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“THANKS GUYS ‘n’ GIRLS FOR ANOTHER GREAT CARNIVAL”



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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 SEPTEMBER EDITION
SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST**

LEESWOOD NEWS NEEDS YOUR HELP

EMERGENCY MEETING

THURSDAY 8th AUGUST

7.00 pm

(In Committee room)

“ We have been saying for a while that the LEESWOOD & DISTRICT NEWS has been struggling and we have begged for contributions.”

“The grim reality: we only have enough funds in the coffers to publish 10 (Yes...only ten) more issues”

“This may not matter to those that can read online—but what about the people who do not access the internet, and who look forward to receiving their copy?”

We need YOUR help and support.

How can we fund-raise? Do you have any ideas? Donations?

We also need committee members

- Not to actually produce the publication - to help with ideas.
- To be there to support it.
- Attend regular meetings (more regularly at beginning)

**PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING ON THE 8th AUGUST
—TO SAVE LEESWOOD’S NEWSLETTER**

PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

27th June

Mrs Anne Davies welcomed all and Mrs Mary Morris gave us a short reading to start our evening.

Our speaker was Mrs Shereen Devine who has been working as Rural wisdom Project Co-Ordinator for the past two years and her time in our village will soon be coming to an end. She outlined several projects that have contributed to Leeswood becoming a more age-friendly community; from Pumpkin Soup Day in Ysgol Derwenfa to the very popular Sunshine Café on a Thursday mornings.

A Steering group has been developed to keep the project moving forwards. A very recent development concerns earning "Time Credits" in return for volunteering in many facets of community activities.

All the ladies enjoyed a general discussion on all recent events and also possible future developments. We all wished Mrs Devine well in her future endeavours.

Mrs Mary Morris provided the refreshments and Mrs Davies thanked her on our behalf. The raffle was donated by Mrs Janet Burden and she was also thanked by Mrs Davies; this prize was won by Mrs Jenny Webb. Meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

C. Flitercraft

11th July

Mrs Anne Davies, Vice President, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a poem. We needed no introduction for our guest speaker as it was our great friend Mr Chris Cole. We look forward to visits from Chris as we have a nice fun evening. We took a stroll with Chris down memory lane with him telling us of his early years at school and on their nature trips which very often ended up at Watsons farm. Chris related his story through poetry. We also had a hilarious rendition of There's a Hole in My Bucket, complete with changes of costume. It was a lovely evening and we all look forward to seeing Chris in the not too distant future

Anne then served welcome refreshments, the raffle donated by Mrs Jane Owen, was won by Mrs Gwyneth Davies.

G. Burton

Special Events

AUGUST 2019

MOBILE LIBRARY

21st AUGUST

11:45 _ 12:45

Maes y Meillion

A Nice Start to your Day

I drive down the Corwen road each morning to get to work. As you reach the Pontblyddyn cross roads you are met with a wonderful array of colour, from the lovely floral display of hanging baskets and flower tubs, across the road at the Bridge Inn. I would imagine a lot of time and money must go into the upkeep of such a beautiful display of flowers. Well done to all involved. Really brightens my day on my way to work.

Mrs. S. Allen (Treuddyn)



There's a Hole in My Bucket

with

Mr Chris Cole



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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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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 AUGUST 2019

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.

31ST AUGUST 2019

"COME 4 COFFEE"

10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON

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

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2019**

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On Saturday 28th September at 6:30 pm there will be a harvest thanksgiving service led by Revd. Robert Parry.

Organist Mr Christopher Enston will be in attendance and all are welcome.

If you wish to get in touch, our email address is cedron.congregational@gmail.com.

SPEAKERS for August 2019.

August 4th TBA followed by Communion

August 11th Chris Cole

August 18th TBA

August 25th Clive Davies

Matthew 5:17-18

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished."

The word of God has been always been subject to attack. The first target was the content, but when properly understood the arguments put forward always evaporate. Ultimately the reliability of the text itself becomes the focus. Indeed **Genesis 3 v.1** recounts that first ancient deception: "**Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?**"

The 'modern' assault on scripture began in the 1700's with the first of the self-described higher critics, a German poet-philosopher named Gotthold Lessing. This 'enlightenment' movement sought amongst other things to replace a reliance on scripture with man's ever-changing ideas. Responding to such critics is always a battle but with God the truth is what matters, not the majority opinion of the day. To quote **John 14:6**: Jesus said to him, "*I am the way, and **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*".

We read in the bible that the Berean Jews of Paul's time tested the scriptures for accuracy and consistency to determine if they were true. Described below are two Victorian scholars who followed in their wake.

Robert Dick Wilson (1856-1930) linguist, Presbyterian scholar and Old Testament professor, graduated from Princeton University at the age of twenty, by which time he had already mastered nine languages. He had a gift, but how to use it? At age 25 he resolved to divide his career into three 15-year segments, reasoning that he might live to the age of 70.

He took 15 years to learn every language that could offer commentary on the old testament and its times. So, in addition to Latin, Hebrew and Greek he acquired Coptic, Egyptian, Syriac, Arabic, Ethiopic, Phoenician, Babylonian, Assyrian, Aramaic (12 dialects), Armenian, Gothic, Anglo-saxon and several others, numbering in all more than 30 languages and dialects. Thus prepared, He then devoted 15 years to reading every relevant historic document he could find before committing the remaining 15 years to publishing his findings.

In his major work "A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament" he declared: "I try to give my students such an intelligent faith in the Old testament scripture that they will never doubt it as long as they live". He concluded: "I have come to the conviction that no man knows enough to assail the truthfulness of the Old Testament"

Sir William Mitchel Ramsey (1851-1939) was a contemporary and New Testament scholar, but while Robert Dick Wilson was raised as a Christian, William Ramsey certainly wasn't. He was led by the enlightenment teaching of the Tübingen theory to believe that the writings of Luke in the Gospels and the book of Acts would be wrong on almost every count, and he dutifully set about digging up the lands of Asia minor described in the travels of the apostle Paul to demonstrate this point.

Three Oxford fellowships, 6 honorary doctorates, a knighthood and an assortment of medals later he summarised his findings thus: "You may press the words of Luke in a degree beyond any other historian's and they stand the keenest scrutiny and the hardest treatment".

He concluded: "Christianity did not originate in a lie and we can and ought to demonstrate this as well as believe it."

Matthew 24:35

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."



The Methodist Church

Wesley Church, Leeswood

4th August **Morning Worship 10.45 am**
with Lord's Supper
led by Rev Elaine Hodge

11th August **Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Miss Trish Earlam

18th August **Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Mr Martin Thorne

25th August **Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Members and
Friends



The Methodist Church

The 2019 Methodist Conference,

A report about the business of the Methodist Conference 2019

Presidential addresses

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson was inducted as President and Prof Clive Marsh as Vice-President of the Conference. 'So What's the Story...?' was the theme chosen by the President for her address, with the Vice-President exploring 'Pleasure, piety and politics' in his address.

- You can read the President's address in full here: bit.ly/PresAddress19
- You can read the Vice-President's address in full here: bit.ly/VPAddress19

Ordinations of presbyters and deacons

Twenty-two presbyters and four deacons were received into Full Connexion on Sunday morning during Conference Worship, along with seven presbyters by transfer, and one by reinstatement. Later that day ordination services took place in four venues across the region.

The Theology and Ecclesiology underpinning the Diaconate and the Methodist Diaconal Order

The Conference adopted this major report brought by the Faith and Order Committee. The report emphasises that deacons are ministers of the Church, focusing and representing a ministry of witness and service. The Conference reaffirmed that the Methodist Diaconal Order is a religious order open only to those who are deacons in Full Connexion with the Conference and that all Methodist deacons are also required to be members of the Methodist Diaconal Order. The report explored the broad ministry of proclamation as it is exercised by deacons and affirmed that preaching is part of the ministry of deacons, making proposals for how that will be worked out in practice.

3Generate

Jasmine Yeboah, Youth President, reflected on her presidential theme, encouraging young people to step outside of their comfort zone to do something courageous for Christ. In an address to the Conference, Jasmine spoke of the priority for the Church to listen to the voices of children and young people. A manifesto has been developed which includes taking action on homelessness, building relationships within communities, supporting the lonely, caring for the environment, creating safe spaces for people to listen to each other and being creative in worship. The Conference urged Local Churches actively to engage with the 3Generate manifesto, by including it on Church Council agendas and committing to intentional actions as a response. The manifesto is available at www.methodist.org.uk/3genmanifestos

Climate Emergency

In 2011, the Conference adopted Hope in God's Future, which set out a Methodist understanding of the challenges facing our global ecology and the theological and ethical implications, as a Statement of the Judgment of the Conference. The Conference heard that since then, both the scientific evidence and the global ambition for action have developed further. The Council reported to the Conference that it had endorsed proposals for the development of Eco Circuits and Eco Districts along with the Eco Church awards. The Conference received a memorial from the Bristol District, which highlighted the need for urgent action on climate change. Recognising the climate emergency, the Conference endorsed the need for urgent action. The Conference also adopted a notice of motion concerned with reducing the use of plastic.

Other reports included Marriage and Relationships and Housing and Homelessness.



THE BIBLE BLOG

A Tale Of The Unexpected

'In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.' Proverbs Chapter 16 verse 9—The Bible (OT) NIV

When our plans go wrong and our lives take an unexpected turn ... we have a choice to make.

God never promised that we'd have everything our own way, and that we'd never experience disappointment and hurt.

We will often determine where we want to end up in the journey of life, but it is God who usually decides how we get there!

When our plans go wrong, and our lives take an unexpected turn, as happened to me big style last month, we have a choice to make. We can either A. be angry with God, walk away from Him, and ask 'why me?' (This is usually because we feel that things should have turned out differently i.e. in the way that we wanted), or B., we can choose to keep trusting that God is good and faithful, despite the way we feel. We'd probably all like to choose the second option, but when we're in the middle of a disappointment we may well feel more drawn to the first. God never promised that we'd have everything our own way, and that we'd never experience disappointment and hurt. But He does promise to never leave us, no matter what we're facing or what we're feeling. And He promises to work all things for the best (have a look at Romans Ch. 8 v. 28 (NT)). When an irritant like grit or a tiny parasite, gets into an oyster's shell, the oyster gets to work to make it more manageable. It wraps it in layers of a substance called 'nacre', until a smooth pearl is formed. The oyster takes something unexpected and irritating, and turns it into something comfortable and beautiful. And that's what God can do with our disappointments and unexpected situations – He can turn them into something beneficial and beautiful. The Bible says, ***'In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.'*** God's in control of our lives because He can see the bigger picture. We may well make our plans as the verse says but His plans are far better than anything we can come up with ourselves. Isaiah Ch. 55 v. 19 (OT) says: ***'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts'***. We will often determine where we want to end up in the journey of life, but it is God who usually decides how we get there! We need to remember that God is at work in what we're going through now, today – for our good and His glory. All we need to do is to keep on trusting Him and persevere.

What Now?

Spend a little time researching how oysters make pearls (nacre). Then thank God that He can transform your disappointments and hurts into something beautiful and valuable. After that, let Him!

Simon

NIV - New International Version (of The Bible) Ch. Chapter
OT - Old Testament v. Verse
NT - New Testament

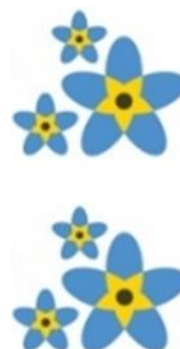
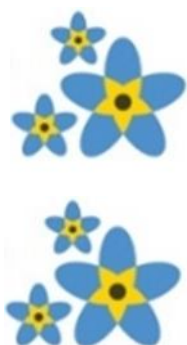
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Hannah Blythyn AM/AC

**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.

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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Volunteers wanted



Our cafe is a community run project staffed by volunteers.

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Help us bring people together
&

Receive Time Credits

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

Ray Hughes (FCC and local Community Councillor)

Would like to extend his sympathy to the family of Clive Venables and friends, for their loss. He would also like to express how much he appreciated Clive's work in the Community especially in the Community Centre. Clive will be sadly missed and will be a difficult to find a replacement for. Such was the respect in the community for him.

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL 2019

This year saw the carnival past its 5 year milestone. It continues to grow in strength due to the support of Leeswood community.



2019 - Queen Tegan Buxton



2019 - Rosebud Emily Robertson



2019 - Prince Elis Parry



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The Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Age Friendly Community Group is made up of volunteers who are committed to making Leeswood & Pontblyddyn an Age & Dementia Friendly Community.

What has the Group achieved?

One of the group's biggest achievements is Sunshine café, a weekly community café with a focus on reducing isolation & loneliness. Profits from the café are put back into the Community. The Steering group has funded or arranged many events and activities including:

Tablet Courses	Dementia Friend Sessions	Pop up Cinema
Sunshine Café	Carvery	Litter Picks
Book Group	Pumpkin Soup Activity	Afternoon Tea
School Dementia Performance		

We also are working with the school to plan a monthly lunch club and many more intergenerational activities including bowling.

How can I get involved?

The group welcome new volunteers, either on a regular basis or for one off events. The steering group is registered for [Time Credits](#) you can earn 1 credit for every hour that you volunteer.

For more information, please contact Shereen Devine

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ARRIVA BUS 26

I have had phone calls from a couple of our elderly residents who are now struggling without the bus, and in fact have on occasions had to pay for a taxi. Upon pursuing the subject all I can say is Arriva are looking at their bottom line, and the service was not used enough.

Ray Hughes is still looking at this.....but we need your feedback !!

If a small bus could be laid on for Wednesday's (one journey there and back):

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PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting held on
Tuesday 14th May 2019 had been circulated to
all members. It was proposed by Councillor
D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor J.
Caruana that these be accepted as a true record
of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.
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Tuesday 14th May 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 pro-
ceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

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 14/05/2019 to
01/06/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends

Last Month

Heol-Y-Goron, Leeswood – brick thrown on
windscreen of a vehicle – all lines of enquiry in-
vestigated, no suspect identified.

This Month

County Road, Leeswood – Public Order offence,
two males have been assaulting another in the
street. Nobody wishing to make a complaint so
the matter could not be investigated.

Rear of Oak Drive, Leeswood – Deliberate fire
started on wasteland. Enquiries are on-going.

ASB Issues

Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – Damage to hedge
caused by unknown youths. On-going issues
which are sporadic and are difficult to manage,
the area is being patrolled regularly.

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 pre-
sent and continuing to act suspiciously (urgent)
and the 101 service if the matter is not urgent.
Two drugs warrants have been conducted on
Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – no drugs were located
on either premises.

Councillors raised concern about youths play-
ing football in the road.

Several Councillors advised that they had tried
to report incidents using the 101 service. It
was pointed out that the phone was answered
at the start but and the call would be trans-
ferred to the relevant department. Once this
happened the phone would remain unan-
swered, Councillors had been waiting over
twenty minutes to speak to someone and still
not got through. Acknowledgement was made
that no-one wished to ring 999 for a matter
that was not requiring immediate attention, but
it was felt that the 101 service was not fit for
purpose if calls went unanswered. All Council-
lors agreed that the Clerk should write to In-
spector D. Whibberley expressing this Council's
concerns regarding the waiting time for calls to
be answered on the 101 service.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CLARE COLEMAN

Correspondence has been received from Coun-
cillor Clare Coleman advising that due to other
commitments she feels that she can no longer
give the Community Council the attention that
it deserves and because of this, wishes to re-
sign. All Councillors expressed regret at Coun-
cillor Coleman's resignation. A letter of thanks
is to be sent to her.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2019/2020

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that Councillor D. Foster should be the additional member to the Finance Committee 2019/2020. All Councillors were in agreement.

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 was free to meet with Councillors at the Cemetery on Tuesday 18th June 2019. This date was acceptable to all Councillors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

From the last meeting: -

Planning Application – 059762

Reduction of grassed areas attached to existing parking area to increase manoeuvrability and the number of parking spaces

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This had now been completed and the markings have been put on the road.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the Steering Group had met on Monday 3rd June 2019. It was noted that there were more external people at the Steering Group meeting than members of the Community. A Dementia Friendly event had taken place at Ysgol Derwenfa, this had also been open to parents. The Dementia Friendly training event that had been held on 8th May 2019 was attended by eight members of the Community. Once a month, a Senior Citizen luncheon is held at Ysgol Derwenfa. School caterers provide the food for this. It is hoped that the Book Club will be launching soon.

Mrs Shereen Devine will be starting to work in Holywell in August 2019 as they aim to become an Age Friendly Community. Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator,

Partnership Development and Performance Team, Flintshire County Council had sent an e-mail advising of costs for this Council to employ Mrs Devine in the Community for possibly a half day or full day per week once she has moved. All Councillors agreed that this should be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

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

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, informed that he had told Mr Lee Shone of Highways, Flintshire County Council that this Council no longer wished to proceed with double yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street. It was pointed out that parking on the pavement at Bell's Corner has started again. All Councillors agreed that an e-mail be sent to Mr Lee Shone confirming the decision about the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street and at the same time advise that the parking problem on Bell's Corner continued.

CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

The launch of "Leeswood Digital Trails" was held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at the Community Centre, 10am till 12 midday. Staff and pupils from Ysgol Derwenfa were in attendance. Councillor J.E. Saul and Mrs Jo Danson had done a lot of work to get the iBeacons up and running. It was pointed out that they now need promoting so that the Community know they are available.

PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that this sign would be going up in the area of the New Inn, Pontblyddyn, next week.

YSGOL DERWENFA, LEESWOOD – IT EQUIPMENT

Members had been circulated with a copy of the e-mail from Gareth Owens, Chief Officer, Governance, Flintshire County Council. In this e-mail, Mr Owens advises that he has looked at whether this Council has a power to make such a donation at all. He states that he thinks we will need to rely on the so called "tupenny rate" which is the power under section 137 Local Government Act 1972 to incur expenditure

which in the opinion of this Council is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, our area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants. Councillors accepted Mr Owens' response, and all agreed that the donation of £500 could now be made.

COUNTY FORUM MEETINGS

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council, advising that the next two County Forum meetings will take place on Tuesday 25th June 2019, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Mold Town Hall and Monday 7th October 2019, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Hawarden Community Council. Agenda items are requested for the meeting to be held on 25th June 2019. It was agreed by all Councillors that if Councillor J.E. Saul was unavailable to attend the meeting then Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman and Councillor D.K. Crowther would attend.

ONE VOICE WALES – MODEL INFORMAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL

A copy of e-mail correspondence from Paul R. Egan, Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager, One Voice Wales, inviting for member Councils to complete a survey for better understanding about the level of adoption and use of the Model Informal Resolution Protocol had been circulated to all members. The Protocol was adopted by this Council, Minute 114 of the monthly meeting held on 5th September 2017. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should complete this survey on behalf of this Council. It was noted that there had never been a need to use the Model Informal Resolution Protocol.

ONE VOICE WALES – JUNE TRAINING DATES

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from One Voice Wales detailing the training sessions arranged for June 2019. Also circulated was an overview of the course modules. Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the next meeting of the One

Voice Wales Area Committee was to take place on Tuesday 11th June 2019.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT FUNDING SCHEME

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Stephen Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council advising that following recent Cabinet approval, the County Council are looking into the feasibility of allowing Town and Community Councils to fund additional Enforcement Officers. The duties of the Enforcement Officers will depend on local need but Town and Community Councils may wish to consider the following activities: -

- a) enhanced litter enforcement patrols
- b) enhanced dog fouling enforcement patrols
- c) enhanced fly tipping investigations
- d) enhanced car parking infringement patrols

Cost of providing an Enforcement Officer would be £195 per day.

It was agreed by all Councillors that Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene should be invited to the next meeting to discuss this.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- i) Pot Holes – The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes advised that these were now being repaired.
- ii) Community street lights – A number of these were out and had been reported.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Merchant Navy Ensign – Councillor R. Williams advised that he had purchased this and arrangements had been made for the flag to be flown on Bell's Corner on 3rd September 2019.
- ii) Chair of Council Civic Service – The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would be holding his Civic Service on Sunday 8th September 2019 at the Leeswood Methodist Church.

CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Buckley Town Council Chair Civic Service – an invitation from the Chair of Buckley Town Council, Councillor Arnold Woolley, to attend

his Civic Service on Sunday 9th June 2019 at Emmanuel Bistre Parish Church, Buckley, 10.30am. A parade is to gather at the Buckley Town Council Offices for departure at 10.10am. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Church Hall.

ii) Holywell Town Council Chair Civic Service – a save the date notice from the Chair of Holywell Town Council, Councillor Paul Johnson, advising that his Civic Service is to be held on Sunday 15th September 2019.

iii) Caerwys Town Council Chair Civic Service – advanced notification had been received that the Chair of Caerwys Town Council would be holding his Civic Service on Sunday 17th November 2019 at St Michael's Church, Caerwys.

HELD AT THE CEMETERY AND AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2019.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, L.T. Coleman, R. Williams and D. Rule.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

CEMETERY

Mr Aled Davies, Cemetery Sub-Contractor, met Councillors and Clerk on site at the Cemetery. A discussion took place about the plans for work in the new extension. Mr Davies expressed concern that the proposed drain along the top boundary of the new extension may not be sufficient to deal with potential water issues on the site. It was agreed by all Councillors that the drain should be out in as soon as possible, weather permitting, and the ground

could be inspected following this to see if any further drainage work is required. Observation was made that the existing Cemetery had 'lost' graves due to the poor layout over the years and that it is important to ensure that the plots in the new extension were marked out to achieve maximum capacity available. Query arose as to whether the fence separating the existing Cemetery and the new extension should be removed in its entirety. Reluctance at doing this was expressed because at the present this provided some sort of deterrent to moles and rabbits. The clay spoil in the existing Cemetery is to be moved to the bottom boundary of the new extension and the land there to be built up with the intention of putting a Remembrance Garden there in the future.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Foster and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that Mr Davies should do whatever is necessary in order to put the drain in along the top boundary and to move the clay when weather permits. All Councillors were in agreement.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2018/2019

JDH Business Services Ltd had conducted the internal audit for the financial year 2018/2019. The Clerk reported on the findings of the internal audit report. Councillors acknowledged receipt of the report and noted the work that was still ongoing. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the report be accepted and that the Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes should sign the Annual Governance Statement (Part 2) reflecting this Council's approval. All Councillors were in agreement.

Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

I have recently come across an old piece of machinery, and I was pleased to see that it was still in good working order. What I was really pleased about was that the machine in question was totally made in this country. This goes to show that when things were made in this country they were made to last. In those days people use to put their inspirations into practice and they were probably motivated by identifying a need which did lead them to produce an industrial solution to meet that need. What probably gave that generation a competitive edge, was that they had a more practical hand-on approach, and therefore understood the behaviour of the machines they developed. With this in mind, they applied the necessary precaution for the smooth running of the machine, which they designed to last forever. By making these machines to last so long, they carved a place in history, which will forever belong to them.

By having such a strong industrial past, it is possible that we can analyse the ways and systems which they applied in the development of their machines, and further develop the results from the analysis to achieve even greater results. However, to do this one needs to have an incentive, and the incentive is normally in the form of a reward in terms of financial well being. There are all of individuals, who possess the talent to develop industrial projects to a level which would compete with excellence on the world market. If there are these individuals, with these abilities at their disposal, why are we not seeing more industrial developments? Could it be because they do not have the initial financial resources to start the ball rolling? Could it be because they do not have the expertise to market the final product, or could it be a combination of both? Whichever it is, it could be said that someone needs to address the situation and tap into these human resources to create wealth and prosperity within the industrial sector. In many cases, inventors are not properly appreciated. A fine example of this is when the Wright brothers come up with the idea of making an aeroplane. The powers that be of that time, could not understand that a machine which was heavier than air could fly. The Wright brothers did their best to persuade investor to invest in the invention, but for some reason

no one shown an interest. Unfortunately the Wright brothers pursued their invention elsewhere. Nevertheless, the Wright brothers were from this country and they were inspired when they were in this country, therefore the invention was a British invention.

There could be another issue which could cause a problem with inventors. As an invention could be rather complex, an inventor could find it difficult to explain the invention to other people, because although an idea could look easy as a vision, it may prove difficult to either explain it verbally or put it on paper. It would therefore be a good idea to develop means to aid people with new ideas to be able to convey their intellectuality in a manner that could be easily understood and translated into industrial terms. With this in mind, one could open a number of opportunities which could be developed in a profitable industrial success.

It might be right to say, that we have a great opportunity to shape the future, and it is up to us to further develop of industrial heritage which has been left to us by our predecessors. It is good to feel proud that we carried on building on what we inherited, rather than relying on cheap imports made on the other side of the world.

Poetry by Joseph Caruana

Precious Life

When you lose a relative or a friend
You think that the world has come to an end
But as time heals the pain
Slowly slowly life moves on again

Life is precious and so dear
To all around us far and near
We can be loved for what we do
We can look after ourselves and others too

Truly and honestly we should behave
To earthly things we should never become a
slave

At the height of life's glory
Time goes on to create a story
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Memory of good will is what all gathers

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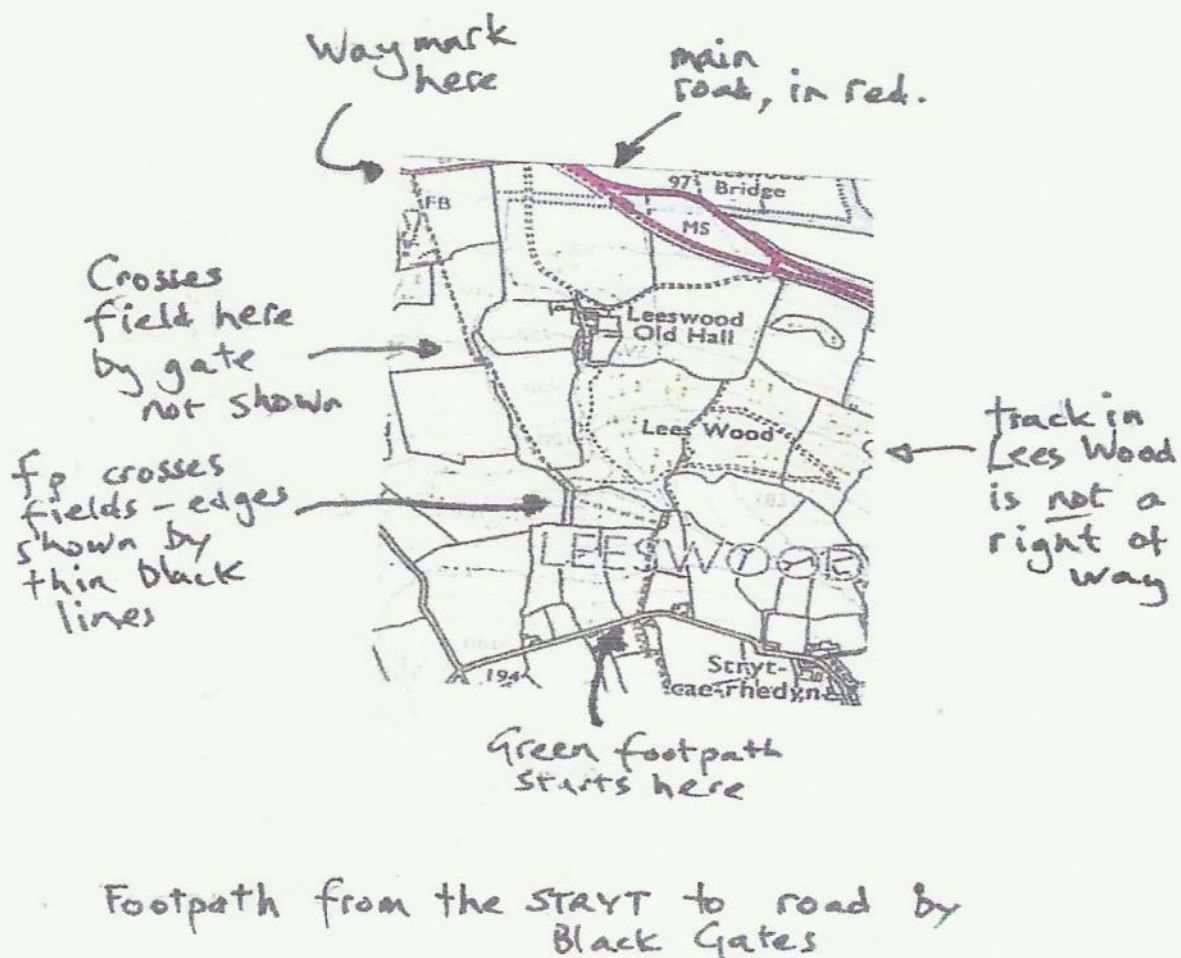
FOOTPATHS and BRIDLE WAYS

Where **footpaths** are also public rights of way, they are shown on the Ordnance Survey Map as a green dotted line, [actually it's more of a dash than a dot] The **fields** they cross are shown with thin black borders. Stiles and gates are not shown on the OS Map, so it's always a surprise to find out how a footpath crosses from one field to another. Will it be a stile or a gate?

Some footpaths are known as **permissive** paths, meaning that the public are allowed to walk on them, although they are not public rights of way. Sometimes **permissive paths** are only open to the public at certain times of the year, for instance on National Trust property [Chirk Castle is a good example]. These paths are shown in red dotted [or dashed] lines.

Bridleways, which were originally "roads" used by horse drawn vehicles or people on horseback, as the name implies, are shown on the OS Map as green dots.


A **road** is shown with its edges in black, coloured in various ways, **red** for a main [A] road, **amber** for a B road, and **yellow** for a minor road. This yellow colour is darker where the road is more than 4m wide. Other, smaller roads [including **bridleways**] are shown without colour.




Where a footpath starts from a road, there should be some form of indication, a fingerpost or a waymark of some kind. Where these indications are missing it makes it harder for walkers to find the way off the road, where a footpath begins. You can sometimes spend ages looking for the right way in. The local authority is responsible for placing these signs in position.

I've reached Hay-on-Wye now on my Border Trail. By and large it's been possible to walk on footpaths, bridleways and minor roads [and one or two main roads, where no footpath exists – horrendous] But there is a great variation in the standard of maintenance of these footpaths. I have to say that the richer the County [Cheshire] for example, the better the provision of waymarks, fingerposts, stiles and walkers' gates. A county like Powys, however, which is the largest Welsh County in terms of geographical spread [and therefore with the most miles of footpaths] but with the smallest population pro rata, and therefore the lowest in terms of revenue from Council Tax – here the standard of maintenance is not so good. This means that footpaths which may exist on the map are not there on the ground. We even came to cross a river by a footbridge, shown on the map, where no footbridge existed in real life, and we had to go back and find another route. In these days of austerity, of course, such Councils do not have the resources to keep up the maintenance of schools, even, and footpaths I'm afraid, come very low down in the list of priorities. There are some instances in Leeswood and district of broken down stiles, missing waymarks and an absence of direction finders where a footpath leaves a road. These should be reported to Leeswood Community Council and Flintshire County Council.

Mike Stevens



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