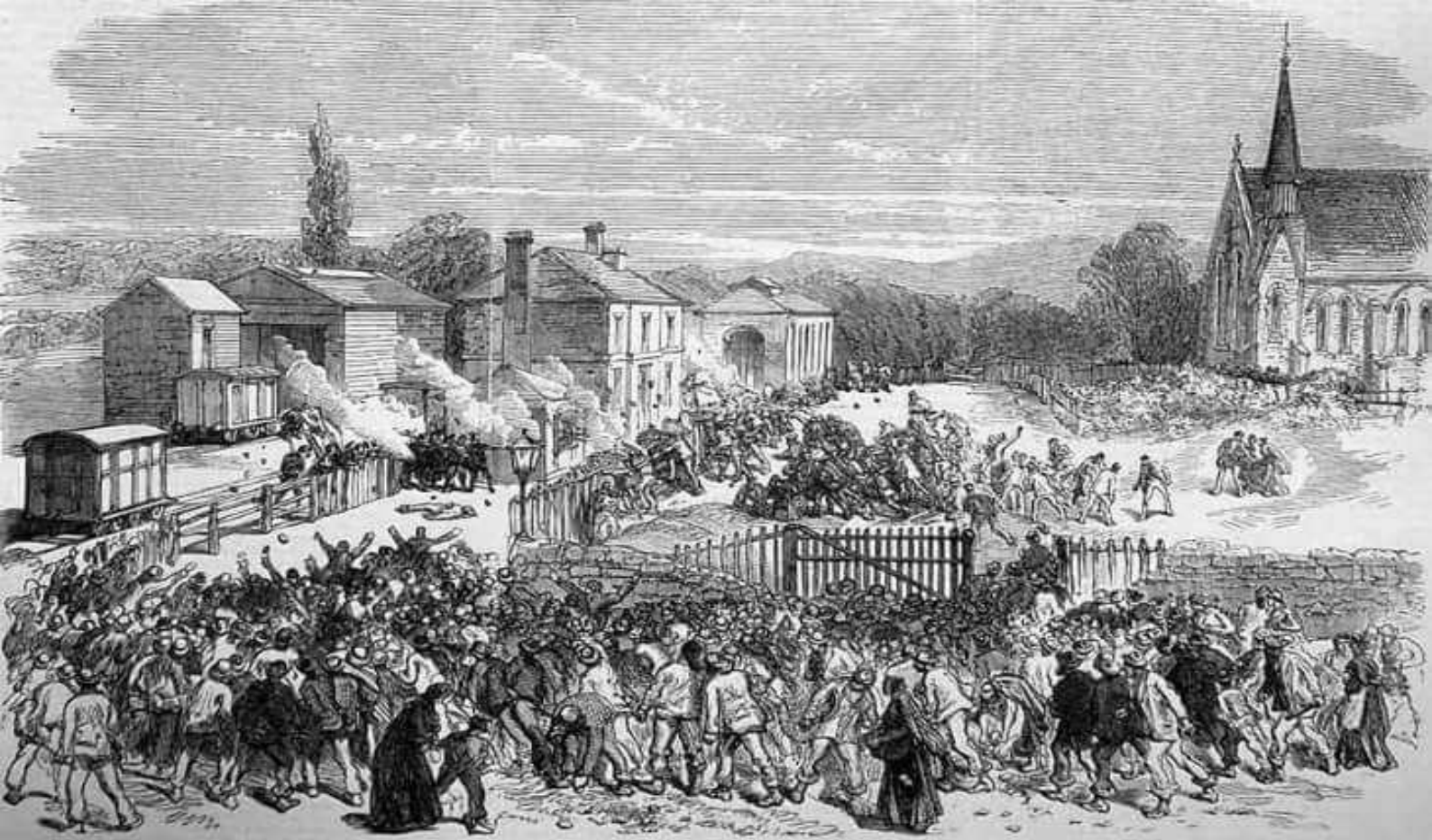


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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

LADIES GUILD

On the 2nd May the members of the Guild met up at the cafe at Nightingale House Hospice for lunch to celebrate the 51st birthday of the Guild. The volunteer staff could not have done more for us and the meal was delicious.

On the 9th May at the Community Centre the Vice President, Mrs Margaret Roberts, welcomed everyone to the meeting and Mrs Gwen Gray read the very funny poem 'Pick up thy Musket Sam'. The evening was then handed over to Guild member Cynthia, who has the wonderful knack of being able to do anything that concerns craft work. Cynthia's theme was 'You can make a picture out of anything'. She showed some things she had created, paintings, pressing painted leaves onto paper and lovely pictures made from material etc. Everyone then had to do a doodle picture, either in black and white or coloured, which Cynthia hopes to put together, and you have guessed it, make it into a picture.

Refreshments were provided and served by Mrs Gwen Gray. The raffle, donated by Mrs Doreen Whitehouse was won by myself. The meeting was then closed.

If anyone would like to join us we meet every second and fourth Thursdays in the month starting at 7pm and you would be very welcome.

Gill Burton

Special Events

JUNE 2019

Mobile Library

19th June
11:45 _ 12:45
Maes y Meillion

Table Top Sale

Sunday 2nd June
11:00 - 14:00
Leeswood Community Centre

Book Club

Wednesday 19th June
18:00 - 19:00
Old Clinic

Age & Dementia Friendly Steering Group

Monday 3rd June
18:00- 19:00
Old Clinic

For More Information
See Individual Posters or Contact Groups Directly

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The Leeswood blessing

Several folk recently have pointed out to me what seems to be a growing trend in some circles: running down the community of Leeswood, dwelling on all the bad things that go on and forgetting the good stuff. Yes, the place has its bad side – what place hasn't? – but there are good things happening too.

I'm not going to give you my list of good stuff – make your own! Go out and look for the good things that are happening in the community, and be thankful for them. One way to improve things in Leeswood, it seems to me, is to focus on the positives and build on them.

Oh yes, and prayer... At Bethania, we end our Sunday morning service each week with a prayer for God to bless this community of ours – after all, he loves it too, and all the people in it.

Here's the prayer we use – would you like to join in?

Ian Dyson

God's blessing on Leeswood.

God's blessing on our families, God's blessing on our children, God's blessing on those who live alone.

God's blessing on the schools, God's blessing on the businesses, God's blessing on the land and those who work it.

God's blessing on the weak, God's blessing on the strong.

The blessing of the Father who loves us, the blessing of the Son who died for us, the blessing of the Holy Spirit who comforts and leads us,

The blessing of the one God be on our community, this day and always.

Amen

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 prayer and 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

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Croeso

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CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

SERVICES IN JUNE - JULY 2019

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE: 7TH AFTER EASTER

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE: PENTECOST

LEESWOOD CHURCH TOGETHER

"WALK OF WITNESS"

MEET AT 10.15 BY THE CENOTAPH

11.00P.M.

SERVICE IN WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE: TRINITY

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

2.30 P.M. HOLY BAPTISM

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE: TRINITY 1

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

5.00P.M. EVENSONG IN NERCWYS

(PARKING AVAILABLE IN CAR PARK NEAR BOWLING CLUB)

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE: TRINITY 2

WE CELEBRATE THE REV'D KATHY STEWARTS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

IN MOLD CHURCH AT A JOINT SERVICE

11.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D KATHY STEWART

PREACHER: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

Please Note: There will be no other services in the Anglican Churches of the Mission Area on that day.

SUNDAY 7TH JULY: TRINITY 3

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

3.00P.M. HOLY BAPTISM

SUNDAY 14TH JULY: TRINITY 4

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 21ST JULY: TRINITY 5

5.00P.M. EVENSONG

SUNDAY 28TH JULY: TRINITY 6

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.

JUNE 29TH & 27TH JULY 2019

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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.



Evensong will take place at

5.00p.m. on ...

23rd June in Nercwys Church

21st July in Pontblyddyn Church

25th August in Nercwys Church

15th September in Pontblyddyn Church

20th October in Nercwys Church

In Nercwys there is a small carpark near the Bowling Green Club House, it can be reached by driving down the lane opposite the church.



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CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

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Wednesday 19th June

18:00 – 19:00

Old Clinic

Leeswood Community Centre

For more information, please
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Many thanks for all the books that you have very kindly donated. We received so many books; we decided to have a book sale, which raised £100. Unfortunately, we do not have the room for any more books. However, you are very welcome to pop into Sunshine Cafe & make use of the Book Swap. (Keep)

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Aelod Cynulliad dros Delyn**

It is a privilege to serve the community that shaped me. I care passionately about the people, communities and workplaces in Delyn and I will always be a strong and effective voice for you in the Assembly.

Mae'n ffrind gennyf wasanaethu'r gymuned sydd wedi llunio pwy ydw i.

Mae gennyf lawer o feddwl o'r bobl, y cymunedau a'r manau gwaith yn Delyn, a byddaf bob amser yn lais cryf ac effeithiol i chi yn y Cynulliad.



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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 (Jesus) to die on our behalf. Because of Jesus' resurrection, God granted the promise of salvation to all who will accept it through faith.

If you need or want to get in touch with us, our email address is contact.cedron@gmail.com. Ring or Text Simon on 07706428950

SPEAKERS for June 2019.

June 2nd Simon Ferrer followed by Communion

June 9th Alyn Thomas - Pentecost

June 16th Simon Ferrer including an open time for congregation participation – Trinity Sunday

June 23rd Martin McCaw – Corpus Christie

June 30th Jeff Dugh

‘Jesus felt sorry for the man, so he reached out his hand.’

If we want to be people who help those who are hurting, we first need to open our eyes and hearts. How can we help others if we don't notice them, or if we're not moved by their suffering? It can be easy to get caught up in our own issues. Our problems sometimes seem so big that we struggle to see God, let alone the needs of other people around us. Likewise, when we're in a good mood or distracted, it can be easy to overlook the unhappiness and/or pain of those around us. The Bible uses the analogy of the human body to explain how we're linked as followers of Jesus. Each part of the body is important, and each part is connected to the body. In 1 Corinthians 12 it says, 'If one part suffers, every part suffers with it' (v.26 NIV). Because we're all connected in God, someone else's suffering should stir us to help. In Mark chapter 1, we read about a man who had leprosy. At this time, society called people with this disease unclean and didn't associate with them, let alone touch them. When he approached Jesus, we're told that Jesus 'felt sorry for the man, so he reached out his hand and touched him.' Jesus was moved with compassion for him. He could see his suffering and wanted to do something about it. He touched the man, even though it wasn't the accepted thing to do. Jesus' compassion was strong enough to overcome the boundaries their society had created. Sometimes helping those who are hurting means we must look past our and other people's opinions of the person we might have to help, namely people that others label as 'unclean'!

What Now?

Ask God to open your eyes to someone who is suffering or hurting. If a someone comes to mind, commit to praying for them over the next few days. Go, if you can, and see them too!



The Methodist Church

Wesley Church, Leeswood

2nd June Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by Mr Chris Cole

9th June Walk of Witness
Beginning 10.15 am at the
Cenotaph with three stages
around the village followed
by Morning Worship 10.45 at
Wesley Methodist Church led
by Rev Carole Poolman

16th June Morning Worship 10.45 am
with the Lord's Supper
led by Rev Pat Christopher

23rd June Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by Mrs Shirley Whyte

30th June Morning Worship 9.30 am
led by Rev Pat Christopher

Bible month

What is 'Bible Month'?

Bible Month – June 2019 invites churches and groups to engage deeply with Scripture through focusing on a single biblical book over a calendar month. This year the churches in the Buckley and Deeside Circuit along with many other churches across the country will be studying the letter to the Colossians. By focusing on a single biblical book we may gain a greater sense of the importance of context, both literary and historical.



Each week the following passages will be studied:-

Week 1 (Colossians 1:1-23)

Week 2 Colossians 1:24-2:15

Week 3 Colossians 2:16-3:17

Week 4 (Colossians 3:18-4:18)

Did you know?

It is quite hard to get a clear picture of Christianity's beginnings in Colossae, not least because Colossae is mentioned only once in the NT – in Col. 1:2. So we do not know if Paul ever visited Colossae, though in his journeys through the southern part of Asia (western Turkey) recorded in Acts 18:23 and 19:1 he would be quite close – Colossae lying near one of the main east-west routes through the region, through the Lycus valley.

The church in Colossae was founded probably in the second half of the 50s CE and probably by Epaphras (Col. 1:6-7), who was himself a native of Colossae (4:12) and he could have been converted by Paul. We know that Colossae was almost destroyed by an earthquake in 60 or 61. And the lack of any reference to the earthquake strongly suggests a letter written prior to that. Since the letter was written from prison or house arrest (4:10) the suggestion that the letter was written early in the period of Paul's house arrest in Rome (60-62) makes best sense.



What is the Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Age Friendly Community Group?

The Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Age Friendly Community Group is made up of volunteers who are committed to making Leeswood & Pontblyddyn an Age-Friendly and dementia inclusive community.

An Age-Friendly Community is one where everyone (regardless of age), is able to stay healthy and active and participate in community activities and where everyone is treated with respect. Age Friendly Communities is the overarching priority in the national Ageing Well in Wales programme that aims to make Wales the best place to grow older for everyone. To work towards being Age-Friendly, communities identify the priorities that will better support people as they age, agree initial actions and work together to put them into practice. We are proud to be recognised by Ageing Well in Wales as working to be an Age-Friendly Community.

Dementia Friendly Communities is an Alzheimer's Society initiative which is supported by the Welsh Government and included in the national Ageing Well in Wales programme. We are proud to say that Leeswood & Pontblyddyn is progressing towards receiving 'Working to become dementia-friendly' status and will be recognised by Alzheimer's Society, Cymru for the work that it is doing.

How to get involved?

If you want to know more about becoming age and dementia-friendly and would like to affiliate with the steering group so your business/ organisation/ service can also receive recognition and the ability to display the 'Working towards' logo proudly, please get in touch.

Dementia Friends

The steering group facilitates Dementia Friends Sessions to help raise awareness of what dementia is, how it affects people and what we can do to support people living with dementia in our community. The sessions last no longer than an hour and cost nothing but your time. We offer open sessions for anyone to attend, but also can deliver sessions for any business or organisation at a time that is convenient for you.

Get in touch

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Of one thing you can be sure in Wales. There is no shortage of water. Yet. As well as the *River Alun*, the parish of Leeswood has several **streams, brooks and watercourses**. With its source up on Llandegla moor the *Terrig*, also blessed with the title "River", passes through field No. 590 Ddol Tan Tŷ on the way to losing itself in the river Alun. The "*Nant*" rushes down from Treuddyn to Pontybodkin's junction with Leeswood, before accompanying the main road all the way down to Pontblyddyn, where it runs under the main Wrexham road and then past the cricket field to join the Alun. *Black Brook* is another watercourse which does not seem to come from the hills, but from the fields, and wends its way round Hartsheath before also joining the Alun at Hope. The Alun ends in the Dee and the Dee ends in the Irish Sea, which is the way of natural watercourses.

On my walk along the Border I came across a different water system: a canal. Being man-made, canals don't have to rush to the sea, though they often link in with the natural river system. I picked up the Llangollen Canal at Grindley Brook, near Whitchurch and followed it all the way to Ellesmere. Canal towpaths are excellent for walking, being flat, of course, and also continuous, so that you do not have to cross stiles, open gates, or puzzle over the route.

Lakes, pools and ponds.

We have a pool near where we live, man-made to provide drinking water for animals, now teeming with wildlife. Frogs cross the road on Hall Hill to lay spawn. Herons land to pounce on the tadpoles. There are no fish, but coots are nesting among the bulrushes. Moorhens and mallards have nests too. We have occasional visits from Canada Geese, and one year two swans decided to raise five cygnets there. This year a surprise visitor is a Little Grebe, also known as a Dabchick. Damselflies and other insects entice swallows and house martins over the pool. Buzzards fly high above, looking for rich pickings

To find fish you will have to go to Black Meadows, another quite large pool, and local fishermen have constructed a pool just down from the Stryt, close to Leeswood Green farm. There is a large pool at Padeswood, and at Hope industrial left-overs provide a wide stretch of water, which it is hoped can be re-created into recreational use. So, when is a lake or a pool or a pond not a lake or a pool or a pond? The answer: when it's a Mere. A mere, by definition seems to be a "pool" which has no apparent river or stream running into it. Ellesmere is an excellent example. There are several meres here, and the whole area is worth a visit if you have a chance.

Mike Stevens

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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

There has always been a close relationship between finance, industry, and commerce. Sometimes this relationship has been positive, amicable, and productive, while at other times they pulled in different directions with detrimental results to all those who are either directly or indirectly involved. With this in mind, we might ask why or how do these three organisations exert so much influence on the well being of so many individuals, if not whole communities or even countries. In certain cases, one wrong decision or one wrong move, and every activity within a collective agreement could come crashing down, possibly creating a ripple effect which could be felt in other sectors of the economy.

The financial sector can make or break a whole project, and financiers can pull the carpet from underneath your feet at any time. This is because those in the financial sector can take their financial investment anywhere they like or anywhere they feel that it will fetch the highest returns. It is therefore up to the industrial sector to operate as profitable and as lean as possible. These days, due to the computerised world that we live in, anyone can design a component in one part of the world, then interact with a machine which is located at another part of the world, and that machine will manufacture that component instantly. Trades and skills can now be found in most countries, and the competitive edge can only be achieved through how efficient how efficient those skills are put into practice. Therefore, we have a prime mover, (which is the financial sector), we have what we can call the processor, (which is the industrial sector), and we have the last sector of the cycle, who's action is to dispense the finished product onto the market, (which is the commercial sector).

Finance, industry and commerce are not a straight line, but they are a circle infinitely connecting and interacting with one another. They can feed their desires to each other, and lend their strong points to each other to achieve a collective success. In other words, they have to form a partnership between them, which operate on a bases of mutual interests.

Commerce could be described as being the vanguard of all the three disciplines, because those in commerce have their feet on the

ground. They gather market intelligence and feed it back the manufacturing or product development sectors. They can get a feel of what is happening on the market and recommend actions to maintain a strong market position.

From my early days in industry I have identified that a strong bond needs to exist between finance, industry and commerce. Also, for these to function properly, a healthy balance needs to be maintained, because if one gets too strong at the cost of the others, the whole operation might become out of balance and wreck itself. Society is made of people with different capabilities, some are good in finances, some are good in industry, and some are good in commerce. It is therefore imperative that opportunities are created for all three sections, and all three sections do need to feel important in order to function properly with a positive contribution to all involved.

With all this said and done, it is imperative to mesh all processes together in an orderly fashion, because due to mismanagement or improper planning a bottleneck occurs at some stage along the line. This could be the result of over producing one of the components, which will also create a logistical problem to provide proper storing facilities. If the parts are not stored properly, and are damaged during storing, they might need reworking, leading to inefficiencies followed by loss of money.

Poetry

by Joseph Caruana

Lash and Green

The countryside is lash and green
It is as relaxing as it could have been
Sheep grazing in the hills
Ramblers walking with no ills

Bluebells filling the usual meadows
With country cottages having nice green
willows
Bees buzzing here and there
Country colours everywhere

This is nature at its best
People from the cities come to see and have a rest
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Age-Friendly/Dementia-Friendly Community update



Great News! Leeswood & Ponblyddyn has been officially recognised as working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Community by the Alzheimer's society

Thank you to all those who have attended a Dementia Awareness session to date, helping us to understand dementia and provide better support to people living with dementia in our communities. In addition to the recent dementia awareness sessions with the Allotments Group and Community Council, last month we held an open session for the wider community with around 16 people attending. We are currently planning an intergenerational project with Ysgol Derwenfa involving pupils in Key Stage 2 thanks to a dementia grant from NEWCIS (North East Wales Carers Information Service) and additional funding from the Age-Friendly Community group.

Background information around dementia and why we are working to become a Dementia-Friendly Community is included at the end of this update.

Last month saw the first anniversary of the Community Café – thank you to all who came along and celebrated with us, and a special thanks to everyone who has supported this project over the last 12 months both as customers and as volunteers. We also held a book sale to reduce our stock of books in the café 'book swap' raising £100.

A community book club will be starting on Wednesday 19th June from 6pm – 7pm in the 'Old Clinic'. For more information contact Shereen on 07469 851886 or email:

Shereen.Devine@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

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 behavior. 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.

Becoming a Dementia-Friendly Community 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. Dementia Awareness sessions provide an effective way of increasing understanding in local communities. Sessions are free, take no more than 1 hour and teaches us about dementia and the small ways we can all help.

If you are interested in attending a Dementia Awareness session or would like a session for your group/organisation contact Shereen on 07469 851886

Leeswood Allotments (by: Kathleen O'Marah)

Being an allotment holders is not only a healthy past time but also a very sociable one, especially at this time of year when the site is busy.

We stop work to chat about this and that. If a new allotment holder arrives we introduce ourselves and they are quickly made welcome. We discuss the plant varieties, the pest varieties (of which there are many!!) and the variable weather. Very soon we know each other by first names. However, just a few years ago, there were four Mikes on the allotment. In order to distinguish between them we reverted to the old Welsh method of making up something descriptive -- so we had 'Mike the Bike', 'Mike Top Allotment', 'Mike Music' and 'Mike the Hammer'. If any of those Mikes are reading this I'm sure they'll recognise themselves.

The Allotment Association, as with all organisations, needs people with a variety of skills (in addition to gardening) in order to keep it running smoothly.

For example - people with mechanical knowledge to keep the equipment running smoothly;

someone with IT and secretarial skills to pass on information;

someone prepared to take on the financial administration side of things

and we have, as you can see from the photograph, someone who can create high quality signage when required.

We have people on the Leeswood Allotments with all these skills and more, without whom the association would not be half as well organised...so thank you.

Finally, Leeswood Allotments will be having a stall on the carnival field again this year. Last year the homemade scones and jam were a big hit. We hope to have some again this year along with other produce fresh from our plots. There will also be activities for children so please come over to say hello.



Your Contributions

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important notices that need to appear within this publication?

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Community Centre	Last Tuesday of the Month	Community Centre	Gayle Brand: 01352 779068
Community Council	1st Tuesday of the Month	Community Centre	Marie Reynolds: 07912 146517
Activity / Group			
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
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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	Valmai Burton: 07594079377
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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PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-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 D. Rule.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor J. Atkinson that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2019

Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman, welcomes Mrs Heather Hicks from Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC) to the meeting. Mrs Hicks explained that FLVC will be responsible for the Best Kept Communities Competition this year. Previously this had been organised by Flintshire County Council. The competition will be the same as in previous years, with sections for Villages with population of less than 1,000; Villages with a population between 1,000 and 5,000; Senior Citizen estates; Wildlife Gardens and Schools. This year the closing date for entry will be 14th June 2019 and judging will take place during the week beginning 15th July 2019. Judging will take into consideration the overall appearance and environmental impact. Mrs Hicks is the funding officer for the Competition and will support Community organisations with applications for grant funding. It is necessary to know what the funding is for as grants are specific. Funding for statutory organisations, such as Community Councils, are limited. The Landfill Community Fund offers grants between £5,000 and £49,000, the opportunity to apply opens at the end of April. National

Lottery Community Fund provides smaller grants between £300 and £10,000; this is for improving spaces and places that matter. Applications to this fund requires evidence that the Community is participating. Query was raised as to whether Age Friendly Communities could apply for a grant. Mrs Hicks advised that only new project funding applications had been welcomed initially, but within the last two years this had changed, and support will now be given to ongoing projects. Constituted groups can apply to other funders for grants. Mrs Hicks informed that she would assist in finding available grants. Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman, thanked Mrs Hicks for attending the meeting.

REPORT FROM MR IAN WILLIAMS, STREETSCENE AREA CO-ORDINATOR

Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman, welcomed Mr Ian Williams, Street scene Area Co-Ordinator to the meeting. Mr Williams reported that the following works are taking place: -

- i) Gully emptying has started on the A5104,
- ii) Quite a few potholes have been picked up within the Community and these will be worked on in the next few weeks,
- iii) The 30mph area has been extended on Stryt-Cae-Rhedyn and the signs are to be moved accordingly,
- iv) Additional salt bins are to be placed on Parc Derwen,
- v) Drainage works/pipe jetting on Dingle Road has taken place,
- vi) Drainage work is to take place on Phoenix Park and Britannia Road,

Councillors brought to Mr Williams' attention that flooding has been observed in Pontblyddyn by the New Inn and the old Vicarage.

Other matters raised were that the Give Way sign near Bank Farm, Pontblyddyn is overgrown and the yellow hatching outside Ysgol Derwenfa needs renewing. Councillor R. Hughes thanked Mr Williams for attending the meeting.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend this evening. He had forwarded a report to the Clerk which was read out to Councillors.

Incident update - (from 05/03/2019 to 31/03/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends

Last Month

No updates to be given.

This Month

Padeswood Lake Road - Single vehicle crashed into property causing damage. Two individuals were identified and arrested as they had left the scene.

Albert Street, Leeswood - individual has been walking the dog and has returned home NOT locking the door behind him, unknown person(s) have entered and taken a wallet and car keys. All lines of enquiry fully investigated; no suspect has been identified.

Unnamed Road, Leeswood - two individuals were seen trying to gain entry to a caravan which was left UNLOCKED. They have taken a safe containing valuables and cash, enquiries on-going.

Ffordd Siarl/Bryn Clyd, Leeswood - three individuals have been arrested in relation to drug supply offences.

Albert Street, Leeswood - unknown person(s) have entered a property through rear door and have taken set of keys and a vehicle. Vehicle was later found abandoned nearby. Forensic tests were negative. All lines of enquiry have been completed, but no suspect has been identified.

Padeswood Lake Road - large amount of youths 'scuffling' after a party, no complaints made and no injuries.

Station Lane, Padeswood - individual has come home and left the keys to vehicle on the bonnet of the car while he has gone inside the house. He has come back out of the house and car has been taken, enquiries on-going.

Ash Villas, Leeswood - front door was left unlocked, miscellaneous items taken from within. All lines of enquiry investigated fully; no suspect has been identified.

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood - one person has threatened a friend, one person arrested at scene.

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood - unknown individual has thrown object at a window causing it to smash, enquiries on-going.

Other News/PCSO activities

There has been a spate of thefts/ people trying to gain entry into properties in the Wrexham/ Flintshire areas. Please report any suspicious activity to Police using 999 if the individuals are still present and continuing to act suspiciously (urgent) and the 101 service if the matter is not urgent.

PCSO Jones requests that residents ensure that cars and properties are kept secure at all times which will make it a lot harder for opportunists looking to target the area. Many crimes this month could have been prevented easily.

Further speed checks in the area to be completed week commencing 01/04/2019.

PCSO Jones will try his best to target areas which are worst affected.

CEMETERY

Councillors noted that the Cemetery was looking very well. It was pointed out that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing a very good job there. All Councillors were in agreement that they were very pleased with the Cemetery.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS 2019/2020

The Clerk advised that she had approached Came and Company for a quotation to provide insurance requirements for the Council during 2019/2020. A quote of £968.30 per annum had been given if the Council were to take a three-year agreement out. Zurich Municipal, the Council's current provider had provided a quote of £1,719.68 for 2019/2020. It was pointed out that Came and Company were specialist insurance providers for local Councils and all Councillors agreed that the quotation from Came and Company be accepted.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Steering Group had been held on 1st April 2019. The existing officers had been re-elected; Mrs Shereen Devine as Chairman, Mrs Helen Jones as Secretary and Mr Rob Jackson as Treasurer. The Sunday Carvery Lunch Winter event had been very successful, with many residents of the Community attending. A profit had been made on the raffle held on the day. Working towards being a Dementia Friendly Community .

was now included on the aims and local organisations, also businesses were to be targeted to becoming Dementia Friendly. On 8th May 2019, a Public Session on Dementia Awareness is to be held in the evening.

The Community Café will be opened on 11th May 2019 for a book sale. It is still doing very well. Volunteers to help with the café are still needed. An urn to be used in the café is to be purchased.

Mrs Shereen Devine will be starting to work in Holywell in August 2019 as they aim to become an Age Friendly Community. She will be working one day per week in Leeswood up until November 2019.

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

No further information had been received relating to the double yellow lines to be put on Bell's Corner and the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street. Comment was made that the double yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street were requested to facilitate the movement of buses around the Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron estates, but as the buses were no longer travelling this way it was queried as to whether it was worth having them.

It was pointed out that there were parking problems on the top of Heol-y-Goron, vehicles were being parked on the pavement on both sides of the road impeding the movement of traffic. Observation was made that there were parking spaces available on the Heol-y-Dderwen and Maes-y-Meillion estates, but they were not being used.

CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT

Councillor J.E. Saul advised that the iBeacons were to be placed in places where people are likely to congregate. He had provided a map of proposed locations. Following a discussion, Councillor's agreed that the ten free iBeacons would be sufficient and the locations were decided on. After two years the maintenance of the iBeacons would be the responsibility of this Council.

The launch of "Leeswood Digital Trails" is to be held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at the Community Centre, 10am till 12 midday. Staff and pupils from Ysgol Derwenfa would be invited to attend. Councillor J.E. Saul would design a poster for inclusion on the notice boards in the Community.

PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

The Clerk advised that she had not received any further correspondence from Lee Shone, Road Safety Officer, Highway Strategy, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council. Councillor R. Hughes reported that he had requested for the breakdown of the speed survey undertaken at Pontblyddyn to be forwarded to the Clerk. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact Mr Shone the following day requesting that this breakdown be sent to this Council.

PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

This sign had still not been erected. Mr Ian Williams, Streetscene Co-Ordinator, was to attend to this.

20MPH MANDATORY SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE FLINTSHIRE SCHOOLS

This was now going through the legal requirements for installing 20mph speed limits outside Flintshire schools. Councillors were very pleased about this.

YSGOL DERWENFA, LEESWOOD - IT EQUIPMENT

The Clerk informed that she e-mailed Mr Gareth Owens of the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council and was awaiting a reply. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would chase this up.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS, 2019

The Clerk advised that she had e-mailed Mr Kevin Matthias, Chair of the Daniel Owen Festival, informing that this Council would like the Community to be involved with the arrangements for the 150th Anniversary of the Mold Riots. Mr Matthias had also been invited to attend a meeting of this Council to discuss the options available.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE - VISITS TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Correspondence from Gareth Owens, Chief Officer, Governance, Flintshire County Council, which gives feedback on the recent visits by Standards Committee members to Flintshire Town and Community Councils had been circulated to all Councillors.

This is Mr Owens' third update regarding the visits by the Independent Members of the Standards Committee to Town/Community Council meetings to observe practice and gain an understanding of how local council business is conducted.

The findings from further visits undertaken were reported to the Committee on the 4th March and Mr Owens was writing with feedback to all Town/Community Councils to give assurance on good practice and procedures.

Findings from eight further visits, undertaken in November and December 2018 and January 2019, were received by the Committee. As in the case of the last reported visits, the four Independent Members agreed that these had been positive experiences and praised the level of commitment and contributions by those in attendance.

In addition to the procedural points, the Committee requested that the following be fed back to Town and Community Councils:

i) The recognition of the benefit of youth involvement - Community Councils can, following public advertisement, appoint youth representatives who can play a valuable role in reaching an often neglected demographic. As the local government franchise is soon to be extended to 16-year olds, their participation is to be encouraged.

ii) The benefit of public consultation sessions.

iii) Access to the Code of Conduct being made available on the website.

As with previous reports, simple practical arrangements that could make it easier for the public were noted. These were:

i) The same point was made again about the importance of the location of meetings

being clear and information being available on the website and on noticeboards, as well as venues being clearly signposted where there is more than one room in the building;

ii) The best use of the layout of the meeting room should be made, in terms of the audibility and visibility of the meeting for any public attending;

iii) The identity of members of the meeting itself should be made clear for the benefit of any public attending;

iv) Following the requirements of the Code of Conduct when declaring interests at meetings including explaining the nature of the interest, how it has arisen and what steps you will take in respect of it (e.g. to leave the room if it is a prejudicial interest) and that a request for any such declarations is made by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting prior to considering any substantive business.

The Committee hoped that this feedback is useful and wished to acknowledge the dedication and good work undertaken by Town/Community Councillors in their voluntary roles.

CHANGES TO THE 26 BUS SERVICE

The Clerk advised that she had e-mailed Mr Mick Morton of Arriva Wales regarding the changes to the 26 Bus Service Mold to Wrexham which now excluded the Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron estate. No reply had been received. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he was looking into providing transport from the Senior Citizens estate to Mold and return on a Wednesday and Saturday.

BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

Members had been circulated with a copy of the latest report from Mike Harriman, One Voice Wales' representative on the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group.

Finance - Annual Update - Rob Nolan, the Commissioning & Strategy Finance Director, presented the end of year report to the Group, it is essentially a repetition of what was previously reported late last year detailing the "approved deficit" of £35m which the Board is allowed by Welsh Government to carry forward. Little has changed since the last report although concern continues to be

expressed about the level of 'agency staff' and their costs. In order to make significant inroads into those costs, the Health Board (and every other one across the UK presumably) will need to recruit more medical professionals, particularly nurses. However, there simply is not an overflowing 'pool' of potential employees to address the local or national shortage. It is and will continue to be accepted that agency costs are too high, but, in the context of the overall amount spent on staffing, those costs are relatively small.

Third Sector Strategy - Sally Baxter, the Assistant Director for Health Strategy, outlined the approach the Health Board is going to take in developing a strategy in relation to the Third Sector. It has been a long time coming to get to this stage but there is now a recognition by Health Board Members that there needs to be a clearly defined policy.

Three Year Plan - Sally Baxter, the Assistant Director for Health Strategy again. Whilst all Health Boards are required by law to produce a three-year plan, BCUHB will not be submitting this plan to Welsh Government as any Board which cannot meet the financial requirements set for it by Welsh Government will not have the plan approved. BCUHB cannot meet those requirements, hence the word 'Draft'. In spite of the plan not being submitted, it makes practical sense to have one to aspire to and work towards and, essentially, that's what the document is.

A Healthier Wales - Transformation Proposals - Sally Baxter, the Assistant Director for Health Strategy once again. This is a fairly new initiative from Welsh Government designed to develop and implement inter-agency health and social care provision across all six Counties which stakeholders across the Region will be invited to contribute towards the developments. Accidentally rather than by design, Community and Town Councils have not been included in the various lists of Stakeholders although it seems inevitable that they will have something worthwhile to contribute. This point was taken on board and, hopefully Community and Town Councils will have some involvement further on down the road.

ONE VOICE WALES - UNDERSTANDING WELSH PLACES WEBSITE

E-mail correspondence had been received from Elinor Shepley, Understanding Welsh Places Project Officer, One Voice Wales, requesting assistance in drafting a short narrative description of Leeswood to feature on the website.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS/ANY MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

i) Matters of an Urgent Nature - It was pointed out that any matters of an urgent nature should be passed onto Councillor R. Hughes if they involved the County Council or otherwise to the Clerk as they arose, rather than wait for the monthly meeting.

ii) Any Other Business - All Councillors agreed that matters classed as 'Any Other Business' should be brought to the Clerk before the meeting. If possible, a week before the meeting so that the Clerk would be able to include it on the meeting's Agenda.

iii) Date of Next Meeting - Due to absence, it was agreed by all Councillors that the next meeting will be deferred until Tuesday 14th

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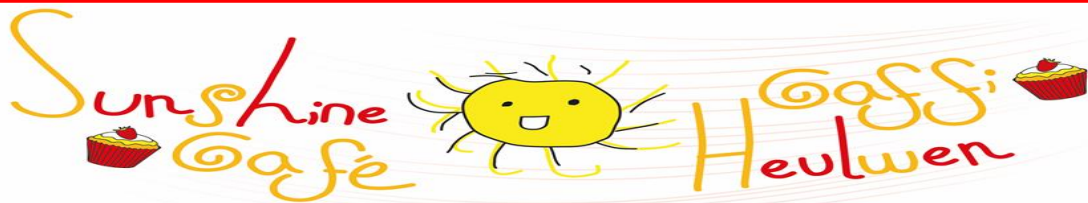
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As I write this on the 18th May, the Bingo has not yet been held on the 22nd. We thank you though for coming and supporting the hospice at this event. The amount raised will be reported next month. Thank you to all who helped and generously gave prizes. Thank you to Connie the Hairdresser from Aqua in Caergwrlle and Maria, of Maria's Café in Mold who both kindly gave us vouchers and to Pot Spot, the pottery shop on Wrexham street, in Mold who gave us a prize.

On Sunday 2nd June from 11 am to 2 pm the First Girl Guides are having a Tabletop Sale, in the Leeswood Community Centre.

We are having a table with hospice sale goods, greeting cards and name the Bear etc, as well as the Evans family, who will also have a table, to raise money for Nightingale House in memory of Mark.

On Saturday 8th June from 2-4 pm we will be holding our annual Strawberry Tea in the community centre: Strawberries and Cream, Cakes, Scones plus Tea/Coffee or Juice. The cost is £4 for adults and £1 for children. There will also be a Tombola stall, a Sale of hospice goods stall, and a "Trash or Treasure" stall, etc. We look forward to welcoming you.

We will also be running a stall at the Leeswood Carnival on Saturday 13th July.

We thank you for your valuable support.

Lucille, Flora, Anne, Bryn, John, the two Janes, Bryan and Jennie.



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EISTEDDFOD 2019

On Thursday 28 March, the children of Ysgol Derwenfa in Leeswood held their school Eisteddfod.

The houses taking part were Pine, Ash, Elm and Beech and everyone sang, wrote stories or performed poems. Children from Nursery through to year 6 took part.

Seren of year 6 won the chair with a story she wrote. Some of year 6 performed a poem called Adventure.

Mr Doug Jones former Headteacher judged the competitions. Mr Andrew Jones, Headteacher praised the children for all their performances.

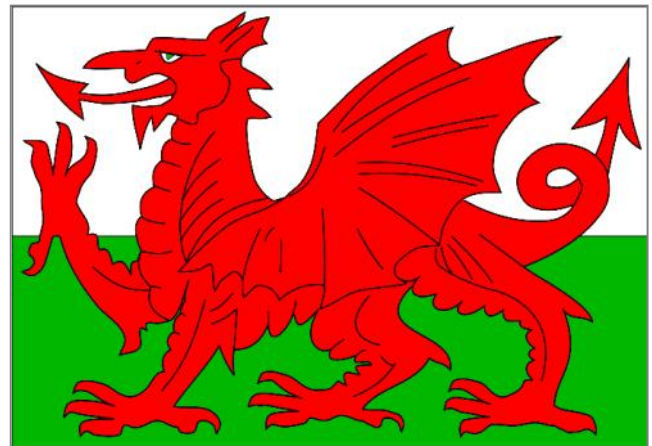
Iwan Hughes from year 6 explained that all the children had enjoyed taking part and had worked hard in their various contributions.

Mr Godwin, year 6 teacher also complimented the children on their achievements.

The Eisteddfod was closed by all present singing the Welsh National Anthem.

Children were encouraged to attend school wearing red or Welsh clothing.

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Reported by Iwan Hughes – Year 6

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