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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

LADIES GUILD

The President welcomed everyone back to the first meeting after the summer break and handed over to Mrs Dorothy Davies to open the meeting with a reading and prayers. The evening was taken up with preparations for the Harvest Festival. Hymns and readings were sorted and it was decided the collection should be given to the Riding School for the Disabled, Llanfynydd. Refreshments were provided and served by Dorothy. The raffle was won by Mrs Maureen Calder and the special raffle, provided by Lucille, was won by Mrs Gwyneth Davies. with an additional prize donated by Mrs Jane Owen going to Mrs Cynthia Flitcroft. The meeting was closed by the President.

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Gill Burton

YOUR LOCAL MP LISTENING TO LEESWOOD

LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

On behalf of the above branch of the Royal British Legion I am taking this opportunity to sincerely thank Cll'r Ray Hughes and the Leeswood Carnival Committee for their kind donation of £100.to our local sub branch funds

Our branch funds and membership have diminished over the years due to many of our dedicated members passing on or aging. Our Motto :{Lest We Forget } still holds as much importance to those of us who are left today as it ever did. { A number of years ago our branch membership exceeded one hundred and twenty, how time passes by}

We do from time to time get called upon to make small payments, so this very kind gesture will help us to exist a little longer and is a reminder to us all not to forget the Supreme Sacrifice, that was made by so many men and women who were killed or severely injured in so many battles of the past, and to remember those who are still defending our freedoms in the many theatres of war throughout the world today.

Many Thanks for your kind thoughts.

Carlton Jones.

[Chairman/Secretary]

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The Restoration Business

I was just sitting down wondering what to write when the house shook. Not an earthquake, not an RAF Tornado breaking the sound barrier over the Irish Sea, nor a nearby building site.

This was the Royal Scot thundering down the line on its trip to Holyhead following a three-year restoration. I'm not complaining at all. I don't mind living beside the railway line and I love to see these old locomotives restored and returned to useful service. In fact I enjoy seeing anything restored and returned to service. Including people. Especially people. It's been a major discovery in my life that God is in the business of restoration too.

I have met many people whose lives have been turned around by the patient handiwork of God: a friend who had a profound spiritual experience in prison and is now a minister, an abused woman who fled a violent relationship and is now rebuilding her life slowly with God's help, an alcoholic who was forced into an honest confrontation with the Almighty and now dedicates himself full-time to ministering to the addicted.

Down the years it has been a powerful experience to sit with weeping folk whose lives are in tatters and be able to reassure them that this is not the end. God can restore their wounded souls. We humans are complicated beings so it isn't as straightforward as restoring a steam engine.

We certainly don't come out of it 'as good as new' because tough experiences change us profoundly. And we will always carry the emotional scars. But hand in hand with God it can happen. It's more earth-shaking than any train.

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 150th 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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SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 19

4.00p.m. Harvest Festival Service

SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 20

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER: TRINITY 21

5.00 P.M. EVENSONG

SUNDAY 28th October: Last after Trinity

SIMON & JUDE (APOSTLES)

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER: ALL SOULS

4.00P.M. HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SOULS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11th November

10.50 A.M. SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER: KINGDOM 3

11,15 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER: CHRIST THE KING

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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Once again we've reached the time of year when we remember, with thanksgiving, all our friends and loved ones who have died.

At our special service we will remember by name those we've known and loved, including all those whose funeral services have taken place at Christ Church during the past 2 years.

If you would like a friend or loved one to be remembered during that service, we invite you to contact the Rev'd Carole Poolman by phone or email (see opposite), or add their name to the list which will be available at the back of Christ Church from mid-October.

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Tuesday 18th September

LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISL LEGION

REMEMBRANCE DAY THIS YEAR IS ON SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018

THIS YEAR IS THE ONE HUNDRETH CENTENERY OF THE FIRST WORLDWAR

THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH PONTBLYDDYN.
CHURCH SERVICE TO COMMENCE 11.45.AM

THERE WILL BE A SHORT PARADE [WALK] STARTING FROM THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE TO THE VILLAGE COOP STORES, QUEEN STREET AT.APPROX., 10.00AM.

THE COACH WILL PICK UP ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SERVICE AND TRANSPORT THEM TO CHRIST CHURCH.

AFTER THE MAIN SERVICE - A SHORT SERVICE OF DEDICATION WILL BE HELD AT THE LYCHGATE WERE WREATHES WILL BE LAID.

AFTER THE CEREMONY THE COACH WILL TRANSPORT THOSE PRESENT, TO LEESWOOD - FOR A SHORT SERVICE AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH IN QUEEN STREET. - TO COMMENCE APPROX. 12.00PM

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT ONE OR BOTH SERVICES WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

THIS IS AVERY IMPORTANT DAY IN THE LEGIONS CALENDAR.A TIME WHEN WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER TOGETHER AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE OF THEIR LIVES AND TO THE MANY THOUSANDS OF THOSE WHO WERE INJURED SOME CRITICALLY IN THE NEVER ENDING THEATRES OF WAR, - IN THE HOPE WE CAN ALL LIVE IN A MORE SAFE AND PEACEFUL WORLD.

ON FRIDAY THE 9th OF NOVEMBER AT THE LEESWOOD CENOTAPH. [QUEEN STREET] **PUPILS OF YSGOL DERWENFA** WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE TO COMMENCE AT 10.45AM.

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Leeswood Allotments

By the time this edition of the Leeswood News goes out the weather will be cooling fast, the record breaking hot summer will be a distant memory and if we haven't already experienced a frost or two, they will sure to be here before the month of October is out. However whilst writing this in mid September, though we have had some rain in the past few weeks, I find I am still having to water the pumpkin patch. Their large leaves seem to prevent much of the rainwater from getting down to their roots.

By October, even the late planted potatoes will be lifted. This is always an exciting job for me, as unlike the above ground harvest, beans, peas and courgettes for example, which can clearly be seen developing, you never know just what you are going to reveal when you put the fork in to the ground and lift the root. I was reading recently about how to store my potatoes. I had a few green ones which I usually throw away. They can cause stomach upset as they contain a poisonous alkaloid called

solanine. I read however, that if they are stored in complete darkness, after a month or so they will no longer be green. I assume that they will then be safe to eat. I haven't tried this so I think a little more research is necessary on my part before going ahead!!

I also read in the same gardening book 'Vegetable Growing Month by Month', that green tomatoes can be ripened (if you have the patience and storage space), by storing them in a cool, dark place. They need to be checked weekly and any which have perished, removed and any which have ripened, taken out to be eaten. If they don't seem to be ripening, apparently a ripe or over ripe banana put in with the tomatoes will release ethylene gas which encourages ripening.

The pictures taken this week down on the allotments are of some beautiful, cheery sunflowers, a lovely reminder of the hot summer of 2018.





| Committee | When | Where | Contact |
|---|--|------------------------------|--|
| Allotment Association | 4th Monday of the Month | Community Centre | Joseph Caruana: 01352 770187 |
| Carnival Group | 2nd Tuesday of the Month | Community Centre | Leah Thomas Coleman: 07798 665392 |
| Community Centre | Last Tuesday of the Month | Community Centre | Gayle Brand: 01352 779068 |
| Community Council | 1st Tuesday of the Month | Community Centre | Marie Reynolds: 07912 146517 |
| | | | |
| 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—October 2018

3rd, 17th, 31st October

Mobile Library Maes y Meillion 11:45 -12:45

6th October

Girl Guides Quiz Night Community Centre See Poster for details

26th October

Carnival Halloween Dance
Community Centre
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3rd November

Pontblyddyn Church Big Brunch Community Centre See Poster for details

7th November

Methodist Church Bingo Community Centre See Poster for details



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4th Nov Lord's Supper **10.45 am** Led by Rev'd Pat Christopher

11th Nov Remembrance Sunday
United Service at
Christchurch

18th Nov Morning Worship **10.45 am** Led by Miss Trish Earlam

25th **Nov** Morning Worship **10.45** am Led by Church members

Peace Party

at Wesley Methodist Church Tuesday 13th November 2018 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

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Prize Bingo

Wednesday 7th November at the Community Centre in Leeswood

7 pm for 7.30pm.





in aid of
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Afternoon Tea will be served together with a 'Sing Along' of songs from the war years with music by Mr Haydn Williams.

This year, we all have the chance to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. We will reflect on the lives that were changed irrevocably, and those that were lost. This year let us remember and pray and work for peace.

LEST WE FORGET

Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

Industrial output has always played an important part in a nation's well being, and the stronger the industrial output of a nation is, the richer that nation will become. If a nation produces a surplus of a product, whether it is a manufactured product such as cars or industrial engines, the nation in question will be able to sell those products to other nations and thus brings in wealth and prosperity. Nevertheless, over the years, things have changed and the reins of power might have changed with it. With a strong and powerful financial sector, one might wonder whether industry has moved to a position playing second fiddle to the financial establishment. If this is the case, industrial activities will move as and when the financial establishment pulls the strings.

These days, there is so much consumption of so many things, that within the consumer economy in which we live our lives tumbling and spinning, there are forces which dictates the direction of most industrial activities. We are well aware, that investors would invest their money where they see most fitting for what returns they want, and they could bargain with strength with any country which might want that investment. This brings us to a place where although a country has a democratically elected government, it might have to operate within the rules as dictated by investors. This does not make life any easy for any government of any country trying to get investment, nevertheless, on the other hand, you cannot blame investors who try to get as much return as possible n their investment.

Industrial history shows us that in many cases, there were great thinkers with great industrial ideas that created wealth and prosperity. This does indicate that in the early days the prime movers were industrial ideas, irrespective of anything else. In those days, industrial thinkers looked for financial investors to become partners and turn industrial activities into profitable ventures. These days, thing have changed, and the financial sector is continually looking for activities to invest their money, whether it is recycling of old products, manufacturing new products, or offering a service. We now live in a climate where money is moving all the time, and is more or less in a virtual state, with industry as the processor of the investment involved in that particular process. \in other words, you put money into a process and you get money out of that process, if the process is efficient you make a profit, on the other hand, if the process is inefficient you make a loss. This means that if a particular company can process

investment more efficiently, the people with the money are more likely to invest in it.

We now operate in an international industrial playing field with a number of investors looking for efficient processes to invest their money. A process, whether it is in the form of a company, or in the form a whole country, is affected by several elements such as the cost of labour, the cost of the utilities, the infrastructure, and how well positioned the processor is within the international playing field. We have recently seen the rise of China as an industrial power and at the beginning China's strongest ingredient was the cost of labour. This has attracted investors to put their money in the Chinese industrial mechanism with the hope that they get a handsome return. This created a vacuum for industrial expertise which was quickly filled by technical people from countries like Britain, and other well developed nations. As these technical experts commenced their industrial practises they were obliged to teach the locals and pass on their technical knowledge to the local workforce. The local workforce was eager to learn, and quickly picked up the ropes. With this attitude towards learning, and an appetite to improve their standard of living they applied their numerical advantage and flooded the world with affordable goods.

With Britain handing over Hong Kong to the Chinese, Britain has furnished the Chinese with a strong financial establishment which Britain had developed over the last ninety odd years. It is therefore clear, that British financial and industrial practises form the past are being further developed by other countries. We have been great inventors, we have been great explorers, we have been great researchers, and we have been great achievers, but in the past, we gave so many of our achievements away that some of the countries that we gave these achievement to, have put them into good use and harvested the benefits for themselves.

Britain can still be competitive, but we need to apply our technological edge and financial expertise. Whit these two together we will be able to deliver the goods on a world class level. Sir Isaac Newton, Brunel, Frank Whittle, and Doctor Fleming among others, have all been Great British achievers who contributed greatly to the well being of this country. We need to make sure that present and future generations are made aware who made this country great. Industry and finance have played an important part in making things happen, they played an important part in creating prosperity, they played an important part in making this country punch way above its weight.

MEMORIES OF AN OILFIELD MAN

"EVERGLADES"

In my last article I mentioned a mate of mine Jimmy Danes. Not long after that boating incident off Beirut, Jimmy decided to bring his girlfriend from England to Cyprus, she owned a small business, designing and making swimming costumes, bikinis etc, they thought they could open the same business in Cyprus. They found a small shop in Limassol, they were only operating for a month or so before they were reported to the officials who closed their shop down and escorted both of them to the airport and deported, the reason was that they did not have permission or a Cypriot Partner.

I worked with Jimmy for another couple of months when he decided to quit his job, I lost contact with him for a couple of years. The next I heard from him was that he was in South America working as a minder for Ronnie Biggs the train robber (yes that one). While he was working for another oil company in South America he came into contact with some friends of Biggs and ended up in their click, as I mentioned before all of the characters that I have worked with deserve a chapter on their own.

The contract with Gupco had ended so the rig was looking for a new contract, this coincided with my

looking for a new contract, this coincided with my own personnel contract.

I decided to have a couple of months rest before looking for a new contract. Jimmy King and his wife Pat had become good friends of ours and we discussed relocating to Florida as I have mentioned working in the oil field in those days and having a good working relationship within the company (and friends at the top) meant that I could live almost anywhere in the world where there was a vacancy for me, they would arrange all visas required, we had no ties back in England, and the house had been sold. Jimmy and Pat owned a ranch called the Triple Fish (don't ask) Patties father was quite wealthy; he was President of Florida banking association and also owned the ranch adjoining Jim's place. Jimmy had a dream of breeding Quarter horses, he had worked with cows and horses most of his life and used the oilfield to help fund his cowboy life style. He owned an Appaloosa quarter horse named Diablo, I don't suppose this information is of much interest to readers, but an Appaloosa horse is black and white spotted in colour, and a quarter horse is trained in the use of handling cows like you have seen in many a Rodeo movie, a good quarter horse can demand a very high price.

Carols father was in Cyprus house sitting for us although he was not there when we returned (another story)

We applied for Dennis and Paul to have leave of absence from the Foley English Grammar school, Jimmy and Pat lived in a place called Immokalee that is the Seminole Indian name meaning "My home town". The Seminole Tribe was the only American Indian not to surrender to the white American, probably the reason was that the Everglades and swamps were of no commercial use. The Seminole nation is self-supporting and does not receive anything from the American government, most of their income come from casinos /Tourism, Air boats in the Everglades, and alligator farming and wrestling, more about that later.

We arrived at the South west airport Florida (think it was that one) where I located the bus station and boarded the overnight grey hound bus that would take us to Immokalee, when I spoke to the driver (Captain is what they liked to be called) he said that we must have relatives living there as nobody ever gets off there and started laughing.

It was a very long journey with regular stops on the way, at one stop all passengers disembarked for a rest period but the bus captain told everyone the time the bus would be departing and no exceptions! and he stressed that fact. We all returned at given time with the exception of one Afro American he had been sitting on the seat in front of us, we informed the driver of this but he replied no exceptions and closed the doors and began to drive off. We had only just began to move when this chap came running alongside the bus banging on the bus to stop "no exceptions" said the driver and carried on driving slowly leaving the poor chap running along side and finally having to wait for another bus the following day.

What was it like working on a cattle ranch in the Everglades, hunting wild pigs, with American pit bull terriers not to everyone's taste, but I did a lot of things then, that I would not do today, but they are my memories and I will continue with our time in the Everglades in the next issue.

| To be continued | | |
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Tom Nicholson



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

The meeting held on the 11th September was very productive; we decided to become a constituted group, as this will enable us to apply for funding. A copy of the proposed Constitution has been distributed amongst the Community email link; we did not receive any objections, so I am delighted to inform you that the Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Age — Friendly Steering Group adopted the Constitution on Monday 17th September. The group also discussed development opportunities for 2019, including the following.

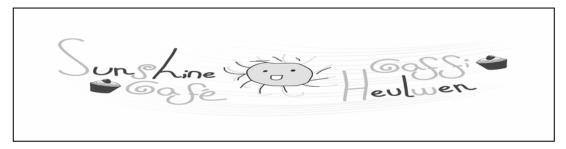
- a book club
- more educational courses
- community events (e.g. community meal, pumpkin soup event
- intergenerational bowling
- becoming a Dementia Friendly community
- developing a lunch club

If you would like to receive a copy of the minutes, and or constitution, please contact Shereen. We would also love to hear from anybody who is interested in getting involved in developing any of the above activities.

"Sunshine Café"

Café logo competition

Now we have a name for our community café, we invited young people via the Youth Club/Brownies/Guides to design a logo for the café. The winning design has been chosen, and adapted by graphic designers so we have a fully bilingual logo, Congratulations to the winner Eva Cass.



Help us to become a Dementia Friendly Community

Dementia Friends awareness training for café volunteers took place in August helping us to create a welcoming environment that is inclusive for all. In our aim to become a Dementia Friendly Community, we are planning an open Dementia Awareness session for the wider community in the autumn. The session lasts about an hour and helps us all to increase our understanding and think about the small things we can do to make a difference to people affected by dementia in our community. It would be good to see as many people as possible from the local community at the session. Please contact Shereen to express your interest in attending – this will help give us an idea of numbers and suitable timings for the session.

Would you like to become a Dementia Friend?



Free One-hour Dementia Awareness session available for Community Groups and Individuals. Contact Shereen to put your name / group down on the list. A session will be held in the early autumn.

Café Opening Times

In the last issue we appealed for volunteers to enable us to open the Café on a Saturday morning – providing a social opportunity for those in the community who are working/studying during the week. If you could spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning to make and serve drinks and simple snacks, please get in touch – we can't do this without your help. All our Thursday volunteers have said how much they enjoy volunteering in the café – it's a very sociable role and is not like 'real' work.

"What's on" activities and events

Keep your eyes out for the Monthly "What's On" included in this newsletter. If you would like your event or activity included, please let Shereen know by the 18th of the Month.

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.

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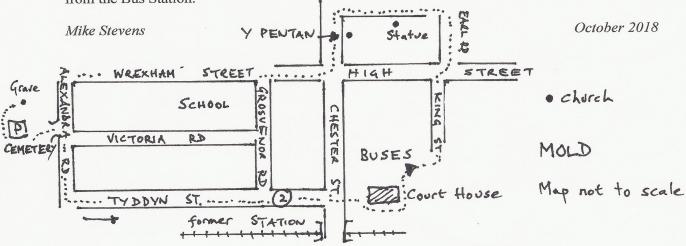
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DANIEL OWEN

With a DANIEL OWEN FESTIVAL in Mold this October, now is a good time to stroll round the town and visit points of interest associated with the writer, who died in 1895.

- 1. If coming by car, park in Alexandra Road Cemetery to visit Daniel Owen's final resting place. Turn right from the Car Park [see map] and the grave is close by. Retrace your steps to the Cemetery entrance and turn right, following the road as if down to Tesco. Turn left at the bottom and continue along the unmade road which eventually becomes Tyddyn Street.
- 2. At the corner, where Tyddyn Street joins Grosvenor Road, imagine you are standing exactly where the notorious Mold Riots of 1869 took place. There was a huge mass of people here on that fateful day, mostly friends and families of LEESWOOD miners protesting against the harsh sentences imposed on the men. Where you are standing now there were piles of stones, part of the construction of the new railway line from Mold to Denbigh. This debris provided ammunition for protesters to throw at police and the military, as convicted miners were brought from the courthouse opposite to the railway station, to be taken away to Chester. The railway station used to be just over the wall, to your right [now Tesco] Soldiers took up their places here, and fired into the crowd, killing 4 people. The story is partly told by Daniel Owen in one of his novels.
- 3. Cross the busy Chester Road now towards the bus stop lay-by. Go up the steps to visit the deserted and abandoned grey building, the actual courthouse where the LEESWOOD miners were tried. [What a pity this ancient public building has been allowed to lie empty and neglected. It would make a fine place for a museum, or community arts centre MS] The blue plaque tells us this was "The Old Court House, designed by Thomas Jones, home of the Assize Court and Quarter Sessions until 1968". Rumour has it that some of those holes in the stone wall frontage were caused by shots fired into the crowd.
- 4. Wend your way round the building to the Bus Station [where the bus leaves for Wrexham via LEESWOOD], and continue into the town centre along King Street, crossing at the traffic lights into Earl Road. Just past the Town Hall you enter Daniel Owen Square, with its new performance area and a statue of the man himself. In the Library you will find a small museum, dedicated to Daniel Owen. Continue under the bridge into the precinct and walk down to the main road, where you turn left. Just before you reach the traffic lights you will find the pub, Y Pentan, which is in fact the actual tailor's shop where Daniel Owen lived and worked.

On Thursday evening, October 25th 2018, as part of the Daniel Owen Festival, in Y Pentan, members of Suitcase Theatre will be reading short stories by Daniel Owen, his contemporaries and modern writers. Come along at 8pm Admission free!

5. Make your way back along Wrexham Street to your car, or catch the bus back to Leeswood from the Bus Station.



CPR and defibrillator training

Dear Readers,

Just another quick update for you regarding further defibrillator training after last month's mention and, unfortunately, I am still waiting on a reply from the Welsh Hearts but I am chasing this up. I appreciate they are extremely busy week in week out so, if we are looking at next year for training, then so be it. Hopefully though, by next edition at least, I will have something more to report on. Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell



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.

Many present Leeswood folk on stage and behind the scenes!

Booking for this Suitcase Theatre production in the Emlyn Williams Theatre,
THEATR CLWYD

Open now with reserved seats at £9.95 and £8 concessions.

Book online or phone 701521. For more information about the show and how to be involved contact mike38stevens@gmail.com

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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10/07/2018

PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE

OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and - 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 - June Community Council Meeting)

Queen Street, Leeswood - Common Assault. One child assaulted by another on Queen Street, Leeswood. All lines of enquiry have been investigated, there is very little evidence, so this matter could not be investigated any further.

<u>Pontblyddyn Service Station - Common Assault</u>. All lines of enquiry investigated, no suspect identified.

Crime Issues / Trends

Ffordd Derw, Leeswood - man seen trying to gain access to a shed. Officers attended, and the police helicopter was called to the area. The officers located the individual on the scene who was then arrested. A great result.

ASB Issues

Dogs running loose on the road, Pontybodkin Hill. This happened briefly. When Officers attended, the dogs had left the location. PCSO Jones is to keep this in mind when he is on patrol. The Clerk advised that she had e-mailed PCSO Jones regarding the Common Assault of a child on Queen Street, Leeswood.

Councillors had expressed concern as a similar issue had been reported on an earlier occasion and had raised a query as to whether the same people were involved. PCSO Jones has not yet replied.

Councillors observed that it is costly to for the police helicopter to go out and commented that it would be interesting to know the criteria they used to put this in to use. Further point was made that other crime activity was occurring in the Community, but this was not mentioned on the monthly reports supplied by PCSO Jones. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact Inspector Darren Whibberley of North Wales Police and invite him to the next monthly meeting or if more convenient, to meet with him on an evening of his choice.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: - 058088

Extension to existing Groundkeeper's shed along with associated works to pathways, wash down facility and parking bays for golf buggies.
Padeswood & Buckley Golf Club, Station Lane,
Padeswood, Mold, CH7 4JD
There was no objection to this.

Application number: - 058377 Replacement of the existing manual swing door with auto-sliding door. Co-Op Store, Queen Street, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RQ.

There was no objection to this.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Community Café which had been sited in the Committee Room of the Community Centre since it had been opened was now moving into the Clinic Area. It had been successful so far with a fair number of residents using it. Councillor R. Hughes supported this stating that he was a regular user and it was proving popular with residents able to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and either toast or a toasted teacake. Cakes were also available. There was still an appeal for volunteers to help with the Café on a Thursday morning.

The litter pick that had been arranged for Saturday 30th June 2018 was a successful event with a number of residents turning out.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRE-SENTATIVE ON YSGOL DERWENFA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Councillor D.K. Crowther reported that since he had been selected as this Council's representative on the Board of Governors

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at Ysgol Derwenfa he had attended two full Governors meetings. At the first meeting he was introduced by the Chair to the Governors, Mr Carlton Jones JP and was welcomed by Mr Andrew Jones, Head Teacher. Councillor Crowther has been added to the Curriculum Sub-Committee and Capability Sub-Committee, attending a Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting on Monday 11th June 2018. A meeting of the School Governors Association was held at the Elfed High School, Buckley on Tuesday 26th June 2018. Councillor Crowther attended this meeting along with Mr Carlton Jones JP and Councillor R. Hughes. Mr Carlton Jones JP introduced Councillor Crowther as a new Governor to prominent members of the Association, including Kim Brookes who is a senior manager at Flintshire County Council. Councillor Crowther expressed his gratitude to Mr Carlton Jones JP for taking the time before and during the meeting to provide him with some background information on the format of the meeting and key speakers.

As a Governor, Councillor Crowther stated that his proudest moment was attending The Sports day. Unfortunately, the juniors were cancelled in the morning due to the weather. In the afternoon he was asked to present the stickers for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in all of the races. Mr Jones, Head Teacher asked Councillor Crowther to present the Carlton Jones Shield to the winning house at the end of the races. As the school starts to wind down for the summer holidays, Councillor Crowther havs also been invited by Mr Carlton Jones JP to attend the school leavers service and to assist in presenting some of the awards.

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

The Clerk had received a map from Lee Shone from the Highways Department of Flintshire County Council. This map showed the prospective double yellow lines on Bell's Corner and the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street. Following discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that Flintshire County Council be advised that the Community Council wished for them to proceed with the two projects.

CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT

Councillors J.E. Saul advised that the Flintshire

Record Office had now given permission for the photographs to be used on the iBeacons without charge. All Councillors thanked Councillor Saul for dealing with this matter. Councillor D.K. Crowther reported that the children of Ysgol Derwenfa were going to participate in the iBeacon project.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018

Councillor R. Hughes informed that the judges had been to the villages of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. They had visited the Community Centre which had been opened for them this year.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

Councillor R. Hughes advised that a site meeting with the relevant Officer at the Highways Department, Flintshire County Council was to be arranged.

PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

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 on the Nant, Pontblyddyn.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION
The Clerk reported that the Community Council will not have to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - PRESS RELEASE REGARDING ESCALATING A&E ATTENDANCE IN WALES

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 'Accident & Emergency Experience Review: A view across Wales'. This was accepted.

FLINTSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD - 'WELL-BEING PLAN FOR FLINTSHIRE 2017-2023'

Information from Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council that the Flintshire Public Services Board has published its 'Well-Being plan for Flintshire 2017-2023'. This was accepted.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) <u>Pot Holes in the Community</u> Flintshire County Council are still working on these throughout the Community.
- b) <u>Ffordd Siarl play area</u> Flintshire County Council have now completed the work removing the sand pit on this play area and new play equipment suitable for younger children has been installed.



Hello there Campers, another month on already and there are a few things to mention in this edition but first we will report on the car wash that took place on Saturday 8th September 2018. Although scheduled to run until 4.00pm, rain unfortunately stopped play by 2.00pm. Some of us found ourselves camped out under shelter of the Centre's back doors selling raffle tickets whilst the others braved the poor weather outside to wash the cars of those that did turn up. Whilst the weather did slightly dampen the day itself somewhat, it certainly did not dampen our spirits too much and was thankfully not a complete 'wash-out' altogether. There were those that turned up in clean cars regardless, some in slightly less clean, and others simply for raffle tickets. We even had an old friend turn up and donate £100. WOW! A huge thank you to everyone who supported us on the day. People are so kind and it is from that kindness that we were able to raise £189.56. The lovely hamper from the raffle draw was won by Ms Cheryl Francis, ticket number 108 (white), so well done to Cheryl.

Just turning briefly to the mention last month of collection tins at the Co-op in the village and we can confirm that those tins are now situated by the tills to help towards the 2019 Carnival fund. You can't really miss them as they are bright pink and, once again, a huge thanks to the Co-op for their support.

Our next fundraiser, which we hope you can attend, will be on Friday 26th October 2018 at 7.00pm. It will be our '**spooky**' Halloween Disco at which there will be hot dogs and crisps for sale along with raffle prizes to be won. The licensed bar will also be open. Admission will be £2.00 for all.

Our other fundraiser to follow the Halloween Disco will be our Christmas Bingo scheduled for Wednesday 5th December 2018 with doors opening at 7.00pm. There will of course be the usual raffle and, no doubt, the usual support from the crowds.

The last fundraiser of the year will be Santa on his float. A highlight for many! This is scheduled for Sunday 16th December 2018 commencing at 4.30pm.

Please see posters with full details for all of these events here in this edition.

Finally, as still no claim has been made for the Carnival's main raffle prize of £100 cash on the day, the Committee have decided to donate the full amount to The Royal British Legion (Leeswood) which we are sure you will agree is a worthwhile cause.

Thanks everyone. See you at the Halloween Disco hopefully. If you're not too scared to come that is!!!



Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell
Committee Member
LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



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"SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN"

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

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SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2018

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on

Friday 26th October 2018
7.00pm to midnight

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Raffle Prizes

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