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## PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

### LADIES GUILD

The meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> February was handed over to Mrs Jane Lucy and Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick, both Guild members, who showed slides and spoke of their experience of visiting various prisoner of war camps, but mainly Auschwitz. The pictures were thought provoking and left you thinking how it could all have happened.

Later refreshments were made and served by Mrs Gwen Gray. The raffle was drawn and Mrs Anne Davies was the winner, the special raffle, donated by Mrs Dorothy Davies, was won by Mrs Jane Lucy.

Mrs Margaret Roberts, Vice President, welcomed everyone to the meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> March, and introduced us to Mr Luke MacDonald a fund raiser for Nightingale House Hospice. Luke explained the many things the hospice does and the vast costs this incurs hence the reason to keep constantly raising funds and Leeswood contributes to this through the Hospice Group with their various functions throughout the year.

Refreshments were served by myself, Gill Burton, the raffle was then drawn and Mrs Gwen Gray had the winning ticket. The special raffle, donated by Mrs Ann Banerjee, was won by Mrs Janet Burden. Margaret then closed the meeting.

*Gill Burton*

### Celebrating Easter

Christ was crucified for us all  
To redeem us when we fall  
Whether we are big and mighty  
Or powerless and small

It does not matter who we are  
The sacrifice was done for what we are  
Christ has risen all victorious  
Conquering evil most notorious

How cruel can we be  
When suffering all around us we do see  
It is our duty to be fare  
It is our duty to be there

by Joseph Caruana

### Special Events

#### APRIL 2019

**10th** (Wednesday)

Easter Bingo  
Eyes down 19.30

**17th** (Wednesday)

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Poetry by Joseph Caruana

## Spring Sunday Morning

On a crisp spring Sunday morning  
People taking it easy gently talking  
The country side springs to life  
With all striving to survive

A farmer's dog barking in the distance  
Birds alert moving at every instance  
The odd squirrel climbing a tree  
All the wild life living free

People going to church or chapel  
As individuals or as a couple  
Others strolling in the park  
Observing things as colour is so stark

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### Steering a safe and steady course through life's stormy waters

It's a sobering thought that some of our more wilful and self-centred life choices can often end disastrously, not only for ourselves, but also for those around us. If we look back with humility at those times when we've chosen unwisely, we can see how God – wanting the best for us – was working on our conscience, trying to get us to change our minds, or to steer us towards a better way.

With God there is always forgiveness for what is past... but how willing are we TODAY to heed God's warnings – be that through the Bible, a preacher, our circumstances or the people around us – when He points us towards the direction of safety?

You may have read this transcript of a radio conversation between a US Naval vessel and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland that supposedly took place in 1995.

US Naval vessel: *Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a Collision.*

Canadians: *Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.*

US Naval vessel: *This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.*

Canadians: *No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.*

US Naval vessel: *This is the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln, the second largest ship in the United States' Atlantic fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. I demand that YOU change your course 15 degrees north, that's one five degrees north, or counter-measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.*

Canadians: *This is a lighthouse. Your call.*

The US Navy has since debunked this conversation as an urban legend, so in all likelihood it never really happened, but the illustration is still a powerful one. The Bible urges us to “*submit our lives to God*”, or in other words – “*take on board God's advice and get his help*”. God has the bigger picture and when He acts as the lighthouse of our soul, we do well to heed His timely and helpful warnings and adjust our direction – at the earliest opportunity!

John Mainwaring

## A warm welcome to everyone!

### 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 alternate Sunday evenings we meet at 6:00pm for either prayer or the Christianity Explored course (see below).

### Children and Youth

Bright Sparks under 4s – Fri. 9:30am to 11:00am

High Fives - Reception to Year 6 – Weds. 5:45pm to 6:45pm

Lasers – Year 6 and over – Weds. 7:15pm to 9:00pm

**Safe Haven** If you know someone who has a disability please let them know about Safe Haven Crafts. Check out [www.safehaven.wales](http://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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## CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

### SERVICES IN APRIL - MAY 2019

#### SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH: MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

FOR ALL 3 CONGREGATIONS

#### SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: PASSION SUNDAY

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

#### SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: PALM SUNDAY

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

#### SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL: EASTER DAY

10.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION IN NERCWYS

CHURCH FOR ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS

*Please Note: There will be no service in Pontblyddyn Church that day.*

#### SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: 2<sup>ND</sup> AFTER EASTER

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

5.00P.M. EVENSONG IN NERCWYS CHURCH

PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
BOWLING GREEN CAR PARK

#### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY: 3<sup>RD</sup> AFTER EASTER

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

#### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY: 4<sup>TH</sup> AFTER EASTER

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

#### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY: 5<sup>TH</sup> AFTER EASTER

5.00P.M. EVENSONG

#### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY: 6<sup>TH</sup> AFTER EASTER

11.15 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION

3.00P.M. HOLY BAPTISM

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## THE DUCK RACE IS COMING

MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY

FROM 1.00PM – 4.00PM

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### LENT 2019

A Lent Course on the theme of '**GENEROSITY AND THE INHERITANCE OF LENT**' will take place every Wednesday Evening in Christ Church, Pontblyddyn and will be led by The Rev'd Kathy Stewart.

#### HOLY WEEK

##### Holy Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer in Nercwys.

##### Holy Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion in Pontblyddyn

##### Holy Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion in Treuddyn

##### Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

11.00a.m. Maundy Mass at the Cathedral  
followed by lunch.

##### Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

10.30 a.m. Leeswood Churches Together Service  
in Cedron

## IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.

27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL & 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

"COME 4 COFFEE"

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

*The Vicar may not be available on these dates, however, if you wish to speak to her on Church Business, please contact her to arrange a mutually convenient date to meet.*

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## CEDRON CHURCH

Cedron Congregational Church is located at the bottom of the Pontybodkin Hill, Leeswood and is nestled near the junction with the Corwen Road. No doubt you have driven past it many times on your way to Mold/Wrexham/Chester

We are a small, friendly, welcoming group of Christians who meet every Sunday morning at 10:30am. Our service normally lasts an hour. So, instead of driving past we would love to see you and welcome you as we meet to worship God, pray and study the Bible together in a friendly and informal atmosphere. We also celebrate Communion/Lords Supper at the end of the morning service on the first Sunday of every month. This is when we particularly remember the love God has shown us in permitting his Son to die on our behalf, and through his resurrection, granting the promise of salvation to all who will accept it through faith.

You may have noticed we are currently in the process of repairing the building. But we are also improving it. We are hoping to install a small kitchen area and a toilet.

After an extended period without a minister, we are pleased to announce the forthcoming induction of local resident Mr Simon Ferrer into this role. Watch this space for more details.

If you need or want to get in touch with us, our email address is: [contact.cedron@gmail.com](mailto:contact.cedron@gmail.com)

### An Easter Thought

**The Cross.** You can hardly turn around without seeing one? Perched on top of a church or chapel building. Carved into a graveyard headstone. Engraved in a ring or suspended on a chain or even placed at the top of an article in a local magazine! The cross is the universal symbol of Christianity. An odd choice? It is strange that a means of torture would come to embody a movement of hope. The symbols of other faiths are a bit more upbeat: the six-pointed star of David, the crescent moon of Islam, a lotus blossom for Buddhism. Yet a cross for Christianity? An instrument of torture and execution!

Would you wear a tiny electric chair around your neck? Suspend a gold-plated hangman's noose on the wall? Would you print a picture of a firing squad on a business card? Yet we do so with the cross. Many even make the sign of the cross as they pray. Would we make the sign of, say, a guillotine blade falling during the French Revolution? Instead of the triangular touch on the forehead and shoulders, how about a karate chop on the palm? Doesn't quite have the same feel, does it?

**Why is the cross the symbol of the Christian faith?** To find the answer you need look no further than the cross itself. Its design couldn't be simpler. One beam of wood horizontal—the other vertical. One reaches across—like God's love. The other reaches up—as does God's holiness. One represents the width of his love; the other reflects the height of his holiness. The cross is the intersection. The cross is where God forgave his sinful children, you and me, without lowering his holy standards.

How could he do this? In a sentence: *"Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so that Christ could make us acceptable to God."* 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 21- Contemporary English Version of the Bible.

Pastor Simon



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## ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS.....

Rivers are fascinating. Those of us who live round here are lucky to have two rivers running through the parish, the River Terrig and the larger River Alun, though the Alun is more often out of sight than in full view.

You can see it best at the back of the Bridge Inn in Pontblyddyn. Also if you follow a good footpath from the Church towards Coppa, you gain a rewarding view from the reconstructed bridge crossing its fast-flowing waters. But walks alongside the river are more difficult to find.

There are proposals to create a riverside walk along the river upstream from Mold, and I look forward to that. The best Alun riverside walk is at Loggerheads, where it can often be seen disappearing underground in dry summers. The River Alun begins life in a marshy area south of Llandegla [see *Riverside River by Pete Evans*]

flowing north to make a circuitous route round Mold before speeding on to Pontblyddyn, eventually joining the River Dee upstream from Holt.

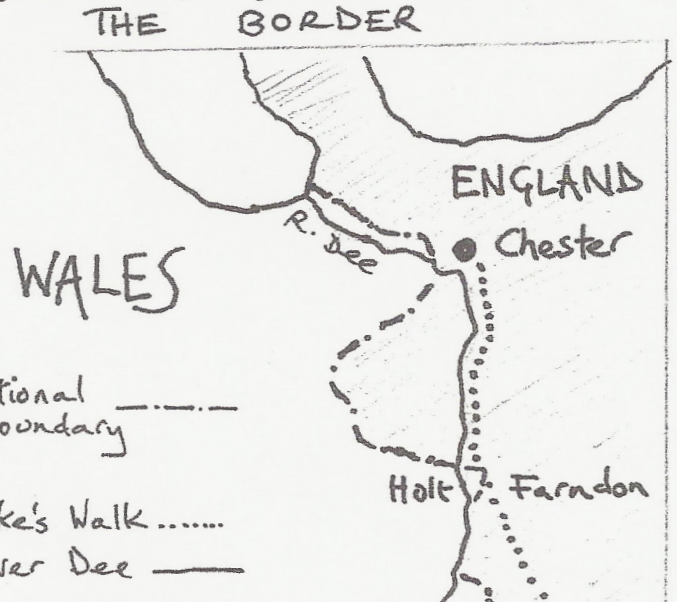
A river makes a good border – it's easy to identify, for one thing and often wide enough to make a very useful barrier, difficult to cross. In the South the river Severn creates a formidable crossing between England and Wales, and in North Wales the Dee flows eastwards after Llangollen and then meanders northwards, joined by the Alun, to Chester before its spectacular exit into the famous wide estuary and on into the Irish Sea.

In my search to follow the border between England and Wales I set off from the elephant at Chester Cathedral, along the Roman walls to find the Dee at Handbridge where it cascades over the weir and becomes tidal. The Weir, I discovered recently, is an ancient man-made device, built by the Normans, to create a millrace for the flour Mills there.

[A fascinating book is "Miller of Dee" by Roy Wilding, the story of Chester's Mills and Millers including the Weir]

Continuing upstream, cross the river by the suspension bridge, and from here you can walk for miles by the riverside, to stopping points like Eccleston, where there used to be a ferry crossing point up to 1940. Further on it's possible to cross the river via a splendid blue and white iron bridge to reach Aldford. [See *THE DEE WAY* by David Berry published by Kittiwake]

Once on this other side of the river, the walk takes you across fields, the Dee never very far away, as you make for your first boundary post, the ancient bridge spanning the river and linking the twin villages of Holt [Wales] and Farndon [England]. For the first time, the administrative national boundary joins the natural geographical boundary. Interesting to stand here on the bridge joining the two countries. Then it's time to set off through Cheshire, as the border follows its deviant route round Flint [Detached], to reach the northern edges of another county: Shropshire.



### The Simple Life

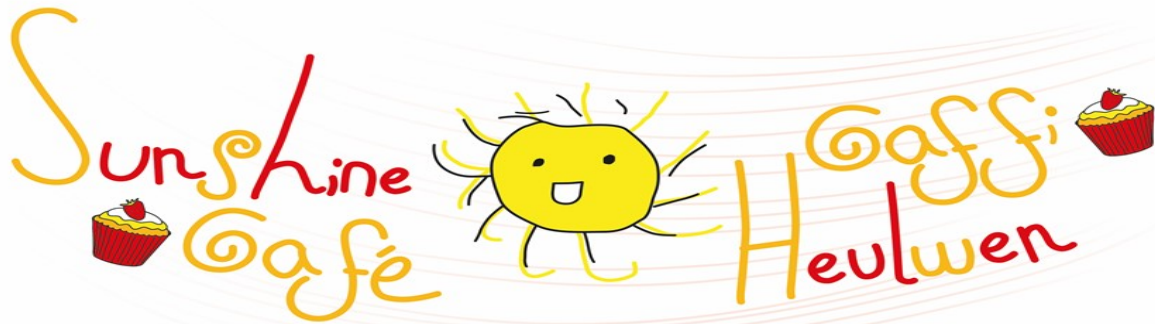
Mike Stevens

We live  
By the river.  
They came and measured all our land  
Then left with a word in our backs,  
Said we'd be owing them tax.  
When the bandits came, destroying all  
the wheat;  
We could not eat

My wife went down to fetch the water  
buffalo and  
Died on the sand.  
The moon rose and fell, the sun shone  
On and on  
On and on.

Michael Stevens

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Carnival Group	2nd Tuesday of the Month	Community Centre	Leah Thomas Coleman: 07798 665392
Community Centre	Last Tuesday of the Month	Community Centre	Gayle Brand: 01352 779068
Community Council	1st Tuesday of the Month	Community Centre	Marie Reynolds: 07912 146517
<b>Activity / Group When</b>			
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: chairman@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	
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 - Thursday : 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

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## Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

Industry is on-going, and it is as much alive as you and I. This means that it needs to be cultivated and nourished for healthy further growth. We cannot say that because an industrial activity is going well today, it is going to be there forever unless incremental improvements are applied. We have seen many industries which were taken for granted and were expected to last forever, but because they were not improved as time went on, they fell behind the rest of the competition with disastrous consequences. Customer demand creates a vacuum in the market, and therefore creates a market pull. When this market pull is identified, it should be studied and accommodated.

In order to accommodate a market pull and move progressively forward ahead of the competition, an industrialist must take stock of what is required, in order to allocate resources. If resources are available, then, the next step is to identify how efficient these resources can be applied. Efficiency is the ratio between what is put into a process in the form of raw material together with manpower, and what is taken out of the process in the form of finished product. The better the quality of the raw-material, the better is the chance of producing a high quality product, however, if the work-force is not skilled enough to process the raw-material with the techniques it requires, the quality of the raw-material will be wasted, and will create a loss. It is due to these aspects, that the whole picture should be taken into view, and intellectually studied to avoid as many pit-falls as possible once the process is up and running.

Pit-falls can come in many forms, and one of the most common pit-falls is the number of defective products. All defective products do hinder efficiency in a big way, because when a product is rerun through the system, it does not only cost twice in manpower and energy, it will also occupy process time in which another fresh product could have been produced. Therefore, the loss incurred in rerunning a defective product, can have latent effects on the well-being of an organisation. An important aspect which can help eradicate defective products could be the application of a system that monitors the process from start to finish. The monitoring system will collect data, which will then be processed to identify why defective products are produced.

One cannot turn a blind eye to defective products, and they should be monitored hour by hour, day by day, and so on. It could also be important that data be collected individually from each production line, to identify which production line is producing most defective items. The data collected can then be processed through a statistical process for further analysis.

When a set of data figures are collected, an individual might think that by working an average point of the figures, one can determine how the data points are spread out. An average point, does not give the section of the values where most of the data figures are concentrated. It is therefore possible, that the average point on its own, is not enough to work exact picture of how things are.

There are other ways to process a set of data figures, with which one could compliment the value of an average point, and also determine where most of the figures are concentrated on both sides of the average. This is called 'standard deviation' and it will help you identify figures which are on the outer fringes both above and below the average point. This is a statistical process which I have used many times in the past when I processed sets of production figures within a manufacturing establishment. Nevertheless, please note that a standard deviation can be used with any kind of figures, irrespective of whether you are processing a set of data representing speed which is measured in miles per hour or a set of data representing the flow of water which is measured in cubic meters of water per hour. You can calculate the standard deviation for the whole set of data figure (called a whole population) or you can calculate the standard deviation for a section of the data figures (called a sample). It should be mentioned that the greater the number of data figures that you enter, the more accurate the standard deviation will be. Talking about accuracy, one must mention that the end result is as representative as the data figures which are entered in the formula. Like everything we do, the end result of any process or formula is as good as the ingredients or entries we put in it. If the entries are not accurate, the results are not going to be accurate. To enhance this, a direct computerised link from the data collection point to the processing system can be used. The technology is there and available for us to use, it is up to us to use it to create a better world.



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Led by Rev Bernard Nixon

14<sup>th</sup> April Lord's Supper 10.45am  
Led by Rev Pat Christopher



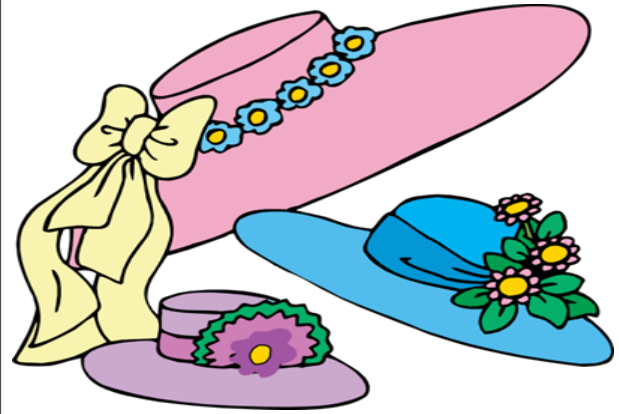
21<sup>st</sup> April Morning Worship 10.45 am  
Led by Mr Chris Cole

28<sup>th</sup> April Morning Worship 10.45 am  
Led by Rev Robin Fox

### What's it all about?

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2 pm we are meeting in the Church to discuss our faith and how we might share it.

All our friends are very welcome to join us over tea and biscuits as we share with one another how we each might speak about our belief in Jesus and what a relationship with God means to us.



## *Easter Afternoon Tea*

### *and Singalong*

*You are warmly invited  
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Afternoon Tea  
And Singalong*

*at*

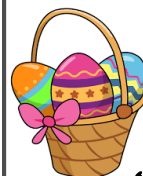
*Wesley Methodist Church  
Leeswood*

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April*

*2.30 to 4.30 pm*

*Prize for*

*'Best Easter Bonnet'*



# Leeswood & District News



## Dementia Awareness Sessions



### What is Dementia?

Dementia is an illness caused by damage to a person's brain. Memory problems are one of a number of symptoms that people with dementia may experience. Others include difficulties with planning, thinking things through, struggling to keep up with a conversation and sometimes changes in mood or behaviour. Whilst it mostly affects older people, younger people can also get dementia.

### Supporting people living with Dementia

Over 17,000 people affected by dementia live in rural Wales, yet they often face barriers and challenges to accessing the support they need to live meaningful lives and to remain part of their local community.

People affected by dementia often have to give up the things they love because of lack of awareness, stigma and unsupportive environments. With increased awareness, understanding and support from local communities, people affected by dementia can continue to live full and active lives.

### **Leeswood & Ponblyddyn is working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Community**

This involves working together to ensure people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community. Everyone in the community can be involved from churches to youth groups, cafes to bowling club, the local shop to hairdresser etc.

People in the community need to understand dementia before they can take dementia-friendly actions that will make the community more inclusive. Dementia Awareness sessions provide an effective way of increasing understanding in local communities. The session takes no more than 1 hour and involves learning more about dementia and the small ways we can all help.

**We are planning to hold a Dementia Awareness Session for the local community. The details will be published in the next issue of the Leeswood News, on the Leeswood Community website and promoted around the village.**

We hope you will help us to make Leeswood & Pontblyddyn a Dementia Friendly Community

***Thank you!***

Source: [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk); Alzheimer's society Dementia Friendly Rural Communities Guide



# Leeswood & District News

LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN NIGHTINGALE HOUSE HOSPICE

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Thank you all for your valuable support at our Valentines Bingo in February when we raised £372 for the Hospice. Thank you to local people and Boots the Chemists in Mold for sending prizes.

Particular thanks to all the folk who helped on the night and especial thanks to Clive for Calling for us.

Thank you also for your help to raise £411 for the Hospice at the St. Davids Day Coffee morning on 8th. March 2019. Thank you to Norma, Gill, Margaret, Maldwyn, Doreen, Gwen, Gerald, Gwyneth, Maureen and everyone else who helped on the day,

We are once again very grateful to Mr Andrew Jones, Headmaster & Mrs Linda Dilkes, Choir Mistress, who came along with the Choir of Ysgol Derwenfa, the Leeswood Primary School. The Children's singing in both English and Welsh was very much appreciated.

We were also delighted to welcome Mrs Eluned Griffiths, Chair of the Trustees of the Nightingale House Hospice. Mrs Griffiths expressed the gratitude of the Hospice Trustees for the magnificent fund raising by the people of Leeswood, Pontblyddyn & surrounding areas over many years.

Thank you to our loyal supporter's for prizes and Boots the Chemist's, Mold; Spaven's Sweet Shop, Mold, the Holywell Singers-"Richard & Adam", who provided prizes and also the lovely ladies of the Spar Shop in Caergwrlle who sent tea, coffee, milk & biscuits.

Our next event is BINGO on 22nd. May 2019 at 7pm. for eyes down at 7.30pm. in the Leeswood Community Centre.

We have our annual STRAWBERRY TEA from 2-4pm. in the Leeswood Community Centre on 8th. June 2019.

BINGO again on Wednesday 4th. September 2019.

CAROL SERVICE Friday 20th. December 2019.

Thank you from Lucille [sadly still in Mold Hospital], Flora, Anne, Bryn, John, Jane Lucy, Jane Owen, Bryan & Jennie.

## Leeswood Allotments (by: Kathleen O'Marah)

It's been a very different start to the year on the allotments. Last year we struggled with the 'Beast From the East'; this year we were basking in temperatures in the high teens!

Growth started early (predominantly weeds on my allotment I'm sorry to say) and it is tempting to get things in the ground too early, particularly as the supermarkets and garden centres have a wide range of plants on display. However, as my plot was not ready (full of weeds as I said earlier), I was able to resist the temptation. The weather then turned colder and wetter. Up to the day of writing this we've had storms Freya and Gareth and by the time this issue of the Leeswood News comes out in April we could well have had storms named Hillary and Irene!!

Even if the ground is not ready or warm enough to sow and plant, there is still work to be done on the allotment in preparation. The photograph shows how new raised beds are being constructed on one of the plots this year. Can't wait to see what is going in them...watch this space!

As well as growing vegetables on their allotments, some members choose to grow flowers. I'm always reluctant to cut flowers from my garden and would prefer to buy from the supermarket or elsewhere rather than denude the garden of colour. Last year, therefore I grew some flowering plants. The gladioli and sweet peas did really well last summer and I was able to pick allotment daffodils for St David's Day this year

There are, however, certain plants which provide beauty and colour and are also edible. One is the blueberry. They are small shrubs which can be grown on patios and have white or pink flowers in Spring. In summer they have their sweet blue berries which are delicious and very versatile. Then in autumn, the leaves turn fiery red and are as bright and attractive as any Acer. Blueberries need light, plenty of water and acidic soil, so if they are grown in pots use ericaceous compost.

There are many other attractive, fruit bearing plants and what could be nicer than a trip to a garden centre at this time of year to check them out and most now have a café for tea and cake or something more substantial.

Gardening is fun!!!



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# Leeswood & District News

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

05/2/2019

## PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the  
Council.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor C. Coleman,  
L.T. Coleman and R. Hughes.

## FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Present at the meeting was Mr Robert Dewey of  
the Standards Committee, Flintshire County  
Council. Mr Dewey advised that members of the  
Standards Committee will be visiting all Town/  
Community Councils in Flintshire. Part of the  
role of the Standards Committee involves dis-  
putes and discipline, promoting good behaviour  
and giving training. The exercise to visit all  
Town/Community Councils will go on until the  
summer, there are no plans to come back, this is  
a one-off visit.

## DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of  
interest.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 had been circulated to  
all members. It was proposed by Councillor J.  
Caruana and seconded by Councillor D.K.  
Crowther that these be accepted as a true record  
of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the precept meeting held on  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 had been circulated to  
all members. It was proposed by Councillor T.  
Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood  
that these be accepted as a true record of pro-  
ceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA)

Pre-planning consultation re land on Dingle Road,  
Leeswood - nothing further had been heard re-  
garding this. The formal planning application  
had not been submitted to Flintshire County  
Council. It was pointed out that following the  
pre-planning consultation, there would possibly  
be changes made before a submission was made  
to the County Council.

## POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was not in attendance. A  
report had been provided this month.

## Crime Issues/Trends

### Last Month

Theft from vehicle on Bronallt, Leeswood - a van  
had been broken into, nothing was taken from  
within. All lines of enquiry have now been  
investigated but no suspect has been identified.  
Unlawful access gained to property on Dingle  
Road, Leeswood - access to a property had been  
gained, nothing was taken. Suspect vehicle has  
been identified and recovered, enquiries are on-  
going.

### This Month

Shoplifting on Queen Street, Leeswood - all lines  
of enquiry investigated fully, no suspect has  
been identified.

Common assault on Dingle Road, Leeswood -  
disagreement over parking. Nobody wishing to  
make a formal complaint.

Criminal Damage on Chapel Terrace, Pontybod-  
kin - Vehicle broken into overnight - all lines of  
enquiry investigated fully, no suspect identified.  
Criminal Damage on Kemps Row, Pontybodkin -  
damage had been caused to a van in an attempt  
to steal tools from within. All lines of enquiry  
investigated fully. No suspect identified.

Suspicious circumstances on Wrexham Road,  
Pontblyddyn - tractor has been moved at a  
residential property, not stolen or damaged. All  
lines of enquiry investigated fully, no suspect  
was identified.

Public Order Crime on Ffordd Siarl/Heol Y Goron,  
Leeswood - number of individuals involved in a  
disturbance, four individuals arrested at scene -  
enquiries on-going.

### ASB Issues

Children causing damage to a resident's hedge  
on Heol Y Goron, Leeswood - issues are on-going  
and so is the investigation. PCSO Jones has  
arranged for CCTV to be installed at the  
property.

It was pointed out that there was a lot more  
incidences being reported this month and it  
would be appreciated if PCSO Jones included  
dates of the incidences on his report.

### CEMETERY

The Clerk informed that Mr Aled Davies,  
Cemetery sub-contractor and his team had done  
an excellent job clearing the snow from the  
Cemetery following the recent spell of wintry  
weather. Councillors expressed their gratitude  
to Mr Davies and his team, requesting that the  
Clerk passed this on. Mr Davies has expressed a  
wish to meet with this Council to discuss the fu-  
ture works on the new extension to the Ceme-  
tery. All Councillors agreed to invite Mr Davies  
to attend the next monthly meeting at 6pm.

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LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

05/2/2019

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

059328 - Erection of a single storey extension and erection of a single garage. Four Winds, Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood, CH7 4SS. All Councillors agreed that there is no objection to this planning application.

059369 - Erection of extension. Leeswood Surgery, Queen Street, Leeswood, Nr. Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RQ. All Councillors agreed that there is no objection to this planning application.

## AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Steering Group had met on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Councillor R. Hughes had been in attendance. The Steering Group will now be meeting on the first Monday every month in the old Clinic at the Community Centre.

This Council will have Dementia Friendly training on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019. A number of Community organisations had already been trained and it was hoped to get local businesses to sign up as Dementia Friends.

A Book Club is to be started. This will provide a place for residents to meet and discuss the books that they read.

A grant had been given to provide a winter meal. This will be open to residents aged over 50 years. Mark Robertson will be cooking the meal. It was hoped that between 75 and 80 people could be given a meal at this event.

The café is still doing very well. Unfortunately, it had been closed on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 due to the wintry weather. Volunteers to help with the café were still needed.

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

The Clerk reported that she had heard nothing further from Mr Lee Shone, Highways, Flintshire County Council. It was agreed by all Councillors that contact be made with him to see what progress had been made.

## CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT

The training session at Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 3.30pm had been postponed due to the School being closed because of the wintry weather. This has now been rescheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

## DVSA TEAM BUILDING DAY IN THE COMMUNITY

Councillor D.K. Crowther advised that the DVSA would need, if possible sixteen weeks' notice regarding coming to the Community to help with a litter pick or planting. Following a discussion, it was pointed out that the Carnival Committee would appreciate help with setting up in preparation for the Carnival to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor D. Rule would liaise with the Carnival Committee and Councillor D.K. Crowther to arrange a suitable date for the DVSA to come to the village and help.

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

Members had been circulated with an e-mail from Lee Shone, Road Safety Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council. This e-mail reported the details of the recent speed surveys undertaken in Pontblyddyn.

### Survey location: A541 South of A5104 Junction

Direction of travel	85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed	Vehicle volume
From Wrexham	31.9mph	3830
To Wrexham	34.1 mph	3980

### Survey Location: A541 Druids Inn

Direction of travel	85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed	Vehicle volume
From Mold	34.2mph	4326
To Mold	37.1mph	4265

This information will now be sent to Gosafe for assessment for consideration as a live enforcement site. Mr Shone will forward the outcome once he has received an update. In addition, this information will be utilised in line with Flintshire Safety Scheme Assessment Matrix for consideration for future bid submissions to Welsh Government for Road Safety Grant Schemes. Councillors requested that a split of the data be provided. They were keen to know the results by day and times. Concern was expressed that the speed limits were being exceeded during the early mornings. The result of this speed survey is vague, and more specifications are required. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk request a breakdown of the survey from Flintshire County Council.

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CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

05/2/2019

## PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

The sign on the Nant, Pontblyddyn, will be put up in the next couple of weeks. Councillors referred to the replacement sign on the Chester Road, Pontblyddyn. It was pointed out that this replacement sign was not the same as the one that had been damaged and left thrown in the hedge. All Councillors agreed that the damaged sign should have been replaced with like for like. The Clerk was to approach Flintshire County Council in regard to this.

## 20MPH MANDATORY SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE FLINTSHIRE SCHOOLS

It was pointed out that across North Wales there is a mandatory speed limit of 20mph outside Schools, except for Flintshire. Cars pass Ysgol Derwenfa at speed and this is a cause for concern. Councillors agreed that a 20mph mandatory speed limit outside the School is required. The Clerk pointed out that when she had previously e-mailed Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council, the response indicated that there was a mandatory speed limit of 20mph outside Flintshire Schools. Observation was made that the 20mph speed limit sign outside Ysgol Derwenfa is advisory. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should take a photograph of the sign and send it to Mr Jones requesting that a mandatory 20mph sign be put outside the School in its place.

## COUNTY FORUM MEETING OF 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2018 - ELECTORAL REVIEW, LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

The Clerk advised that she had submitted a response on behalf of this Council as per the points made at the last monthly meeting. Acknowledgement of this had been received from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

## 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS, 2019

The Clerk advised that she had received no further information about this. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact the Clerk to Mold Town Council.

## INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

Members had been circulated with a copy of the relevant information relating to payments to members of Town and Community Councils from the 2018/2019 report and also from the draft report for 2019/2020.

## SUMMER PLAYSCHHEME 2019

Correspondence had been received from Claire

Homard, Chief Officer, Education and Youth, Flintshire County Council. This correspondence advises that the cost of the Playscheme for 2019 will be £1,373.95 for three weeks plus an additional cost of £355 per week. The total cost for five weeks is £2,083.95. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that this Council fund a five week Playscheme session for summer 2019. All Councillors in agreement.

## LEADER FUNDING FOR COMMUNITIES - REMARC CYMRU

E-mail correspondence had been received from Giulio Mescia of Remarc Cymru. Remarc Cymru is an organisation subcontracted to Cadwyn Clwyd to help community groups including Community Councils access LEADER funding theme 4, which is about renewable energy at community level. Also enclosed is some background information. Councillors suggested that the Clerk investigate whether funding is available to convert the Community Council owned streetlights to LED bulbs.

## OLDER PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONER FOR WALES NEWSLETTER, SPECIAL BULLETIN

A copy of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales Newsletter, special bulletin had been circulated to all Councillors. This was accepted.

## BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

For their information, members had been circulated with copies of the following documents: - 'Achieving a Sustainable Future' - this is a working draft paper in preparation of the Health Board providing a Three Year Plan. 'Third Sector Strategy' - this is linked to the Three Year Plan. 'Wylfa Newydd Update' - this massive project is still in its development stages, but plans are at an advanced level in order to meet the inevitable impact on health care provision both on Anglesey and North Wales in general.

'HMP Berwyn Healthcare Development' - this paper is about delivering health and well-being at the Prison.

These were accepted.

## MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Chester Road, Pontblyddyn, road sign for the bend - it was brought to the Council's attention that this sign was damaged. It was agreed by all Councillors that this be reported to Flintshire County Council.

## CORRESPONDENCE

a) Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council Charity Dinner Dance, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - this is to take place at the Civic Hall, Connah's Quay, 6.45pm till 1.00am. Proceeds will go to local charities. Tickets are £20.00.

# Leeswood & District News

## MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND FURTHER

CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING at

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE on

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 from 3PM ONWARDS

HOSTED BY "WELSH HEARTS" (RCN. 1154109)

Around 12 young people die each week due to undiagnosed heart conditions. There is just a 3% survival rate out of 8,000 sudden cardiac arrests that occur beyond hospitals in Wales alone.

A defibrillator however can increase someone's survival rate by 50%! So what if you were the person lying on the floor, needing that life-saving assistance, your life slipping away?

**AM I GETTING THROUGH? THAT AMBULANCE THEY CALLED ISN'T!**

Please do your best to attend - a life could depend on it - your life could depend on it!

The centre is booked until 7pm - there will be three one hour sessions with an option for private training at the end of each session. For more information and to book a place, text Louise Hoyle Fennell on 07787 856056 or ring after 6pm weekdays. You can also find me on Facebook under Louise Fennell and send a message.

(The training sessions are free and, if you require private training at the end of your session, you will then be provided with a certificate to prove your attendance and training - donations to the Charity for this are optional)

## Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Age & Dementia Friendly Steering Group



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

10:00 - 12:00

Leeswood Community Centre



# Leeswood & District News

Hello readers,

Well, at last, I have finally managed to secure a date for further CPR and defibrillator training at the Community Centre. I am so sorry it has taken this long to sort out since our first training session but life, and what it throws at you, tends to get in the way sometimes!

There is a poster in this edition for you to check out the necessary details of the relevant date and time etc but, just to keep you fully informed, it is my intention to host three sessions on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 commencing at 3.00pm with the Welsh Hearts Charity allowing groups of around 15 to 20 people per session. As you can appreciate there was a lot of interest on the first occasion and many at the back did not get the best view. Hosting sessions in this way with groups of lower numbers will prove more fruitful for those attending. If numbers are high then we may just have to stretch that little further to around 25 per group but we will see.

There will be an opportunity for private training at the end of each session in which you can then obtain a certificate. Certificates will not be issued for those just simply wishing to attend without the private training.

If all goes to plan, the first session at 3pm will last around 45 minutes and we will then allow a further half hour for private training. The next session will then commence around 4.15pm with, hopefully, the same time frame developing and the same for the 5.30pm class taking us up to 7.00pm.

If of course these classes spark a lot of interest then it may be that we will have to host another session in the Autumn with the charity, if they can fit us in that is.

As you know the Community Centre is widely used each month for events such as bingos, children's/adults parties, zumba, rainbows and guides, and meetings to name but a few. It is therefore down to you, the public, to view whether or not you deem CPR and defibrillator training to be worth an hour or so of your time particularly when there is a machine there in case of emergency. Had we have had such access all those years ago to these machines then the lives of two men may well have been saved. But who knows. It really is a case of "Do **you** want to be able to learn how to try and save someone's life?" As a community we should at least be ready, willing and able to assist in some way.

I have maintained throughout this little venture that, in having these machines installed at both the Community Centre and the School, it gives those needing life saving assistance a better chance of survival should they be unfortunate to suffer a cardiac arrest. Something else I have always maintained throughout - why have these machines installed if you don't even know how to turn them on?!

There is no charge for the sessions. They are free. However, if you do feel you want to make a donation to the Charity for their dedication and continuing hard work, then you will be able to do so on the day. I'm sure they would be most grateful.

Contact details folks are on the poster - check it out. I would however very kindly ask the public not to just turn up without booking a place first. Many thanks.

Kind regards,

**LOUISE HOYLE FENNELL**



**CARNIVAL**

**"UNLUCKY FOR SOME..."**

**"TWO LITTLE DUCKS..."**

**"LEGS ELEVEN..."**

**LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

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**BINGO**

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**LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2019**

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**Wednesday**  
**22nd May**  
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**Come**  
**along—all**  
**welcome**

**Leeswood**  
**Community**



# Leeswood & District News



These are Mothers Day gifts made by the Guides at a recent meeting, they were helped and instructed by Mrs Gwen Gray, it appeared they were all quite pleased with their efforts, and they were certainly unique personal presents.

## APPEAL

### From Leeswood & District News

A few years ago we took the decision to make this a FREE publication, and this is something we want to continue.

It is a sad fact though, that our costs have increased and we have therefore been chipping away at any funds we had (nobody involved with this publication gets paid—it is all done with volunteers).

We are looking at options going forward; one of which is asking for **DONATIONS** - these can either be paid to Clive (at Community Centre), John (who looks after our adverts/sponsors), or myself (June).

Please make Cheques payable to “**Friends of Leeswood** “

Also, we will be going back to quarter-page adverts for **community events** being advertised (unless you would like to make a donation for a larger advert ?).

**Please help us** — we really do not want to lose this community paper.

## Personal Assistant

I'm looking to recruit a personal assistant who can help me achieve the things that matter, and inject real meaning into daily living.

My Asperger's creates anxieties, challenges and barriers that prevent me from achieving my core ambitions. This is a unique role, bringing the 'right' attitude with you, and being there, is of greater value than qualifications and experience. However, you will also bring a flexible attitude, and be open to new ideas.

I follow a range of interests including being a contemporary artist with exhibitions planned for this year.

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