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Maybe you have a story to share?

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DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2020

EDITION – Wednesday 18th March 2020

PONTYBODKYN LADIES GUILD

LADIES GUILD

Vice President, Mrs Margaret Roberts, welcomed everyone to our first meeting of the new year, 23rd January 2020. Mrs Jenny Webb then opened the meeting with a reading, and as it was the first time we had met after Christmas it was a social evening. Each member brought a plate of food and what a splendid feast it was. Before we went home the raffle, donated by Jenny, was drawn and Mrs Anne Davies was the winner. Just a reminder that we are only meeting once through the winter on the fourth Thursday of the month and anyone wishing to join us would be made very welcome.

Gill Burton

Richard Neal Williams



'Neal'

The family of the late Neal wish to sincerely thank relatives, friends and all Neal's friends from Flintshire Council for their cards, words of comfort, flowers and support during our sad loss of Neal.

Also for donations amounting to £1200 given to the Respiratory chest fund supporting the work of Dr Brohan and her amazing team.

With our sincere thanks

Freda, Helen, Chris, Jonathan, David, Margaret and family

Poetry by Joseph Caruana

SPRING ON THE HORIZON

Daylight is getting longer
The wild life is slowly getting stronger
The birds filling the air with song
They start singing in the morning and they
last all day long

The heavy nights of winter are on their way out

Encouraging people to move about

Snowdrops blooming among the grass
Walkers can see them along many a
mountain pass

Although there might still be a chill in the air
With a cold wind blowing through your hair
The fact that spring is on its way
Will put a smile on every face one
would say

Special Events Mobile Library

18th March 11:45 _ 12:45 Maes Y Meillion

Age & Dementia Friendly Steering Group

2nd March 18:00 - 19:00 Old Clinic

Lunch Club

4th March 12:45 - 13:45 Ysgol Derwenfa

To promote your event here

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Mayday, Mayday!

In the Bible it says that, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

I recently saw the war film 1917. It tells the story of two young British soldiers during the First World War who are ordered to deliver a message calling off a doomed attack. There has been a lot said about the way that cinematographer, Roger Deakins filmed 1917 to look like one long, uncut shot that follows the soldiers as they go through the hazards of No Man's Land on their mission.

For all of its acclaim, perhaps the one thing that may be missing from the graphic portrayal of the war-torn battlefield might be the cries (in the many different languages of those involved in the conflict) of the trapped and wounded calling out for help. Which brings me to 'Mayday, Mayday!'

'Mayday', is a corruption of the French 'm'aider', which simply means, 'Help me'. A cry that would have been heard in field hospitals and No Man's Land during the conflict and to the English soldiers' ears would have sounded exactly like the word 'Mayday'.

'Mayday' (repeated 3 times) is used internationally as a distress signal in radio communications. It was first adopted in the early days of cross-channel aviation in the 1920s as a signal that English and French pilots and ground staff could understand and it is still with us today. (SOS is used for text communication such as morse code because it is shorter and easier to remember).

It's good to know that everyone who sends out a genuine 'Mayday' call to the Lord (or even an SOS) will be heard by him. When we find ourselves in spiritual No Man's Land, then is the time to 'call on the name of the Lord', for he has promised to hear our cry and to save us.

John Mainwaring

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 Spring 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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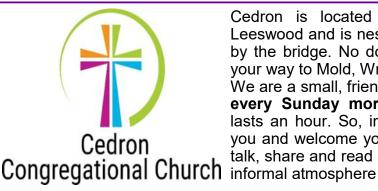


Leeswood Guides, Rainbows and Brownies held a celebration to thank: Wise Owl – Gayle Brand, Fluffy Owl – Ceris Brand and Mike Brand for all their love, care, hard work and support to so many children who have attended our Units through the last 20+ years, as they have now decided to retire.

Many friends from other Units also came along to help us celebrate. Gayle was presented with her County thanks badge from Mrs Isabel Blore, our Division Commissioner. Amongst many gifts to say thank you, they were presented with a sponsorship for a spectacled owl at Chester Zoo, a Girlguiding vase, a thank you glass and a special cake was enjoyed by all present.

Thank you once again, Wise Owl, Fluffy Owl and Mike.

Photos from the celebration are on the Community website – thank you to Mr Saul for taking these.



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 February/March 2020

February 23rd

Mr Clive Davies

March 1st

TBA

March 8th March 15th Mr Clive Davies

Mr Chris Byrne

Hope.

Hope during difficult times can often feel remote and elusive, and for those who place their trust in the God of the Bible it is important to be mindful to "..give to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Peering back through the years to the time of Joshua, the Israelites had need of more than a little hope. Having come to the end of 40 years wandering in the wilderness, they stood on the verge of the river Jordan gazing across at a land colonised by peoples & tribes of Canaan. Sheltered behind the colossal walls of seemingly impenetrable cities and counting the giant peoples of the Rephaim, Zuzim and Emim amongst their numbers, they presented a formidable challenge.

There are too many extraordinary events surrounding the conquest of Canaan to discuss in detail here such as the *long day of Joshua*, the fall of Jericho, the stopping of the river Jordan itself and Joshua's encounter with the Commander of the Lord's host. Amongst all these amazing events, there is one seemingly incidental account which is often glossed over, but which might be considered more important than all.

Joshua sent two spies into Canaan to spy out the land (just as Moses had sent 12 spies including Joshua some 40 years earlier), and they ended up inside the walls of Jericho and in fear of being discovered. They were hidden beneath the stalks of flax covering the roofing by a woman named Rahab. She said to them: "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." (Joshua Ch.2 v9-11)

In exchange for the mercy shown to them, the spies agreed that when Jericho fell, Rahab and all who dwelled in her house would be spared, and this is what happened. It's hard to imagine what **hopes** Rahab may have had when first sheltering these spies. That her life and that of her family could be spared was doubtless foremost (if the spies could be trusted). That she may have a family of her own, (given her very lowly status in society), was probably too much to expect. I'm sure she would never have hoped that she would marry an Israelite named Salmon and bare a son named Boaz, or that *he* would marry a Moabitess widow name Ruth, after whom one of the books of the Bible is named. She could never in her wildest imaginings have dreamt that one of her descendants (David) would be crowned King of Israel, nor that generations later, her descendant Mary would give birth to the King of Kings and saviour of mankind.

"...I will bless you, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3)

Unfortunately, I was too late to make last month's issue, so I've included a few images from our Christmas events, with gratitude to Rev. Robert Parry, his daughter Anne, and to Christopher Enston, Meriel Enston and Kieran Jones for taking part.

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Boxing day concert at Cedron







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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.

CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

SERVICES IN MARCH - APRIL 2020

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH: LENT 1

11.00 A.M. JOINT SERVICE IN NERCWYS
PREACHER & CELEBRANT: BISHOP GREGORY

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: REV'D JOHN POOLMAN

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH: LENT 5

10.30 a.m. JOINT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION IN TREUDDYN. CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL: PALM SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL: EASTER DAY

10.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL 3 CONGREGATIONS CELEBRANT: REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL: EASTER 2

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER OFFICIANT: T.B.A.

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL: EASTER 3

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION 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.

28TH MARCH 2020 &

25TH APRIL 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

Lent Groups to take place each week:

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

Holy Week 6th - 11th April

Holy Monday 6th April

7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer in Nercwys

Holy Tuesday 7th April

7.00p.m. Communion in Treuddyn

Holy Wednesday 8th April

7.00 p.m. Communion in Pontblyddyn

Maundy Thursday 9th April

Chrism Mass 11 a.m. at the Cathedral

Good Friday 10th April

11.00 a.m. Meditation Service in Treuddyn

Holy Saturday

7.30 Vigil & Communion at Llanferres
Church

Easter Day

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Pontblyddyn

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

March 2020

1st March. Morning Worship 9.30 am led by Rev Rosemarie Clarke

8th March. Morning Worship 10.45 am led by Miss Trish Earlam

15th March. Morning Worship 10.45 am with Lord's Supper led by Rev Pat Christopher

22nd **March Morning Worship 10.45 am** led by Mr David Blainey

29th March. Morning Worship 10.45 am led by Mrs Jane Dowell

A Year of Testimony

an initiative by the Methodist Church

God invites us to claim the truth that we are part of **God's story**.

Our testimony is our story about being part of God's story.

When we share our honest testimony, we expand our experience of God, our understanding of ourselves, and our participation in the Body of Christ.

Our testimonies are never ours alone. They are embedded in a community of faith.

So they are always part of the ongoing conversation of the community, a conversation that builds responsibility and trust.

God's story + our story

The Bible itself includes a chorus of diverse testimonies – stories of individuals and communities as they are addressed by, encounter, and respond to the living God.

As we tell God's story, God's story "tells" us, and we have a new story to tell. - Lillian Daniel

Preparing to tell our stories in the context of God's story, and telling those stories in public, and trusting our stories to be received and engaged by the community – each of these practices and all of them connected together are channels of God's grace, opportunities for the individual teller and the whole church to awaken to God.

Testimony always includes a true life story, but it is more than a life story.

We know our stories are part of God's story when we can reflectively connect them to the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, the challenging power of the Holy Spirit, and/or the vast experience — pain, joy, awe, lament, doubt, failure, transformation, etc. — of the first disciples and apostles.

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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 fraint gennyf wasanaethu'r gymuned sydd wedi llunio pwy ydw i. Mae gennyf lawer o feddwl o'r bobl, y cymunedau a'r mannau gwaith yn Delyn, a byddaf bob amser yn lais cryf ac effeithiol i chi yn y Cynulliad.



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The Poppy Appeal collection for November 2019 raised £1855.18 within the Leeswood, Pontblyddyn and Pontybodkin area.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with the collection – the house to house collectors, staff and pupils at Ysgol Derwenfa, the Co-op and Pontblyddyn Garage customers and local public houses. £256.57 was collected during the service of Remembrance held at Christ Church and £296.50 from wreaths purchased by various organisations etc. Also a very big thank you to all residents of Leeswood, Pontybodkin and Pontblyddyn who gave so generously for the Poppy appeal.

A very big thank you also to Mr Carlton Jones for supporting me each year as I organise the appeal. Special thanks to Councillor Ray Hughes, Councillor Richard Williams, Mr Carlton Jones and Master Iwan Hughes for putting the poppies up around the village.

Cheryl Francis Poppy Appeal Organiser



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WALKING THE BORDER

The Complete Walk

That's it then. I've walked the Border between England and Wales, which comes out at 240 miles, give or take a few. Starting at Chester, the Border follows the Dee before shooting off at an angle almost into Whitchurch, as Wales takes a bite out of England – an area that used to be called *Flint Detached*. I followed the Llangollen canal after that as far as Ellesmere, before getting back to the Rivers Dee and Ceiriog at Chirk.

River Crossings

I had in mind that the border between the countries would be defined by the high ground, but as it turned out it was the rivers which became more significant. I am ashamed to say that apart from the well – known rivers, like the Wye and the Dee, I made my first acquaintance with some – the Afon Efyrnwy/River Vyrnwy, which snakes its way slowly south before joining the Severn; the swift-flowing Tanat and the mighty Monnow. I say mighty because it caused us a mighty amount of grief, when we discovered the footbridge across the river, which seemed such a useful crossing point on the OS MAP, turned out to be non-existent. That happened to us twice, which brings me to:

The State of the Footpaths

The state of footpaths on the Border reflects the state of the nation, I'm afraid. Apart from recognised long-distance trails and walks, such as Offa's Dyke, the Herefordshire Way and the Three Castles Walk, many footpaths, particularly in mid-Wales are impoverished, neglected, overlooked, their maintenance underfunded, signs decayed and fallen in the hedgerows, stiles blocked, even houses allowed to be built across public rights of way. If you thought footpath maintenance was bad in Flintshire, you should try walking through Powys. To be fair, that particular Welsh county, with the largest geographical area and the smallest pro-rata population [i.e. income to the local authority] is hard pressed to maintain its statutory obligations. Footpaths are way down the list of priorities.

Undiscovered

Still, one thing about mid-Wales is that it may be under-populated and under-funded, but the absence of motorways and industries does mean that the air is purer, flowers grow in abundance in the hedgerows, red kites patrol overhead, herons fish, butterflies abound.

Tracking south

The route took me south from Chirk over that prominent hill near Welshpool, Middletown, before picking up Offa's Dyke into Montgomery. One intriguing feature of the walk was the way it took me to towns I had never visited before, which are just off the main route: that old county town Montgomery, abandoned in favour of Llandrindod Wells, but delightful and attractive in its abandonment. Bishop's Castle, a fascinating old town with streets but no through road, feeling as if time has stood still. Presteigne – another former county town right on the border – rich in history, old buildings and a thriving, if off-beat, life-style.

Drovers' Road

Imagining that the Border would take me south, I was fascinated by the way it veered directly West from Bishop's Castle along the old Drovers' Road, the Kerry Ridgeway. What a walk that turned out to be, with views on the top reaching into the Blue Remembered Hills of Shropshire, while to the south lay the Black Mountains and the Brecon Beacons. You almost thought you would meet a herd of cattle being driven on their way to the hungry bustling towns of England.

Countryside

One of the great features of the Border walk is the variety of the landscape: woodland, waterfalls, fields, canals, riverside walks, tunnels and bridges, expansive ridges, quiet country roads. Just south of Hay-on-Wye of course there rises the dark shape of the Black Mountain, which forms a formidable border line. Fortunately on top there have been limestone flags laid to help you progress on the marshy heather, for 10 miles of breath-taking walking.

Getting there

The farther we walked south, the longer it took us to reach the starting point of each walk [there are 20 altogether]. And one of the difficulties of a linear walk is how to get back to your car at the end of the day. Very occasionally public transport came to our rescue. For example on the first day we left the car at Farndon, took the bus to Chester and walked back to the car. Other walks were more difficult. The lack of public transport meant performing the two-car trick: take one car to the end-point of the walk, and use the other car to find the starting point. Walk the walk and use the getaway car to regain the other. But we also found a very valuable series of taxi firms who could do this for us, and Knighton, Bishop's Castle and Monmouth were well blessed with chatty and helpful drivers who knew the territory well. The farther south we walked, though, the longer it took to drive there and back, so by the time we reached Monmouth and the Forest of Dean, we stayed in B & B accommodation and did two walks back to back.

The end

The final walk, along the Wye Valley from Tintern to Chepstow covers high ground above the river, with spectacular views of the river from romantically named points like Eagle's Nest and the Giant's Cave, before dropping down to the final destination. Chepstow. The walk ends midway across the Bridge Over The River [k]Wye, where a combination of high tides and a full river can see the water rise as much as 14 metres at any one time. I wonder what the level of water is after Storm Dennis! The end of the walk [as the beginning] coincides with the end of the Wales Coast Path. So if you want to walk round Wales, you can combine the Coast Path and my Border path and cover all the edges of Wales. Look out for the guide book!

Mike Stevens

THE LDN BIBLE BLOG: MARCH 2020

CAN WE REALLY TRUST THE BIBLE?

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work"

2 Timothy 3: 16-17 (NT) (New Living Translation)

What is so special about your Bible that's on your bookshelf or in the drawer, the cupboard or even still in the book shop? Well, I'll tell you! The Bible is not just any old book, it is an INCREDIBLE BOOK! Why? The Bible is sometimes called the 'Word of God' because it actually contains the very words of God. It literally contains the spoken words of the creator of the universe. Yes really! So it's not surprising that it is the best selling, most quoted, most printed, most published, most circulated, most translated, most smuggled, most influential, most misinterpreted, most misunderstood, most hated in some cases, most unread and most banned book in the history of humankind. And yet, despite these extraordinary facts, the majority of folk in our little country and the UK at large have no real idea of what the Bible is or what it's about that is based on their **own** experience of it. Is your understanding based on your own reading of it or is it based on what you've seen, heard or read about it from other people i.e. second-hand. Before we can reject it, accept it or be indifferent about it we must surely check-it out for ourselves! So I want to spend some time this year looking at The Bible to ask and answer the question 'Can we really trust The Bible?' If we are to trust it we at least need to ask ... **WHAT IS THE BIBLE?**

Our word 'Bible' originated in ancient Egypt as 'byblos' meaning 'parchment,' it 'arrived' in the English language via French - 'biblia' meaning 'books'. So over the years it changed from singular to plural. The Bible is The Books. Most people regard the books of the Bible as 'books' when in fact it has loads of letters, prophecy, stories, a 150 hymn lyric 'sheet', poetry, wisdom literature, proverbs, history, rules and regulations, narrative, 'health & safety' guidelines for foods, guidelines for living and even the details of a census.

The Bible is a compilation, a library if you like, of 66 books with about 40 authors. It has two sections. The first part has 39 books that make up the Old Testament (OT) which begins with the creation story. The second part has 27 books that make up the New Testament (NT) which begins with the birth of Jesus. The Bible was written over the course of 1,500 years. It was written using three different languages: Hebrew (OT), Aramaic (OT), and Greek (NT) and in 3 continents by Kings down to the lowest of the low in those days ... tax collectors. A testament is an agreement, a deal or a contract.

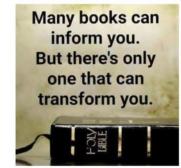
The interesting thing about the Bible is that yes, it is very diverse and can be difficult to read and fit the books together, but I would argue that in that diversity it is nonetheless consistent through and through. The majority of the Old Testament authors never knew each other, while the New Testament authors did. Yet ALL their writings come together to tell one big story - The love of God for His creation (the universe and you and me) and how He made it possible to overcome our separation from God caused by sin entering the world!

The Bible is a unique and important book because it is a direct gift to humankind from it's Creator and is the basis upon which many societies are built. Within its pages, you can find fundamental truth about faith, living life and the life that is to come. So, to me, and many other people who are not all Christians, this makes it a pretty important

book and at least worth dipping into!

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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

Industry is an ongoing and progressive operation which needs continuous improvement. That is why industrial activities arealways followed by an element of news. Engineers trends to venture into the unknown, to explore and discover new ways of improving existing products or come up with a totally new product. Engineers and technical people who come up with new ideas, does posses a certain degree of vision which they translate or transform into reality. When a vision is transformed into a practical reality it becomes an invention. It is no good if someone has a vision or a new product or a new process if that person does not know how to interpret that vision into a practical reality. Obviously there is a process which is normally applied to such an activity, and there are certain steps that should be followed. The first and most important step is to evaluation of how practical the idea or invention is to transform it into a product that could become a market success. Therefore. before any further time and money are invested to develop a vision into a market reality, a thorough investigation is conducted in order to determine the market potential of the proposed invention.

It might be said, that in certain cases, some people might not be willing to share their ideas with anybody else. This is because they fear that their ideas might be claimed by someone higher up in the structure within the organisa-Workers on the shop floor might not feel comfortable to discuss new ideas with their immediate superior for fear that their superior might claim the idea as his or her own. Some organisations offer rewards for any new idea, this system does individuals motivated and out of their shell. This is also a way to create a competitive environment within an industrial establishment, and produce a number of different ideas to choose from. Nevertheless, it might be beneficial that those who come up with new ideas which have not been chosen, get some kind of recognition, in order to encourage them to submit new ideas in the future.

An innovative idea is in itself a form of intellectual property, and there are several

mechanisms that could be activated to protect such ideas. A new idea can be protected by using a patent, a copy right, a registered design, and so on. It is therefore important that if you have a new idea, you must acquire some sort of protection before you discuss the idea with someone else. This is because that in some cases you might innocently discuss your new idea, your superior might tell you the famous phrase 'thank you, but we have thought of that', and then they might go and copy your idea

On the other hand, if you acquire intellectual property protection, your idea will get protection from the moment that you apply for intellectual protection. The only country in the world which recognise intellectual does not property protection rights is China. Nevertheless, if China manufactures a product which has intellectual protection rights in this country, and that product is sold in this country, the intellectual property holder will be entitled for some sort of compensation. With this in mind, we should not be disheartened by the capacity the china can flood a market with cheap products, and we must endeavour to produce new ideas to develop a better future for mankind.

With all this said and done, it is still not honourable that someone half way across the world can copy an idea that you have worked so hard to develop. Not to mention the investment in time and money that you might have put in.

Some or most of the products imported from the Far East are popular because they are cheap to purchase. However, there are ways and means to overcome such an obstacle. This could be achieved bv efficient process procedures, stringent quality procedures, and effective process capability. By applying these measures, industry will have the advantage not only to minimise defects, but to eradicated defective products altogether. These days, industry does not measure the number of defective parts in percentage terms, but in parts per million. This is sometimes referred to as world manufacturing and it has been embraced by many multinational companies across the world. We have the capabilities to manufacture world class products, we have intellectual people that can produce new ideas, and we can regenerate our manufacturing industry to create wealth and prosperity.

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES IN PRACTICE



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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LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL— CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN Tuesday 7th January 2020

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors L.T. Coleman, Terry Hughes, Timothy Hughes, D. Rule and R. Williams.

<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS</u> <u>CODE OF CONDUCT</u>

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood 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 an e-mail to the Clerk advising that there were no recent incients to report. Observation was made that a panel had been removed from the smoking area alongside the old Club. It was known that youths were now using this area as a place to gather. Aura (ex Flintshire County Council Leisure Services) had been up to clean the paint obscenities on the Skate Park. It was understood that no suspects had been I dentified for this incident and there was to be no further investigation because of this. All Councillors agreed that Inspector Steven Owens be invited to attend a meeting of this Council.

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 she and Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, had met with Mr Aled Davies on site at the Cemetery. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that excellent work had been done on the new drain in the extension. A mixture of hawthorn and holly hedging is to be planted on the top side of the extension in keeping with the hedge in the existing Cemetery. Laurel hedging is to be planted at the bottom of the new extension in line with the hedging that was to be planted once the car park wall has been removed. It was agreed by all Councillors that the fencing separating the existing Cemetery and the new extension be removed and replaced with hedging. A gap is to be left at the place where the road will eventually be extended.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The next Lunch Club is to take place on Wednesday 8th January 2020. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that this was very successful.

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Asset Transfer lease has now been signed and the Charitable Trust is in the process of taking possession of the Community Centre. The Social Evening held on Saturday 21st December 2019 had been a successful and enjoyable evening. New Year's Eve had been a very well attended function with approximately 100 people present. It had been the best New Year's Eve dance held in a long time. The Music Night's held on the last Friday of the month would continue this year. These were growing in popularity. It was also the intention to open the Community Centre for the Welsh rugby matches during the Six Nations Championship. A suggestion was made that a diary be put in the Leeswood & District Newsletter and the Co-Op advertising what was on at the Community Centre.

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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 and whilst there had been no accident, there had been a couple of close shaves.

WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: A MORE EQUAL WALES – COMMENCING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Rhian Pritchard, Socio-Economic Duty – Policy Manager, Welsh Government, advising that the Welsh Government has launched an eight-week consultation. This consultation ends on 17th January 2020. Also enclosed is a copy of the Written Statement delivered by Jane Hutt, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip, the Consultation Document and the Regulatory Impact Assessment. This was accepted.

SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2020 -21

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Judith Cole, Local Government Finance & Workforce Partnerships Division, Welsh Government, advising that the appropriate sum for purposes of Section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2020-21 is £8.32 per elector. The Clerk advised that this Council's expenditure on Section 137 falls well within the limit.

NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE 'HEALTH WATCHDOG ASKS PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT VASCULAR SERVICES'

A copy of the news release had been circulated to all Members. This advised that the first event held in Pwllheli had been well attended and the dates of further events scheduled.

A SHARED COMMUNITY – A CHARTER BETWEEN FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF THE COUNTY

For their information, members will find enclosed a copy of the Charter which this Council is signed up to. The Clerk advised that this would be of use to the newer Councillors who would not have received a copy of this previously. Councillor G. Sherwood informed that this Charter is a very important document and that the relationship between Flintshire County Council and the Town/Community Councils was excellent compared to other Local Authorities and their Town/Community Councils. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, agreed with this, stating that the communication between Flintshire County Council and their Town/Community Councils was an example that other Local Authorities should follow.

WELSH GOVERNMENT: LOCAL GOVERN-MENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) BILL

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Written Statement made by Julie James AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government. Also circulated was a copy of the Oral Statement which advises that the Bill requires Community Councils to prepare an Annual Report about the Council's priorities, activities and achievements during the year. This had been a recommendation from the independent review of Town and Community Councils in Wales and is key to ensuring transparency and accountability. The Clerk informed that an Annual Report was a good way of communicating to the Community the work of this Council. Councillors agreed with this.

GOV.UK – UNDERSTANDING NEW ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES

Copies of gov.uk guidance on 'understanding new accessibility requirements for public sector

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bodies' and 'make your website or app accessible and publish an accessibility statment' had been circulated to all Members. Websites are required to be made accessible to those who have impaired vision, motor difficulties, cognitive impairments or learning disabilities and deafness of impaired hearing. This should be done by 23rd September 2020. Councillor J.E. Saul had prepared an Accessibility Statement for this Council which was circulated to all Members and had been put on the Community Council website.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION – CONNECTING COMMUNITIES IN WALES NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2019

For their information, Members had been circulated with a copy of the CTA Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter issue number 3, December 2019. This was accepted.

CODGERS QUARTERLY – ISSUE 21 DECEMBER 2019

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Codgers Quarterly newsletter for December 2019. Councillors stated that they thought this was a useful and informative publication.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) <u>Dingle Road, Leeswood</u> the road was closed but the work was not carried out. This was to be re-scheduled.
- b) Road through Leeswood from the Doctor's Surgery to the Wylfa Farm the re-surfacing has failed. This will be re-done by the contractor hired by Flintshire County Council for free in March 2020, weather permitting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that the County Council will try to get the road re-surfaced from Bell's Corner to the Wylfa Farm without cost.
- c) <u>Chester Road, Pontblyddyn</u> Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that the potholes on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn need repairing. It is believed that the cause of these potholes is water run off from nearby farm land.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mayor of Mold – Charity Dinner, Dance & Auction – this is to take place on Saturday 15th February 2020 at the Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton, Mold. Tickets are £35.00 per person.

Sunshine				
Menu	o Je	Bwydlen		
Pot of Tea	70p	Pot o de	70p	
Earl Grey, Fruit Teas	80p	Earl Grey, Te Ffrwythau	80p	
Cafetiere of Coffee for one	80p	Coffi Cafetiere i un	80p	
Cafetiere of Coffee for two	£1.40	Coffi Cafetiere i ddau	£1.40	
Hot Chocolate	£1	Siocled Poeth	£1	
Hot Chocolate with Vanilla Cream & Marsmallows	£1.20	Siocled Poeth gyda Hufen Fanila a Malws Melys	£1.20	
Strawberry or Chocolate Milkshake	£1	Ysgytlaeth Mefus neu Siocled	£1	
No added sugar Cordial	20p	Cordial heb siwgr ychwanegol	20p	
Toast with butter	40p	Tost gyda menyn	40p	
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Portion of jam/marmalade	10p	Pot o jam/marmalad	10p	
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Community Ring & Ride Service

Flintshire County Councils Integrated Transport Unit will be introducing a new Community Ring & Ride Service for Flintshire residents. The new service will be a demand responsive service providing accessible door to door transport to members of the public who experience difficulty travelling on existing public services.

The service will provide assistance in travelling to:

• GP Appointments • Hospital Appointments • Other Health Related Appointments

The service is open to:

- · Members Only
- An Annual Subscription fee of £10 will apply (payments can be made by telephone or by cheque made payable to Flintshire County Council).
- · A further Charge will be made for each journey at 45p per mile.

Passengers are requested to:

 Give at least 24 hours' notice of individual journeys, (however we will try to accommodate journeys at shorter notice where possible).

At initial registration, members will also be required to answer the following questions in order to meet the criteria to use the service:

- · Where do you live?
- Where are you wanting to travel to?
- · What is the purpose of the journey?
- Is this the first time you have had to make this journey?
- Do you have a car or access to a car?
- · Are you able to use bus services?
- If you are going to hospital for an appointment, might you be eligible to use the Welsh Ambulance Service Patient Transport Service?

Example journey costs are for the following return journeys are:

Higher Kinnerton to Hope Medical Centre £2.70 Llanfynydd to Wrexham Maelor Hospital £5.40 Northop Hall to Bradleys Practice, Mold £4.50 Whitford to Holywell Hospital £3.15









To make an application to be a member of the Community Ring & Ride Service please contact our Streetscene Contact Centre:

Tel 01352 701234 (between the 09.00 am until 17.00 pm Monday-Friday)

PLEASE NOTE:

The scheduled bus service that ran, Tuesdays and Saturdays, from the Cymau Community Centre - via Treuddyn and Leeswood, to Broughton Shopping Centre and return - *Will be terminated on 29th February 2020*.

Streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk

01352 701234

for more information

Earn Time Credits in your Community! Can you spare 1 or 2 hours once a week or just once a month?

Join the Leeswood & Pontblyydyn
Age & Dementia Friendly Steering Group

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

The Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Age-Friendly Community Group is a group of volunteers who are committed to making Leeswood & Pontblydyn an Age & Dementia Friendly Community.

What has the Group achieved?

One of the Group's most significant achievements is Sunshine café, a weekly community café with a focus on reducing isolation & loneliness. Profits from the café used to support other events within the Community. The Steering group has funded or arranged many events and activities, including:

Tablet CoursesDementia Friend SessionsPop up CinemaSunshine CaféCarveryLitter PicksBook GroupAfternoon TeaPumpkin SoupLunch ClubDementia PerformanceBook Swap

We also are working with the Bowling Club to plan an intergenerational bowling event

How can I get involved?

The Group welcomes new volunteers, either regularly or for one-off events. The steering group is registered for Time Credits you can earn 1 credit for every hour that you volunteer. Time credits it can be spent Nation Wide.

For more information, please contact Shereen Devine

<u>Shereen.devine@volunteeringmatters.org.uk</u> 07469 851886

TIME CREDITS HOW THEY WORK

Time Credits are a community currency that you can earn by giving your time.



OGIVE your time

Give your time by helping with all kinds of activities.

2 Earn Time Credits

When you give your time and help, you can earn Time Credits. It's a way of saying 'thank you'.

3 Spend

them on doing something fun

You can spend your Time Credits on a wide range of activities. You can even take a friend with you! One Time Credit is worth one hour of activity.

"I feel proud of myself for volunteering. Time Credits help you to get out more and do things that I wouldn't do if I didn't have them."

To find out more about Time Credits in your area contact:

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Phone: 02920566132

To see where you can spend your Time Credits visit: timecredits.com







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.

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

Would you like to become a Dementia Friend?



An Alzheimer's Society

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

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