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PLEASE NOTE: AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THERE WILL BE NO LEESWOOD & DISTRICT NEWS PRODUCED IN JANUARY 2019

PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

LADIES GUILD

There is no write-up this month.



Ron and Gill would like to thank everyone who sent Cards, Flowers, Gifts and Condolences on the passing of our beloved daughter; Vicky. Also, thank you from Jane, Amy and their families, we have all been devastated by the loss.

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Nightingale House Hospice would like to say a huge thank you to the Leeswood Friends who work tirelessly to support the hospice and raise funds, as well as to all those in the village and surrounding areas who help to make this possible.

Pictured is Luke McDonald who is taking over as Community Fundraiser for the Flintshire Area from Debbie Barton (also pictured) who has recently moved into a brand new role within the fundraising team at the hospice – Corporate Partnerships Manager, which is aimed at developing new relationships and increasing income from businesses across the hospice catchment area.

Both Debbie and Luke wish the Leeswood Friends a very successful Christmas Concert. The support you give makes a real difference and helps provide care and comfort to local people and their families affected by lifethreatening or life-limiting illness in our community.

With many thanks

Debbie Barton



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Joining with millions remembering 100 years since the end of World War I

As well as marking 150 years in the village, this year Bethania joins many others in the UK in marking the centenary of the end of World War 1. On

Remembrance Sunday, 11 November 2018, people around the Commonwealth will be reflecting on the lives that were changed irrevocably, and those that were lost. Here at Bethania we will be holding a service of thought, prayer and reflection at 10:15 and then joining others from the village at the Cenotaph at 12 noon.

Some 65 million men were mobilised across Europe during World War 1. Nearly a third of them – some 21 million – were wounded. Another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken prisoners of war. All of them had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of 1914 –1918.

Bethania itself has a memorial, written in Welsh, to Robert Humphreys, who is remembered as one its *faithful members... who died serving his country in the Great War, August 27, 1918, aged 28 years.*' This year gives us the chance to remember, but also to pray and work for peace, looking forward with hope.

Often we use set words at remembrance events as we think about those who have given their lives in war. There is the Kohima Epitaph: 'When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.' There is the Ode of Remembrance: 'They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

There is also this Prayer of Remembrance: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all who we remember this day

fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This year let us use the two minutes silence at 11am on 11.11.18 to look back with gratitude for the sacrifice made by so many in war, to reflect on our own lives and to look forward with hope.

John Mainwaring

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^{th} 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)

Safe Haven

If you know someone who has a disability please let them know about Safe Haven Crafts. They don't have to live in Leeswood. We have people coming from Wrexham and 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

Er mai Saesneg ydi prif iaith ein cyfarfodydd, mae sawl un ohonom ni'n siarad Cymraeg ac yn falch iawn o gael byw yng Nghoedllai a'r cyffiniau ac o gael gwasanaethu ein cymuned drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Mae croeso mawr iawn i chi ymuno â ni ar y Sul.

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24TH NOVEMBER

The Vicar will be available if you wish to speak to her on Church Business.

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2018

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

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER: ADVENT 1

11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 9[™] DECEMBER: ADVENT 2

4.00 p.m. Chaotic Carols

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER: ADVENT 3

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER: ADVENT 4

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

9.00p.m. Christmas Communion

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS 1

10.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

For all 3 Congregations in Treuddyn Church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL OF OUR SERVICES

REMEMBRANCE

The Students Union in Cambridge have caused quite a kafuffle this year as they discussed a motion about Remembrance Sunday, originally the motion was meant to ensure that Remembrance Sunday would be more widely accepted but instead it ended with several students speaking about it being a glorification of war. Those of us who gather in Church and at the Cenotaph each year would, obviously, disagree with that.

For me, Remembrance Sunday is a time when I remember the thousands of young men and women who left their homes to fight for our freedom. Many of them went out of duty, rather than desire, and many of them knew the kind of fear that most of us will never know. There was nothing glorious about it!

My father was in the RAF, my mother nursed in a hospital which catered for German prisoners of war, my uncles served in the army in Burma. Several of my husbands' family were among the first soldiers to enter the concentration camps. None of these people spoke of their experiences very often afterwards but without men, and women like these we would not have the freedom we have today. At a time when all kinds of hate crime is rising again, the right kind of "**Remembrance**" is more important than ever. For if we forget the cost of Peace and Freedom we will find that we have to pay it all over again.

Carole Poolman

Vicar of Pontblyddyn/Leeswood

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

is open every day between

the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

if you would like to light a candle and/or spend a little time quietly with God.

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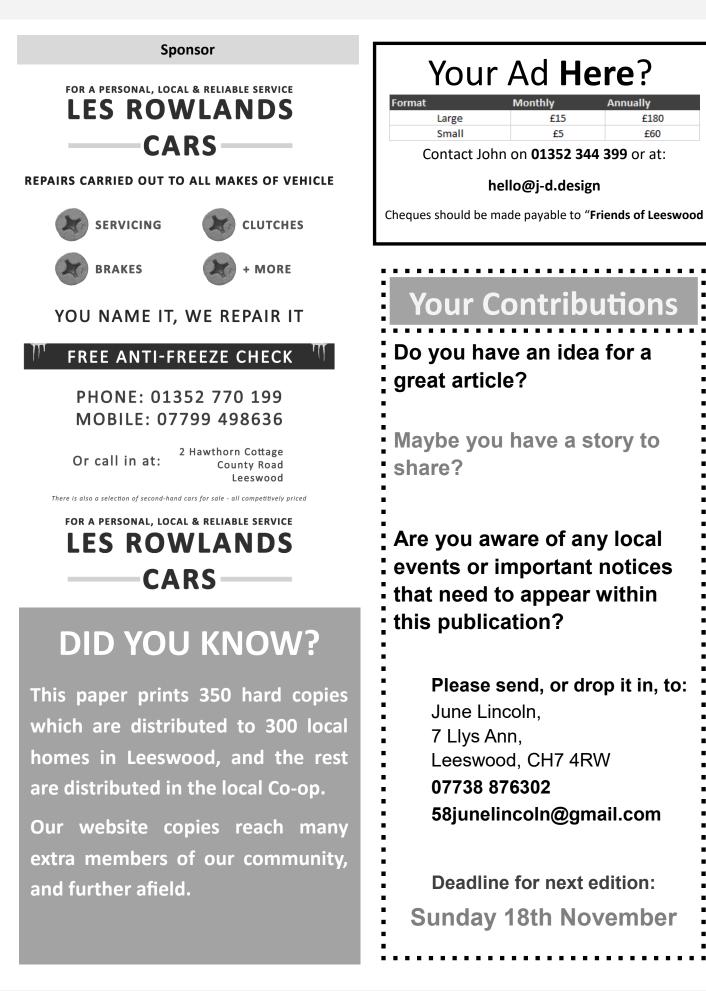
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REMEMBRANCE DAY THIS YEAR IS ON SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018

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.

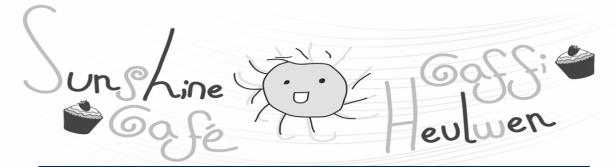
ON FRIDAY THE 9th OF NOVEMBER AT THE LEESWOOD CENOTAPH. [QUEEN STREET] PUPILS OF YSGOL DERWENFA WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE TO COMMENCE AT 10.45AM.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

CARLTON JONES. CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY. [LEESWOOD BRANCH]

[For further information please contact - Carlton. [01352 770644]

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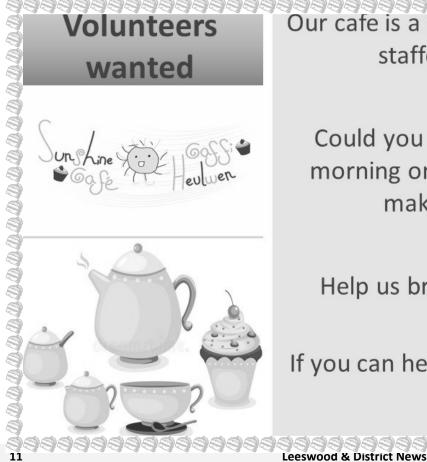
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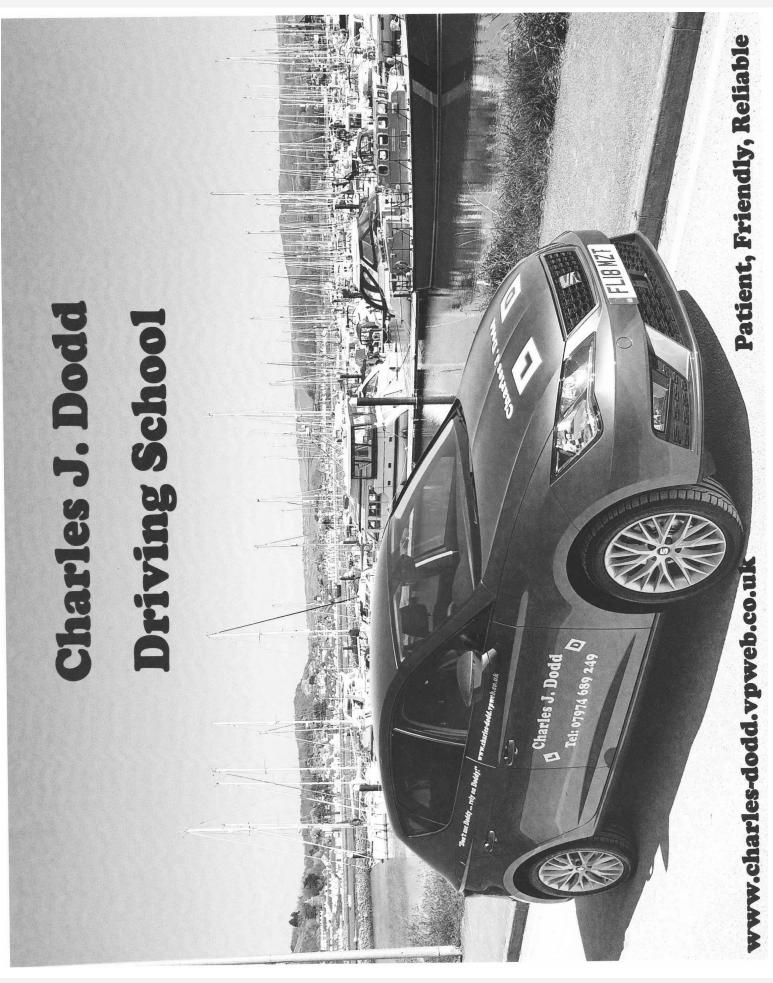


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Could you spare all or part of a morning on a rota basis to help us make this a success?

Help us bring people together

If you can help, speak to one of our staff.



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	Community Centre
	Community Council
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	Bowling
	Bright Sparks
	Brownies
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New	Ladies Guild
S	Lasers
	Mother's Union
	Over 60s
	Patch Work & Quilting
	Pigeon Racing
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4th Monday of the Month Last Tuesday of the Month 2nd Tuesday of the Month 1st Tuesday of the Month

When

Friday: 09:30 -11:00 (Term Time Only) Alternate Mondays:13:30 - 16:00 Every Thursday 09:00 - 12:00 Tuesday: 17:15- 18:45 Various Various

Wednesday: 17:45- 18:45 (Term Time Only) Wednesday: 19:15- 21:00 (Term Time only) Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 19-00-21:00 Tuesday: 17:15 - 18:45 Various

Monday - Friday: 09:15 11:45 (Term Time Only) Tuesday: 14:00 16:00 (Term Time only) Alternate Wednesdays: 14:00 - 16:00 Tuesday: 10:00 - 15:00 Thursday: 17:45: 18:45 Fhursday 09:00 - 12:00 **Friday Night**

Tuesday & Thursday 06:30 -Monday: 18:30- 19:15

Various

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Walks Around Leeswood & Surrounding

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Leeswood & Surrounding area.

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What's on—November 2018

Special Events

4th & 18th November

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

3rd November

Pontblyddyn Church Big Brunch Community Centre See Poster for details

7th November

Methodist Church Bingo Community Centre See Poster for details

11th November

Remembrance Sunday (see Page 9 for details)

14th November

Cancer Research Bingo Community Centre (see page 38)

21th November

Pontblyddyn Church Bingo Community Centre (see page 39)

To Promote Your Event Here Please Contaact Shereen 07469 851886

The Methodist Church

Wesley Church, Leeswood

- 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.

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 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.





Festival of Angels

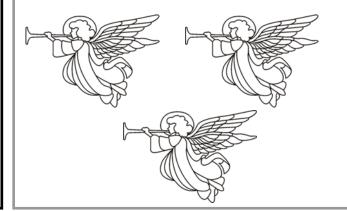
This year, to celebrate the Christmas season we invite you to design a 3D angel of any size for our Festival of Angels to be held on 15th and 16th December 2018.

The winning 3D angel in each category will receive a prize. The categories for the competition are listed below:-

Infant 7 years and under Junior 11 years and under Older children 12 - 16 years Adult and Special Category - angels made from recycled materials

The winning angels will be chosen by our guest judge on Friday 14th December.

For an entry form or more information please contact **Rev Pat 01352 730313** or **Cheryl 01352 218704**



Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

A manufactured item starts its life as a conceptual idea in someone's brain. Then it is communicated to those concerned by way of engineering drawings, verbal explanation, text and script. At this stage, all information communicated between those concerned is probably done on confidential terms until intellectual property protection is established. Intellectual property protection comes in different forms. Intellectual property could be protected by a patent, a copyright, a registered design or a trade mark. Protection by a patent or a registered design only lasts for a limited period of time, while a copyright lasts forever. Patents are normally applies to inventions of machinery that have moving item, electric generation, composition of materials, chemical mixtures and so on. A registered design offers protection to prevent anybody from copying the appearance of an object, while a copyright applies to books, logos etc.

When intellectual protection is established, an invention can be discussed without the need of confidentiality, a prototype can be made and tests can be conducted openly. If the invention is not the property of a manufacturer, the inventor can initiate discussions with prospective manufacturers, knowing that his or her invention cannot be copied. When all this is established, and a market research proves that there is a market for the product in question, followed by a decision to manufacture the invention commercially, a progressive plan is normally put into action. The plan will consist of a financial budget, raw materials allocation, production processes, marketing strategy, after sales support, and product recycling at the end of its life. This is a complete cycle and should include all aspects of the life of a manufactured product.

With this in mind, it is clear that a product normally starts as an idea in the head of an inventor. We all know that this country has produced great inventors, who developed great ideas by which they created enormous wealth both in this country and overseas. By creating a situation where one can have joint ventures overseas, will give this country more influence on decision making on a global level. With this in mind, one should feel positive that the future can be shaped by those who develop new ideas, and that the level of global influence depends upon the strength of what we manufacture in this country and sell abroad. These conditions have encouraged great inventers and industrialist to develop new ideas together, as they realised that developments does not happen by being an introvert, but to the contrary, ideas are turned into wealth by visionaries who can coordinate all elements for a collective success.

It is important to keep in mind that the concept of a successful project starts with the inventor, then the industrialist, and finally marketing. Every step of the way is important, and one cannot be successful without the other, that is why all those concerned need to apply a positive collective effort with mutual success as their main objective.

Anything can inspire an inventor, and some cases the slightest of inspiration can lead to an invention. In that case, if an inventor is inspired, and the inspiration is turned an invention it is advisable to protect the invention by a patent which will transform it into intellectual property. If one becomes the owner of an intellectual property, then it is up to that individual to decide what happens with the invention in guestion, and how it is put into practical use. At this stage an inventor may decide use the invention both as a humanitarian development and a commercial development. For example, if one develops a particular devise which has a use in the developed world where people can afford to pay for it, and a use in an under developed country where people may not be able pay for it. Then if the intellectual property holder decides to weaver the royalties when an item is sold in an underdeveloped country, while retaining royalties when sold in the developed world, the actual development becomes both humanitarian and commercial at the same time.

We talk about industrial revolutions as if they are a thing of the past, however, industrial revolutions are happening all over the developing countries and we can help utilise commercial developments to be applied as humanitarian assistance. On the long run, such humanitarian action can have a positive effect on our economy, because it could create a bond between the two countries and when the developing countries become economically stronger and they are in a position to purchase industrial machinery they might consider buying products from countries that helped them when they were in need.

It is therefore imperative to combine commercial development with humanitarian projects in order to establish a friendly atmosphere, which could create wealth for all concerned. One could also say that by conducting business in this manner, one could feel honourable that humanitarian issues have been made to be part of daily industrial achievements.

MEMORIES OF AN OILFIELD MAN

Field break on a Ranch...

What was it like working on a horse and cattle ranch with real cowboys? The Triple Fish ranch was not the wide-open range type of ranch, that most people associate with the tv series Dallas; for those readers who remember it. I knew it would be a hard way of life, but nothing prepared me spending hours riding on a western saddle, in the middle of the Everglades with the acres of grazing fields in the middle of the swamps, home to many, many Alligators, Wild pigs, and huge clouds of Mosquitoes and believe it or not also huge Python snakes. These had either escaped or released years ago by private owners and the habitat proved to be ideal breeding grounds for them and not welcome by the Seminole government, this was nearly forty years ago. They may be under control now I don't know, (I must remember to ask Jimmy King).

I will begin with our arrival at the ranch, Jimmy was still in bed when we arrived in Immokalee. It was still early in the morning and their two kids Lynne and Barbie were getting ready for school. I thought I would wake him with a cold glass of water (over his head) it took him a couple of hours to see the funny side of it, we had an odd sense of humour in the oil field. "Morning Jim, surprise surprise we are here" I said, even though Carol and I were absolutely dead tired, I will not repeat word for word, but we decided that we would chill out while Pat took the kids to school that was a few miles away, normally they would get the school bus but Pat thought it would be good for me and Jimmy to have an hour or two catching up, with a couple of early morning beers (old habits die hard), and it tasted a lot better than a Jack Daniels that early in the morning.

That sounds like a good idea, I think I will have a glass of Morgans spiced rum while I continue writing this article, anyway catch up time, and rest period was over: - Jimmy decided to take us on a meet and greet the neighbours, most of these were blood relatives, kissing cousins/ aunts /uncles. But that introduction was easier than our introduction at the local Rodeo that we attended a couple of weeks later.

The neighbour that we were first introduced to were Pat's, Mum and Dad, he was the President of Florida banking association they owned the Ranch adjoining Jim's place. To reach there we had to cross a small bridge, that had these trees either side and were covered with this grandfather moss, hanging down and often a home for various types of snakes. We were warned to take care when crossing this bridge then we walked a couple of hundred yards before we came to Bill's (Pat's Dad) swimming pool, and what a great couple they were, after the introductions were over the menfolk (us) retired to Bills man cave (we all have to have one don't we) only some are bigger than others. His happened to be a separate log cabin, with a huge solid rock stone fire place on the facing wall, fitted out with a full size pool table, full size bar and various guns on the wall all very collectable such as Winchester rifles, colt 45s, also guns that he had brought back home with him from his time in the army. He happened to be in the landing force on Omaha beach landing, ww2. In another glass case his many medals were on display, this was a man who held my respect and he did not want to talk about this period in his life until I told him that my dad was on the Dunkirk landings and he also would never talk about it. This seemed to open a door with him he asked the others to leave and find something to do while we had a chat, he asked me to promise not to speak of this conversation to any of his family then he told me what he and others witnessed during this terrible period and I then understood why my dad never ever spoke of it. Strange as it sounds, Bill had a great bar and well stocked (but no Morgan's rum) he never drank alcohol but never objected to anyone else enjoying a drink or two, a true gentleman. Bill offered the use of the swimming pool as and when we wanted, but with all that wild life around; snakes /alligators, etc we would give it a miss, especially when they told us of incident that happened a couple of weeks previously. Before I explain, always after a hard day's work on the horses both the riders and horses needed cooling down so the rider, mainly Lynne and young Barbie, would strip the saddles from the horses and swim while riding bare back in a fairly large wild pool near the ranch.

MEMORIES OF AN OILFIELD MAN

Field break on a Ranch...(cont..)

There were huge lily type pads maybe three or four feet in diameter and very thick and strong, also there was a huge alligator living in in this pool and had a cave below the water, this gator was absolutely harmless they told us..."I'm not going in any way" I thought, " that's no problem now" Jimmy said, "why is that" I asked "because I shot it" was the reply. I asked him to explain, this is what he told me, "Old red that was name we gave that old gator, never once gave us any reason for concern even when we swam the horses with him swimming close behind us. But a couple of weeks ago when swimming the horses the dogs had been with us and were jumping from lily pad to lily pad, when they were both on the same lily pad, old red snapped them both in one single bite, the gator was trying to drag them both down to his cave while Lynne was hitting it with some kind of wooden stake: for a fifteen year old that took a lot of courage but she was more concerned for her dogs, a Labrador and a Spaniel. The lab managed to break free with some injuries that required vet treatment but sadly the spaniel was taken to the cave below water where it would stay for a week or two". Jimmy carried on with the story "we knew that we could not trust that gator again so I decided to shoot it (this was illegal at the time) anyway I waited near the edge of the pool I had a torch and my rifle it took me three nights but I did shoot it, and we have some alligator tail steaks in the freezer for a later barbie" I will carry on with this memory in the next issue, but here are a couple of photos of Lynne and myself near that pond and yes they are real revolvers we are wearing and are fully loaded.....





To be continued ... TOM Nicholson

Edward Beeching

Joyce would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and flowers, also messages of sympathy following the sad loss of her husband Edward.

Also for the kind donations of £150 which has been sent to the Heart Failure Team at the Maelor Hospital, Wrexham.

A special thank you to Kathy Stewart (Vicar) for her kind words, and also H.J. Williams and Sons for their caring funeral arrangements.



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Leeswood & Pontblyddyn : working to become Age-Friendly



Our Age-Friendly Community priorities

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

- i) More involvement of people of all ages to 'lighten the load'
- li) 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 Community Actions For the Year Head

At the Steering group meeting in September, we agreed to focus on the following actions:

• Increase the number / range of Community activities / events

We recently made Pumpkin Soup with the Lazers youth group, and are planning something similar with pupils of Ysgol Derwen.

• Re-introduce a regular lunch club for older people in the Community

We are currently applying for a Winter Celebration Grant that will cover the cost of a meal out for older people in the Community. We are also looking at arranging a taster session with Newydd Catering with a view to setting up a regular lunch club in the community.

• Work towards being a Dementia Friendly Community

The Dementia Friendly Communities lead for Flintshire is coming to the "Old Clinic" on Thursday December 6th at 12:30pm to discuss with us how the community can work towards being Dementia Friendly. Anyone wishing to be involved in this initiative is invited to be part of the discussion.

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.

The free Tablet course provided by Coleg Cambria has been very successful and fully subscribed. Interest has been expressed in running a further course for those who have been unable to attend. We need a minimum of 10 people to attend for Coleg Cambria to run a second course. Please Contact Shereen to book a place.

"Sunshine Café"

The Café is Open Every Thursday 09:00am 12:00pm - everyone is welcome. "The Hot Chocolate is amazing!"



"What's on" activities and events

The next issue of the Leeswood News will be the Christmas edition; there will be lots of exciting activities and events taking place so please contact Shereen to ensure your event is included in the next "What's on."

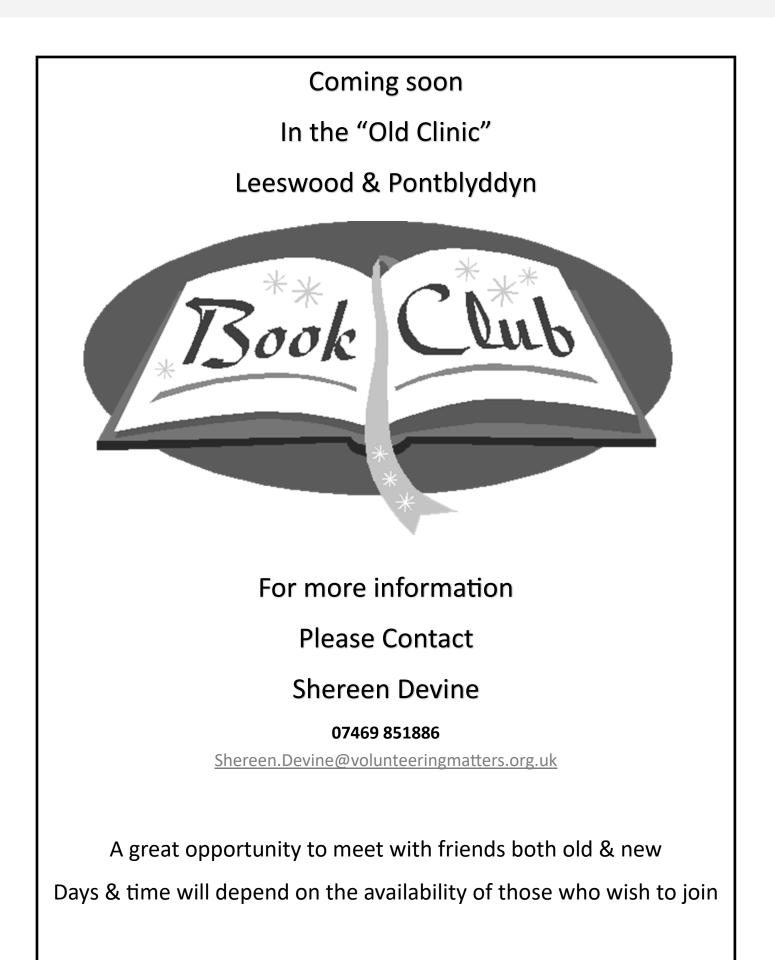
Want to be kept informed?

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

Shereen.devine@volunteeringmatters.org.uk



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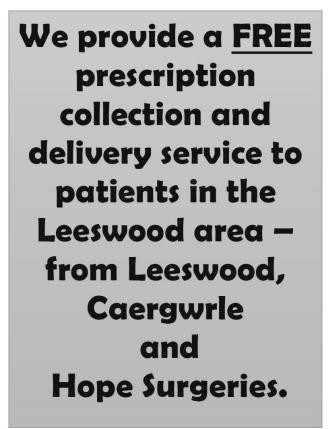
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LEESWOOD NIGHTINGALE HOUSE HOSPICE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

STRAWBERRY TEA

We held a very successful and popular Strawberry Tea at the Leeswood Community Centre on Saturday 16th June 2018. Very great thanks to all the wonderfully charitable ladies and gentlemen of Leeswood, Pontybodkin, Pontblyddyn, Caergwrle and surrounding areas for their grand help with donations of cakes, scones, cream, butter and prizes, etc. Thank you also to the Blakemore Foundation in the form of the lovely staff of the Spar shop, Caergwrle who once again supported us with donations of tea, coffee, milk, strawberries, cakes etc.

All this help enables us to make more money for the Hospice. Thank you also to all the kind folk who helped with serving and washing up on the day.

We raised £434.92. Next years Cream Tea will be on Saturday 8th June 2019 at the Community Centre.

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL

On Saturday 14th July 2018 we had a stall on the Carnival field, selling Hospice goods and doing our 'Trash or Treasure'. We raised £141.50.

BIRTHDAYS

Our Honorary President Lucille Ingman, MBE and our Honorary Vice-President Flora Roberts are no longer well enough to take an active part in our fund raising efforts, but we were delighted to see Flora celebrate her 90th Birthday this year, and Lucille her 87th.

Lucille spent an hour on the Hospice stall at the Carnival.

BINGO

Sorry we did not manage a Bingo this Autumn. All of us are struggling with health problems. If you can help us with any events, please contact any of us via: 07858776594.

We are having a Valentines Bingo on Wednesday 13th February 2019, 7pm for 7.30 pm at Leeswood Community centre.

CAROL SERVICE

The fund raising Carol service is to be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 21st December, 2018 at the Leeswood Community Centre. £3 Wine and Mince Pies.

Dewi Hughes will be conducting and Margaret Roberts will play the organ.

Please join us with any friends, relatives and neighbours who would like to come and sing carols with us.

Thank you all for your support:

Lucille, Flora, Anne, Bryn, Bryan, Jane L., Jane O., Jennie and John

CPR and defibrillator training

Dear Readers,

Since my piece in last month's paper the Welsh Hearts Charity have sent me a reply but, as suspected, they are extremely busy. We will therefore be looking towards Spring for our next training session for the defibrillator.

Thank you for your continued 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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PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor J.E. Saul.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE

<u>OF CONDUCT</u> There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that these 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

Individuals using rented fishing equipment and making off without payment. Victim did not want to make a complaint, so the matter was not pursued. <u>Theft of a</u> large amount of wooden boards from a garden on

<u>Maes-y-Meillion, Leeswood</u>. House to house enquiries were completed with all lines of enquiry investigated. Unfortunately, no suspects had been identified.

<u>Criminal damage on Station Lane, Padeswood</u>. Gates were broken on a property. There was no CCTV or independent witnesses. All enquiries investigated with no suspect identified. <u>Shoplifting on Queen Street, Leeswood</u>. Enquiries are ongoing.

Approximately seven reports of hate related (racist incidents) or anti-social behaviour involving young children in the village and the same individuals. Very difficult for the Police to deal with as there is never any evidence. PCSO Jones is intending to host an event at the Community Centre for children and adults to attend. This is to promote the seriousness of hate related incidents along with the consequences of committing such an offence. PCSO Jones is hoping to get some funding for the event which if successful will take place on HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK, 13th to 30th October 2018. The Community Council agreed that they would offer to fund this event.

ASB Issues

<u>Off road bikes, Leeswood area</u>. Numerous reports of off-road bikes being used illegally in the Leeswood area. PCSO Jones has spoken to the riders and given them advice. Since then an individual involved has been arrested and their bike seized.

The Clerk reported that Inspector Darren Whibberley had invited the Community Council to attend the Mold Police Station as his guests. It was agreed by all Councillors that they would attend on Monday 24th September 2018 at 6pm. The Clerk was to confirm this.

It was brought to the Council's attention that there had been complaints about the behaviour of a few of the children at the Playscheme in Leeswood. These children could be removed from the Playscheme in Leeswood as it was held in the grounds of Ysgol Derwenfa. Unfortunately, the children moved on to the Playscheme in Pontybodkin where they could not be removed as it was held on the recreation ground which is open to everyone. All Councillors agreed that an e-mail should be sent expressing this Council's concerns to Richard Roberts at Flintshire County Council with copies to Mrs C. Thomas the Clerk to Llanfynydd Community Council, Councillor C. Thomas and Councillor R. Hughes.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: - 058559

Alteration to side elevation of existing building. New Inn, Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold, CH7 4HR. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that this application be supported. All Councillors were in agreement.

HSBC BANK - SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

The Clerk advised that the HSBC Bank were undertaking a safeguarding review. As any bank related activity has to be agreed by all Council, it was necessary to supply the Bank with the individual Councillors dates of birth and postal

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addresses.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Steering Group was due to meet again soon. The Community Café now sited in the Clinic Area of the Community Centre was flourishing. 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. It was hoped that more volunteers would be able to help with this.

A ten-week tablet course for those who wanted to learn the basics of using a tablet form of computer is due to start soon. This was open to all residents.

CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT

Councillor D.K. Crowther reported that the children of Ysgol Derwenfa were going to participate in the iBeacon project and Councillor J.E. Saul along with Mrs J. Danson were to attend the School on 6th September 2018 to meet the children. All Councillors agreed that a further iBeacon to be placed in an area near Ysgol Derwenfa would be funded by this Community Council. **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT**

COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018

Flintshire County Council had forwarded reports of the Best Kept Communities Competition 2018. Leeswood village had won third prize of £50.00 in Section B, Best Kept Village population between 1,000 and 5,000. Heol-y-Dderwen had won third prize of £25.00 in the Best Kept Senior Citizen Estate section. The prize giving was to take place on Friday 21st September 2018 in the Alyn & Deeside Room at County Hall, Mold at 6.00pm.

On the whole the judges' comments in the other sections entered were very positive with constructive remarks on improvements that could be made.

All Councillors expressed their pleasure at the

result and accepted the reports.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSS-ROADS

Observation was made that lorries speed through the village of Pontblyddyn. Concern was also expressed at the traffic jams in rush hour which caused hold-ups in particular for those drivers wanting to turn right from the Corwen Road onto the Wrexham Road. It was pointed out that there were traffic lights in Abermorddu and had these been put in place because of accidents or for safety reasons. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should e-mail Lee Shone of the Highways Department, Flintshire County Council, to request a morning site meeting at Pontblyddyn. The Chairman, Councillor D. Rule, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes, Councillors J. Atkinson and G. Sherwood, Pontblyddyn representatives, and the Clerk were to attend.

PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

The Clerk is to e-mail Steve Jones, Streetscene, Flintshire County Council to discuss the purchase and erection of a plain sign on the Nant, Pontblyddyn.

<u>COUNCILLOR D. RULE, CHAIR TO THE COUNCIL</u> - <u>CIVIC SERVICE</u>

This is to take place at Christ Church, Pontblyddyn on Sunday 14th October 2018 at 11.15am.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - FLINTSHIRE PLANNING COMMITTEE WEBCASTING

An e-mail had been received from Robert Robins, Democratic Services Manager, Governance, Flintshire County Council, reminding that the meetings of the Authority's Planning Committee are available for the public to view on webcast. Councillors accepted this.

WELSH GOVERNMENT - CONSULTATION DOCU-MENT 'DELIVERY OF HOUSING THROUGH THE PLANNING SYSTEM'

The Welsh Government consultation document which 'Delivery of Housing through the Planning System - Call for evidence' had been circulated to all Councillors. Responses are required by 10th October 2018.

It was pointed out that this has had an impact on the Communities of Broughton and Penyffordd where large parcels of land have been given Planning Permission because the Local Development Plan has been out of date. Developers have won on appeal due to the lack of a Local Development Plan. The Clerk advised that she had previously completed an on-line form to try and prevent Developers making use of this loophole.

WELSH GOVERNMENT - CONSULTATION DOCU-MENT 'BANNING THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN THE EXTERNAL WALLS OF HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS'

Copies of the Welsh Government document,

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'Banning the use of combustible materials in the external walls of High-Rise Residential Buildings' had been circulated to all Councillors. Responses are required by 13th September 2018. Observation was made that this document did not apply to this Community. The document was accepted.

<u>COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - NEWS RE-</u> <u>LEASE 'PATIENTS ASKED FOR 'ONE SIMPLE</u> THING' TO IMPROVE NHS COMMUNICATION IN

WALES' Members had been circulated with a copy of the Community Health Council News Release, 'Patients asked for 'One Simple Thing' to improve NHS Communication in Wales'. Patients in Wales are being asked for their views on the NHS, as part of a drive to develop better communication between healthcare professionals and those using the health service. The One Simple Thing campaign is being led by the Board of Community Health Councils on behalf of the seven Community Health Councils in Wales and is looking for patients from across Wales to give a simple suggestion for improving the way the NHS communicates. Concerns from people across Wales has prompted the campaign. Poor communication can increase the risk of potential harm from misunderstandings, lead to a lack of confidence on the part of patients and waste valuable NHS resources. Speaking about the issues surrounding communication in the NHS, Mark Thornton, Chair of the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) said:

'Misunderstandings in patient and provider communications arise from many factors, but particularly from the use of jargon or complex medical terms, or when information is given at inappropriate times, for example when a patient is in pain, is tired or feeling unwell and unable to concentrate.' 'We also know that patients can find messages from health professionals providing their care to be ambiguous or unclear. Sensory issues or cultural, language and social issues can all also impact on communication in a health setting.'

The CHC survey is running throughout the summer. Suggestions will then be collated to form a

report to be sent to the Welsh Government as well as NHS Local Health Boards and Trusts in Wales, asking them for their response and looking for their plans to improve communication. Responses can be completed via: e-mail; SMS (text); Smartphone App; Social Media – Twitter, Facebook, Instagram; Postal Survey; Face to Face discussion and a dedicated Answerphone service. Observation was made that the Hospital is very poor in communicating with changes to appointments. Two letters can be received at the same time with different information. It was also pointed out that many older people are not in a position to complain as there is no-one to help them.

ONE VOICE WALES - NOTICE OF AGM ON SAT-URDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AND MOTIONS FOR THE AGM

Information from One Voice Wales about their AGM to be held on Saturday 29th September 2018 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wales, also the motions for the AGM.

It was agreed by all Councillors that this Community Council's representative should attend the AGM if he wishes. The Community Council to cover the cost of attendance.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLAY AREASMATCH FUNDINGCorre-

spondence had been received from Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer, Strategic Programmes, Flintshire County Council, advising that Flintshire County Council have allocated £105,000 from its 2018/2019 budget for improvement works to Children's Play Areas. Comment was made that there is no play equipment suitable for a disabled child and would it be possible to consider a swing that would be suitable to take a wheel chair. It was agreed by all Councillors that £3,000 would be given towards match funding at the Ffordd Siarl Play Area, Leeswood and a request be made about a piece of equipment tailored for a disabled child.

WELSH GOVERNMENT - CALL FOR CASE STUD-IES - REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES

E-mail correspondence had been received from Lisa Aspinall, Secretariat Support, Review of Community & Town Councils in Wales.

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The Independent Review Panel are currently putting together their final report to launch in October. This e-mail requests for Town or Community Councils to take part in this report as Case Studies. Councillors accepted this correspondence.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) <u>Resurfacing</u>, <u>part of the Hall Hill</u>, <u>Leeswood</u> – Flintshire County Council had resurfaced part of the Hall Hill, Leeswood.

b) <u>Resurfacing in Leeswood village</u> - Flintshire County Council will undertake this in 2019.
c) <u>Section of Phoenix Park, Leeswood (near Bethel</u> <u>Chapel</u>) - Flintshire County Council will be converting this into an area for dog walkers.
d) <u>Dingle Road, Leeswood</u> - bollards had been put up around a sink hole in the road. These had been there for a week as remedial work could not take place immediately.

e) <u>Near Druid Inn, Pontblyddyn</u> – work was to take place on a manhole that had collapsed just beyond the Druid Inn in Pontblyddyn.

f) <u>Leeswood Carnival Committee</u> – a fundraising Car Wash event was to take place at the Leeswood Community Centre on Saturday 8th September 2018.

MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) <u>Lay-by opposite Y Fferm, Pontblyddyn</u> – scrap metal (long coiled up pieces) had been left in the lay-by. It had been there for quite a while. Councillor R. Hughes was to report this to Flintshire County Council.





Well Campers the beautiful golden Autumn season is upon us and the heating is now well and truly on but, unfortunately, there is not much for us to glow about this month we are afraid. The Halloween Disco will have only just taken place by the time you read this write-up but we will report on how it all went in next month's edition.

Next month will also see our final two fundraisers of this year. Those are the Christmas Bingo on Wednesday 5th December 2018 and the visit by Father Christmas in and around the village on Sunday 16th December 2018. Posters for both these events are once again advertised in this edition and they will be, for sure, something to look forward to.

Don't forget Campers the Carnival fund collection tins are still resident by the tills in the Coop in the village. Any donation, however small, is by our standards huge and we thank anyone who may have already placed the odd change in there.

We may also, by next month, be able to furnish you with a date for our up-and-coming AGM but let's get the next couple of months out of the way first. Far too much to do with so little time to do it all in eh!

See you next month Campers!



Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell Committee Member LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE







"UNLUCKY FOR SOME...

"LEGS ELEVEN...

"TWO LITTLE DUCKS"

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

invite the Community to their

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"SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN"

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

host an evening with Father Christmas in and around the village on

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2018

commencing at 4.30pm from the junction of Dingle Road into the village

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FLOAT/SLEIGH WILL BE DRIVEN DOWN EVERY ROAD THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE BUT UNFORTUNATELY NOT DOWN THE SMALL CUL-DE-SACS WHERE THERE IS RESTRICTIVE TURNING

PLEASE ASK ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT OR CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR REGULAR UPDATES, PARTICULARLY ON THE EVENING ITSELF, SO AS TO KEEP YOURSELVES

UP-TO-DATE AS TO WHERE THE FLOAT/SLEIGH IS AT AND SAVE THE CHILDREN STANDING OUT IN THE COLD WAITING. YOU CAN ALSO JOIN THE LEESWOOD & DISTRICT NEWS FACEBOOK PAGE TO BE ABLE TO READ OUR FULL WRITE-UPS

> DON'T FORGET TO "LISTEN" OUT FOR SANTA ON HIS SLEIGH... YOU WILL "HEAR" HIM BEFORE YOU SEE HIM!

> MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Reindeer Reindeer	For plenty of Christmas fun, hold a Reindeer Run! Please complete the form below and return to Nightingale House Hospice to register your schools participation in the Reindeer Run. All pupils taking part will receive reindeer antilers and a sponsor form. School name: School address:
Walk, jog or run around the playground, sports hall or a venue of your choice and help raise valuable funds for your local hospice	Contact name: Contact telephone: Date of Reindeer Run:
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For more information contact 01978 314292 or email fundraising@nightingalehouse.co.uk	(A template letter which you will be able to copy and send to the parents of participating children) Member of hospice staff to attend your event: Yes No Please return your completed form to: Reindeer Run, Nightingale House Hospice, Chester Road, Wrexham LLll 2SJ

YOUTH CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OLD

It was by accident that we discovered our youth club would be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. A plaque on our youth club wall remembers the tragic death of one of our members in 1975 and we have records going back 7 years before this...so to be completely honest it could be older, but we stuck our flag in where our paper trail stopped. We weren't looking for it, we were just giving the office a clean when one of our young people noticed, 'Wait, does this mean our youth club is fifty years old!?'

This is amazing for a number of reasons; Youth clubs in their traditional form are a dying entity and we all know that local services have taken a huge financial hit in the last 8 years. Many youth clubs around Flintshire have been closed, their face to face services diluted and resources reduced. To find one open and continually providing this service two nights per week for fifty years is something Leeswood village as a community should be very, very proud of. There are large towns in the shire that do not enjoy the same opportunities this provides for young people, and it is something that we should all hold dear...and celebrate!

A separate place other than the home where young people are free to express themselves, learn new skills, make friends, engage in positive relationships and further discover themselves through informal education has become, strangely, a unique service. Unlike school young people do not have to attend, they do not *have* to achieve anything and parents don't get fined if they don't go! In short it's all about choice. Young people choose to come...or not. They are there because they want to be there, enjoy the freedom this gives them and the fellowship it provides within a members club. We are still a thriving club. Membership is at 60+ with attendance hitting the mid 20's on most evenings.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Leeswood Youth Club we would like to invite you down for a little celebration on Wednesday 19th December @ 7pm. There, old and new members, parents and community organisers can come and share stories, experiences and celebrate the anniversary with a light buffet and refreshments. If anyone has any old photos or memorabilia that we could share or borrow for a display or just even some tales to tell then please contact Richard Douglas on 07411458262.

This is also a good opportunity to meet our youth workers, junior leaders and young people alike and see what we do, also if you have ever thought of working or volunteering in a youth club then this may be a good opportunity for you to find out more. So, please come and join us for a celebration, a trip down memory lane perhaps and an opportunity to brush up on your table tennis as well as light snacks and refreshment. We look forward to seeing you!



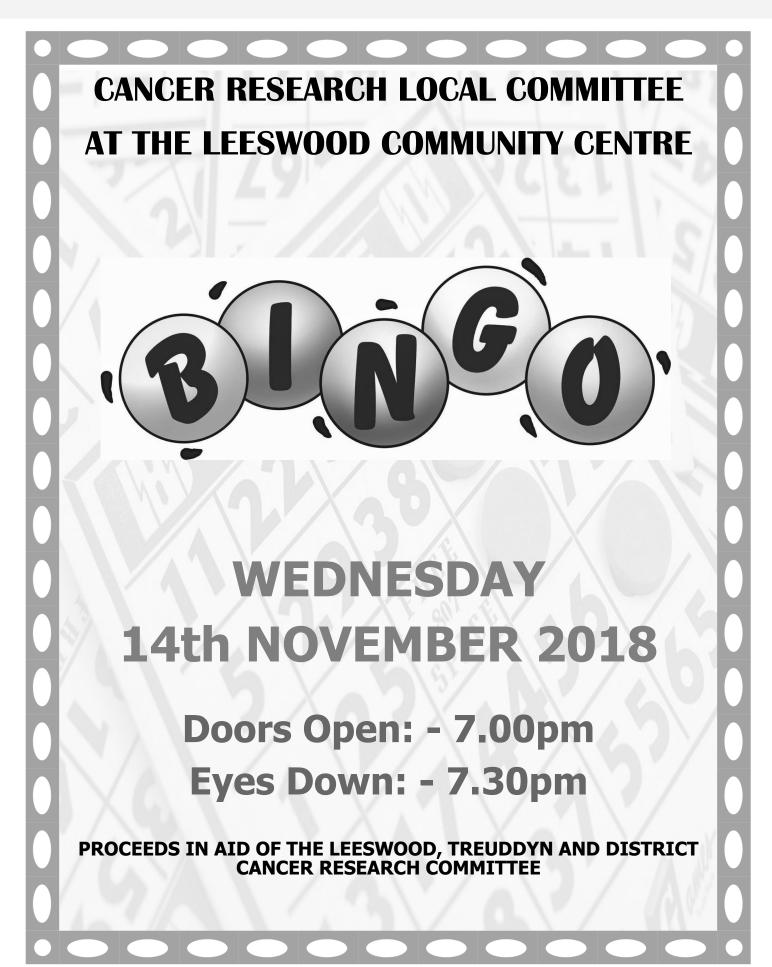
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