?



An Alzheimer's Society initiative

Free One-hour Dementia Awareness session available for Community Groups and Individuals. Contact Shereen to put your name / group down on the list. We aim to hold a session in the early autumn.

### "What's on" activities and events

Keep your eyes out for the Monthly what's On. If you would like your event or activity included, please let Shereen know by the **18**<sup>th</sup> of the Month.

**Shereen Devine 07469 851886** 

Shereen.Devine@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

### 'Old Clinic' / Sunshine Café

The Launch of the 'Old Clinic' in Leeswood Community Centre was a great success, opening the Community Café for the first time in the new rooms; It was a beautiful day which allowed the café to have additional seating outside. Councillor Ray officially opened the Clinic and said a few words to thank those who have made it possible. Many people from the Community supported the event along with a representative from the Older People's Commissioners office, PACE, Job Centre, Wates and Tesco's Community Champion who kindly donated a celebration cake.

A big thank you to Wates builders who have very generously provided skilled labour and materials over the last few weeks to help us get the 'Old Clinic' completed. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers who have given up a lot of their time and donated materials. Without the kindness and generosity of everyone involved, it would never have been possible.

The "Old Clinic" is available to rent every day except Thursday Morning. Please contact
Clive at the Community Centre for more information. 07933 283636

### Want to be kept informed?

The simplest way of keeping up with progress and to be kept 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.

# **Shereen Devine 07469 851886**

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Shereen Devine

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Coming soon

In the "Old Clinic"

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# LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### 05/06/2018

### **PRESENT**

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

<u>**DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE**</u> <u>**OF CONDUCT**declarations of interest.</u>

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT/FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUS NETWORK

Correspondence had been received from Ruth Cartwright, Programme Manager, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Councillor. This correspondence advised that the consultation due to end on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018, has now been extended into June for Town and Community Councils only, giving them an opportunity to discuss the matter further.

Steve Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation was present at the meeting to discuss the Bus Network Review further. Mr Jones advised that there had been a huge response to the Bus Network Review consultation. There are four options open for discussion: -Option 1 - To stop subsidising bus routes completely - this option would see all Flintshire County Council revenue support for bus subsidies removed and leave only commercial bus services operating on routes that are financially viable. Commercial bus operators can introduce, withdraw or change their bus services at any time with no consultation with the Local Authority simply by giving 56 days' notice to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner. The Local Authority has no control regarding the operation of commercial bus services and has little or no

input into the commercial transport network. Commercial bus services would operate where bus operators believe a profitable operation can be run, and they are free to set the routes, timetables and fares as they see fit according to service demand. Also, under this option, rural areas and less populated areas of the County, including some larger housing estates, would not benefit from any bus service and some evenings and Sunday services may be reduced or withdrawn. There are also implications for the revenue grant support (Bus Service Support Grant (BSSG)) received from Welsh Government, which exists to supplement local authorities' own expenditure. In the future, it is expected that BSSG allocations, from April 2019, will be determined to reflect in part local authorities' own expenditure on supporting bus and community transport services, which means that any reductions or removal of a local authority's own revenue support would result in the reduction or removal of the grant. Statutory school transport services for eligible pupils would continue to be provided under this option. Option <u>2 - Do nothing</u> - This option would leave the current arrangements for supporting the existing bus services in place as they are currently but may require fares to be reviewed and some minor timetable amendments to improve reliability and increase passenger numbers. Subsidised bus services would continue to be provided on existing routes at current frequencies but would not benefit those areas where a service does not currently operate. There would be no alternative support should a commercial operator amend, reduce or withdraw their services in the future. Additionally, this option would not take into account any recent changes made to the commercial network or longer-term developments and changes in land use or economic activity. Statutory school transport services for eligible pupils would continue to be provided under this option.

Option 3 - Support the core bus network and implement local travel arrangements (LTAs) in communities not on the core network - This option would involve maintaining the core bus network at an affordable level through Quality Partnerships with the bus operators and linking communities to area hubs utilising smaller vehicles such as minibuses which operates just like

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a regular bus service running along a fixed route and to a scheduled timetable. This service would be less frequent than a standard bus service and would require passengers to adapt their travel needs to suit. The smaller vehicle would better suit itself to rural transport for access via country roads. Statutory school transport services for eligible pupils would continue to be provided under this option and concessionary travel passes would be accepted on all services.

Option 4 -Support the core bus network and provide a demand responsive service for communities not on the core network - This option would involve maintaining the core bus network at an affordable level through Quality Partnerships with the bus operators and linking communities not on the core bus network through a "ring-and-ride" style service, where a vehicle can be pre-booked on a demand responsive basis for transport to a main hub. Unlike current taxi arrangements, this would not be a trip for the individual and other passengers will picked up and dropped off on a shared service, for which a fee is chargeable. Transport will be provided when you require, you would not have to wait for a scheduled service. All of the area would have access to this form of transport. At present, concessionary travel passes are not eligible on "ring-andride" services. The authority currently operates a chargeable "Dial-a-Ride" service for individuals registered to the scheme. This is provided for those needing to attend local medical appointments. This service will continue and be promoted in areas effected by bus service

Question was raised as to whether the County Council would be able to help with the bus service through Leeswood if Arriva stopped the commercial service. Mr Jones informed that options 3 and 4 allow for the County Council to step in and help. The Chairman, Councillor D. Rule thanked Mr Jones for attending the meeting.

Following a discussion, the Community Council agreed unanimously to support Option 3 and the Clerk was to e-mail Ruth Cartwright at Flintshire County Council to advise this.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the annual meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 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.

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The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood 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 - May Meeting)

<u>Pontblyddyn Service Station - Making off without payment</u>. Vehicle had filled up with fuel and made no attempt to pay. All lines of enquiry have been investigated, no suspects identified.

### **Crime Issues / Trends**

Maxwell Drive, Leeswood, Criminal Damage to garage door – nothing taken. Crime scene investigation did attend, nothing found for investigation. No suspect was identified.

Queen Street, Leeswood, Common Assault - One child assaulted by another. Enquiries on-going. Station Lane, Leeswood, Theft of batteries from a Commercial property - All lines of enquiry investigated, no suspect identified.

<u>Ffordd Y Glo, Leeswood, Theft of Lawn Mower</u> – All lines of enquiry investigated, no suspect identified.

<u>Pontblyddyn Service Station, Common Assault</u> – enquiries are on-going.

<u>Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood, Criminal Damage to door</u> – all lines of enquiry investigated, no suspect identified.

### **ASB Issues**

<u>County Road, Leeswood, Youths causing a nuisance</u> - youths taken home and given strong words of advice.

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<u>Padeswood Lake Road, Padeswood, burnt out</u> <u>vehicle</u> – Fire service confirmed that this was an electrical fault. Nothing suspicious.

<u>Pontblyddyn, Suspicious Circumstances</u>
(<u>possibly nothing</u>) - People knocking on doors for a lost phone. Possibly due to the rural location that the 'Find my phone' has given a large area.

Councillors were grateful to PCSO Jones for his report but requested that the Clerk write to him and ask him to attend the next Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. Concern was expressed about the assault on Queen Street and Councillors wished to know if this was the same family. Also, information had been received by Councillors about people going into gardens and trying sheds to see if they were unlocked which had not been included on PCSO Jones report. The Clerk was reminded to send an invitation to Sergeant Mavis Evans of the South Flintshire Policing Team to attend the next monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: - 058263

Proposed drainage works to alleviate waterlogged fields, including the creation of an attenuation pond to be used for fishing.

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

There was no objection to this.

Application number: - 058345 Siting of two cricket nets. Pontblyddyn Cricket Club, Pontblyddyn, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4SN.

There was no objection to this.

### **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017/2018**

JDH Business Services Ltd had conducted the internal audit for the financial year 2016/2017. The Clerk reported on the findings of the internal audit report. Councillors acknowledged receipt of the report and noted the work that was still ongoing.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the report be accepted and that the Chairman, Councillor D. Rule should sign the Annual Governance Statement (Part 2) reflecting this Council's approval. All Councillors were in agreement.

### **AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Community Café had been successful so far with a fair number of residents using it. Councillor R. Hughes supported this stating that it was proving popular and residents could enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with either toast or a toasted teacake. Cakes were also available. It was understood that there would be an appeal for volunteers to help with the Café on a Thursday morning.

The litter pick organised in May had seen a lot of residents turn out to help which was very pleasing. A further litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### PARKING ISSUES - BELL'S CORNER AND JUNC-TION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET

No further information had been received, Councillor R. Hughes will ask Lee Shone from the Highways Department of Flintshire County Council to send something through for the Council to look at by the next monthly meeting.

### CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT

Councillors J.E. Saul advised that he and Councillor D.K. Crowther had attended the Flintshire Record Office to select some photographs to use on the iBeacons. The Record Office wanted to charge £50 per image which was a total of £1,360. Councillor Saul felt that this cost was steep considering that this was a not for profit enterprise which was to benefit the Community. All Councillors agreed.

Ex-Councillor C.E. Jones JP has met with Mrs Jo Danson and some audio had been recorded for use with the iBeacons. Councillor R. Hughes informed that he was to meet with Mrs Danson shortly to provide more audio.

# FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018

The Clerk informed that the entry forms with supplementary documentation including a map of the Community provided by Councillor J.E. Saul had been submitted to Mrs Jan Kelly of

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Flintshire County Council. This supplementary documentation included a brief history of some of the Community organisations and the work done by the Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator and Steering Group.

# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

Councillors pointed out that the initial request to Flintshire County Council had been for traffic lights at Pontblyddyn Crossroads. No site meeting had taken place yet and the Clerk explained that the Officer of Flintshire County Council was not available when the site meetings had taken place in Leeswood regarding the double yellow lines and the County Council Officers there that day did not know what the intention was for Pontblyddyn and were, therefore, reluctant to hold a site meeting without the Officer dealing with it present. It was pointed out that the junction is very dangerous, and some form of traffic control system is required. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would speak to the relevant Officer at the Highways Department, Flintshire County Council.

### **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.

### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

The Clerk advised that it is unlikely that the Community Council will now have to appoint a Data Protection Officer. It was observed that this Community Council holds no data other than what is required to communicate with suppliers, clients and other Councils which is part of the day to day business. The Clerk stated that the Council can put out something similar to a disclaimer explaining what the information is used for and giving people the opportunity to request that these details are not kept if that is their wish. All Councillors were in agreement that this course of action be taken.

# NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - PRESS RELEASE REGARDING TAWEL FAN WARD, ABLETT UNIT, YSBYTY GLAN CLWYD

The independent health watchdog for North Wales – the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC), has provided its statement following the recent release of the report into issues relating to the quality of care at the Tawel Fan Ward in the Ablett Unit at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Members had been circulated with this. All Councillors agreed that this be accepted.

### BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE

GROUP Members had been circulated with the latest reports from the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group. These reports relate to the North Wales Learning Disability Provider Forum and the North Wales Stroke Service Review. All Councillors agreed that these be accepted.

# AUDITOR GENERAL - WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015

The Auditor General has published his first-year review of how public bodies in Wales are implementing this new legislation. Members had been circulated with a copy of this report. This report was accepted.

### **AGEING WELL IN WALES**

From Steve Huxton, Ageing Well in Wales Lead, members had been circulated with a copy of the recently published report 'Driving Change for Older People: Impact and Reach 2012-2018'. This report was accepted.

# NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - PRESS RELEASE REGARDING OUT OF HOURS GPS CARE

Members had been circulated with a copy of this Press Release which highlights that more needs to be done to address the fragility of GP out of hours care in Wales. Access to out of hours GP care is patchy and the service across Wales is fragile according to a report by the Board of Community Health Councils, published on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, which recommends designing new ways of delivering out of hours care. Prepared on behalf of the seven Community Health Councils (CHCs) in Wales 'The fragility of GP Out of Hours services' found that every Health Board in Wales had identified that out of hours services are under strain and most health boards

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reported that there were not enough GPs to deliver the service consistently.

The CHCs report also found despite health boards taking a range of actions to address the challenges, the proportion of GPs in any area who undertake out of hours shifts remains small. Further, the report identified an increasing demand for out of hours services, particularly when patients struggle to get an appointment 'in hours'.

CHCs in Wales want the Welsh Government and the NHS in Wales to work together to introduce a Wales wide solution. Part of this must include engaging with people about the future of GP out of hours services to find out what's important to them. Speaking about the report findings, Mutale Merrill, Chair of the Board of CHCs said: "During 2017/2018 CHCs across Wales became concerned about the increasing fragility of GP services provided 'out of hours' through our continuous engagement with health boards. Health Boards have specifically informed CHCs about their need to take urgent action when they are unable to provide a normal service. CHCs are concerned that sometimes the actions taken to address one problem can have a negative impact on other services and other geographical areas. They believe the solution lies in the NHS in Wales working together to deliver GP out of hours services in a way that responds to what's important to people."

# COUNTY FORUM MEETING - TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018

Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council had e-mailed in preparation of the County Forum meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 which this Council is hosting. The Chairman of this Council, Councillor David Rule is to Chair the meeting on the night and refreshments will be provided by this Council.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

- a) <u>Pot Holes in the Community</u> Flintshire County Council have been working on these through the village.
- b) <u>Ffordd Siarl play area</u> Flintshire County Council have removed the sand pit and smaller play equipment is being installed to accommodate the younger children.
- c) New Council properties on old Garage site to the rear of Maes-y-Meillion there is one two bedroom apartment remaining to be let.

### MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

- a) 20mph speed limit outside Flintshire Schools comment was made that a question raised with Flintshire County Council had a response that indicated it was believed that all Flintshire Schools had a 20mph mandatory speed limit outside. Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that this was not the case and the 20mph speed limit outside Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood was advisory. The Clerk reported that she had e-mailed Mr Steve Jones from Streetscene, Flintshire County Council about this issue but had not yet received a reply. Councillor Hughes stated that he would look into this.
- b) Penyffordd to Pontblyddyn road the give way sign was covered in ivy which required cutting back. The hedge past the Smithy, near to the Stryt Isa junction was encroaching on the pavement and needed attention.
- c) Tree planted in memory of the late Nigel Jones, Clerk to this Council, at the bottom of Bryn Clyd, Leeswood it was brought to the Council's attention that this tree appeared to be dead. All Councillors agreed that this needed removing and another tree planted in its place. d) Tyres in the Nant river a report was made that the gentleman who owned the New Inn, Pontblyddyn had collected twenty tyres that had come down the river. It was suggested that contact should be made with Streetscene, Flintshire
- County Council and National Resources Wales.
  e) <u>Poppies for lamp posts</u> it was agreed by all Councillors that poppies to be installed on the Community lamp posts for the Remembrance period in November should be ordered.

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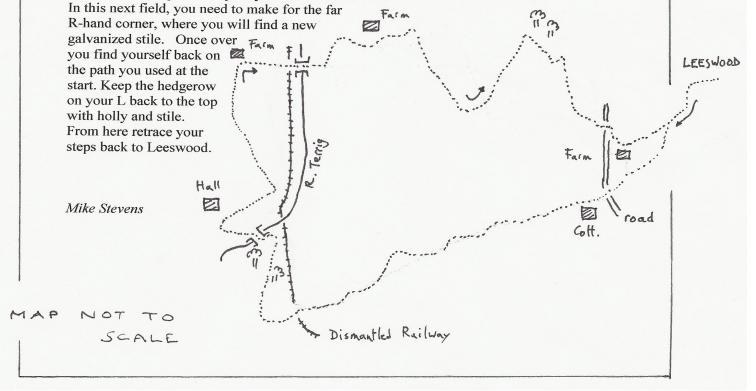
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- 1. Leave the Community Centre Car Park at the rear, turn R. and walk through the Park, keeping the boundary on your R. to reach the gate by the old Chapel. Continue along the road, past the Prince of Wales until you reach the lane up to the allotments. Turn L. here and go past the allotments to Leeswood Green Farm.
- 2. Opposite the house turn R. through a kissing gate, and immediately bear L. to find a stile and gate into the sloping field. Once in the field continue uphill, with the hedge on your R. to a substantial new stile in the corner with the holly. Cross into the next field and here continue with the hedge on your R. as the field slopes down eventually bearing L. to a stile in the corner. Cross here into the next field.
- 3. Still with the hedge on your R. make the short trip in this field to a stile in the corner and cross here into a lane. Continue up the wide lane for just a short distance using a gap in the hedge on your L. to enter a field which slopes up away from you. You cannot see your exit point yet, so make your way to the top of the slope in front, and from this vantage point continue your crossing of the field as if towards the cottages ahead. As you approach the hedge you will see a stile taking you over onto a road, Celyn Lane. Be aware of possible traffic here, particularly as there is a drop down from the stile. Cross the road and pick up the lane opposite, with Celyn Cottages on your L.
- 4. Follow the lane until you come to a sharp R-hand bend where you leave the lane and go L. into a field, bear R. and immediately pick up a stile in the hedge to your R. Once over into the next field keep the hedge to your R. as you follow two sides of the field. Pass a gate and stile on your R., which you ignore, and continue with the hedge on your R. to find the field corner and a stile taking you over into another field.
- 5. Continue with the hedge on your R. as the downward field tapers to a corner, where you will find a stile, on the right-hand side, and a waymark. Climb over the stile into a field. You are now looking for a gate in the far corner, downhill, virtually on the diagonal, so you might find it useful to cross this field immediately, turn L. and use the field edge now on your R. to guide you down to the gate.
- 6. Go through the gate where you find you have a choice of three fields ahead. Take the field on your L. [no gate at the time of writing] and follow this field down with the hedge on your R. to a gate. Go through the gate into a much larger field which you need to cross. You cannot see your exit point. Aim well to the L. of the free-standing tree in the middle of the field, continuing in the same direction you have just been following. The ladder stile you want is in the line of trees facing you ahead.
- 7. You have now reached the edge of the former railway line. Go over the ladder stile and use the impressive 39 steps down to reach the old line. Continue up the other side, to find a stile with a waymarker. Carry on down in the same direction to a stream, which you ford and find another stile just beyond which you cross before turning sharp R. Keep the fence on your R. making for a field corner. Here a stile takes you into a wood.
- 8. Some difficult navigation on the next section. You are in a wood with no real path. Keep on the level, and blunder your way through, with the stream you crossed earlier on your R. and the River Terrig, not visible yet, over to the L. Your objective is a metal bridge over the Terrig. The woodland path you are on (which is not really a path] eventually comes down to the river, on your L., then winds its way round to reach the bridge. Cross over the bridge and the awkward stile beyond into a field, sloping steeply upwards away from you.
- 9. You can now see the outlying buildings of Nercwys Hall ahead, with a steep field to climb to reach them. Make for the electricity junction box on a pole. You reach a more discernible path, and what appears to be a gravestone marked "FRIAR September 9<sup>th</sup> 1877" [Is this a monk or a dog, we wonder?] Turn R. now, keeping the stone wall of Nercwys Hall on your L. No need to close in on the wall, because you need to make for a projecting

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corner. This, by the way, is the closest you get to the Hall You round the projecting corner of the stone wall and forge on ahead. Aim for the projecting corner of the plantation on your R., keeping the fenced -off area to your R. In the corner you reach a stile (of sorts).

- 10. The footpath goes straight across the next field, which in our case, July 2018, was thick with crops. Fortunately there was a cart track to follow to Pistyll Farm. Here you will discover a stile, metal bars in a stone wall, on your L. and this is a turning point. You should, in fact turn sharp R. here and cross the field back towards the railway line. In deference to the farmer, in our case, we walked 2 sides of a field to reach the official exit point, an overgrown ladder stile in the hedge, which you cross. The stile is close to the start of some new fencing, and if you have been able to come directly across the field, is to the left of a prominent electricity pole.
- 11. You need to cross the railway line again, now a muddy track, and then descend to reach gates and new metal bridge over the River Terrig. Of course you have to climb up the other side! There is a very useful track, sloping upwards from R to L. To reach this track at first go to the right of the silver birch to discover this ramp, as it were, ascending steeply upward from R. to L. You run out of ramp and have to scramble up the last stretch. At the top look out on the R. for a new galvanized stile, new fencing and another metal stile into a field on the edge of Bryn y Ffynnon Farm.
- 12. You are now on the homeward stretch. Keep the first field edge close by on the L., past a gate and farmyard to reach a stile, on your L. with a waymark into another field, a pool on the L. Continue with the field edge and farm over to the left to reach a stile and a cart track. Turn R. and follow the lane over two cattle grids and woodland edge looking out for an obscured stile into a field on your R. You reach the stile before the track enters woodland.
- 13. Once in the field follow the edge round and upwards, looking out for another overgrown stile to your L. taking you into a field heavy with crops. There is no other way now except to re-establish the footpath through the crops, aiming for trees ahead, slightly to the R. of one straggly tree in particular. This public right of way across the field brings you to a gate
- 14. Once in the next field, continue with hedge to your R. to another stile, and from here cross the field to a prominent gate ahead. This brings you back onto Celyn Lane. Continue ahead to the driveway to Celyn Farm and follow this drive past buildings and dog kennel to a stone stile and gateway. Just past here veer L. and take the right-hand of 3 gates. Continue with the field edge close by on your L to another stile.



### **CLIFF BUCKNALL**

Mary and all the family wish to express thanks for the kind words of sympathy received in their bereavement.

Thank you also for the donations received for Mold Community Hospital which amounted to £237.70.





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Wow, wow, WOW, what a day, and to be honest I'm not entirely sure where to start with this write-up. Tell you what, let's start with the weather. I mean, what else do us Brits talk about when trying to make conversation?

It is more than likely that most of us were keeping an eye on the weather for Carnival week hoping for good news for the day itself and, even though a worrying thought, we absolutely did need that little bit of rain in between and we are more than sure the farmers/gardeners welcomed it with open arms! Thankfully though, luck was on our side for the day itself and it certainly made the RAF Hurricane flypast a more memorable experience with the sun shining through the clouds.

We have had some amazing comments about the flypast and have seen some amazing footage from different people posting videos and photos on social media. We have also been provided with some aerial shots of the field and the parade itself and this sort of input from the public is always welcoming and very much appreciated by us.

Members of the public who have said that they stayed simply for the opening ceremony and the crowning of the Prince, Rosebud and Queen, also had a little stroll around the field but were then afterwards sat in their gardens enjoying the sunshine and the sight and sounds of the plane.

Someone has asked the question "How you going to top that next year?" but that can only be answered with us trying to get the Red Arrows to fly over, which we have applied for every year, but with no luck. However, this was rather special wouldn't you agree? Particularly on the RAF's Centenary!

There are endless thanks to be given, as always, but we will start with the special guests Lord Barry Jones and Lady Janet Jones and hope that they had a lovely day with us. Thanks to all the people who made donations throughout the calendar year, to the stallholders, the bands and the morris dancers, thanks to the fairground and particularly our sound man as that fairground can be rather loud at times, to the people who decorated their houses (we're missing the bunting already L) and to the school for the starting point, thanks to the children who took part in the parade and to the fancy dress mascots (hats off to them in big costumes on a hot day), thanks to Clair's Sewing Services for the stage decoration (amazing job every year),

thanks to Prince Elliot, Rosebud Demi and Queen Ivana for looking so wonderful up there on that stage, thanks to the public who allow us to share their photos/footage, thanks to the North Wales Police and to St. John's Ambulance and to the volunteers who continually help out on the run up to and on the day itself, not to mention the clean-up operation the next day. There are too many to mention so we apologise if we have left someone out. Oh yes sorry, silly me, I forgot to say thanks to the long-suffering families of the Committee too. They themselves put up with a lot!

Every bit of assistance is needed, even if it is only for a couple of hours. When you see volunteers and parents with their children coming up onto the field like they did on Carnival morning to offer assistance, it gives a real sense and feeling of community spirit. This is what a village needs. This is what our village needs.

Unfortunately, come the morning, what we didn't need was cancellations but thankfully there were only a few by stallholders due to sickness bugs. Even the donkeys cancelled due to one of them, we believe, being unwell and their owner could not bring just the one donkey as that would have been too much for the poor thing. Understandable of course, particularly in this weather! It is just one of those things but hopefully, next year, word will get around and more stallholders will come on board and join us in what appears to be growing year on year.

Just quickly onto the raffle and to let you know that our evening raffle for the wheelbarrow full of ale was won by Mrs Joanne Mathers of Leeswood. Well done to her. Third and second prizes in the afternoon raffle have already been claimed and those were for a champagne basket and Chester Zoo tickets. However, the first prize of £100 cash still remains unclaimed and the winning blue ticket 61-65 (serial number AE167773) is still out there somewhere. That is a lot of dosh to miss out on so check your pockets folks and, if you have it, please contact a Committee Member.

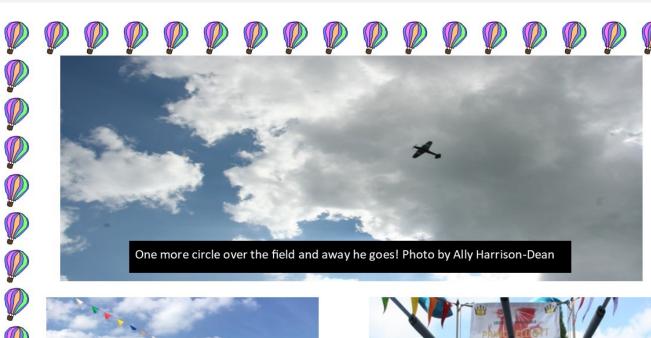
Well that's it from me. The feedback has been amazing. It always is. The memories Carnival Day leaves behind itself, even more so.

Enjoy the pictures Campers!



Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell
Committee Member
LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



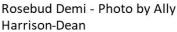


Morris Dancers walking the parade - Photo by Jenny Martin-Davies & Andy Williams



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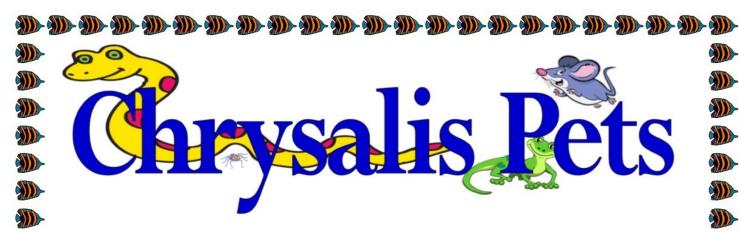












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