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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 OCTOBER EDITION
Wednesday 18th September

LEESWOOD NEWS UPDATE

The meeting was held on Thursday 8th August. Twelve people attended the meeting.

A committee was formed:

Chairman: Joseph Caruana

Secretary: Marie Reynolds

Treasurer: Ally Louise Harrison-Dean

Editor: June Lincoln

Adverts Editor: John Davies

As well as: Maldwyn Roberts, Margaret Roberts, Billy Lincoln,
Ray Hughes.

We NEED additional committee members:

- To organise or help organise fund-raising
- To be there to support the Leeswood News
- Attend regular meetings

We are also looking for additional help in delivering the paper: Even if you only do your road.

PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

No Ladies Guild held during August,
as holiday season.



at Leeswood Community Centre

On 23rd October 2019

Doors open 7.00 - Eyes down 7.30 pm



IN AID OF RAISING FUNDS FOR 'THE LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT NEWS'

'CHRISTMAS FAYRE'

30th November

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE



Special Events

SEPTEMBER 2019

Mobile Library

11th September

11:45 _ 12:45

Maes y Meillion

Free Dementia Friend Session

18th September

18:30 _ 19:30

Leeswood Community Centre

Saturday 5th October 11.00 am—2.00 pm



Macmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 5th October
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11am-2pm- CH7 4SB
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Welcome!

It's an especially exciting time for Bethania this month as we welcome Rev. Elfed Godding (pictured above) as our new minister.

Elfed and his wife Jackie have lots of experience – they've pastored churches in Oswestry and in Cardiff, while for nearly 20 years Elfed was based in Cardiff in the post of National Director for Wales in the Evangelical Alliance, supporting and encouraging lots of different churches, large and small, across Wales.

Now that he's retired from that and moved to this area, he'll be working part-time as Bethania's pastor. He's already begun to work with us, and there'll be an official Induction Service at Bethania Chapel on Saturday, September 14th at 2pm, followed by refreshments at the Community Centre at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

You'll be seeing Elfed and Jackie around the village – please do say hello!

So, a new start for Elfed and Jackie, and a new chapter for Bethania in this, our 151st year. Exciting...!

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

Croeso

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

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CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

SERVICES

IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 11

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D J POOLMAN

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 12

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D KATHY STEWART

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 13

5.00P.M. EVENSONG

OFFICIANT: THE VEN. JOHN LOMAS.

ARCHDEACON OF WREXHAM

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 14

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D C POOLMAN

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 15

10.30 A.M. JOINT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH TREUDDYN

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 16

5.00P.M. HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 17

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 18

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER: TRINITY 19

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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AT ALL OF OUR SERVICES**

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IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.

31ST SEPTEMBER

& 26TH OCTOBER 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.

I've conducted a fair number of weddings and heard several poetic descriptions of "marriage". But never heard anything quite as accurate as this one I read on Facebook...

"A relationship is not what some people think it is. It's not always waking up early every morning to make breakfast and eating together. It's not cuddling in bed together until both of you peacefully fall asleep. It's not a clean home and a homemade meal every day.

It's someone who steals all the covers. It's sometimes slammed doors, and a few harsh words, disagreeing, and the silent treatment until your hearts heal. Then...forgiveness!

It's coming home to the same person everyday that you know loves and cares about you, in spite of and because of who you are. It's laughing about the one time you accidentally did something stupid. It's about dirty laundry and unmade beds without finger pointing. It's about helping each other with the hard work of life! It's about swallowing the nagging words instead of saying them out loud.

It's about eating the cheapest and easiest meal you can make and sitting down together at 10 p.m. to eat because you both had a crazy day. It's when you have an emotional breakdown, and your love lays with you and holds you and tells you everything is going to be okay, and you believe them. It's about still loving someone even though sometimes they make you absolutely insane.

Living with the person you love is not perfect, and sometimes it's hard, but it's amazing and comforting and one of the best things you'll ever experience." (Author - Anon)

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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 September 2019.

September 1st	TBA followed by Communion
September 8 th	TBA
September 15 th	Mr Clive Davies
September 22 nd	TBA
September 28 th	Rev Robert Parry (Harvest Thanksgiving)
September 29 th	Mr Clive Davies

In common with many protestant churches, Cedron practices an informal mode of worship. As Congregationalists we seek the holy spirit for guidance and, in observance of Paul's call to worship, any member of the congregation is welcome to speak: (1 Corinthians 14:26: *How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.*)

The protestant church was born out of the reformation as a reaction to the many abuses emanating from Rome and with the desire that ordinary men and women could read and understand the scriptures for themselves. At that time in England, just reading the scriptures in English required a Bishops licence under penalty of death. Even those with unfailing loyalty to the church of Rome cried out against the injustices they saw, for example in 1521 the great Dutch theologian Erasmus (who compiled the 1516 Greek new testament) wrote: "I doubt whether in the whole history of Christianity the heads of the Church have been so grossly worldly as at the present moment".

Into this arena walked a young priest named William Tyndale. He had eagerly poured over Erasmus' texts and found them much in conflict with the tuition he had received at Magdalen college, Oxford. In 1521 as Chaplain and tutor to Sir John Walsh's family at Little Sodbury Manor near Bristol, he would often enter conversation with esteemed guests and visiting Church officials. In theological discussions, time and again Tyndale was able to appeal to scripture in defence of his position to such a degree that on one occasion a friar exclaimed in exasperation: "We had better be without God's laws than the Pope's". Tyndale famously responded: "I defy the Pope, and all his laws; and if God spares my life, ere many years, I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost!". Seldom has a truer word been spoken. Tyndale had resolved to translate the scriptures into English.

Unable to secure a position as translator with Bishop Tunstall in London, Tyndale worked for a time under the support of Humphrey Monmouth, a wealthy cloth merchant. He moved to Germany in 1524 when it was no longer safe to remain in England, knowing that Martin Luther had in 1522 translated the New Testament into German under the protection of Frederick the wise. By 1525 Tyndale had succeeded in translating and printing the book of Matthew up to Chapter 22, however within a very short time Cardinal Wolsey caught wind of Tyndale's work and a 10-year manhunt across Germany & Belgium was to ensue. Tyndale was at last betrayed by one Henry Phillips and imprisoned in the dank dungeons of Vilvoorde castle near Brussels in 1535, by which time he had translated the entire New testament and most of the old. He was tried on a charge of heresy in 1536 and condemned to be burned to death. On October 6th, 1536 Tyndale was tied to the stake, garrotted and his dead body burned ". His final words, spoken fervently and with a loud voice were: "Lord! Open the King of England's eyes!".

A magnificent testimony to the fulfilment of Tyndale's hopes are the words of Bishop Edward Fox of Hereford to an assembly of Bishops in the year of Tyndale's death: "Make not yourselves the laughing-stock of the world; light is sprung up and is scattering the clouds. The lay people know the Scriptures better than many of us!"



Harvest Thanksgiving Service

**Cedron Congregational
Church**

Pontybodkin

Saturday 28th September 6:30 PM

Led by Rev. Robert Parry

Organist: Mr Christopher Enston

Refreshments to follow

Enquiries to: Cedron.Congregational@gmail.com

Children Welcome!



The Methodist Church

Wesley Church, Leeswood

- 1st Sept. Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Mrs Michele Jones
- 8th Sept. Civic Service 2.30 pm**
led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 15th Sept. Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Mr David Blainey
- 22nd Sept. Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Rev Bernard Nixon
- 29th Sept. Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Mr Chris Cole

Methodist Church recognises a climate emergency

Faced with a climate emergency the Methodist Conference, 2019 has called on the UK to achieve net zero emissions well before 2050.

This follows recent initiatives including participation in the #TheTimesNow Climate Coalition lobby of MPs in London last month as well as engagement with investor bodies on reducing humanity’s global carbon footprint.

Single use plastics were singled out at the week-long Conference, being held at the NEC in Birmingham, with single use water bottles or cups unavailable for use by representatives.

The Conference encouraged its members and churches to reduce plastic pollution and for church cafés to consider signing up to a refill scheme, offering free refills for water bottles.

Earlier this year the Methodist Church launched Eco Circuits and Eco Districts in partnership with A Rocha, a Christian organisation engaging communities in nature conservation. The first Methodist Church to receive a Gold Eco Church Award was announced in June as Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church.


Barbara Glasson, President of the Conference, who walked 133 miles along canal towpaths to the Conference raising funds for communities across the world affected by climate change, said:

“As a Church we believe in the possibility of transformation. Our church has heard the voice of communities around the world that are already suffering severe consequences of climate change.

“Our response must be both individual and corporate to do all we can to tread more lightly on the earth.”

Steve Hucklesby, Policy Adviser for the Methodist Church said:

“Next year the critical COP26 international climate summit may well be hosted in London. Our nation has the opportunity to provide inspiration for others. The UK must back up targets with clear policies and urgent investment to bring about a zero carbon future.”



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CURRY NIGHT

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VENUE: Leeswood Community Centre

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BINGO

We look forward to seeing you at 7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at the Leeswood Community Centre.

Donations for Raffle or Bingo prizes gratefully received.
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CURRY NIGHT

We are trying a new event and hope you will support us. On Saturday 26th October from 7pm, we are having a Curry Supper in the Leeswood Community Centre. There will be a bar, background music, curry quiz, raffle, "Guess the Distance". Mild and vegetable options also available.

Tickets £7 from the group members, the Brand family or any Tuesday between 10am and 2pm from Anne, Cynthia, Jane, Jennifer, Maureen or Norma at the Leeswood Community Centre.

We are all very worried about our Honorary President; Mrs Lucille Ingman who still suffers from extremely poor health. We all send her our very best wishes.

The Hospice very much appreciates all that our community does for them.

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



Bingo!

PRIZE BINGO

WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2019

Doors Open: 7.00 pm

Eyes Down: 7.30 pm

in association with SHELTER CYMRU

at Leeswood Community Centre

Last year "A WOUNDED PEACE",
this year "IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER" Theatr Clwyd, 18th December 2019
supporting Shelter Cymru's work with the homeless

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Wednesday 25th September

18:00 – 19:00

Old Clinic

Leeswood Community Centre

For more information, please

Contact

Shereen Devine

07469 851886

Shereen.Devine@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

A great opportunity to meet with
friends both old & new

Leeswood Reading Group.

Once a month for the past three months this new group has met at the Community Centre to share thoughts and opinions on the books we have all read and our likes and dislikes.

It has become very clear that we all have very different tastes and different opinions! And we all love reading!

Tonight we created a list of books we could recommend to each other:-

1. The trouble with goats and sheep by Joanna Cannon.
2. The woman who went to bed for a year by Sue Townsend (writer of Adrian Mole books).
3. The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton
4. The secret life of bees by Sue Monk Kidd

We were also interested to hear about a new book "The songbird is singing" by Alun Trevor which is set in the 1920's and our home area is very much featured, it sounds like a good read by a local author.

Our next meeting will be on *Wednesday 25th September at 6pm* in the Old Clinic Room in the Community Centre, if you like to read you will have everything in common with us, please come and join us and share the pleasures we find between the pages of books!

Hope to see you then.

C. Flitcroft



Volunteers wanted



Our cafe is a community run project
staffed by volunteers.

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

Help us bring people together
&
Receive Time Credits

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staff.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mike Steven's production of 'HAMLET'

20th— 23rd November 2019

at Theatr Clwyd

Tickets now on sale:

£12, £10 concession, £9 for groups

Mold riots walk from Leeswood to Mold on 20 October. This will be part of the Daniel Owen Festival 2019 which will coincide with Theatr Clwyd's community drama based on the Mold Riots. The riots started at Leeswood Green Colliery and the ancestors of many Leeswood, Coed Talon and Treuddyn locals were part of it.

For your information, there are brief details of the walk on the programme page of the Daniel Owen Festival website www.danielowenfestival.com

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**Wednesday
4th September
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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.

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THE LDN BIBLE BLOG : September 2019

Communicate well!

'Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs. Then what you say will help those who listen...' - The Bible, Ephesians Ch. 4 v. 29 (NT) NIRV

Our conversations and dealings with others will not be godly if we're unable to communicate in a godly way.

It's not always about the words we use. We also need to be careful of the tone we're using, our body language, when we choose to speak and the method of our delivery.

Angrily yelling good advice to someone doesn't always do the job intended. But it might do in certain circumstances.

Sometimes you have to say what to you seems obvious! To others, it may not be so obvious. So here goes... Our conversations and dealings with others will not be godly if we're unable to communicate in a godly way. So what is a godly way to communicate? The Bible says: **'Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs. Then what you say will help those who listen...'** Our words should be building others up rather than breaking them down (take a look at 1 Thessalonians Ch. 5 v. 11 (NT)). It is best to be speaking out of love, not frustration. That doesn't mean we avoid addressing conflicts and the things that have hurt us. Maybe we should be addressing these things in love, with peoples' best interests at heart (have a read of Ephesians Ch. 4 v. 15 (NT)). When we're communicating with anyone, we need to make sure that we're showing them God's love and that we're ready to share our faith with them if appropriate. The Bible says: **'Always be prepared to give an answer... for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect'** (1 Peter Ch. 3 v. 15 NIV). It's not always about the words we use. We also need to be careful of the tone we're using, our body language, when we choose to speak and the method of our delivery. Angrily yelling good advice to someone doesn't always do the job intended. But it might do in certain circumstances. Before speaking maybe we need to ask ourselves a few questions: 1) Will what I say **'... help to build others up and meet their needs?** 2) Should this conversation happen face to face rather than over the phone or text or email or WhatsApp or Facebook etc? 3) Am I calm and thinking rationally? 4) Am I prepared to listen to what the other person has to say in return, and can I respond in a gentle way? 5) What is an appropriate time and place to have this conversation?

Communicating well is something we can improve. We'll all make mistakes, but if we follow God's advice, we may well be able to communicate much more effectively.

What Now? When I first started preaching in the mid 1980's, some 'kind' person gave me a cassette recording (remember them?) of one of my sermons, and I did listen to it. The content was brilliant if I may say so myself, but it was ruined by my dreadful delivery of it! As well as listening to others, maybe we ought to listen to ourselves more often too. I certainly didn't like what I was hearing and made changes. You may need to too! Try it.

Simon

PS. If you want to contact me I am available at TheLDNBibleBlog@gmail.com. Have a good month, especially Parents Liberation Day when the children go back to school!

NIRV - New International Readers Version (of The Bible)
NT - New Testament

Ch. Chapter
v. Verse

LEESWOOD ALLOTMENTS



Mid August now and the allotments are in full production.

Of course there's the constant battle with weeds, pests and the weather but with knowledge acquired from other allotment holders, a book or two and of course the internet these are over come.

I turned to the internet to research a problem with our damson tree at home. A beautiful mass of blossom in the spring lead to the formation of a fecundity of small green damsons. We eagerly waited for them to ripen. Unfortunately, the beautiful oval shaped fruit turned misshapen and resembled mini bananas. What was going on? Time to turn to the internet. I now know it's commonly called "Pocket Plum" or "Bent Banana Disease". I won't bore you here with how to treat it **zzz** but should you ever suffer...the internet has the answer!

Back on the allotment, with the heavy, persistent rain we had earlier in the year which decimated some of our crops now consigned to history, the allotmenters are busy harvesting, freezing, preserving and sharing the fruits of their labours.

The variety of fruit and vegetables grown on the allotments is astounding and then to add to that the flowers, we have an amazing and interesting patch of land here in the village. If you would like to have a go yourself on a full or half plot get in touch with Joseph on 01352 770187 or pop down to the allotment site and speak to someone there.



HAPPY HARVESTING !!!



Dementia Awareness Sessions

Wednesday 18th September

AGE-FRIENDLY
COMMUNITIES IN WALES



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I OED YNG NGHYMRO

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.

Leeswood & Ponblyddyn is working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Community

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

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

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

Wednesday

18th September

18:30

Leeswood Community Centre

**To book a place
please contact**

Shereen

07469 851886



Become a Dementia Friend

Join us for this free interactive Information Session to learn how dementia affects a person and what you can do to make a difference. Become a Dementia Friend and join more than 2 million others taking action. From being more patient in a shop queue to campaigning for change, every action counts.

Anyone of any age can become a Dementia Friend.

DATE **Wednesday 18th September**

START TIME **6.30pm**

DURATION **1 hour**

VENUE

Leeswood Community Centre

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

OTHER INFORMATION

Refreshments available from 6pm

NAME **Shereen Devine**

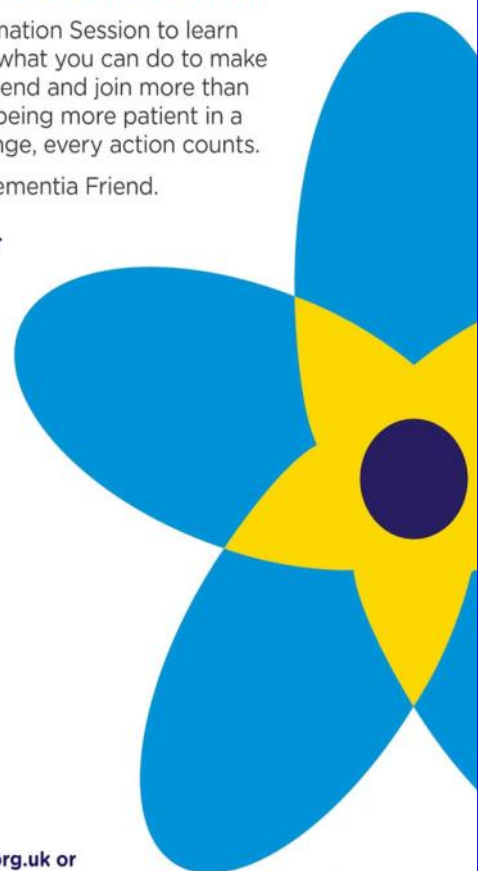
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Poetry by Joseph Caruana

One Summer Morning

Another day is dawning
Country creatures are about from
early morning
Hanging baskets full of flowers
You can look at them for all hours

Oh how nice life can be
When all these things we can see
Ever things move with wonder
But how all these things happen
one does ponder

With this within our reach
Good respect for nature we must
teach

For it is our duty to do this
To encourage nature to give us
bliss

Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

An industrial item starts its life as a conceptual idea and progresses from there into other aspects of developments. Some industrial ideas are initiated due to a market pull or a technological push. When a product is initiated due to a market pull it is more likely to be successful in create profits. This is due to the situation that it is what the public wants and therefore there is a vacuum within the market which needs to be filled. A technological push is more of a gamble, and the developer would need to make more of an effort to make it a success because besides having to develop the product, he, she or they would need to build a market for the product. This is where market research kicks in, because if an individual or an organisation has money to invest, they will conduct a market research to identify what market vacuums are available. Once a market is identified, a study of what can be coordinated with what is already on the market might proof to be beneficial.

The next stage would be to explore ways to produce a product with the utmost of manufacturing flexibility and with as many interchangeable parts as possible. Interchange-ability of parts (which means that you can use the same part more that once within a finished product) will be more cost effective, and will cut to a minimum all excessive expenditure in production tooling. A competitive edge within the market place can be won or lost with what happens on the shop floor. If the operations on the shop floor are lean and efficient, the final result will be a product of world class quality, which can sell at a competitive price all over the world.

These days there is very little room for waste in industry, and the amount of waste from a production process, is a reflection of poor efficiency or poor of lean manufacturing or a combination of both. Lean operations will involve collecting process data from the production line followed by a study of what is value added and what is not value added, which is then used to calculate the overall effectiveness of the equipment used to produce the finished product. If you have a machine which has an operating

time availability of twenty four hours, and has only been operated for twelve hour, the machine in question is only being fifty percent lean. In other words, the money invested in purchasing the machine is yielding fifty percent less of what it should yield. These days you hardly find a manufacturing establishment that does not try to get as much returns as possible from every little bit of investment, irrespective of whether the investment is in machinery, workforce, or facilities.

This country has produced fantastic industrial ideas, which has served us very well in the past. However, that is the past and we must look to the future where no one should be made to feel excluded and every should look for young ideas which can be followed through to full fruition. Wealth creation is important, and the seeds of honest wealth creation should be cultivated with care and attention. Some young talents might feel that they are being held back by circumstances that they have no control upon. This could cause alienation, and might stop young generations from being progressive because there is no proper initiative. Generation after generation has been measured by what they have achieved and of what benefit their achievements were to future generations. On several occasions I spoke to my father (when he was alive) and asked him what did he consider to be the greatest achievement of his generation. Without hesitation he always referred to his participation in the last world war. On one of these occasions, my father said to me that what he was most proud of was that his generation did not ask what they can take out from the pockets of the community, but by the prosperity they created. Another issue that my father spoke about was that people did not seek self importance and that during the war they sacrificed themselves for future generations without any mention of any recognition for what they were doing or glorification for what they were sacrificing.

There is a lot of things that we can learn from history in general and from past generations. There has been a lot of mighty important people who in their time might have thought they were invincible, but the only thing that has proved to be invincible is time itself. Only time is perpetual, only time will judge what people did with their lives, what they have achieved, and how good was their achievements irrespective of what they have achieved.

MARCHING ON MOLD

On a June day in 1869, Leeswood folk, miners and their families, marched on Mold, to show solidarity with those who were being tried in Mold Court House. They were not to know it at the time, but they would be caught up in the disturbances in the town, later to be known as the Mold Riots.

I imagine they would have taken the lower route from Pontblyddyn on that day. But if you were walking today, from Leeswood, this is a route to take using public rights of way, footpaths and fields before hitting the main road.

1. Start at the Community Centre. Go the back way into Phoenix Park then bear right to the gate by the old Chapel. You are now in Parc Derwen. Follow the road out of the village, as it becomes Stryt Cae Rhedyn, uphill and beyond houses. When you reach the Grange, look out for a footpath, right, taking you into a field.
2. Keep the field edge to your right to the field corner and cross by means of a gate into the field beyond. You need to make for the far left-hand corner of this field in order to reach the wood. The best way is to go straight across the field you are in, then bear left along woodland edge to the field corner.
3. Enter the wood here via a ditch and stile and follow the line of a stream, steering your way through the wood to come out at a stile, which will help you into the field beyond. Skirt the field, keeping its edge and brook on your left as you descend. Look out for a gate or gateway in the hedge on the left on your way down and use it to cross into the adjacent field.
4. Leaving the gateway, keep the hedge on your right until it changes course. At this projecting hedge corner, instead of following the hedge, go straight down the field to a hedge crossing your path. There is a good stile here which is out of view when you set off, and this will help you into the field beyond.
5. Your next objective is the bridge over the River Terrig, which lies straight ahead. Cross the river on the striking green bridge and make for the stile which will take you onto the B 5444, where you will turn left. *Though only a B road, traffic here can be fast and furious. Drivers have just been doing 70 mph on the dual carriageway from Wrexham and are still going hell for leather.*
6. Follow the road now into Mold, first of all past the Black Gates on your left, then the road junction to Leeswood where you can, if you time it properly, pick up the bus from Leeswood [usually about 25 minutes past the hour]
7. If you continue to march into Mold, perhaps with banners blazing, you might find it wise to have some form of protection or police cover, particularly if numbers of walkers are high. There is no pavement as such between the Black Gates and the roundabout at the Mold By-pass, and aforesaid traffic continues to belt along.
8. From the roundabout you can pick up the pavement to continue your march into Mold, though it's farther than you think from the outskirts to the town centre. Here you may riot at leisure [not seriously]

Mike Stevens

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