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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 notices that need to appear within this publication?

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DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2020

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PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

LADIES GUILD

Happy New Year to everyone from members of the Ladies Guild.

Our last meeting was on the 28th November and Gwen opened with a lovely reading. As nothing had been planned we had a small quiz and a lot of chatter. Delicious refreshments were served by Gwen. The raffle, donated by Mrs Jenny Webb, was won by Mrs Doreen Kilpatrick. To end the year we had a Christmas lunch at The Bridge in Pontblyddyn. Members decided for the winter months that we would meet just once a month on the fourth Thursday (27th February) and if anyone would like to start the new year by joining us you would be made very welcome.

SPONSOR APPEAL/FUND-RAISING BY HARLEY

My son Harley Challinor-Hughes will be taking part in the 2020 Swimathon again in March this year raising money for Nightingale House Hospice, a charity close to him and his parents hearts.

Harley also took Part in 2018 and 2019 and has raised more than £750.00 for Nightingale House.

Harley is 11 years old and attends Ysgol Derwenfa school. If anyone would like to sponsor him please get in touch with his parents Kelly (07902 887012) or Sion or contact the school.

Poetry by Joseph Caruana

The New Year

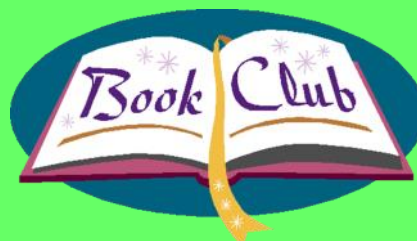
Christmas came and gone
With all the trimmings and so on
We celebrated the birth of Christ
Who stood up for what is right

Few days on we celebrated the entry of the
New Year

Fireworks going off everywhere, far and
near

We look around to see friends and the rest
To wish them all the very best

After all the hype that Christmas brings
With all the presents and the things
We settle back to normal life
As day after day we try to strive



Last Wednesday of the Month

18:00 – 19:00

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Squirrel for dinner... well very nearly!

Jesus told us to love our enemies. I was thinking about that recently amidst the political back-stabbing and falling out that has characterised British politics in recent times. I wondered what Jesus would say about it all. It cast my mind back to a few winters ago.

Our new house was a buy-to-let property before we bought it: unloved and unadorned, with nowhere more uncared for than the garden. The weed-choked lawn, ivy smothered fence and cracked patio all shrieked one word: 'Neglect!' But February brought a surprise when a heap of bare earth in front of the window burst out in a riot of yellow daffodils, blue and yellow crocuses and a few hopeful tulips.

We were pleased by our flash of spring until the local squirrel took a fancy to the yellow crocuses. He trampled the patch of plants, digging up the bulbs one at a time before scuttling to the top of the fence and looking me defiantly in the eye while munching on them.

A rodent with attitude! I railed at him. I threatened that squirrel fricassee would be on the menu for Sunday lunch if he kept fattening himself up. But in the end we compromised. As the blue crocuses were apparently not to his taste, I let him eat his fill of the yellow ones.

Of such uneasy truces is civilisation constructed. I almost felt sorry for him when the magpies chased him away last week. But Jesus was right. The way we treat our enemies defines us as people and as a society. It is the measure of our humanity. Our nation would do well to heed his words.

Peter Cousins

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



Nightingale House Hospice
Hospis Ty'r Eos

Bore Coffi Gwyl Ddewi
St. David's Day
Coffee Morning
in aid of Nightingale House Hospice
Dydd Mercher 4fed Mawrth 2020
Wednesday March 4th 2020



Leeswood Community Centre
10.30am - 12.30pm

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Sarah and Staff at Reflections Hair Salon would like to express their sympathy to the family and friends of Elsie Garratt for their loss. She will be sadly missed.



We would like to express our sympathy to Kenny and family for their loss of Gilliam McMillan. She will be sadly missed.

Leeswood News Team



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

SPEAKERS for January/February 2020

January 26 th	Mr Clive Davies
February 2 nd	TBA
February 9 th	TBA
February 16 th	TBA

Christmas was a typically busy period with a Christmas Carole Service on December 12th and our yearly Boxing day concert. Our thanks to Rev. Robert Parry, his daughter Anne, and to Christopher Enston, Meriel Enston and Kieran Jones for leading these events and of course to all those who took part.

“But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last.”
- Job: Ch.19 v.25

The book of Job is fascinating. It's thought to be the oldest book to be set down in its entirety; referred to by some as part of the wisdom literature along with the books of Ecclesiastes & Proverbs.

The main narrative is that Job suffers total catastrophic loss of all his considerable wealth. His wife and his friends turn against him. They assume he has offended God in some way and blame him for his own misfortune. People of ill repute are emboldened to mock him and on top of this he is afflicted with a painful debilitating illness which causes open sores to appear all over his body. All this seems especially harsh as Job has been a particularly diligent and faithful servant of God.

In his misery Job sits on a pile of ashes and bewails his misfortune. In a series of dialogues with his 'friends' he complains bitterly of his fate and calls on God to justify why he is suffering so much, yet throughout it all Job never blames God for his fate or maligns him in any way. As Bunyan's character *Christian* comments in wonderfully poetic terms in *The Pilgrim's Progress*, few "...have Job's horse, and skill and courage to ride him.."

Job is given a very brief explanation for his suffering by a younger man named Elihu and this seems to place the narrative of the account as somewhat incidental to the main reason for the events that befell him.

Ultimately God confronts Job face to face and issues the famous challenge (Job Ch.38 v.2-3):

Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

The poetry that follows is both dazzling and extraordinary in the descriptions God gives of his creation.

I reflected on this the other night as I gazed up at the clear winter night sky. The planet Jupiter was so clearly visible that its moons could be discerned as pinpricks of light around it. The little bear and Orion appeared later on reminding me of Job 38 v31: **“Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion?** Modern astronomical observations have recently revealed that while the Pleiades (commonly known as the great bear *Ursa Major*) are bound to one another by mutual gravitational attraction, the stars of Orion's belt are not and are actually moving apart. Four thousand years were to pass before modern science was able to help us better understand this verse.

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CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

SERVICES IN FEB - MARCH 20

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY: CANDLEMASS

4.00P.M. CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

OFFICIANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY: 3RD BEFORE LENT

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D JOHN POOLMAN

SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY: 2ND BEFORE LENT

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: MRS SUE SAWYER

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY: NEXT BEFORE LENT

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH: LENT 1

PLEASE SEE NOTICES FOR VENUE AND TIME.

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH: LENT 2

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

THIS SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH: LENT 3

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: T.B.A.

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH: LENT 4

MOTHERING SUNDAY

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: T.B.A.

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH: LENT 5

10.30 A.M. JOINT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
IN TREUDDYN.

CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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.

IN CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN.

29TH FEBRUARY &

28TH MARCH 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.

Lent Services and Meetings In Mold Mission Area

26th February: Ash Wednesday

7.00 p.m. A Mission Area Communion Service and Commissioning of new Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants in Pontblyddyn Church.

Lent Groups to take place:

In Gwernaffield Church at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings led by Mr John Foxlee

In New Brighton Church at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday evenings led by Revd Kevin Horswell

And Finally – something stolen from Facebook:

Teacher:

Give me a sentence using the words Defence, Defeat and Detail.

Student:

When a horse jumps over defence, defeat goes before detail

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

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

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The Methodist Church

Wesley Church, Leeswood

February 2020

- 2nd Feb. **Morning Worship 9.30 am**
led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 9th Feb. **Morning Worship 10.45 am**
with the Lord's Supper
led by Rev Pat Christopher
- 16th Feb. **Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Mr Colin Foreman
- 23rd Feb. **Morning Worship 10.45 am**
led by Members and Friends

Racial Justice Sunday



'All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.'
Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UN, 1948

The Methodist Church has celebrated Racial Justice Sunday since 1989 and it is on the second Sunday in February, the 9th. This Sunday is an opportunity for all Christians to join together in:

Reflecting on the importance of racial justice

Thanksgiving for human diversity

Prayer for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice

Action that truly makes a difference

Fundraising for national and local racial justice initiatives



SHROVE TUESDAY

25th February

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter and was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). Pancake Day and its celebrations came much later as a way of using up rich foods, like eggs, milk and sugar before the 40 days of fasting during Lent.

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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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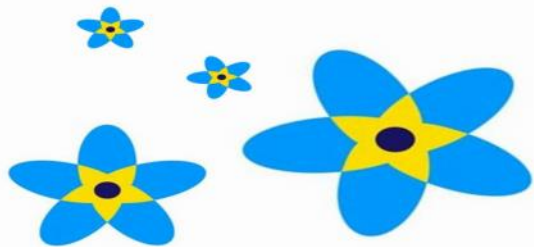
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Dementia Friends Sessions

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Dementia Gyfeillgar



Working to become
Dementia Friendly



Dementia features as a priority within a number of corporate plans. In order to seal out commitment to this agenda, Flintshire County Council has been recognised as a Council 'Working to become Dementia Friendly'. The first in North Wales.

We are working to raise awareness of dementia across the workforce. **YOU** can help by becoming a Dementia Friend, and telling us how your portfolio could meet the needs of people living with dementia. This information will be used to help us develop our future action plans and services.

Become a Dementia Friend!

Dementia Friends gives people an understanding of dementia and the small things you can do that make a difference.

Wednesday 26 th February	2:30-3:30pm	Alyn & Deeside Room, County Hall, Mold
Wednesday 26 th February	4pm – 5pm	Alyn & Deeside Room, County Hall, Mold
Thursday 27 th February	2:30 – 3:30pm	Alyn & Deeside Room, County Hall, Mold
Thursday 27 th February	4pm – 5pm	Alyn & Deeside Room, County Hall, Mold

You can book on a session via the following Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/flintshire-county-council-dementia-friends-february-2020-tickets-84728977653>



Dementia Friends

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

For a Dementia Champion to attend a team meeting to deliver a session, please contact emma.murphy@flintshire.gov.uk

For more information on the services and support available to people living with dementia in Flintshire, please go to: <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Social-Services/Dementia.aspx>

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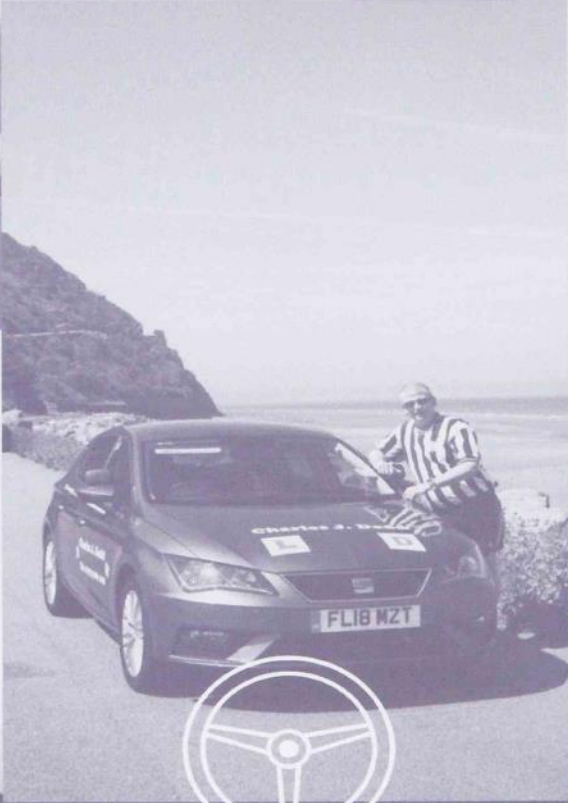
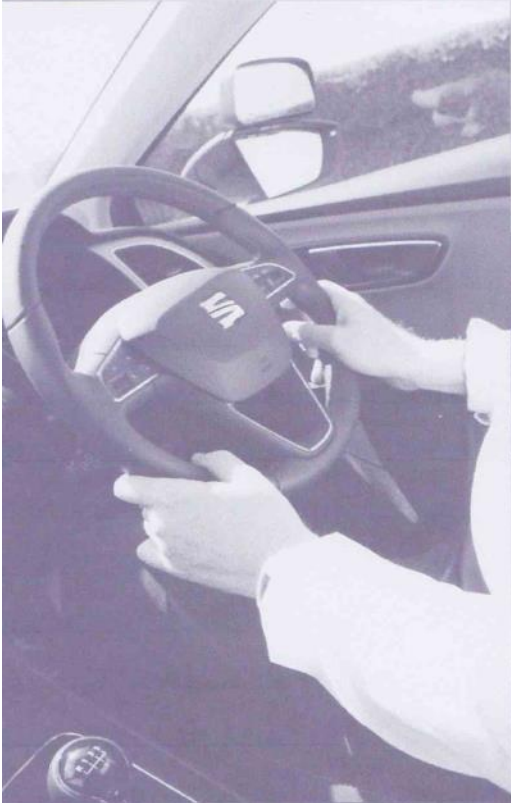


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IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER.....

Suitcase Theatre presented a concert at

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Community singing, Mold Town Concert Band in full throttle,

some beautiful music on the harp, the *Fireside Singers*,

And on top of the enjoyment raised over £500 for the charity.

Suitcase now moves on to present a new play by local writer,

Philippa Davies,

Called “**DANCING IN THE WINGS**”, which focuses on the harrowing

story of a couple affected by stillbirth,

and will be on at Theatr Clwyd the last three nights in February.

In November it's a revival of the classic Arthur Miller play,

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

also at Theatr Clwyd.

And with “IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER” such a success

there are plans for a repeat concert next Christmas.

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THE LDN BIBLE BLOG : FEBRUARY 2020

A Very Thorny Issue!



"After Adam and Eve ate the fruit God had told them not to eat He said to them 'Cursed is the ground because of you. It will produce thorns and thistles for you and you will eat the plants of the field'"

(Genesis 3:17-18 NIV)"

Thorns are common in many of our gardens. Some because the gardens have been neglected and are overgrown, others because they're found on roses ... and brambles. Some of the thorns (the bad experiences and problems) in our lives can often be sorted out easily by making changes to the way we think and act. It's a bit like the thorns in unkempt gardens, they need to be cut out. I remember growing a specially bred 'grafted' thornless blackberry for my wife - the fruit was delicious. One year I cut it back a bit too far and it 'reverted to type' which had the biggest, baddest, sharpest thorns I have ever seen and felt! The fruit wasn't up to much either! When it came to getting rid of it, it cut my hands, arms and legs to shreds no matter how careful I was. Yet, other thorns can be part of a beautiful life, like with the rose. These are the thorns God allows in our lives to keep us humble, close to Him and trusting Him. God DOESN'T send the thorns to us! Neither does He always automatically take our thorns away so that life is sweet smelling and looking lovely. The roses though still have thorns and the potential to harm or at least spoil. The Apostle Paul is said to have had a long-term 'thorn in the flesh' - we don't know what it was though. Even Paul himself was not exempt, so how can we expect to be? My 'thorn' is diabetes and it's my own fault. For others it could be cancer, heart trouble, family strife, depression, holding grudges, loneliness, dementia, obsessions, being unable to forgive, grief, stress... The good news is that if we are true Christians we know that He has already taken them away from our time in eternity to come. I know of quite a number of folks who are looking forward to that day. When Jesus was crucified, the soldiers made him wear a 'crown of thorns'. So we can remember this crown as a symbol of Jesus taking our thorns, our sins, troubles and 'pain' to the cross. He crucified them there on our behalf. This means that because He took them, we can now be re-connected to God because God now sees us through Jesus. We can now see the victory over the thorns, because Jesus was victorious over them, my wrong-doings, your wrong-doings! One day, true Christians will be back living in a garden with no thorns, no sin, no death, no crying and no pain (take a look at (NT) Revelation 21:4). But until that day, we need to live with them and allow them to humble us before God and to teach us patience and trust, and finally, to look forward with a 'hope'.

What now?

Get out! Spend some time with nature today. Go for a stroll. Keep an eye out for new growth especially the bulbs poking their noses out of the ground. Look forward to their flowers. While you're there, thank God that He's prepared a place for you where there will be no thorns, no sin, no pain and your new body will work perfectly! Sounds heavenly! And it will be!

Simon

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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

There are a lot of disciplines that fall under the umbrella of manufacturing. These disciplines are all interwoven to produce the fabric of a successful product. If a manufacturing establishment does not have a well organised and finely tuned manufacturing system, it will be in danger of losing the market to a more efficient manufacturer. These days we have a well versed and highly educated customer sector. Such a consumer sector demands value for money irrespective of where and who is doing the manufacturing. This is why, in today's manufacturing environment there is no room for waste in neither material nor manpower. Some people in industry refers to this as efficiency, others might refer to it as organised manufacturing, nevertheless, irrespective of what it is called, it is the effectiveness with which it is applied that plays an important part and determines the final result.

Some influential players within the manufacturing industry might concentrate on one section of the manufacturing process, however, this is not enough, and all aspects should be improved equally. With this in mind, a more collective view might yield better results, and in some cases a purpose-built manufacturing facility could make things mesh together in a lean manufacturing process. Some people in manufacturing might miss understand the concept of lean manufacturing, and might also expect a sudden increase in profits with less expense at the same time. Unfortunately, things do not work like that, and lean manufacturing is not a cure for a quick turnaround from loss making to profitable operation. This is because lean manufacturing is a gradual process, and the results are felt in the long run with long lasting returns. Lean manufacturing is like when a captain is sailing a super tanker and he decides to change the direction of the tanker. In this case the captain will require a lot of space, a lot of energy, and a considerable amount of time to achieve his objective. Above all, such an exercise would require extensive planning and should not be considered as

corrective action for something that has gone wrong, but as an enhancement of a process which has already achieved a degree of good direction.

Over the years, due to some reason or another, we have seen companies getting in trouble, and because they apply the wrong recovery process or misunderstand what is exactly going wrong, they plodded on to extinction. We do not need to look to far back in history, to come across a considerable number of household names which have been famous in the past, but have now disappeared. However, we need to look at such events from a positive angle, take stock of what has gone wrong, learn as much as possible from the results of the analysis, and apply what we learn to achieve a successful future.

By saying that we no longer have a manufacturing industry is not going to get us anywhere, and it is rather negative to adopt such an approach. On the other hand, if we identify a market vacuum and develop a product to fill that vacuum, we can develop a manufacturing base from scratch, which will probably give us an advantage due to the novelty within the manufacturing techniques. To this end, we should stop complaining, and instead of looking for someone to come up with a solution to solve our problem, we should look directly for a solution within our capabilities.

When the Wright brothers first thought of the idea of a flying machine which was heavier than air, they did not wait for someone else to make an aeroplane for them, but they set about making an aeroplane themselves. They were not deterred by the obstacles that they encountered, to the contrary, they became more resolute to produce a solution to an identified need. Since then, air travelling has become one of the most popular form of transport, employing thousands of people both in aircraft manufacture, and all the lateral the lateral activities that comes with it. This is just one example of what we can do with what we have at our disposal, and how great things can develop from a simple idea. It could also inspire people to adopt a positive mentality and instead of complaining about this or that, we could identify ways to move forward to do something with what we have irrespective of whatever that may be.

AGE-FRIENDLY
COMMUNITIES IN PRACTICE



SICRHAU CYMUNEDAU
SY'N YSTYRIOL O OEDRAN

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

Booking essential

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



Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Nightingale House Hospice Friendship Group

Thank you all for supporting our Curry Night in November 2019 from which £585 was banked, donations coming in later are banked after the next event. £200 was given to the Hospice from our Carol Singing evening on the 20th December and £242 after the Bingo on the 15th January. The Hospice thanks you all for the marvellous effort for such a small community.

On the 12th February 2020 we have our annual Valentines Bingo in the Leeswood Community Centre: 7pm for eyes down 7.30 pm—the hall will be decorated for Valentines Day with lots of Valentine-themed prizes. The centre barman is opening the bar (and we would like to thank him for giving us his time, free of charge for this event), as an experiment. The bar needs to be used more in the centre—to help it and the centre open. Please come along and have an enjoyable evening.

We would like to say a thank you to Raymond Hughes for doing the bingo calling for us, as well as Mrs Eirwen Williams and Mrs Gwyneth Davies for selling the Bingo tickets and to the Brand family for their assistance.

Our annual St. David's Day coffee morning is on the 4th March 2020; from 10.30 to 12.30. The children from Ysgol Derwenfa will sing for us.

Hope to see you soon.

Thank you from:

Lucille, Flora, Anne, Bryn, Bryan, Jane, John and Jennifer

NEW MEMBERS

We would love to welcome new members as our average age is unbelievably almost 80 years !

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair), Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D. Foster, L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Crime Issues / Trends**This Month**

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Queen Street, Leeswood - common assault – youth has been assaulted by another youth. Enquiries are on-going.

Padeswood Lake Road, Padeswood – criminal damage – entry has been gained to unoccupied property. Nothing was taken from within but taps were left on. This is believed to be malicious. Enquiries are on-going.

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – theft of vehicle – vehicle has been taken unlawfully following a party at an address – suspect identified. Enquiries on-going.

ASB Issues

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – an address has been throwing parties and causing general disruption on the street. PCSO Jones has arranged a joint visit with the housing association on 5th November 2019.

PCSO Jones had been made aware of other incidents that have occurred over the Halloween period but unfortunately these have not been reported at this time. Victims are urged to report these incidents formally so that PCSO Jones can build up a picture of these events in the hope offenders can be identified through investigation.

Other News/PCSO activities:

On 1st November a successful event was run at Phoenix Park which saw approximately 30 youths get involved. The event was setup to educate youths about the dangerous and consequences of deliberate fire setting.

It was commented that there has been a lot of anti-social behaviour in the Community recently and concern was expressed that it was youths who were doing this. Query arose as to whether the PCSO could visit Ysgol Derwenfa and Castell Alun High School to discuss the on-going issues. Councillors agreed that PCSO Jones does an excellent job in the Community and appreciate his regular visits. The Clerk is to e-mail the South Flintshire Inspector requesting a meeting.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CLARE**COLEMAN**

A 'Notice of Co-Option' in would now be advertised on the Community Council website and Community notice boards.

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. The Clerk reported that Mr Aled Davies had e-mailed advising that the ground in the lower

section of the new extension would not be able to take the soil that would be removed when re-grading the bank behind the Church car park wall in the existing Cemetery. A further cost of £650 + VAT would be incurred to move this off site.

All Councillors agreed that the work to take down the Church car park wall should be postponed to the spring, but the planting of the hawthorn/holly hedge in the top section of the new Cemetery could go ahead. The Clerk is to check with Mr Aled Davies as to whether the quotation will stand until the spring.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application 060538.

New 2 storey rear extension and front porch. Grandstand, Station Lane, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4JD.

Councillors agreed that there was no objection to this as they believed the extension to be sympathetic to the existing building.

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2018/2019

This was presented to all Councillors. It was agreed that the comments and suggestions should be noted and acted on where required.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The bi-monthly Steering Group meeting which had taken place on Monday 4th November 2019 had felt more positive as eight people had been in attendance. Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council, has achieved further grant funding which means that Mrs Shereen Devine, Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator, will stay in the Community for one day per week for a further year. It was reported that the new Lunch Club was very successful and 38 residents were booked in for the lunch to be held on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Asset Transfer is ongoing, Flintshire County Council have now forwarded the legal papers.

A new caretaker has now been employed. Community Centre bookings are stable and a music night is held every month on the last Friday. The Co-Op has added the Community Centre as one of its Charities for the coming year.

LEESWOOD MEMORIAL CENTENARY FIELDS

The Clerk reported that the date has been sent for Thursday 28th November 2019 at 11.30am at the Cenotaph, Bell's Corner, Leeswood followed by refreshments at the Community Centre.

VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council, advising that the area would be monitored and a report issued in due course. Councillors expressed their thanks for this information.

FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that the Ivy Cottage site was now complete. The Factory site on Pontybodkin Hill was in progress. Leeswood was marked for sustainable growth on the Flintshire Local Development Plan and the Dingle Road site is not included, although this can be appealed. Land banking is being stopped.

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

Members had been circulated with a copy of a report from Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthen Town Council who had attended the 'Managing Green Spaces for Biodiversity, People and Financial Sustainability' workshop on 28th June 2019. All Councillors agreed that this item be discussed again in the spring.

ONE VOICE WALES CONFERENCE 2019

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the One Voice Wales Conference for 2019 had been

well attended. The main speaker was Hannah Blythyn AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government. Discussion was taking place about compulsory training for Town/Community Councillors.

The Community Council needs to put a small description of the Community on the 'Understanding Welsh Places' website.

There had been many exhibitors present at the Conference and Councillor Sherwood advised that software to manage the Cemetery was potentially of use to this Council. The Clerk was to look into this.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

Members had been circulated with a copy of the relevant information relating to payments to members of Town and Community Councils from the draft report for 2020/2021.

Councillors stated that they did not wish to receive any remuneration but inquired as to whether the money could be given to Community organisations. The Clerk is to seek advice on this.

BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

For their information, members had been circulated with a report from Councillor Mike Parry, Pwllheli Town Council, One Voice Wales representative on the BCUHB SRG.

In his report, Councillor Mike Parry advised that the number of pages relative to all the reports and papers for this particular meeting - totalled over 700. Items on the Agenda incorporated numerous published reports and presentations by officers and health professionals which included:

Mental Health Delivery Plan
Developing a clinical services strategy
Strategic Equality and Human Rights Plan 2020-2024

HMP Berwyn Health and Wellbeing Annual Report

BCUHB Third Sector Strategy

The Workforce Strategy

Whilst a lot of these reports are available on line – Councillor Parry expressed concern that despite an apparent recent revamp he considered the BCUHB website still user unfriendly. Navigating the site for information is still not easy in his opinion.

The Mental Health delivery plan presentation by Senior Staff was informative – highlighting the number of Mental Health patients that presented at A&E – and some suggestions were made regarding improvements for early intervention over a number of areas including GP surgeries. Councillor Parry pointed out that generally a reception counter in a surgery is certainly not private and added to that greatly disadvantaged patients who needed help there and then if they could not get an appointment with their GP.

The Workforce Strategy Document is aimed at the period 2019-2022 and is the first document of its kind. It points out key areas over budget namely Secondary Care, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities. Health and Safety provision is patchy within the Trust and significant improvement is required. Recruitment is another area of great concern. Workforce planning tends to be of a local hospital nature as opposed to a pan trust basis. More and more GP practices are being taken over by the Trust due to gaps in GP numbers.

Mental Health, which is one of the areas overspending has numerous vacancies at consultant and other levels, thus not helping their financial position, due to the use of Agency cover.

The HMP Berwyn report was generally satisfactory for a new facility, but it is to be noted it is only operating at roughly 60% capacity. On average about 15% of men fail to attend appointments (did not attend or could not attend) so some further work on clarity is required here. In March there was a full inspection and this report

by HMIP - (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons) and HIW - (Health Inspectorate Wales) should become available in the coming months. Whilst indirectly associated to the work of the BCUHB, Councillor Parry raised the issue of problems with the Ambulance service and the delays in getting attendance for urgent cases. He highlighted a case that waited 8 hours for an Ambulance – with catastrophic results. Apart from the personal tragedy of this case his concerns were, that similar events surely must consequentially be costing the Trust an exponential amount of money, having to retrieve situations that were initially avoidable. The fairly new appointment the Trust has brought in - the Executive Director of Planning and Performance Mr Mark Wilkinson - did make a positive impression and there are high hopes if he is allowed to function as he presented.

SSAFA THE ARMED FORCES CHARITY – VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY – 8TH TO 10TH MAY 2020

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence 'VE Day 75 – Town and Community Councils take the lead in VE Day 75 Celebrations' from Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster VE Day 75. This correspondence details the schedule for the Celebrations for VE Day 75.

Town and Parish Councils throughout England and Wales are taking the lead in the organisation of local celebrations marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on the 8th - 10th May 2020. After six years of fighting, the end of hostilities were officially announced on the 8th May 1945 by Prime Minister Winston Churchill. That date has since become enshrined in history as VE Day.

VE Day 75, on the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital

part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others safeguarded the home front.

The planned activities over the weekend are as follows:

The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years
The 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2'
The 'Cry for Peace, around the World'
Churches & Cathedrals 'Ringing out for Peace'
Street parties and parties in pubs, clubs, hotels, on town and village greens and in halls etc.
Services of commemoration and celebration in churches, including the reading of the 'Tribute to the Millions' and the playing of the Last Post

The Clerk advised that she had asked Revd C. Poolman if a Service of Celebration could be held at Christ Church, Pontblyddyn on Sunday 10th May 2020. This is to be discussed at the next Church Committee meeting.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) Sign on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn – this will be erected within the next couple of weeks.
- b) Sign on The Nant, Pontblyddyn – this is to be erected on the rear of the Pontybodkin sign and the work will be carried out in the next couple of weeks.
- c) Re-surfacing through Leeswood – this had now been completed and the white lining would be done within the next couple of weeks.
- d) Double yellow lines on Bell's Corner, Leeswood – the re-surfacing had been carried out from the Co-Op to the junction of Maxwell Drive (opposite Wylfa Farm) not from Bell's Corner as first expected. The double yellow lines would be done as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mayor of Caerwys – Civic Service – this is to take place on Sunday 17th November 2019 at St. Michael's Church, Caerwys at 3pm.
- b) Mayor of Holywell Charity Christmas Carol Service – this is to take place on Friday 13th December 2019 at St. James' Church, Holywell at 7pm. Tickets are £5.00.
- c) Flintshire County Council Chair and the High Sheriff of Clwyd joint Charity Christmas Carol Service – this is to take place on Sunday 15th December 2019 at St Mary's Church, Mold at 6.00pm. Tickets are £5.00.
- d) Flintshire County Council Chair Charity Dinner – a Save the Date notice has been received advising that this will take place at Soughton Hall on Friday 13th March 2020. The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.

3rd DECEMBER 2019**PRESENT**

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair), Councillor D.K. Crowther, Vice-Chairman, Councillors 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, J. Caruana, 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 5th November 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

The Clerk reported that B.E. Davies Coaches had refused to take payment for providing a bus to bring the walkers back to Leeswood following the Walk from Leeswood to Mold which had been part of the commemorations of the 150th Anniversary of the Mold Riots. Councillors expressed their gratitude at this information.

POLICE LIAISON

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

Incident update - (from 01/11/2019 to 02/12/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends**Last Month**

Ash Villas, Leeswood – Criminal Damage – breeze block thrown through car rear windscreen. Enquiries are on-going.

Queen Street, Leeswood – Common Assault – youth has been assaulted by another youth. The victim declined to make a complaint.

Padeswood Lake Road, Padeswood - Criminal Damage to door – entry has been gained to unoccupied property. Nothing taken from within but taps were left on. This is believed to be malicious, all lines of enquiry completed and no suspect has been identified.

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – theft of vehicle – vehicle has been taken unlawfully following a party at an address. Suspect identified, attempts are being made to locate and arrest suspect.

This Month

Commercial property near Oak Villas, Leeswood - Burglary – premises broken into and money taken from the tills. CSI have attended, CCTV is very poor and there was no witnesses identified. Unfortunately no suspect has been identified despite all lines of enquiry being conducted.

Bowling Club, Leeswood – Criminal Damage – youths have smashed a window at the club. Enquiries are on-going. PCSO Jones does not believe any witnesses have been identified and there is no CCTV in the area.

The incident was reported approx. 24 hours after it was believed to have happened therefore crime scene investigation opportunities are non-existent unfortunately.

Bryn Barug, Pontblyddyn – suspicious circumstances – resident has woken up in the early hours to find three males on her drive looking at her performance vehicle. They have left in a hurry once disturbed. Police attended immediately and conducted an area search, the informant was unable to get a registration number for the vehicle.

Unnamed Road, Leeswood – theft of ATV – farm ATV has been taken unlawfully from the location, vehicle has been located nearby. Enquiries are on-going.

ASB Issues

County Road, Leeswood – ASB – youths have kicked a resident's front door. They were identified and will be receiving a yellow card.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY – LEESWOOD WARD

There had been one application for the vacancy in Leeswood Ward. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that Mr Terry Hughes be co-opted onto this Community Council. 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 are very pleased with the Cemetery. The Clerk reported that Mr Aled Davies had emailed advising that he would be forwarding the invoice for the drainage work in the Cemetery extension once he had received the quarry tickets confirming the amount of stone used and the weight of material removed to make the drain deeper as discussed. A meeting was to be arranged to discuss the hedging in the extension and removal of the boundary wall between the existing Cemetery and the Church

car park.

The Clerk reported that she had not received a water bill for the Cemetery for some time. She had spoken with Hafren Dyfrdwy about this and they had stated that the water bill was in excess of £300. This was because their operatives had read the wrong water meter at the Cemetery. Councillor G. Sherwood advised that he would read the meters and provide the information to the Clerk.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The new Lunch Club is proving to remain very successful and 38 residents had enjoyed the lunch to held on Wednesday 6th November 2019. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, commented that the Sunshine Café remained well supported and this was very pleasing.

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Asset Transfer lease has now been signed. The new caretaker has now been in post for five weeks and the Committee are very pleased with his work so far. Community Centre bookings are stable, and the last music night held on Friday 29th November 2019 was very successful. A Social Evening is to be held on Saturday 21st December 2019 and the annual New Year's Eve Dance had been organised.

LEESWOOD MEMORIAL CENTENARY FIELDS

The Clerk reported that the service on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 11.30am at the Cenotaph, Bell's Corner, Leeswood was well attended. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman commented that those attending had been pleased with the service despite the rain. It had been very pleasant to meet at the Community Centre following the Service.

VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

Councillor R. Hughes advised that the monitoring of this area was ongoing. The issue of parking in the area of the Motorbike Café remains of great concern.

3 December 2019

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 was Mr Owens' ninth and final 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 a further visit undertaken in October 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. This was accepted.

SSAFA THE ARMED FORCES CHARITY – VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY – 8TH TO 10TH MAY 2020

The Clerk reported that the Christ Church Committee will be discussing a request to hold a Service of Celebration on 10th May 2020 at their next meeting to be held in February 2020. A shorter Service is to be held at the Cenotaph after the Church Service when the Last Post will be played and there will be a short reading. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Carlton Jones JP regarding the Service at the Cenotaph.

COUNTY FORUM MEETINGS 2020

Members will find enclosed correspondence from Joanne Pierce, Executive Officer, Chief Executive Suite, Flintshire County Council advising that the County Forum meetings are scheduled as follows in 2020: -

Thursday 13th February, Monday 13th July and Tuesday 10th November.

All Councillors agreed that this Council should offer to host the meeting scheduled for Thursday 13th February 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) Sign on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn – this sign has now gone up.
- b) Sign on The Nant, Pontblyddyn – this is to be erected in the next couple of days.
- c) Traffic lights on Queen Street, Leeswood – there have been a few problems with these and a lot of complaints had been received from residents. The service bus had not been able to stop by the Co-Op car park so residents were waiting by the School.
- d) Dingle Road, Leeswood – this is to be closed for one day during the next week for works to be carried out.
- e) Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – the drains are to be cleared during this week.
- f) Community Council street lights – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that the street lighting officer from Flintshire County Council would be prepared to attend a meeting of this Council to discuss changing our street lights from sodium to LED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mayor of Holywell – Charity Ball – this is to take place on Saturday 4th April 2020 at the Stamford Gate, Holywell.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.

Special Events

To promote your event here

Please Contact Shereen

07469 851886

For More Information

See Individual Posters or Contact Groups Directly

Sunshine @Cafe ☀️ Caffe Heulwen 🍰



Open Every Thursday

09:00 – 12:00

“Old Clinic”

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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

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

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a Dementia Friendly Community**

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

For more information please contact

Shereen 07469 851886

CARNIVAL

LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Invite the community to a

6 FAMILY NIGHT

at

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

on

Saturday 1st February 2020

7.00pm to midnight

Admission: Adults and teenagers over

13 - £2.00 - Children Free

Please note all children must be accompanied
by appropriate adult

Raffle Prizes - Disco - Licensed Bar Open

Assortment of Baps - Pop - Crisps

The Carnival Committee would be extremely grateful for your support as a Community
to make this 2020 Carnival a success



Nightingale House Hospice
Hospis Tŷ'r Eos



Valentines Bingo!



Leeswood
Community Centre

12 February 2020

7pm eyes down

7.30pm

The bar will be open



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