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Do you have an idea for a great article?

Maybe you have a story to share?

Are you aware of any local events or notices that need to appear within this publication?

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**DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2020
EDITION - Saturday 18th January 2020**

PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

LADIES GUILD

On the 24th October 2019, Vice president, Mrs Margaret Roberts, welcomed Guild members and guests from Craft and Patchwork and Quilting. We were introduced to Mrs Pam Davey who told us about Woollies for the World (Joshua Luke's Legacy). Pam founded 'Woollies for the World' in memory of her Angel Baby Joshua in 2014 and this has grown so that many people now knit items for her which she then distributes to needy cases and to various people all over the world. This is a small part of what Pam does as she also helps the homeless, refugees, people with dementia and many other projects, too many to list here. There was a display of around 260 items that had been knitted locally.

Refreshments were provided and served by Mrs Jenny Webb and the raffle which was given by Mrs Cynthia Flitcroft was won by my sister Carol, who was on holiday with us.

14th November 2019: Margaret welcomed everyone for turning out on a dreadfully cold and rainy night and also welcomed our speaker Councillor Carolyn Thomas who represents Treuddyn. We had an interesting evening with Carolyn telling us how she became a councillor and then went on to discuss various topics.

Refreshments were made and served by Margaret and the raffle donated by Mrs Jane Lucy was won by Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick. Margaret declared the meeting closed.

**GUILD MEMBERS WISH ALL READERS
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



Special Events

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The True Light

A ray of sunlight left the radiant surface of our star about 8 minutes and 20 seconds ago.

No one saw it.

Three and a half minutes ago it passed through the orbit of Venus.

Not a soul noticed it.

A second ago it flashed past the International Space Station.

None of the astronauts glimpsed it.

Nobody saw the ray of light because it is invisible in a vacuum. It isn't until it enters our atmosphere, collides with particles in the air, or a wall, or your child's face that it bounces off, scattering its energy, entering our eyes and becoming visible to us.

If it doesn't interact with anything, then it will disappear into infinity unobserved. All of which makes me think about what the Gospel of John says about Jesus, Son of God:

The true light that gives light to every one was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. (John 1:9-10)

Just as light is invisible until it interacts with something, so Jesus' presence in the universe is hidden from our eyes until he changes something or someone close to us. He illumines our spiritual darkness. Jesus changed the world two thousand years ago when he entered our society in a Bethlehem stable, and he continues changing our world now, touching hearts and leading us into his world of love, peace, justice, and, above all, a life filled with God.

Peter Cousins

**NADOLIG LLAWEN
A BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA !**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Special Christmas Services at Bethania in 2019

Sun. December 15th 4:30pm – Carol Service.

Sun. December 22nd 10:15am – Christmas Family Service.

Wed. December 25th 10:15am – Informal Christmas Day Service – a chance for the children to show everyone their favourite Christmas present.



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

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2019

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SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Carols by Candle light followed by seasonal refreshments
4:30 pm

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Christmas Family Service
10:15 am

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

Informal Christmas Day Service
A chance for the children to show everyone their favourite Christmas present.
10:15 am



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Christmas Carol Service!



CEDRON CHAPEL, PONTYBODKIN

December 12th 2018, 7:00pm

Led by Rev. ROBERT PARRY

Refreshments to follow

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Seasonal Music and Carols for all

Cedron Chapel Pontybodkin
Boxing Day, 26 December 7pm

Meriel Enston - Soprano
Christopher Enston - Piano

ADMISSION FREE

Donations for Cedron Chapel



Cedron Congregational Church

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

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

Cedron will host a Christmas Carol service on December 12th and a Christmas Concert at 7:00pm on Thursday 26th December (more details to follow).

SPEAKERS for November/December 2019.

November 24th Mr Mark Turner
December 1st Mr Clive Davies
December 8th Mr Mark Turner
December 12th Rev Robert Parry – Christmas Carol Service
December 15th Mr Chris Cole



We were delighted to host a talk from *Answers in Genesis* speaker and eminent Scientist Professor Stephen Taylor of Liverpool University at Leeswood community centre on October 5th. Stephen is Professor of Electromagnetics & Physical Electronics and head of the University's Mass Spectrometry research group. He is also Managing Director of a Q-Technologies, a company seeking to commercialize mass spectrometry technology. As if this were not enough, he is the chairman of United Beach Missions and serves as local Church elder in Liverpool.

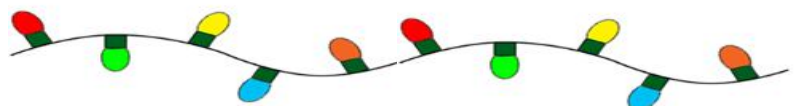
Prof Taylor took us on a journey from the origins of modern electromagnetics beginning with notable Christians who contributed so much to our current understanding such as Michael Faraday and the extraordinary James Clark Maxwell. A wide range of scientific phenomena was presented from a biblical perspective to show that no single aspect of scientific observation is at odds with a plain reading of the scriptures. We were introduced to the enormity of space with stars a billion times more massive than our own sun. This vision was then contrasted with nano-scale images taken using an electron microscope to reveal the breathtakingly wonderful design and complexity of a molecular rotating cam-shaft component necessary for generation of the energy molecule ATP synthase (which living things need in order to function) and which rotates at speeds up to 9000 rpm. This very much brought to mind **Psalm 139:14: *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.***

Professor Taylor presented the case for a designed universe in need of a profound and orderly designer and contrasted this with the blind purposelessness of the theory of evolution, based as it is on implausible chance events and for which surprisingly little actual scientific support can be found. The talk was concluded with a passage from **Revelation 3:20: *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.***

It was also our pleasure to welcome displays from renowned artist and author Phillip Snow of the North Wales creation Group and Joseph Hubbard of Creation Research (UK).

On Thursday 24th October It was also our pleasure to welcome Mr Kevin Mathias and company during his guided tour through Leeswood, Coed Talon and Pontybodkin. The tour aimed to commemorate the 1869 Mold riots and also discuss the industrial history of the area Including old pubs, ironworks, coal mines and chapels. Kevin gave a fascinating insight into the people and places surrounding this notable event in British history.

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www.cedrononline.com





From left to right:
Professor Stephen Taylor (AIG),

Phillip Snow (NWCG),

Joseph Hubbard (CR)
-facing camera



Refreshments and a convivial chat!



Members of Cedron Congregational Church



Presentation on the Mold riots by tour guide Kevin Matthias

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

SERVICES IN DEC 19 – JAN 20

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER: ADVENT SUNDAY

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV'D JOHN POOLMAN



SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER: ADVENT 2

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER: ADVENT 3

4.00P.M. CHAOTIC CAROLS
WITH THE CHOIR OF YSGOL DERWENFA

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER: ADVENT 4

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

11.P.M. FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS 1

10.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
FOR ALL 3 CONGREGATIONS



SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY: CHRISTMAS 2

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRANT: REV'D JOHN POOLMAN



SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY:

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY: EPIPHANY 2

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY: EPIPHANY 3

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY: CANDLEMAS

4.00P.M. CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
AT ALL OF OUR SERVICES**

During a clergy vacancy in Northop other members of the clergy team will stand in for Carole when she needs to be in Northop Church.

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

is open every day between
the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.

25TH JANUARY 2020

"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.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO
"COME 4 COFFEE" IN DECEMBER.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE PONTBLYDDYN GROUP

Friday 6th- Sunday 8th December

Christmas Tree Festival in Treuddyn Church

Sunday 8th December

5.00p.m. Carol Service in Treuddyn Church

Sunday 15th December

4.00p.m. Chaotic Carols
With Ysgol Derwenfa Choir
in Pontblyddyn Church

Sunday 22nd December

2.00p.m. Carol Service in Nercwys Church

Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve

4.00.m. Crib Service in Treuddyn
9.00p.m. Communion in Nercwys
11.00p.m. Communion in Pontblyddyn

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day

9.30 a.m. Family Communion in Treuddyn



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- 8th Dec. Morning Worship 10.45 am
with the Lord's Supper
led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 15th Dec. Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 22nd Dec. Carol Service 10.45 am
led by Mr Chris Cole



- 5th Jan. Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by members and friends
- 12th Jan. Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by Mrs Michele Jones
- 19th Jan. Covenant Service 10.45 am
with the Lord's Supper
led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 26th Jan. Morning Worship 10.45 am
led by Rev Bernard Nixon

*You are warmly invited
to*

*Christmas Afternoon Tea
at*

*Wesley Methodist Church,
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*Tuesday 3rd December
2.30pm - 4.30pm*



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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.

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COFFEE EVENING AND COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Hafan Deg, Treuddyn

13 December 2019

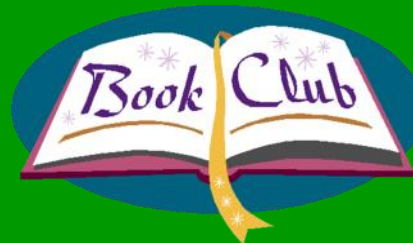
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LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



On behalf of the above Branch I am taking the opportunity to pay tribute and extend my sincere thanks to everyone who assisted and supported us at this year's Armistice Day Service.

The short parade from the Community Centre was headed by our Branch Standard Bearer Mr Terry Hughes, followed by Ex-Service members, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and members of the community.

After being conveyed by coach to Pontblyddyn, members assembled walked through the Lynchgate paying respect to those fallen in both World Wars and recent conflicts. The service in the Church was conducted by the Rev'd Adrian Hezel supported by his wife Pat for whom we are extremely grateful. Readings were read at the service by Carlton Jones, Branch Chairman and Cheryl Francis, Branch Poppy Organiser.

Following the church service a short note of remembrance was held at the Lynchgate where wreaths were laid by the following; Mr Joey Roberts, Vince Price on behalf of the local branch, C'llr Ray Hughes (Community Council), Mrs Ann Jones (Churches Together), Mr Andrew Jones (HM. Ysgol Derwenfa), C'llr Joseph Caruana (Leeswood Allotments) and Alex Burden (Guides Leader). The Rev'd Adrian Hezel concluded with a short prayer.

Following the Church Service a wreath laying ceremony was held at the Leeswood Cenotaph. Wreaths were laid by: C'llr Ray Hughes (RBL), C'llr David Crowther (Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council), Alex Burden (Guides), Anna Parry (Brownies), Steph Gelling (Rainbows Leader), Mr John Furnival (Leeswood Hospice Group), Mr Joseph Caruana (Allotments and the Leeswood News), Michael Brand (Leeswood Community Centre). To conclude the Rev'd Adrian Hezel led us in prayer.

Exhortations were read by Carlton Jones and Cheryl Francis, and poems were read at both services by Joseph Caruana. Flag Masters were Joey Roberts and Joseph Caruana.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Leaders of the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows for their hard work and dedication, and to appeal to Mums and Dads to encourage their children to join these wonderful organisations.

On Friday 8th November the annual Ysgol Derwenfa Children's Service was held at the Leeswood Cenotaph and was led by Mr Andrew Jones (Head Master) and members of staff. Mr Jones read out the names of the fallen and gave a brief history of their past, Mr Jones also reminded those present of the sacrifice made by so many in both World Wars. The Headmaster also displayed a wonderful collage of Poppy's made by Owen Hanley. Children taking part in the service were Millie Thomas, Isla Fferrelly, Molly Bennett and Isabelle Parry. Following the service all the children present laid crosses on the Cenotaph.

I would like to pay a special thanks to the following; Mrs Williamson (County Road) for baking and selling cakes and giving the proceeds to the Poppy Appeal Fund. Mr Ian Williams (FCC) and his team for the clean up prior to both services. To Ray Hughes and Richard Williams for placing Poppy's on poles in the village and also suggesting that, if more help could be mustered, more of the village could be covered.

A special thanks to Marie Reynolds for arranging refreshments at the Community Centre following both services and for arranging for the Last Post and Reveille to be sounded at both services. To our ever faithful Barbara and Paul Davies for providing the coach free-of-charge and for Trish for transporting us to both venues. Lastly I must pay my sincere thanks to Cheryl Francis, our Poppy Organiser, for her dedication commitment and support.

Carlton Jones (Branch Chairman)



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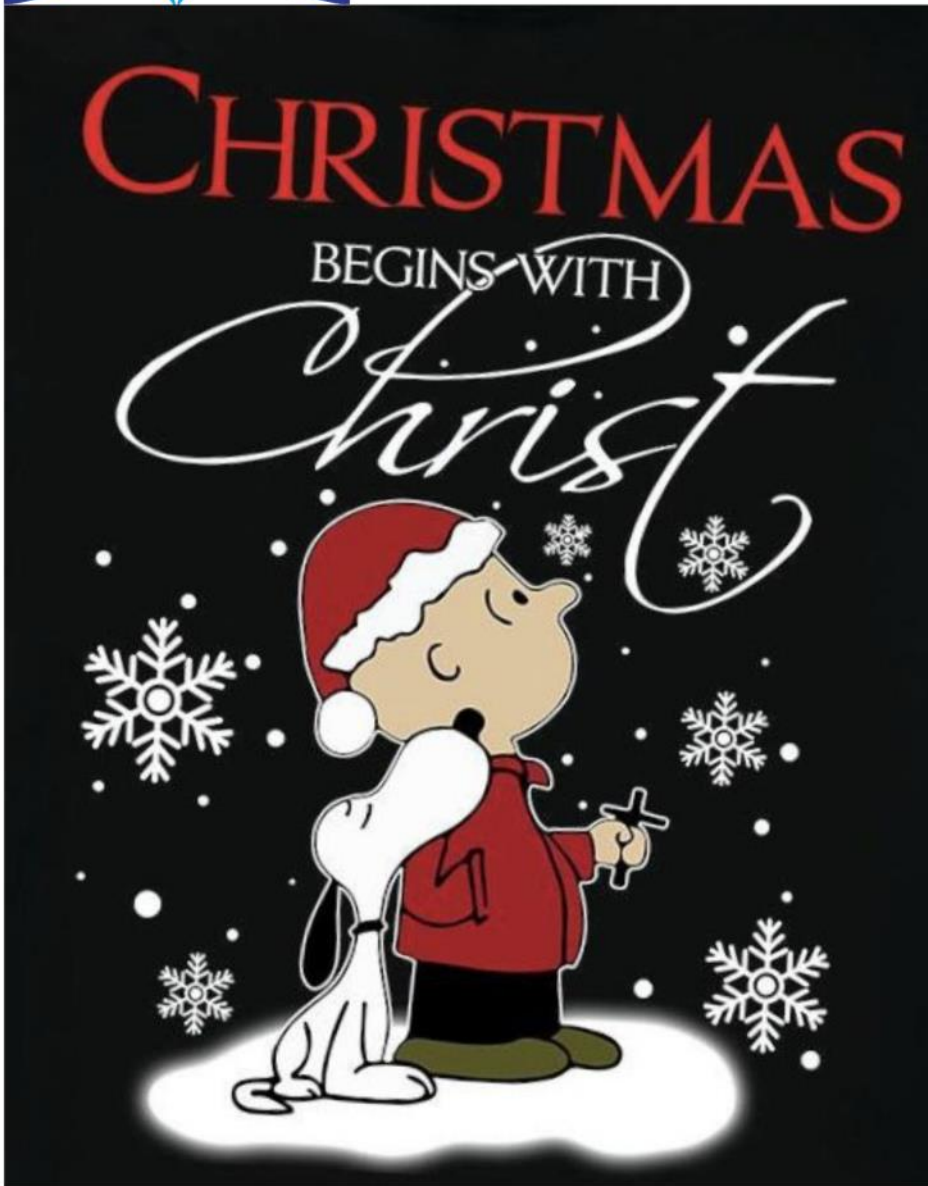


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Look Back and Thank God!
Look Forward and Trust God!



Christmas
BIBLE READING
PLAN:

Christ is coming

- Day 1 Isaiah 9:2-7
- Day 2 Isaiah 11:1-5
- Day 3 Isaiah 7:10-14
- Day 4 Micah 5:1-5
- Day 5 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Christ is here

- Day 6 Luke 1:26-33
- Day 7 Luke 1:34-38
- Day 8 Luke 1:46-55
- Day 9 Matthew 1:18-25
- Day 10 Luke 2:1-7
- Day 11 Luke 2:8-12
- Day 12 Luke 2:13-20
- Day 13 Matt. 1:1-16

Christ will give

- Day 14 Romans 6:20-23
- Day 15 Galatians 4:1-7
- Day 16 1 Timothy 1:15-17
- Day 17 Titus 3:3-7
- Day 18 Philippians 2:6-8

Christ will return

- Day 19 John 14:1-6
- Day 20 Daniel 7:13-14
- Day 21 Revelation 1:4-7
- Day 22 Revel. 3:20-22
- Day 23 Revel. 22:12-13
- Day 24 Revelation 22:16-17
- Day 25 Revelation 22:20

The reading plan is for the month of December, starting on the 1st and ending on Christmas Day. Go on, give it a try! It's only a few verses a day and won't take more than a few minutes. Days 1-5 and 20 are in the Old Testament, the rest are in the New Testament!

"It is impossible to conceive how different things would have turned out if that birth had not happened ... for millions of people who have lived since, the birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it. It is a truth that, for twenty centuries, there have been untold numbers of men and women who, in untold numbers of ways, have been so grasped by the child who was born, so caught up in the message he taught and the life he lived, that they have found themselves profoundly changed by their relationship with him." - Frederick Buechner

Have a blessed Christmas folks
and an even better New Year!

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You can be sleeping on a friend's sofa, or in a hostel, or living in overcrowded or unsuitable accommodation.

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SHELTER CYMRU

Why not come along and join in.

Full details on the Theatr Clwyd website.

By the way, the hiring of the space for this concert has been made entirely possible by generous proceeds from Leeswood residents at the BINGO in September. So all profit from the Box Office will go to

Shelter Cymru.

Do come along and join in.

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LEESWOOD ALLOTMENTS



Leeswood allotments held their AGM on Monday October 28th. It was the final meeting of 2019. It was agreed that the roles of chair and secretary and treasurer remain in the hands of the present incumbents Joseph, Marc and Kevin. The annual charge for an allotment remains at £40 for a full plot and £20 for a half plot. Please get in touch with Joseph Caruana or any allotment holder if you are interested in taking on an allotment yourself.

We have had quite a few new members bringing new ideas and skills and of course there are the "old-timers" who have contributed to the running of the allotments for a few years now which has led to another successful year.

It was noted that Leeswood Allotments Association is coming up to its 10th anniversary (can you believe it?!) and it is thriving. It was suggested that the 10th anniversary should be celebrated in some way - a matter for further discussion at the next meeting in the new year.

Finally, we wish all allotment holders, gardeners and residents of Leeswood a bounteous Christmas...may your Yuletide table be laden with sprouts and other homegrown winter vegetables and may you have a happy, peaceful and productive 2020.

Treuddyn Fundraising Team are proud to announce the 2nd Christmas in Treuddyn Event on Sunday 1st December.

Christmas Fayre

Treuddyn Village Hall 12-6pm.

(Closing briefly 3.50-4.30pm to allow stall holders attendance at the Lantern Walk).

Lantern walk through the village:

3.50 to 4.30

Village Christmas Tree
light switch on at 4pm

songs around
the tree

A road closure will be in place from 3.30 till 4.30 to ensure the safety of those attending the Lantern Walk -

The following roads and side roads are affected:

Ffordd Y Llan
Queen Street
Bryn Yr Ysgol
Llys Degwm

Combined events last year organised by Treuddyn Fundraising Committee raised £1000 for Marie Curie and £500 for Treuddyn Community Association.

If you have any questions please email a member of the team treuddynfundraisingteam@gmail.com

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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

As more and more countries are becoming capable of producing industrial goods, markets all over the world are becoming more and more competitive by the minute. In some cases we cannot say that to achieve a high level of quality, a product can only be manufactured in a particular country. This is because the world economy is controlled by big multinational companies who determine the level of quality irrespectively of where a product is manufactured. Obviously, a multinational company will have its own quality procedures which are applied at every manufacturing facility belonging to that particular company. This means, that a product can be manufactured at any of the company's facilities worldwide, and can still be of the same quality.

With this in mind, one might ask. What gives the competitive edge to one manufacturing facility in a particular country over another facility in another country? Without any doubt, the first thing that springs to mind would be the operational cost difference between the two facilities, and as we live in a global economy, any multinational company would seek to invest in a country where operational cost are lowest.

Another aspect which does have an influence on a decision would be the geographical position of a manufacturing facility. The ideal location needs to be in a place where a manufacturing facility could easily access the market for which the manufactured products are intended. Probably, in the eyes of a multinational organisation, it is easier to have a unified manufacturing procedure that could be applied anywhere in the world with the same end result. This is achieved by a core number of experts who move from one location to another, conveying skill to new workforces in different parts of the globe.

For a multinational organisation to move operations from one country to another is common practice, because when a location is no longer of good use to the order of the day, the order of the day will dispose of the

location and moves on to another location. In these cases the order of the day is dictated by the big multinationals who pulls the shots as and how they please. Nevertheless, these multinationals might have financial commitments, and to whoever those financial commitments are, might have an input in how things are marketed.

When a manufacturer has a product which is ready for marketing, whether it is going to be marketed locally or exported worldwide. The manufacturer has to recoup the cost of raw material, workforce expenditure, energy, equipment depreciation, and then, above all this, one has to make a profit. Profit is the difference between the monetary value between the cost of producing a product, and the monetary value the customer is prepared to pay. If the customer is willing to pay more than it costs to produce it, then the product will sell at a profit, on the other hand, if the product costs more to produce than what the customer is willing to pay for it, then the product will sell at a loss.

With this in mind, the manufacturing sector is under pressure to fulfil his obligations to his financial matters, and is under pressure to produce a product that can be marketed at a price that the customer is willing to pay. That is why lean operation systems are important for a production procedure to produce a product that can satisfy both sides of the spectrum.

The industrial world is continuously changing because of the customer demand and the technology waiting to exploit the market. A situation where the market demands a product is called market pull, while on the other hand, if new technology is being pushed onto the market, the situation is called technological push. If the market needs a product, the groundwork for selling the product is already halfway there, however, if the situation is a technological push, then the sales strategy needs to be more intensive to achieve the desired effect. With this all said and do, it is up to the customers to decide what they need irrespectively of whether a product is already on the market or they call for a new product. To overcome such an obstacle, a progressive market research should be conducted and implemented in a company's strategy.

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN NIGHTINGALE HOUSE HOSPICE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We wish to thank everyone who supported our first Curry Night at the Leeswood Community Centre on 26th October 2019. Thank you to our marvellous Chef Mark and to our dynamic barman Adam, who also kindly supplied the background music. Thank you also, to the Brand family for setting out the room and for, with others, helping to sell tickets, plus those who helped by selling raffle tickets and/or donated prizes. Also the wonderful team of washer-upper's. We would also like to thank Boots in Mold and Spar in Caergwrlle for their generous sponsorship.

Our next event's are:

the annual carol concert on Friday 20th December 2019—all are welcome and tickets are £3 per adult and £1 per child. With Mince Pies and a glass of Wine or Juice and carol sheets provided.

Mrs Margaret Roberts will be playing the Organ, and Dewi Hughes of the Cymau Choir will conduct. We look forward to hearing you exercise your vocal chords.

Prize Bingo to be held at the Leeswood Community Centre on 15th January 2020. We look forward to catching up with you in the New Year.

Wishing one and all a very Happy Christmas and a perfect New Year.



Lucille (Hon. President), Flora (Vice President),

Bryn (Treasurer)

Anne, Jane, Bryan & Jennifer.



LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN
NIGHTINGALE HOUSE HOSPICE
FRIENDSHIP GROUP
is proud to present a

Christmas Carol Concert

Friday, December 20, 2019
7.30pm

Venue: Leeswood Community Centre
Ticket Price: £3
*including a glass of wine
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PRIZE BINGO

15 JANUARY 2020

DOORS OPEN: 7.00PM
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VENUE: LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE
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AGE-FRIENDLY
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SICRHAU CYMUNEDAU
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New Lunch Club

1st Wednesday of the Month

12:45

Ysgol Derwenfa

£4.50 for two courses

For more information

Please contact

Shereen Devine 07469 851886

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Supported by Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Age & Dementia Friendly Steering Group.



What is the Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Age & Dementia Friendly Steering Group?

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:

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| Tablet Courses | Dementia Friend Sessions | Pop up Cinema | Book Group |
| Sunshine Café | Carvery | Litter Picks | Lunch Club |
| Afternoon Tea | Pumpkin Soup Activity | 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 welcomes 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

Shereen.devine@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

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8 October 2019

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, D. Foster, T. Hughes and D. Rule.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS**CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend this evening. He had forwarded a report.

Incident update - (from 29/08/2019 to 20/09/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends**This Month**

Queen Street, Leeswood – shoplifting. A known male has tried to steal some alcohol from a store on Queen Street. The male was identified, and enquiries are on-going.

Queen Street, Leeswood – vehicle handbrake had been left off while the owner went into the shop. The vehicle had then rolled into another a vehicle causing damage .

ASB Issues

None to report – PCSO Jones has regularly been attending the Community Centre and Bowling Club. He has not been made aware of anyone causing issues since the last meeting.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CLARE**COLEMAN**

A 'Notice of Co-Option' in the community area

would now be advertised on the Community notice boards.

DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LEESWOOD

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, reported that the defibrillator has now been re-sited outside the Community Centre. The Clerk advised that she had received the invoice for the cost of electrical installation, £141.60 + £28.32 VAT.

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 are very pleased with the Cemetery.

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman reported that the drain had now been installed in the new extension. All clay had been removed off site. The spoil was being loaded up in the Church car park. This had been cleaned up this evening and Mr Aled Davies had sent photographs to the Clerk. It was queried as to whether test holes would now be dug. All Councillors agreed that some time should lapse before this was done.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Lunch Club Taster Session had taken place on 2nd October 2019, this was free. Following the initial session, the Lunch Club is to be held monthly on the first Wednesday with the cost being £4.50. The Clerk reported that there were just over 30 residents who had attended the first session.

Mrs S. Devine is now winding down as Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator. The next Steering Group would be held on Monday 4th November 2019.

Councillor J.E. Saul advised that he had attended the County Forum meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019. Reference had been made to a Micro-Care Group which is an initiative that Flintshire County Council are paying for. This is to encourage people to take up care work on a part-time basis.

Further, it would be Community based which would reduce travelling time, leaving Carers with more time to spend with the people who needed it. It was pointed out that there is an extreme shortage of Carers in Wales.

LEESWOOD MEMORIAL CENTENARY FIELDS

The Clerk reported that there had been some difficulty trying to establish a date for the Ceremony at the Cenotaph. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, offered to get in touch with Fiona Mocko to discuss the date.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS, 2019

Mr Kevin Matthias, Chair of the Daniel Owen Festival had sent e-mail correspondence to keep us updated and ask a couple of questions. Four of them had walked from the Community Centre yesterday using roughly the path that Mike Stevens had described in the Leeswood News. An earlier plan was to keep to the roads, but Flintshire County Council discouraged this as being too dangerous as there are no pavements on busy roads at certain points. The walk will now be mainly across fields finishing at Tyddyn Street chapel in Mold for a cup of tea and the bus back to Leeswood at 5.30pm as planned. Flintshire will help with crossing the B5444 safely near the Black Gates. The route will be published on the Festival website.

It was realised yesterday that the walk is not suitable for small children and it was thought that a number might be attracted to join the walk as Theatr Clwyd are doing banner-making workshops at Leeswood, Nercwys and Treuddyn primary schools next week. The plan is for those who wish to join the event and do not want to walk from Leeswood, to meet at the Snowdonia Windows car park on the Bromfield Industrial Estate for the walk into town. Those doing the full walk will be at the meeting point by 3.30pm and everyone will walk to the chapel together.

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

Members had been circulated with a copy of

correspondence from Gareth Owens, Chief Officer Governance, Flintshire County Council. This is Mr Owens' seventh 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 three further visits, undertaken in June and July 2019 were received by the Committee. As with previous reported visits, the four Independent Members agreed that these had been positive experiences and again praised the level of commitment and contributions by those in attendance.

As had been discussed previously, the setting and administrative arrangements for meetings can have a large impact on whether the meeting proceeds in a smooth and orderly fashion. Members have seen good examples where the formality of proceedings helped generate a conducive atmosphere to calm and considered debate without stifling input.

Conversely, they have also found that less structured meetings can be both confusing for members of the public and can contribute to unruly behaviour. An important part of that structure which will help Councillors to comply with the Code of Conduct, is to have an agenda item early in the running order for Members to declare an interest. Such an item not only prompts Members to consider whether they need to declare an interest but also reminds them to do so. It is routinely included as an item after apologies and minutes in most Councils.

Again, the Members have encountered some difficulties in finding the precise location of meetings. Clearly, this could make it difficult for members of the public to attend as well. Mr. Owens concludes his correspondence by stating that 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. This correspondence was accepted.

MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS 2019/2020

Members have been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Paul Jones, Business Improvement & Performance Manager, Aura. This correspondence advises that Flintshire County Council has allocated £105,000 from the 2019/2020 for match funding of improvement works to children’s play areas. The match funding is on a £ for £ basis. Expressions of interest had to be in by 30th September 2019 and the Clerk advised that she has informed Richard Roberts of Aura that this Council had budgeted £3,000 for play area improvements in 2019/2020.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING WINTER

Correspondence from Steve Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene & Transportation, Flintshire County Council had been circulated to all Members. Flintshire County Council are offering a nominated member of the Community to receive daily details of the proposed gritting actions together with an accurate weather forecast for their area. County Council owned salt bins are soon to be filled, but there will be an assessment beforehand to see if these bins meet the County Council’s criteria for provision of salt bins. Any bins not meeting the criteria will be removed. If the Community Council wish additional salt bins, these will be provided in a different colour to those of the County Council at a cost of £135 and each refill will cost £60. Bagged rock salt is available at £5 per bag delivered to a location of the Community Council’s choice. Basic equipment to assist the local Community to help themselves during any periods of heavy snow is also available. This equipment includes eight bags of rock salt and applicators; shovels for snow clearing, also

instructions/indemnity notices for those people carrying out the work. The Clerk advised that she would sign up to receive the daily details of proposed gritting actions and an accurate weather forecast.

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY – DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

Members had been circulated with information relating to a consultation being undertaken by the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority. The closing date for this is 31st December 2019. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should complete the consultation on behalf of this Council.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

E-mail correspondence from Andrew Roberts, Service Manager – Strategy, Flintshire County Council had been circulated to all Members. This correspondence advises that the Deposit Flintshire Local Development Plan (LDP) six-week consultation will start on 30th September 2019. The consultation ends at 5pm on Monday 11th November 2019 and late representations will not be considered. It was agreed by all Councillors that this item be included on the Agenda of the next monthly meeting to take place on 5th November 2019.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS CONSULTATION

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising that a survey of their recycling and waste collection service is taking place. The closing date for this is 31st October 2019. This correspondence was accepted.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACT 2016 – COMMUNITY & TOWN COUNCILS DUTY UNDER SECTION 6

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Shan Bowden, Development Officer, One Voice Wales. This correspondence advises that public authorities (including Community & Town Councils) are

required under the Environment Wales Act 2016 Section 6 to prepare and publish a plan setting out what it proposes to do to comply with the duty to Maintain and Enhance Biodiversity within their current work areas. Welsh Government gave a presentation on this subject at the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference on 10th July 2019 when those present were informed that a FAQs, Good Practice Guide and Reporting Guidance would be circulated to Community & Town Councils. This Guidance will be issued shortly but in the meantime, One Voice Wales have provided a copy of FAQs and a draft Reporting Template that will be included with the Reporting Guidance, as an Annex. Welsh Government advise that the template should not be seen in any way as being prescriptive, as it is just an example of how the report might be compiled and what could be included in it. Every public authority (Community & Town Council) is free to decide how they should report on the duty and although the template will be useful by itself, the guide will provide more detailed information on the reporting framework and will give clarity on the various fields in the template. All Councillors agreed that this item should be put on the Agenda for the next monthly meeting to be held on 5th November 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) Bridge at top of Constitution Hill, Leeswood – work on this has now been completed.
- b) Grids/Gulleys in the Community – these have now been cleared ready for the winter.
- c) Hall Hill pot holes – these have now been repaired.
- d) Re-surfacing of highway from Bell's Corner to Haydock Close, Leeswood – this will take place within a couple of weeks. Work will be carried out over a weekend.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Grids sunk back into the paths – report was received that the grids had sunk back into the paths by the Lodge, Pontblyddyn and the old Smithy,

Pontblyddyn.

- b) One Voice Wales Conference 2019 – Councillor G. Sherwood had attended the conference and will be providing a report at the next meeting.
- c) School bus to Alun School, Mold – comment was made that the children attending the Alun School, Mold were having to use the commercial bus service provided by Arriva in order to get to School. Those attending Castell Alun High School, Hope had a designated bus provided solely for transportation of the children to that School. It was pointed out that this was unfair, especially as those attending the Alun School, Mold were left waiting for the bus home as often it was late. Parents were unhappy with this situation and concerned about their children having to hang around waiting for the bus. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, reported that efforts were being made to provide a bus solely for the children attending the Mold Schools. There is a bus that covers Ffrith, Llanfynydd and Treuddyn. It was hoped that Leeswood children could be included on this bus.
- d) Visibility issues junction at bottom of Constitution Hill, Leeswood – report was received that that cars are parked on the highway outside the old New Inn car park and opposite causing problems with visibility of traffic travelling from the right hand side. It was agreed by all Councillors that this matter be raised with Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Flintshire County Council, Chairman's Charity Fashion Show – this is hosted by Simmi Womenswear and will take place on Thursday 10th October 2019 at Theatr Clwyd, Mold. Tickets are £5.00 per person. This was accepted.
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The Chairman, Councillors and Clerk of the Leeswood and Pontblyddyn, Community Council would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

“Since I am unable to send cards out this year, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year”.

Mrs Lucille Ingman



Poetry by Joseph Caruana



CHRISTMAS



Christmas day is a day of goodwill
When almost everything stand still
A time when everybody feel better
A time when differences do not matter

It is the birth of Christ we all say
We celebrate it come what may
We all celebrate in different manners
Whether we are holy or we are sinners

Christ did not wish for earthly things
Peace and harmony he always brings
Whether we celebrate Christmas with a fuss
Is entirely up to us

Reflections Hair Salon

Welcome back to Sam who is re-joining our team - @reflections hair salon.

Tue and wed: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Thursday: 10.30am - 8.00pm
Friday: 8.30am - 6.00pm
Saturday 9.00am - 4.30pm

Times can vary but we will always update facebook daily.

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**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!**

Thank you Treuddyn and Leeswood for your support



Café Sunshine would like to thank you for your kindness and support throughout the year. Our volunteers will be taking a well-earned break between Christmas and New Year. Please see opening times below.

Thursday 5 th December		Open As Usual
Thursday 12 th December		Open As Usual
Thursday 19 th December		Open AS Usual; Join us for Mince Pies, Christmas Jumpers Welcome.
Thursday 26 th December		Closed
Thursday 2 rd January		Closed
Thursday 9 th January		The Café will Reopen and will continue to Open Every Thursday.

OPEN: 09:00 – 12:00

“Old Clinic”

We would like to take this opportunity to

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2020



Reflections Hair Salon

Would like to wish Elsie a happy 80th December, Birthday.
We hope you have an amazing day.

Sarah and staff.



CARNIVAL

“SANTA CLAUS” IS VISITING LEESWOOD & TREUDDYN

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Host an evening with Father Christmas
In and around the village on

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019

Commencing at 4.30pm from the junction of Dingle Road into the village

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FLOAT/SLEIGH WILL BE DRIVEN DOWN EVERY ROAD
THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE BUT UNFORTUNATELY NOT DOWN THE SMALL
CUL-DE-SACS WHERE THERE IS RESTRICTIVE TURNING

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PARTICULARLY ON THE EVENING ITSELF, SO AS TO KEEP YOURSELVES
UP-TO-DATE AS TO WHERE THE FLOAT/SLEIGH IS AT
AND SAVE THE CHILDREN STANDING OUT IN THE COLD WAITING

***DON'T FORGET TO “LISTEN” OUT FOR
SANTA ON HIS SLEIGH...
YOU WILL “HEAR” HIM BEFORE YOU SEE HIM!***

***MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
& THANKS FOR ALL YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT IN 2019***