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Your Contributions

Do you have an idea for a great article?

Maybe you have a story to share?

Are you aware of any local events or

important notices that need to appear within this publication?

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DEADLINE FOR AUGUST EDITION

Thursday 18th June

PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

June 13th

A very small number of ladies were able to attend due to holidays and family commitments. Our meeting was started by Mrs. Calder reading a very amusing poem, celebrating and embracing the fact that we all reach mature years !!

Mrs Roberts, our Vice-President, announced the very sad news of Mr Clive Venables, who sadly passed away on 12th June; the ladies all stood as a mark of respect, we are all aware of how much we owe to Clive after all his help and support over the years.

This meeting, we had no speaker so we enjoyed a chat and refreshments provided by Mrs Maureen Calder. The raffle prize was donated by Mrs Gwyneth Davies, this was won by Mrs Janet Burden. Mrs Roberts thanked Mrs Davies for the prize she provided.

Mrs Calder was thanked by Mrs Roberts for the lovely refreshments. The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 27th June and our speaker will be Mrs Shereen Devine.

C. Flitercraft

Special Events

JULY 2019

MOBILE LIBRARY

10th & 31st July
11:45 _ 12:45
Maes y Meillion

AGE & DEMENTIA FRIENDLY STEERING GROUP

Monday 1st July
18:00- 19:00
Old Clinic

CARNIVAL

Saturday 13th July
Parade 12:00

Poetry by Joseph Caruana

EVENING REST

The day is slipping

The sun is setting

The birds are flying to their nest

Everyone is stopping for a rest

What a day it has been

All the things we have seen

Whether we did things in a rush or plodded along

I am sure that everything when like a song

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Clive Venables



CAFÉ SUNSHINE

Clive was more much more than the Caretaker to our little café, he was a source of support and above all a friend. We will miss him popping in for his pot of tea and toasted teacake. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

RURAL WISDOM

The Rural wisdom Project would like to acknowledge the kindness and support that we received from Clive during the last two years. Clive was always kind, helpful and went the extra mile to offer his support. Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

THE PONTYBODKIN LADIES GUILD extend their sincere sympathy to Clive's wife Cath and his son and daughter, Michael and Kelly and all the family in their loss. Clive has always helped the Guild in preparing the room for us for our meetings and also when we did the lunches each month; moving tables and chairs. We will certainly miss him as will the community of Leeswood. We have been fortunate to have known Clive and we will remember him with gratitude.

Margaret (Vice President)

THE FRIENDS OF THE LEESWOOD & DISTRICT NEWS are saddened by the sudden death of our Chairman, Clive. Over many years the group has worked together to fund the publication of the Paper each month and Clive has played a pivotal part in this.

Our sincere condolences to Cath, Michael, Kelly and families.

Maldwyn (Treasurer)

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN NIGHTINGALE HOUSE HOSPICE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Clive was a wonderfully kind, helpful, supportive, encouraging, efficient person in his own quiet way.

He was a member of the group for many years. He set out the rooms in the Community Centre for the Strawberry Teas, Coffee mornings, Carol Services and Bingo Games. He also kindly called very clearly for the Bingo and his wit was appreciated by all. He was always a gentleman.

We will all miss him very much indeed and send our love and condolences to Cath and all his family.

Lucille, Flora, Anne, Bryn, Jane Lucy, Jane Owen, John, Bryan & Jennifer.

JENNIFER WEBB

Clive has been exceptionally helpful to me since I became involved with various activities in Leeswood. He has always been ready with discreet, useful advice and tips as to how to proceed. Nobody could have been kinder or more supportive. Clive will be greatly missed by me and all of us, he has been an irreplaceable asset to our Community.

Jennifer Webb

LEESWOOD NEWS PRODUCTION TEAM

Clive was always there ready to support us and to give us little words of wisdom. He had a very gentle way about him and will be so missed. We send our condolences to his family.

June (Editor) and John (Adverts)

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What's the best news you've ever heard?

That's the slogan of a course called Christianity Explored that we at Bethania have been running in recent months. It's a pretty informal short course that looks at the basics of the Christian faith: humankind's evident inability to sort out the mess it's in, the help on offer as a result of Jesus' death and resurrection, and how we as individuals can get in touch with God and tap into that offer of help.

There's no obligation and no pressure.

It runs for seven sessions of about an hour to an hour and a half (it depends on how long we chat for!) – we've been running it once a fortnight. The course is based on Mark's gospel, and in each session we read a short passage, then watch a short video to help stimulate our thinking, and then spend some time discussing things. That discussion is the best bit. It's certainly not a case of 'We have all the answers, so listen up!' – mainly because we don't have all the answers... It's much more about chatting and sharing our different experiences of life and learning from one another using the gospel as our guide.

Thanks to all those who've been involved. I've enjoyed it a lot, and I think everyone else has – at least, they keep coming back!

We're coming to the end of the course now, but we're thinking of running it again in the autumn. If you're interested in joining us or to find out more, call 07901 810013. You can also visit the website, www.christianityexplored.org and watch a short film that explains what the course is all about.

Ian Dyson

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 in the autumn 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

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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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a talk and/or a film) followed by a 'no pressure' discussion. If you're uncomfortable talking, just come along and listen in.

To sign up or to find out more, contact 07901 810013

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY 7TH JULY: TRINITY 3

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST: TRINITY 7

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

3.00P.M. HOLY BAPTISM

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST: TRINITY 8

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

3.00 P.M. HOLY BAPTISM

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST: TRINITY 9

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

3.00P.M. HOLY BAPTISM

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST: TRINITY 10

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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A Reflection

Over time change happens...

People change...

Ideas change...

Culture changes...

Understanding changes...

As a seed becomes a seedling...

Then a plant...

Which comes into flower...

Fruits...

Then dies back...beautifully donning autumn colours

Then rests...

So thoughts develop...

God speaks anew...

New growth from old truths...

Grafting the new onto the old rejuvenates...

Adds new colour and enables vigorous growth.

The old is needed...

The new is needed...

The source of life remains.

Help us to live with the unknown...

The unanswered question

The unwanted pain

Help us to listen and

try to hear your still, small voice of calm.

In our fear, anger and distress

may we be aware of your presence.

In our joy may we see

your guiding hand and be thankful.

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.

27TH JULY & 31ST AUGUST 2019

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10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

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We are a small, friendly, welcoming group of Christians who meet **every Sunday morning at 10:30am**. Our meeting normally lasts an hour. So, instead of driving past we would love to see you and welcome you as we meet to worship God, sing, pray, talk, share and read and study the Bible together in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Our news this month is that on Saturday 21st September at 3pm we are holding an Induction service for our new minister Mr Simon Ferrer. This is an exciting time for us as we begin a new era, so come and join the celebration. This will be followed by a special event a week or so later in the Community Centre, Leeswood. We have invited a professor no less, from Liverpool University to come and talk about the apparent conflict between the Bible and the Christian faith with the discoveries of science. So, if you feel science has disproved the Bible and faith or that science only sees reality in part, then come along and see what he has to say. This event will be open to all in Leeswood and District who are interested. More details next month.

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

SPEAKERS for July 2019.

July 7 th	Simon Ferrer followed by Communion
July 14 th	Clive Davies
July 21 st	TBA
July 28 th	Chris Cole

'My...witnesses have always been treated like this.'

Luke Chapter 6 verse 23 – The Message

When we've been treated badly, we should always ask ourselves what we can learn from the experience. We need to consider how we could respond in a more Jesus-like way, whether we're willing to acknowledge mistakes, and figure out how we can grow wiser and handle similar situations better in the future. When misunderstanding and/or temper or has caused the difficult circumstance, the answer is forgiveness. We can often try and avoid the process of forgiveness because we think it's like letting someone off the hook for what they've done. But forgiveness doesn't mean we necessarily agree with or want a closer relationship with the person who mistreated us. It does mean though that we let it go, which prevents bitterness from building up inside us – sometimes for years. It is sometimes said that to be greater is to forgive the one who has treated you badly. The process of forgiveness can be challenging, and it might take us longer than we think it will. We often need to work through lots of emotions, thoughts, and resentments that have built up. Uprooting these things is hard work, but God can give us the strength we need to be able to do it. The Message version of the Bible paraphrases Jesus' words in Luke 6 like this: *'Count yourself blessed every time someone cuts you down or throws you out, every time someone smears or blackens your name to discredit me. What it means is...the truth is too close for comfort and that that person is uncomfortable...be glad when that happens...all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company; my...witnesses have always been treated like this'* (vv.22-23). By living this way, we also take back control by refusing to let another person dictate our mood, our perspective even our life.

[What Now?](#)

[The next time someone hurts you, take some time to reflect on how you responded and think of any ways you could be more like Jesus if it happened again.](#)



The Methodist Church

Wesley Church, Leeswood

- 7th July** Morning Worship 9.30 am
with Lord's Supper
led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 14th July** Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by Mrs Sylvia Davies
- 21st July** Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by Members and Friends
- 28th July** Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by Mr David Blainey

*You are invited to
Afternoon Tea at
Wesley Methodist
Church, Leeswood
on Tuesday 16th July 2019
2.30 pm to 4.30 pm*



*Donations towards the fund
to refurbish the kitchen and
provide a multi access toilet.*



The Methodist Church

The Orb and Cross is used as part of the Methodist Church logo. The cross being in radiant form to symbolise the Glory of the risen Lord. The orb to symbolise the world.

The colours red and white are used: Red for the orb to symbolise the (Arminian) doctrine of the possibility of a universal salvation for all humanity through the power of the Holy Spirit - represented by the Whitsun colour. White for the risen Saviour of Eastertide.

The colour red is also the traditional colour of Pentecost and may be taken to symbolise the Methodist conviction that through the power of the Holy Spirit, all humanity may be saved.

The cross, as it symbolises the risen Saviour, has no boundary to the arms of the cross, just as there are no limits to the grace of God. Ours is a faith that addresses the deepest longings of the heart, but it is always turned outwards to the world and its needs. The whole logo in symbolic form summarises the mission and message of Methodism first set out by John Wesley: "I look upon the whole world as my parish; thus far I mean that in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right and my bounden duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear the Glad Tidings of Salvation. By Grace are ye saved through Faith." (St Mary's, Oxford, 11 June 1738)



Wednesday 19th June

18:00 – 19:00

Old Clinic

Leeswood Community Centre

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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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**Assembly Member for Delyn
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.

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BE REMOVED from those designated areas by 11.30am on Saturday 13th July 2018 to allow the Carnival procession to take place at 12noon - main road opens again at 1.00pm

Alternative parking will be available at the rear of Leeswood Community Centre or otherwise signposted

We are sorry for any inconvenience, but your co-operation would be most appreciated

If you have any queries concerning this, please contact Councillor Raymond Hughes of 3 Erith Street, Leeswood (Tel: 01794 208550)

Leeswood Carnival Is Coming

Saturday 13th July 2019 @ Phoenix Park

Wristbands for Carnival Day
are now available to purchase from
the following outlets:-

The Co-op, Leeswood
The Playgroup, Leeswood
& Committee Members

Also available to purchase on the field on the day

Wristband Entrance £2.00 Adult & High school age
Free entry for children who are of primary school age & below

Entry will be refused without a wristband
Any enquiries, please raise with any member of the
Leeswood Carnival Committee
Thank you for your co-operation

The Carnival Committee would be extremely grateful for your continuing support
as a Community to make this 2019 Carnival a success



Leeswood Carnival Is Coming

Saturday 13th July 2019 @ Phoenix Park

Parade starts 12noon
Crowning of the Carnival
Queen, Rosebud and Prince

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



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.

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 is free, takes no more than 1 hour and involves learning more about dementia and the small ways we can all help.

Source: www.alzheimers.org.uk; Alzheimer's society Dementia Friendly Rural Communities Guide

Would you like to become a Dementia Friend?



Free One-hour Dementia Awareness session available for Community Groups and Individuals. Contact Shereen to put your name / group down on the list.

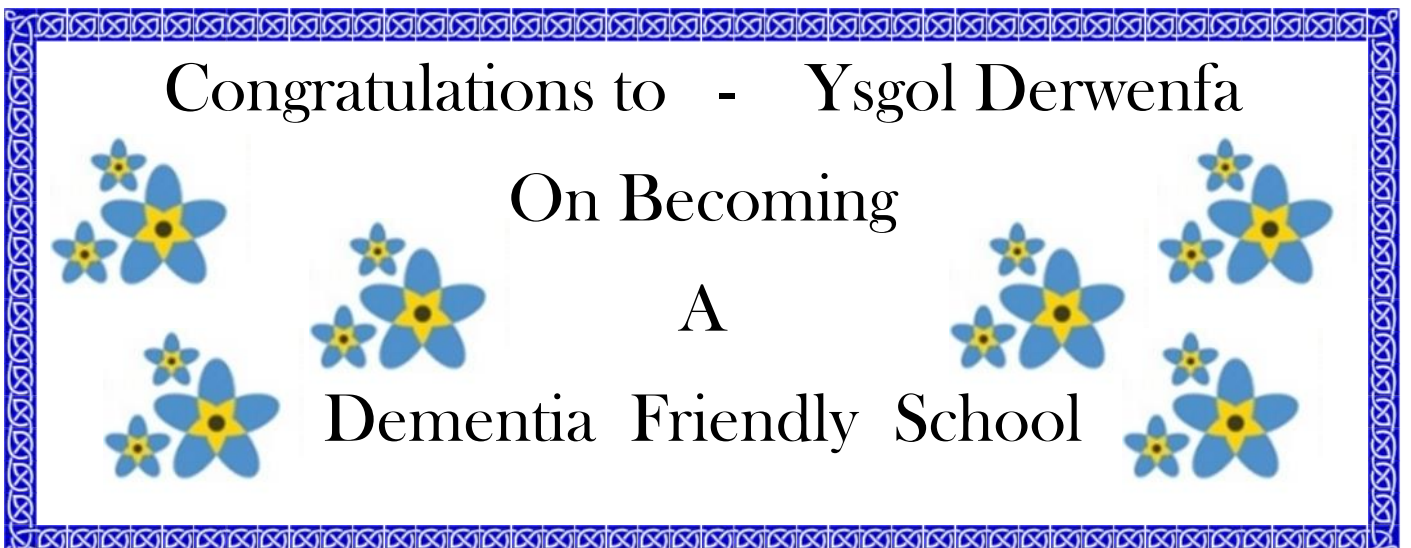
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Congratulations to - Ysgol Derwenfa

On Becoming

A

Dementia Friendly School



Leeswood Allotments (by: Kathleen O'Marah)

We had every kind of rain known to meteorologists throughout June...showers, thundery downpours, torrential, persistent and it all seemed to be in the week prior to the writing of this report. The pictures here tell the story of the effect of so much precipitation. Even the track leading to the allotment site suffered erosion.

Gardeners are constantly at the mercy of the elements and when the weather is extreme it can be heartbreaking to see weeks of effort being destroyed. However, losing plants to flood water is in no way comparable to the loss of property which some people have had to endure as a result of the June weather this year.

Gardeners are a resilient and optimistic breed and I'm sure I'll be able to show photographs of flourishing vegetables growing on these same plots in next month's edition of the Leeswood News and I'm sure there'll be some excellent produce on display on the Allotment Stall on the carnival field.



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PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman of the Council (in the Chair) Coun-
cillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, T. Hughes, L.C. Richardson, G. Sherwood, and R. Williams.
Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, C. Coleman, L.T. Coleman, D. Foster, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2019/2020

It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that Councillor R. Hughes be appointed Chairman for the year 2019/2020. All Councillors in agreement. The new Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes, stated that it was an honour to be elected as Chairman to the Council and thanked the Council for their support.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2019/2020

It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that Councillor D.K. Crowther be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2019/2020. This was unanimously agreed. Councillor D.K. Crowther thanked the Council for their support.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2019/2020

It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the remaining six members of the Cemetery Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman to the Council, pointed out that if Councillors were continually re-elected en-bloc, it did not give the opportunity for new Councillors to join the Committee. The Clerk suggested that Councillors may wish to consider increasing the number of Councillors on the Committees. All Councillors agreed. Councillor L.C. Richardson was nominated to join the Committee, all Councillors in agreement.

Members are: - Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, T. Hughes, Councillor L.C. Richardson and J.E. Saul.

APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2019/2020

It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the Finance Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc with the proviso that the matter should be added to the June monthly meeting Agenda to give the opportunity to one of the newer Councillors to be added to the Committee. All Councillors in agreement.

Current members are: - Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

It was agreed that this should be open to all Councillors.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Observation was made that the Leeswood Community Centre Management Committee in its current form would cease to exist once the asset transfer had taken place. This Committee is likely to be replaced by a Fundraising Support group. However, as the Committee is still in existence at this moment in time it was unanimously agreed, the members representing this Council on the Leeswood Community Management Committee would be Councillors J. Caruana and G. Sherwood. Following the dissolution of the Management Committee, the Trustees would give a report to the Community Council.

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that

Councillor J. Caruana continue to serve as this Council's representative on the Liaison Committee. Councillor J. Caruana was thanked for his work on the Liaison Committee.

COUNTY FORUM REPRESENTATIVE

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor J.E. Saul and the Clerk would remain as the Council's representatives on the County Forum.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE AREA MEETINGS OF ONE VOICE WALES

Agreed that G. Sherwood would continue to attend these meetings. Councillor R. Hughes, Chair to the Council would attend as this Council's other representative when available. If the Chairman was not available to attend, the other place could be taken by any Councillor free to go.

LEAD MEMBER FOR AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that Councillor G. Sherwood remain as the lead member. All Councillors in agreement.

RISK ASSESSMENT 2019/2020

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that the Risk Assessment 2019/2020 be accepted. All Councillors in agreement.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

DANIEL OWEN FESTIVAL – 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, welcomed Mr Kevin Matthias, Chair to the Daniel Owen Festival to the meeting.

Mr Matthias explained to Councillors that the Daniel Owen Festival is in its tenth year. It was started to celebrate the writer Daniel Owen, who is referred to as the 'Welsh Dickens'. Daniel Owen is Wales' foremost novelist who wrote in the Welsh language and featured the working man in his novels. The Festival is going from strength to strength and has now been expanded to cover other important historical matters of the area and will feature events that will be held in the medium of Welsh only, the medium of English only and also in both languages. This year, although the Festival will be held from the 19th to 25th October, it will feature the 150th Anniversary of the Mold Riots. The dates of the Festival are always at the same time as they celebrate the birth and death of Daniel Owen. A play about the Mold Riots will be put on as part of the Festival. This Community play will have 100 people involved but only two of them will be professional actors. It will be staged outdoors and the Council car park on King Street, Mold, will be part of the theatre set. Mr Matthias informed that he had close ties to the area where the unrest started, his father was born in a cottage in a place known as the Oil Works dip which was right in the middle of the unrest. The intention is to extend the Festival to include the areas of Treuddyn, Coed Talon, Pontybodkin, Leeswood and Llanfynydd. It was hoped that on Sunday 20th October, a walk from Leeswood to Mold could be organised, this would finish with a tea put on at the Church on Tyddyn Street, Mold. On Thursday 24th October, a walk was to be arranged in the Leeswood area, taking in Cae Gwial and through the old Pipeworks, finishing, at Cedron Chapel. Other events in the week would be walks around the Argoed Colliery and Gwysaney, also talks would be given. Councillor G. Sherwood advised that he would be willing to assist with the walks and would liaise with Mr Matthias. Councillors expressed that they would be very keen to participate with the Festival, especially as the Mold Riots started in our own Community.

Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman, thanked Mr Matthias 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 circulated to Councillors.

Incident update - (from 31/03/2019 to 14/05/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends

Last Month

Unnamed road, Leeswood – two individuals seen trying to gain entry to a caravan which was left UNLOCKED, they have taken a safe containing valuables and cash – enquiries on-going. (All lines of enquiry now complete, no suspect has been identified).

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. Two males have been arrested.

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – unknown individual has thrown object at a window causing it to smash. All lines of enquiry have been investigated with no suspect identified.

This Month

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – criminal damage - window has been damaged. All lines of enquiry have been complete, no suspect has been identified.

Derwen Deg, Leeswood – deliberate ignition to a vehicle – one male arrested.

Heol-Y-Goron, Leeswood – brick thrown on windscreen of a vehicle – enquiries on-going.

ASB Issues

None to report.

Other News/PCSO activities

There has been a spate of thefts/ people trying to enter 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. A drugs warrant was conducted at an address on Derwen Deg, Leeswood. No drugs were

found at the address.

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.

The Clerk advised that Mr Davies would like to meet with Councillors to discuss the plans for the new extension. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact Mr Davies to arrange this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 059747

Erection of semi-detached bungalows
Land side of 2 Drury Lane, Leeswood, CH7 4SJ.
Councillors had no observation regarding this
Planning Application.

Planning Application – 059762

Reduction of grassed areas attached to existing parking area to increase manoeuvrability and the number of parking spaces
Ffordd Celyn, Leeswood. CH7 4RR

It was agreed by all Councillors that this Planning Application should be supported.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Community Café has recently celebrated its first year anniversary. It was open on 11th May 2019 for a book sale. The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes stated that 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.

HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Councillor J. Caruana reported that the last meeting of the Liaison Committee had taken place on Monday 13th May 2019. An Open Day is to be held at the Padeswood Plant on 26th

June 2019. Complaints of noise had been received but these had been investigated and it was found that the issue had not come from the Plant. A specialist Company is to be employed to investigate any noise problems.

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. Ten to fifteen cars parked on the road in the area of the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street would have to be moved if the yellow lines were put in place. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street should be re-evaluated. All Councillors in agreement.

CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

The iBeacons had now been put in place. A 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 had designed a poster for inclusion on the notice boards in the Community. The Clerk advised that the Community Café group had been informed of this event.

PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

Councillors had been circulated with copy e-mail correspondence from Lee Shone. In his e-mail, Mr Shone advises that the surveys undertaken by Flintshire County Council were forwarded to GoSafe and the locations both fall within GoSafe live enforcement sites. Additionally, Flintshire County Council are currently in the progress of identifying route treatments for submission to Welsh Government for which this route will be included. This work takes a

number of weeks, as it is necessary to prioritise all routes throughout the County, the assessment takes into account a number of factors including collision data, pedestrian generators, active travel solutions to name a few. The Community Council will be updated following this piece of work, to confirm which routes are likely to be submitted to Welsh Government for funding. Councillors appreciated the information from Mr Shone and all agreed that they would await the update.

PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

This sign had still not been erected. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that he would speak to Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene 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.

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’ fourth 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 29th April and Mr Owens is writing with feedback to all Town/Community Councils to give assurance on good practice and procedures. Findings from three further visits, undertaken in January and February 2019 were received by the Committee. As with previous 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. One meeting seemed to take a very long time and finished very late. When meetings take this long people may find it more difficult to concentrate and it can mean that people are less able to stay to hear items that may be of importance to them. Tempers can also fray if meetings are overly long leading to intemperate behaviour. Clearly the length of a meeting will be dictated in large measure by the business to be discussed, number of participants (if there is a large public presence for example) and the significance of issues. In all cases though strong chairing can help to ensure that the business is transacted smoothly and effectively – for example it is important to prevent people from speaking multiple times or repeating points made previously, to move the debate on after the issues have been thoroughly aired etc. The members have now visited 26 councils and the remaining ten visits will be scheduled over the coming months. Once all have been completed the Committee aims to pull together an overview of its work into a single document. As before, the Committee hopes that this feedback is useful and wishes to acknowledge the dedication and good work undertaken by Town/Community Councillors in their voluntary roles. Councillors accepted this correspondence.

CHANGES TO THE 26 BUS SERVICE

The Clerk advised that she had still not received a reply from 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. Councillors expressed disappointment at this but acknowledged that a return to including the Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron estate on the bus timetable is very unlikely.

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.

ONE VOICE WALES – NOTICES OF MOTION FOR 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales, inviting for member Councils to propose a maximum of two notices of motion for debate at the One Voice Wales AGM to be held on Saturday 5th October 2019. Closing date for motions are by noon, Thursday 20th June 2019. This was accepted.

FLINTSHIRE 50+ ADVISORY GROUP

Correspondence from R Barry Harrison, Chair of Flintshire 50+ Action Group, requesting consideration for financial support towards the printing and administration costs of the twenty-page newsletter, Codgers Quarterly had been circulated to all Members. The target readership for this newsletter is people aged 50 and over, in accordance with the Welsh Strategy for Older People. It was agreed by all Councillors that a letter be sent from this Council advising that donations were decided in February and inviting the Group to apply for consideration in 2019/2020.

SEAFARERS UK

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Nick Harvey, Campaigns Manager, Seafarers UK, requesting that this Council supports this year's campaign to raise awareness of the UK's ongoing dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers. Councillor R. Williams advised that he would be prepared to purchase the Red Ensign for it to be flown on Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September 2019. The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes stated that he would speak to the RBL Leeswood sub-branch to obtain permission for the flag to be flown on the pole by the Cenotaph.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

i) Pot Holes – The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had done a survey of the pot holes in the Community after returning from his holiday.

Regretfully they had not been filled so Councillor Hughes, Chairman, would chase this matter up with Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene.

ii) 30mph sign on Stryt Cae Rhedyn – These signs have now been moved. Councillors expressed their appreciation for this work carried out.

CORRESPONDENCE

i) Flintshire County Council Chair Civic Service – from the Chairman's Assistants, an invitation to attend the Civic Service of Councillor Marion Bateman, Chair to Flintshire County Council, to be held on Sunday 7th July 2019, at the Parish Church of St. Eurgain and St. Peter, Northop. Light refreshments will be served at the Edith Bankes Memorial Institute, Northop, following the Service. The Clerk has responded advising that Councillor R. Hughes will be attending the Service on behalf of this Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.

Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

We live in an age of advanced technology, and through the intense utilisation of satellite technology any moving object can be detected and monitored by a satellite from outer space. This technology might be able to be adopted to monitor the speed of vehicles travelling through our road and possibly record the speed of an individual car at any spot on the globe. This system might be able to record the speed of a vehicle going through a stretch of road which might have a speed limit imposed on it. Those of us who are familiar with using satellite navigation are well aware that the satellite navigation in a car can tell us the speed limit of any stretch of road that we happen to be travelling along. However, the satellite information is translated into action by the driver of the vehicle, and as we are all human, we are liable to make errors, and may not adjust the vehicle speed to what the satellite navigation system is telling us.

On the other hand, if the satellite information is transferred electronically to the vehicle speed control system, the traffic will move along our roads at the appropriate speed.

It might be the case that some vehicle manufacturers have already been working on a satellite system that can control the speed of a car. This will of course be at the drivers' discretion, and will be able to be overridden, should the driver decide to do so in case of an emergency. This is a preventative measure which will positively stop drivers from speeding, rather than catch them if they do speed. Should we decide to apply it, the technology is there, and it is also constantly improving. It is up to those who are in a position to decide on such issues, who can enforce these technologies and make things happen.

Decisions are made on the results obtained from the analysis of the data which is collected. There are several ways in which a set of data can be processed, nevertheless, we must keep a clear understanding that one rogue value (either too high or too low) can create inaccuracies in the average value. If a rogue value is identified, one must determine what has caused that value and assess whether that value is going to have a significant effect on the average result. Statistics are statistics, and analysts are analysts, however, one is of no good use without the other.

In engineering, if we want to produce a large number of identical items to a certain specification, we are more likely to achieve consistent accuracy if we use an automated system rather than producing them manually. The reason for this is that automated machines do not get distracted by the surrounding environment and they do not suffer momentary lapse of concentration. This could have a common parallel with driving a car, because drivers can be distracted by the surrounding environment or a moments' lapse of concentration. The technology to prevent over speeding on our roads might already be available.

With this in mind, in order to achieve some kind of harmony between the roads and the road users, a consistent way of speed control could be installed. To this end, a computerised and satellite operated speed control system might be the answer.



LEESWOOD and the riots in Mold in 1869

Elizabeth Jones is buried in Pontblyddyn Churchyard. She was one of four people shot dead in Mold by men of the 2nd Battalion, the 4th (King's Own) Regiment on 2nd June, 1869. This is how it came about.

Leeswood Green Colliery was not doing very well, and on the 1st May a notice went up to say there would be a reduction in the cutting price of coal by 1 shilling a ton. This meant, effectively, a cut in miners' wages. The new rates came into force on Monday 17th May. The notice had been written by the Manager, John Young, an Englishman, probably from Northumberland, who did not speak Welsh, the language spoken exclusively by the miners. The miners had a grievance.

The Wednesday after, an angry crowd of some 60 miners confronts John Young at his house in Leeswood. He is manhandled, put in a wheelbarrow, paraded through Pontybodkin and Pontblyddyn before being taken to a railway station [variously described as Coed Talon or Hope Junction] where he is rescued by two police constables. The intention had been to send him back to England.

On Friday miners and others ransack John Young's house, remove his furniture and take it to Mold Railway Station. One, William Hughes, identified as a ringleader in the original disturbances, is arrested in Leeswood and taken to police cells in Mold. He is due to face charges in Mold's court house the following day, but on his way from the police station he is grabbed by his mates and carried shoulder high, like a hero, through the streets of Mold. Later in the day he gives himself up, probably on the intervention of David Phillips a Methodist lay preacher from Carmarthen who also worked in the pit. William Hughes is summoned to appear in court on 2nd June, bail being set at £60. In the meantime seven other men are arrested, accused of assaulting Young, and are also bound to appear in court alongside William Hughes.

The court house at the time is still standing in Chester Street, close to the present Police Station and Terrig House, and on the fateful day a large crowd of miners, numbering 600, gathers outside, joined by an even larger group of supporters. By the afternoon it is estimated 2000 people are milling about in Hall Fields, where they are addressed by David Phillips and other Methodists who preach restraint. There seems to have been something of a holiday atmosphere, with only a "few lads (hanging about brandishing)... cudgels or sticks." At 5 o'clock all the men are found guilty and sentenced.

William Hughes and Edwin Jones are fined 10 shillings (with costs). Robert Davies, Richard Taylor, John Hughes and Thomas Jones are fined £1 [with costs]. Ishmael Jones and John Jones, however, are sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

It seems the authorities were anticipating trouble, and had brought in 56 soldiers from Chester, under the command of Captain Blake, to supplement the 39 Flintshire policemen and maintain control.

The two men to be jailed are escorted out of the Court House to the Railway Station, which at the time was just across the road, on a site now occupied by Tesco. On the way they are confronted by an angry crowd, protesting at the severity of the sentences. Although members of the crowd were not armed, there were plenty of missiles available in Tyddyn Street, as the railway line between Mold and Denbigh was being constructed, and a large number of stones were instantly available.

The crowd throws stones not only at the military and police, but also at the railway engine, carriages and platforms, yet in spite of the attack, the prisoners reach the station. 23 troopers and 13 policemen are injured, including Captain Blake. The Chief Constable of Flintshire, Peter Browne, implores the military to open fire, but Captain Blake refuses to do this unless authorised by a magistrate. Chief Constable Browne races down the platform and bundles an astonished Justice of the Peace from Chester, Mr Clough, out in front of the crowd. Mr Clough reads the Riot Act. Nothing can be heard amid all the uproar, and eventually Captain Blake gives the order to fire blank shots over the heads of the crowd. This has no effect and accordingly the order is given to fire live ammunition into the protestors.

Many people among the crowd are injured and four killed, Robert Hannaby and Margaret Youngusband, both aged 19, instantly. Edward Bellis, aged 22 is taken back to Pontblyddyn and cared for in a public house there, where he later dies. Elizabeth Jones, [50] from Pontblyddyn is cared for in the nearby Victoria Hotel. Four men are arrested and the crowd disperses.

The next day, Thursday 3rd June, an inquest opens into the deaths of the three killed, and on the following day returns a verdict of "justifiable homicide." On Saturday Elizabeth Jones dies of her wounds, and an inquest opens to pronounce on her death. It again gives a verdict of "justifiable homicide". Elizabeth's husband, Isaac Jones attends the inquest and is arrested for his part in the riot.

On Monday 7th June six men appear in court, including Isaac Jones, who is allowed out to attend the funeral of his wife in Pontblyddyn. The case is adjourned, when the defendants are joined by 4 more men and remanded to appear at the Assizes. In July Young is once again forcibly evicted from Leeswood and made to walk through Buckley to Queensferry.

At the Assizes five men, including Isaac Jones, are found guilty and sentenced to 10 years in prison, with hard labour. In a separate charge three men, including the lay preacher David Phillips, are found guilty of conspiracy and assault and sent to prison with hard labour.

Soon afterwards Young leaves North Wales for good.

David Philips comes out of gaol and opens a greengrocer's in Coed Talon.

Elizabeth Jones is at rest in Pontblyddyn churchyard.

And Leeswood Green Colliery closes down.

Mike Stevens

Source material: *Flintshire Record Office, Hawarden*

Newspaper reports of the period.

Rioting in North East Wales [1997] Tim Jones

Bridge Books

Day Book of PC Jones, Leeswood, 1868-69

Leeswood and District 65 years ago [1969] T. Jones

A.J. Roderick (ed) [1960] Wales Through the Ages



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Last month I promised to let you all know how much we raised at the Bingo held on 22nd June 2019. The figure was £405 and a very enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks are due to Clive for calling for us, but so sadly this turned out to be the last occasion to have had this privilege. We are all so shocked and stunned by Clive's sudden death in service on Wednesday 11th June 2019. He was for many years a staunch member of the group and had supported us in many ways throughout the years. We will never forget his quiet hard work for our group and the whole community.

We also banked £126 from the sale of greetings cards.

TABLETOP SALE 2ND JUNE 2019 & STRAWBERRY TEA 8TH JUNE 2019.

These well-attended events raised £583.10 for the Hospice, including £65.15 for the sale of Hospice Goods and a magnificent £44 from a young supporter Jacinta Challinor who had done a sponsored swim.

Elaine Evans & other members of her family raised well over £200 for the Hospice to add to the £thousands Gayle has raised in memory of her husband Mark.

Jane Lucy ran the Cake Stall for the Group and started raising money from raffling the marvellous Quilt made by expert local quilter Cynthia Flitcroft towards the funding she is collecting in relation to her trip to Machu Pichu with Nightingale House 2020. Jane has paid her own fare but is trying to raise as much extra for Nightingale House as possible.

Everyone enjoyed the magnificent & delicious array of cakes, scones, strawberries & cream with their tea, coffee or squash. The beautifully decorated tea tables and tiered cakestands looked like the Ritz.

Thank you to all the many very generous givers of prizes and all the helpers, cake, scone & bread bakers for their support, we would not be able to run these fundraisers without you all. Once again we were grateful to Clive for his help setting out the room beautifully for us.

We were lucky enough to have generous sponsorship from the Blakemore Foundation via the lovely ladies of the Spar shop in Caergwrle. They gave us goods to the value of £40 which provided the butter, cream, milk, strawberry jam, bottles for the Tombola etc.

Luke McDonald, Fundraiser at Nightingale House attended to support us, to help sell raffle tickets, to draw the Raffle and to announce the winner of the huge cuddly bear who had been named George by Vi. **Two raffle prizes are unclaimed. If you have nos. 460 yellow edged ticket or 932 salmon pink edged ticket** please claim them on the Carnival field or they will go in the raffle at the next Bingo.

We will be on the Leeswood Carnival Field on Saturday 13th July from 8am (help setting up gratefully received) until about 8pm, selling greetings cards @ 50p each and doing "Trash or Treasure" 35p per go (3 for a £1), every one a winner. Please come along to support us or just to chat & sit in the shade.

We have another Bingo on Wednesday 4th September 2019 in the Leeswood Community Centre, 7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm. Any help and/or Prizes very gratefully received. Prizes for the raffle or Bingo can be collected (07858 776 594) or dropped in to the Community Centre in Leeswood any Tuesday between 10am & 2pm to Anne, Cynthia, Jane, Jennifer, Maureen or Norma.

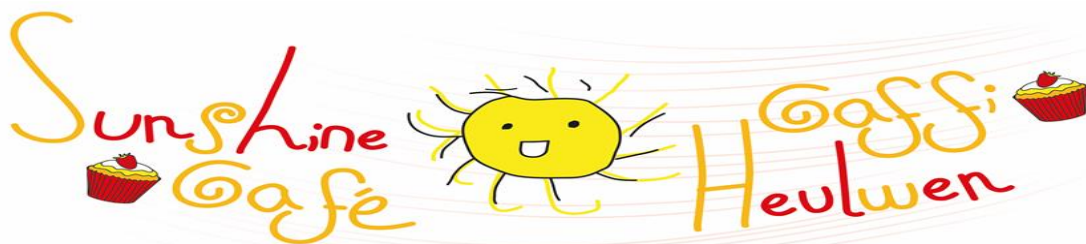
Thank you to all the generous people of the many local communities who take part in our Events to fund raise for Nightingale House.

Lucille (now thankfully home from hospital), Flora, Anne, Bryn, Jane Lucy, Jane Owen, John, Bryan & Jennifer.



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