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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



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## FEBRUARY 2021

WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE UNTIL A DECISION CAN BE MADE ABOUT IT'S FUTURE

I have now re-located out of the area. The intention was to carry on with producing this publication, however personal reasons and covid-19 have made this difficult. I hope your Christmas's and New Years are good and you all stay safe. *June Lincoln*

Do you have an idea for a great article?

Maybe you have a story to share?

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

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DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Monday 18th January 2021

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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**Bethania**  
CHURCH COMMUNITY

We are praying for God to bless you and your loved-ones at the close of this very difficult year and to open up new doors of opportunity for you in 2021.

We hope that during the coming 12 months you will experience the love of God who sent his Son at Christmas time to be our Saviour.

*'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And his name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,*

*Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'*

Isaiah 9 verse 6.

With Christmas greetings from us all.

Elfed Godding

Minister of Bethania Baptist Church, Leeswood on behalf of the entire church family

**[www.bethanialeeswood.org](http://www.bethanialeeswood.org)**



## 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 December/January 2020**

November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Clive Davies	December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Clive Davies
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rev martin M'caw
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Byrne	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Byrne
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Cole	January 17 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Alyn Thomas	January 24 <sup>th</sup>	TBA

### **Message from Cedron's Minister - Clive Davies writes:**

It has been wonderful to return to worship at Cedron! Also, we have been able to reach those who couldn't join us by zoom! One way or another we make sure that the Word of God is proclaimed! As we approach the most exciting time of the year at Advent, we are enabled to focus on the most amazing event of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The coming into the world of God made Flesh!! I want us to really be absorbed over the coming weeks of this joy, this beautiful wonderful amazing time of Christmas. God sent His Son into our world at this time to save us, guide us, renew us and show us how to live our lives in faith, in hope, in love. Please join us at Cedron whenever you can over this period of Advent. A warm welcome awaits you. As Jesus grew in strength and wisdom, so our Christian faith grows as we pray and worship and study His Word. If we accept Jesus into our lives, allowing Him to teach us just how to live, in forgiving, showing compassion, understanding and love, our lives take on new meaning, a Light has entered our world. So, please in this season of goodwill, be alert to Christ, let Him show you the way! Merry Christmas everyone. And a happy New exciting 2021! Put your faith and trust in somebody greater than you and !! God Bless.

Clive Davies (Minister of Cedron Chapel)

For anyone wishing to speak with Clive, he can be contacted at: [Tel:01244536988](tel:01244536988) or Mob:07811807446

### **Update**

The restrictions this Autumn meant that our traditional services were much toned down, nevertheless we were able to hold a modest thanksgiving service before the 'firebreak' lockdown and through Zoom we were also able to hold a Remembrance Day service to honour the fallen. Meanwhile we still remain hopeful that the Christmas concert might go ahead in some form or other, subject to the C19 restrictions.

As we reflect and try to prepare for what the future holds, we can be sure that the same God who holds all our futures in his hand, foretold to us the birth of Jesus Christ.

### ***Isaiah 9:6***

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*



Anyone can message us at [Cedron.congregational@gmail.com](mailto:Cedron.congregational@gmail.com) or via Clive's facebook: **#Cedron Chapel**



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Seasonal Music for all*

**Cedron Chapel  
Pontybodkin  
Boxing Day, 26 December 7pm**

**Meriel Enston - Soprano  
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Christopher Enston – Piano**

**Admission Free** *(subject to C19 restrictions)*

**Donations for Cedron Chapel**

## CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

### “AFTER THE SERVICE” (A CHRISTINGLE STORY.)

Once upon a time there was a family who went to a Christingle service in Church. At the service the little girl received a Christingle, but by the time they got home she'd eaten all the sweets and only had the orange and the candle left. So, when they got into the house Mum took the orange into the lounge and put it, with its candle in a corner. Then they went into the kitchen to get tea ready.

Now in Church the little candle had felt very special. He'd heard the vicar say that he was like Jesus who was the light of the world. But as he looked round the lounge he started to feel very small and unimportant. The Family obviously liked candles and they had lots of them. There were big candles in lovely candle stands, candles in Jars, little candles in very nice candle stands, and even the little candles in individual pots were scented and the pots looked special, and here he was, stuck in an orange and standing in a corner. He really didn't feel very special at all – he thought that all the other candles must be far more like Jesus than he was.

Well the evening wore on, the family ate tea, Dad went out, and Mum and the little girl sat in the lounge watching TV. Then – calamity – the TV, and the lights all suddenly went off. There'd been a power cut! Mum told the little girl to sit still while she felt her way into the kitchen to find a torch, then she came back into the room with a box of matches. “Tell you what” she said “lets light all the candles then we'll be able to see”. So one by one she lit the candles, she lit the big ones in posh holders, and the ones in jars, and she even lit all the little ones in the posh stand, then the little girl said – “Oh, we must light my Christingle Candle too, that's special!” and so, that's what Mum did.

And, do you know, when the little Christingle candle looked around the room he realised that it didn't matter how posh a candle looked in the daylight, when it came to doing their job they all looked the same. They all had small flickery flames, and none of them would have been much good without the help of the others but together they lit the room so that Mum and the little girl felt safe until the electricity came back on.

In church we always say that people are special, that they are loved by God and carry a little bit of the light of Jesus inside them – but out in the world, in school, at home, in shops and in the street sometimes we don't feel very special. We feel as if there are so many other people bigger, cleverer, or better looking than us.

Jesus used his life to love and help others, to make people feel good about themselves, and that is what we are asked to do too. So, whenever we show someone kindness, or whenever we say something caring, or help others, we are using that little bit of Jesus light that is inside us. You don't have to be big, good looking, or very clever to do that.

### CHRISTINGLE IN A BAG

As we won't be able to hold the usual Christmas Services this year we are offering to supply all the elements of the Christingle in a bag which can be picked up from Church (times to be confirmed). We are inviting anyone who would like to make a Christingle at home to contact us and reserve their bag of Christingle goodies which will be available to be picked up in the run-up to Christmas. We would also love to receive photo's of your Christingles to display in Church. Our Contact details are: 01978762304 or [cc.sm@btinternet.com](mailto:cc.sm@btinternet.com)

You can also message us from our Christ Church Facebook Page.



At Christmas: we celebrate the birth of a child, born in an occupied land to an unmarried couple, who (on the orders of a dictator) had walked for more than 90 miles in order to be counted in an international census. And who were then forced to flee as refugees into a foreign land to preserve the child's life from a massacre ordered by a despotic King. And yet that child brought God's love and peace to all who believe in him.

**Amidst the stress and worry of this strangest of years ...  
May you be filled with the Joy and Peace of the Christ Child  
this Christmas.**

*Carole Poolman. Vicar of Pontblyddyn*

**CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN - SERVICES:**

11.00.a.m. every Sunday,  
(Morning Prayer or Communion)

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN:** Every Thursday Morning from 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE:**


9.00p.m. Christmas Communion.

Please note: In order to worship safely spaces will be limited.

So please would you let us know if you intend to come (contact details below)

**Messy Church.**

Our Messy Church Leaders are continuing to hold monthly Messy church sessions on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 4.00p.m. on Zoom. The message for this month was:

Messy friends...  If you would like to join us at our next Messy Church Zoom Service please send us a message so we can arrange for a messy activity bag to be delivered to you.



It's great fun with stories , songs and activities

See you soon - Kathy and Wendy and the messy church people

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*Although the church building can't be open daily at the moment, please feel free to contact me at any time to talk – or to ask for prayer. If you would like to receive the weekly readings and reflection let me know. Carole*

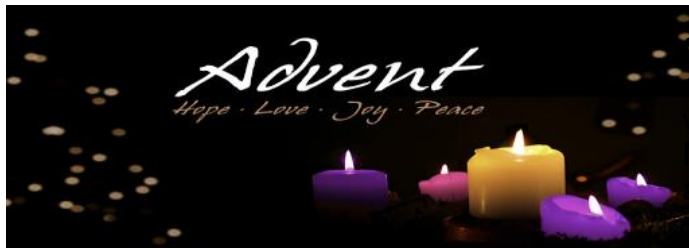
# Wesley Methodist Church Leeswood



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Covenant Service 10.45 am**  
**led by Rev Pat Christopher**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Morning Worship 10.45 am**  
**led by Rev Rosemarie Clarke**



## Dates for your Diary



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2**  
**Morning Worship 10.45 am**  
**led by Rev Pat Christopher**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December Advent 4**  
**Morning Worship 10.45 am**  
**led by Mrs Michele Jones**

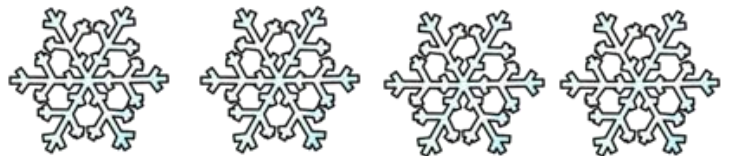
Dear Friends,

We are coming to the end of a very strange year during which the ministers within the Methodist Circuit have tried to continue the work and mission of the churches but in very different ways. We have continued to prepare weekly worship materials for the Circuit Administrator, to email and post to those interested. I have attended numerous meetings via Zoom and even completed a District Unconscious Bias training course linked to the stationing process.

In September as churches we were once again allowed to open for worship we completed very detailed Risk Assessments ensuring compliance with Welsh Government law and the Methodist Church regulations. There have been many frustrations about constraints in worship but we seek to follow the rules with love and hope for the future.

I am grateful to my colleagues, friends and family but most of all to the Lord Jesus who has called each one of us by name and who loves us with a love which is beyond our understanding. May God bless you and keep you today and always,

Rev Pat Christopher  
email:patchchristopher139@yahoo.com



## Christmas Appeal for the Homeless

As part of our Christmas giving, the churches of the Buckley and Deeside Methodist Circuit are collecting items to make up wash bags for local homeless people. Each bag will contain:- a bottle of hand sanitizer, face masks, flannel, hand towel, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, roll on deodorant, shower gel, paper tissues and sanitary towels( for women). If you would like to donate any item(s) to help us make up these bags please bring these to a church service or give it to a church member. Thank you.





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# Leeswood Allotments

The allotment holders have been busy making preparations for the winter. We've had a mixed bag of weather but as yet no frosts and as you can see the cosmos on one of our plots is still putting up a lovely display. A few crops are still being harvested. While taking a walk round the allotments I spotted turnips, kale and chard all ready for the table. There will also be vegetables and fruit stored in allotment holders' freezers ready to be used throughout the winter.

It has been the strangest of years for everyone but for allotment holders being able to continue working and meeting together down at the allotment site has been a welcome slice of normality for us.



*As this is the final report from Leeswood Allotments for 2020 we have a message from Joseph, our chairman...*

Another year is nearly over and although it has been a difficult year, allotment holders have successfully found a way round the difficulties. The allotments can be therapeutic and in times of lockdown it was nice to visit the plots and relax in the fresh air

There are some allotment holders who put in the little extra effort to keep the general area well groomed; also there are those who look after specific duties, such as looking after the machinery. We also have a bee-hive section and some of us also have chicken coops. Since the allotment association was formed ten years ago, we have come a long way and this would not have been possible without the positive collective effort of everyone at the allotments.

To this end, on behalf of the Leeswood Allotments, I would like to wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Joseph Caruana, Chairman

# NIGHTINGALE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Our team of volunteers will collect and recycle  
your **real Christmas tree** in return for a  
donation towards patient care at the hospice

## SATURDAY 16TH JANUARY 2020

Visit [www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)  
to book in your collection



Nightingale House Hospice, Registered Charity Number: 1035600 (Registered in England and Wales)

*By: Joseph Caruana*

## Once Duty

They did not stop or turn away  
They marched on come what may  
When all was said and all was done  
We all know that their objective was no fun

It is therefore right to remember  
Every year on the eleventh of November  
When we stop in silence for those two minutes  
That those lads pushed themselves beyond all limits

This one was a dangerous year  
The pain it brought was hard to bear  
But Christmas and good will are here with us  
Let us be careful and avoid a lot of fuss



## THE LDN BIBLE BLOG : December 2020

### The Son of God, the Most High. Immanuel!

**"... they will call him 'Immanuel'"**

**"He ... will be called the Son of the Most High."**

**"... the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."**

These verses were said by the angel Gabriel to Mary. This was when he was telling her about the conception and birth of Jesus. They speak of matters that to us *seem* unlikely at best and impossible at worst, i.e. **that a human child who will be born to a human mother, is God!**

The great Creator of this measureless universe was about to become a human embryo. He who is infinite and eternal was about to become limited by space and time. He on whom all things depend, and without whom nothing can function and exist, was about to become helpless, dependant and vulnerable!

- ◆ Immanuel ... which means God with us
- ◆ The Son of God ... yet also of the same nature, the same essence as God
- ◆ Incarnation ... meaning God in human flesh.

Gabriel also said to Mary: **"Nothing is impossible with God."**

This seeming impossibility is the reality of Christmas. It is a reality shown and proved in the life that Jesus lived, as well as in the claims He made as an adult. These days people expect God to operate within known scientific rules. This makes God to be God in name only. The "God" of the 21st century is more like a collective and includes 'the laws of nature', reason and logic. The mantra is "If it doesn't make reasonable or logical sense it can't therefore happen or be true." I, for one, can't agree with that because life, unlike your computer sometimes, is not always WYSIWYG.

Jesus said: **"I and the Father are one."** and also **"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."** And the Roman soldier who witnessed Jesus' death said: **"Surely this man was the Son of God."**

- ◆ This is the meaning of Christmas.
- ◆ This is the miracle of Christmas.
- ◆ This is the mystery of Christmas.
- ◆ This is the message of Christmas.

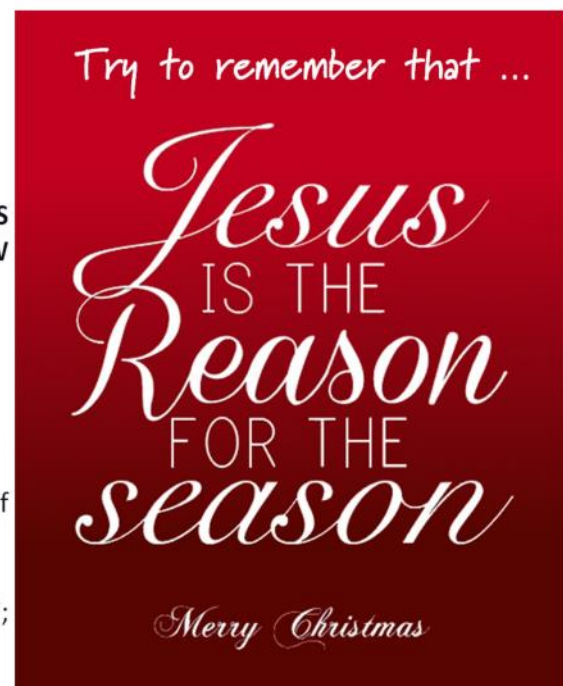
**IN THIS CHRISTMAS CHILD, GOD HAS COME TO US. IT'S INCREDIBLE AND MARVELLOUS! MAYBE WE NOW OUGHT TO GO AND SAY HELLO.**

Have as normal a Christmas as you can folks.

Simon

Contact me on [TheLDNBibleBlog+Dec20@gmail.com](mailto:TheLDNBibleBlog+Dec20@gmail.com) if you would like a 'no pressure' chat.

[NT Bible references used: Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:26-37; John 1:14,18; 10:30; 14:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; Mark 15:39.]



# WALKING THE FOOTPATHS IN LEESWOOD

## FLINTSHIRE'S ROUTE MAP

Flintshire has grouped all the footpaths designated as public rights of way. And each Community, such as Leeswood, has its own bundle of paths, identified by a number. So, for example, the footpath which begins at King Street, opposite the Community Centre and journeys down via fields to Pontblyddyn is **FOOTPATH 61**. Most walkers don't need to know the numbers of the footpaths in order to walk them, but they are useful when contacting the Community Council or the County Council if there is a problem. There are approximately 40 of these paths, some long, some short. One or two are subdivided. **FOOTPATH 61A**, for example starts at the same point as Footpath 61 but soon branches off and finds another way of reaching Pontblyddyn, via Blast Wood, crossing Dingle Road and reaching the main road at a point close to the former Queen Farm [between the Church and the Petrol Station]

Here is a description of a short footpath, **FOOTPATH 61C** from Blast Wood to Parc Derwen.

### **FOOTPATH 61C**

*This is a useful link footpath between Footpath 61 in Blast Wood and Parc Derwen in Leeswood.*

1. The footpath begins at a point where Footpath 61 leaves Blast Wood as it progresses to Dingle Road.

There is a waymark by the side of the gate here, indicating where Footpath 61C branches off.

2. Continuing through woodland, the well-used path leaves Blast Wood where two posts suggest the remnants of a stile or gate.

**Waymarks here, on both sides, would be helpful.**

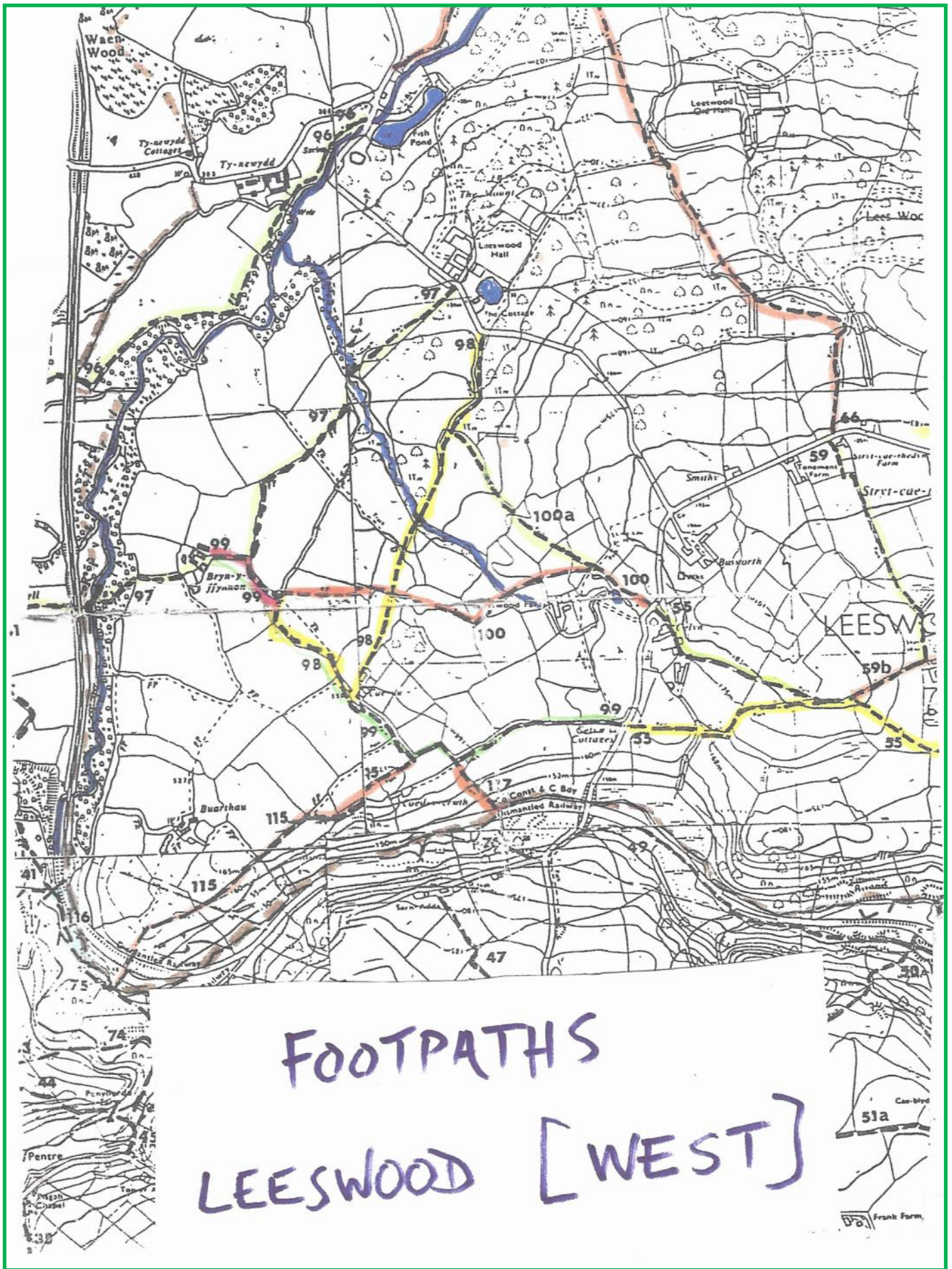
3. Footpath 61C then crosses open land, aiming for houses and a kissing gate. From here the footpath proceeds between properties to come out onto Ffordd Derw, where there is a waymark on a pole.

4. Crossing the road the footpath turns right and almost immediately left, into Llys Bedw, maintaining its westerly direction between houses. There is a tarmac path here which cuts through, passing the end of Maxwell Drive to find another alleyway before reaching the main road, Parc Derwen.

**WAYMARKS** These are round discs, in yellow and green, placed on posts and stiles with arrows indicating the direction to be followed. Usually this is STRAIGHT ON, but may be LEFT or RIGHT or even HALF LEFT, HALF RIGHT. They are particularly useful for walkers when a CHANGE OF DIRECTION is required, or where the way forward looks obscure.

**WAYMARK ON A POLE** Where a footpath leaves a main road, the County is obliged to place a more substantial waymark on a pole, indicating where this happens.

**GATES & STILES.** Where footpaths progress through hedges, into fields or any boundary, the County provides aids to help. The most obvious are **GATES**, usually these days new galvanised kissing gates. They save walkers from having to climb.



Unfortunately they do not usually allow the safe passage of wheelchairs or pushchairs, and by and large, disabled people are usually excluded from using footpaths.

**STILES** are the more traditional method of crossing into fields. A stile needs a step, or even two steps, and if these are missing the stile really becomes more of a barricade than an aid. There is one well-known stepless stile on Footpath 55, in a field corner close to Leeswood Green Farm.

The Council also provide **BRIDGES** where footpaths cross streams and rivers. There is a bridge over the River Alyn on the way to Coppa, and a bridge over the River Terrig close to the old Railway line. Some of these bridges have gates to prevent stock from wandering.

**HANDRAILS** are useful, not only on the bridges, but by the side of **STEPS**. A good example of the provision of steps with a handrail is on the way down from the A5104 on the footpath [61B] to the Cricket Club.

## MAP SHOWING DESIGNATED FOOTPATHS IN LEESWOOD [WEST]

The map shown in this article gives you an idea of how the footpaths cross the Leeswood Community. I have given each footpath a different colour, where possible. You can see that Footpath 98 shows “The Horse Walk” a traditional footpath which links Leeswood Hall and one of its original farms Cae-du.

Other lines on the map show **CONTOURS** and **FIELD BOUNDARIES**.

**CONTOURS** are the lines with numbers on. A **CONTOUR** is a line on a map joining points of equal height [in this case FEET above sea level – the map is pre-metric].

**FIELD BOUNDARIES** can usually be distinguished from Contours as they are more “field-shaped”. However, many fields have become larger in recent years, as hedges have been grubbed up to assist ploughing – so some of these field boundaries are inaccurate.

**FOOTPATHS** are shown as dotted lines – but these are the ones that are not public rights of way, so evidence of a footpath is not evidence of a right of way.

### MIKE'S MOVEMENTS

It is as long ago as 1995 when I first started walking the footpaths in Leeswood, so it seems to be a good time to walk them all again [with time on my hands during lockdown]. I am in the processing of writing them all up and letting the Community Council and the County Council know what state the paths are in and where improvements are needed. I must say there have been significant improvements over the last 25 years. Gone are the days when with Trevor we had to plunge our way through a thick hedge, or try and unearth a dilapidated stile which was worse than useless. There remain one or two dire problems – the dangerous approach onto the main road by the Cemetery comes to mind, and waymarking is hit and miss in some areas, so that the paths can be hard to find. I'm a quarter of the way through now, and will keep you up to date in future articles.

Mike Stevens

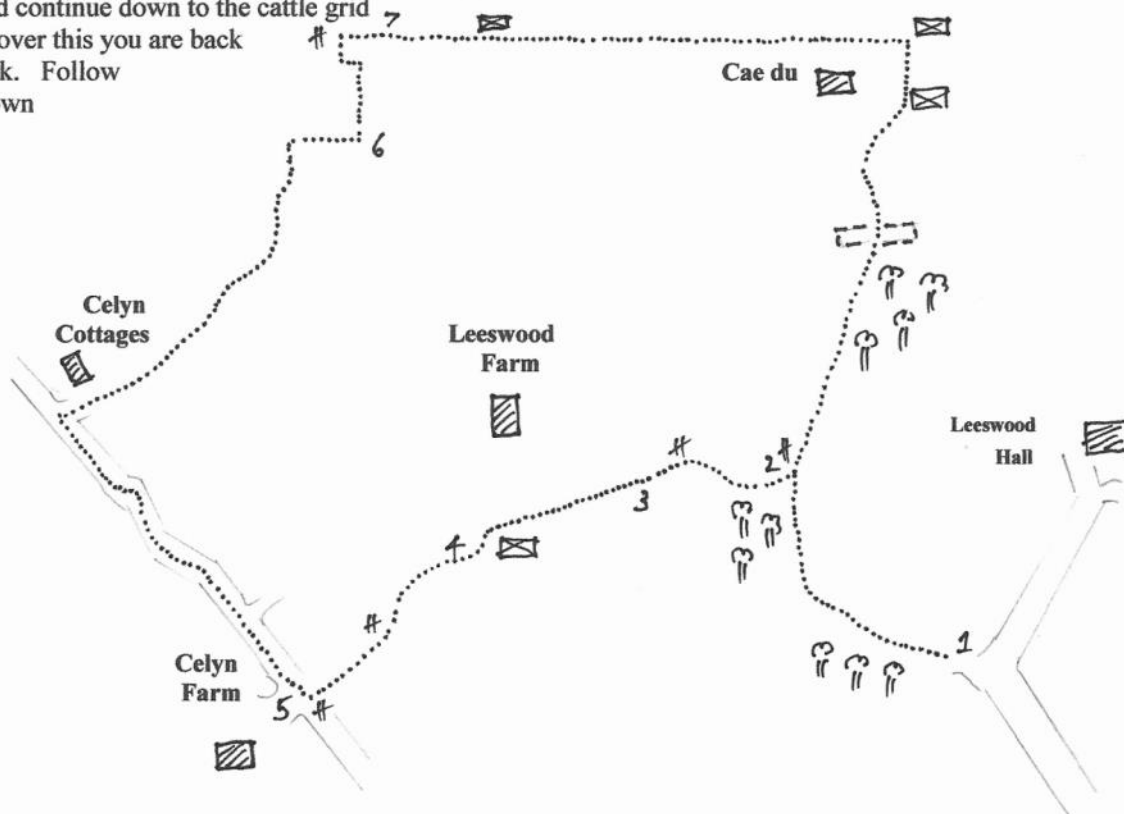


Allow 1 hour

1. Leave the main road, Hall Hill, on the bend. There is a waymark on a pole here. Follow the "Horse Walk", as it's known. Just where the wood ends, on the left, there is a stile which takes you down into a field. There is a waymark here. One of the steps needs repair, so take care.
2. Keep the hedge close by on your left as you begin to circle the field. On the rise there is a stile in the hedgerow to your left, reached by a bridge over the stream. The stile is in good order and there is a waymark. Cross the stile into the large field.
3. You now have to cross this field with no real evidence of a footpath, as the land is regularly used for crops. Look across the field at the hedge and trees on the far side. Pick out a lone, relatively tall tree and head for it. With good luck you will reach a working gate at the far side with a waymark.
4. In the small field beyond the gate, keep to the right hand-side where there is a pool complete with wild life, on your right. As you progress round you will come to another tall stile, in good condition, also with a waymark. In the next field, usually with horses, aim to clip the field, making for a gateway with Celyn Farm in the background. You reach the edge of the field and a stile with a good waymark on a post, and find that the routes are numbered. So this was footpath 100! On the other side of the stile you find a road. Turn right.
5. Follow the road down for a short distance [look out for sudden traffic] as far as Celyn Cottages. Leave the road here by turning right and following a hedge-lined lane. This will continue to wind for some distance. You reach a point where a less well used lane goes off to the right. Take it.
6. After a short distance this lane turns sharply left and when you reach a kind of T-junction, go sharp left into a field and immediately right. Here you can cross over a well-managed stile with a waymark. This enables you to cross a short field, with the hedge to the right. At the far corner you will find a gate facing you which you need. There is no waymark here, by the way. Go through the gate and carry straight on.
7. Continue in a straight line, with the hedge to your right. You come to a gate in the fence-line on your right. You need to engineer your way through this gate. There is a waymark on the far side here, for walkers coming in the opposite direction, but no waymark for us. It doesn't seem to be used often. You are now in a narrow field, with another field gate opposite. Keep the hedge to your right and reach the gate. This field gate is even more static than the previous one and needs much human effort to open. Go through the gate and you are in the last larger field.
8. Pick up the track and driveway from Cae Du, now prominent on your right, and continue down to the cattle grid and gate. Once over this you are back in the Horse Walk. Follow the track back down to the road.

Map not to scale

Mike Stevens



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## Leeswood Community Centre – update

Last December, Leeswood Community Centre (Registered Charity 1171794) took over running of the community centre from Flintshire County Council. This hasn't been an easy year – we were required to be closed from mid-March until late September and then again during the fire-break.

The coronavirus regulations have severely limited the type of activities that can take place in the centre – until very recently, even small meetings were not allowed, and we are still not able to hold larger events such as bingo or music nights. Many of our regular groups have paused their activities until things are a little safer. The Sunshine café is planning to reopen in the new year.

However, the centre is not entirely empty. Many of you may have visited us to receive your flu jab this autumn – the centre was able to offer a safe environment for Leeswood Surgery to provide this service to the community. We have two dance schools, DancingGemz and Streetdanz, running ballet and street dance for younger children on three afternoons, and Coleg Cambria are running a tablet course.

This has clearly had a negative impact on our finances, but we'd like to thank everyone in Leeswood who has supported us over this last year – particular mention should go to the Reindeer Lodge, the Carnival and the Sunshine Café who have given us generous donations which we will be spending on improving the centre.

We received £1296.15 recently thanks to Coop members choosing us as their cause of choice for the Local Community Fund, and we have been lucky enough to be chosen as one of the three local causes for this coming year. So, if you do shop at the Coop, become a member and choose Leeswood Community Centre as your cause of choice – for every £1 you spend on Coop brand goods until October 2021 we will get 2p.

There are two other ways of helping us, that won't cost you anything either. We've paired up with [switchaid.org](https://switchaid.org) to offer price comparisons on your home energy and broadband, and if you switch suppliers you'll save money and we get a donation – go to <https://switchaid.org/leeswoodcc/>

If you're an Amazon customer and you register at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and select Leeswood Community Centre, for every pound you spend on the Amazon Smile website, we get 0.5p – go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1171794-0>

If you want to contact us, our email is [leeswoodcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:leeswoodcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

We hope to be able to welcome you back soon.

*Graham Sherwood*

on behalf of the trustees



## Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Nightingale House Hospice Friendship & Support Group

We have been very upset to have had to miss seeing you all at regular Fundraising Events for most of this year. Very sadly we have no idea when or if we will be able to resume our community support of Nightingale House. As you all know we desperately need more helpers as the seven of us are all getting older than we like to admit and all have health problems.

We are told that the Leeswood Community Centre may not re-open for Community events for some considerable time.

You may notice that Mrs Flora Roberts is no longer mentioned at the end of our missive. Flora has moved nearer to her daughter Gillian and celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup>. Birthday this year. We would all like to thank Flora for her stalwart support for the many years since she became a founding Member of the Group.

Nightingale House have been grateful for continued support for their regular Lottery from the Villages and for people ordering "Take-away" food from Cafe Cwtch.

To join the Hospice Lottery or to order food to collect from Cafe Cwtch [delivery service in Wrexham County Borough Council area only] please contact Nightingale House on 01978 316800.

Hospice Christmas cards are available in the Gift Shop at the Hospice in Chester Road, Wrexham.

It seems no time at all since our successful Curry Night and Carol Singing in the Community Centre in 2019.

We would like to thank the Trustees and Caretaker of the Community Centre. Very brave of them to take on such an onerous task, particularly in these extremely challenging times.

Grateful thanks are also due to our wonderful Leeswood News Editor June.

You may be interested to know that The Hospice has, in partnership with the Shropshire Gin Distillery in Ellesmere created it's own range of Gin, perhaps this would make a suitable Christmas Present.

They are also running their Christmas Tree Collection Service in Leeswood again.

With heartfelt wishes that you have a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

*Lucille, Anne, Bryn, Bryan, Jane, Jennifer & John*



**Joy Jones' Family and Close friends would just like to thank all the community for the flowers and donations towards Nightingale House Hospice a charity that was close to Joys heart.**

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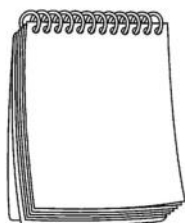


## THE LDN BIBLE BLOG : January 2021

### Resolve Your Resolutions!

**“Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is valuable in every way, because it promises life both for the present and for the future.” (GNB 1 Timothy 4:8 (NT))**

There is just something about the start of a new year that always gives me the feeling of a “fresh start” and a “new beginning”. A “clean sheet” and “wiping the slate”. Fans of EastEnders will be very familiar



with some of these phrases! But in reality, there is no difference between December 31st and January 1st. Nothing mystical or magical happens at midnight on the last day of December. The Bible doesn’t mention them as far as I am aware. But if a Christian wants to make a New Year resolution, should it be any different from anyone else’s?

The usual New Year resolutions are to stop smoking, to stop drinking, to handle money more wisely, and to spend more time with family. By far, the most common New Year’s resolution is to lose weight, combined with more exercising and eating more healthily. Don’t get me wrong, these are all good aims for anybody. However, 1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep fitness in perspective: **“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”** The vast majority of New Year resolutions, even among Church goers, are in relation to physical things. Perhaps this should not be. After all, exercise, fitness and hopefully the longer life and wellness are not things we take with us when we die and we leave our bodies behind. But neither should this be an excuse to not make the most of our physical ‘side’. So, what about our spiritual ‘side’? We ALL have a spiritual side even if we don’t recognise it as such or refuse to acknowledge we have it.

Many people make resolutions to pray more often (e.g. even when times are good and not just during the bad times), to read the Bible more and to attend Church more often than Easter and Christmas, if that. These are fantastic aims. But these can fail just as often as the non-spiritual ones. This is especially true when they are our own ideas and driven by our own determination to succeed. Perhaps we need some help, from God maybe?

If God is at the centre of our New Year resolution, it has a greater chance of success, provided we too are committed to it. If God wants us to achieve something, He will help us. If a resolution is not God-honouring and/or is not in agreement with the Bible, we will probably be on our own.

But remember this folks: Our resolutions don’t have to be kept on ice until the New Year. “New Year resolutions” can be made and started at any time of year. This may be obvious to many folk, but it’s true and needs to be said. They are then known as “*seasonally adjusted New Year resolutions*” ... only joking!



Have a better year than last year!

Simon

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would like a ‘no pressure’ chat.

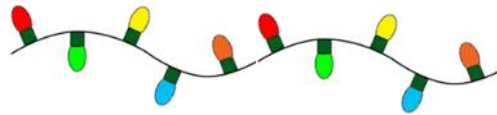
## Ladies Guild.



Best wishes and good health to all our members. We hope we will all be able to meet up again early next year or as soon as it is safe to do so. Seasons Greetings to all!

*Cynthia Flitercroft*

It has been a terrible year and the Ladies Guild are still not meeting but I know members would like me, on their behalf, to wish everyone A Happy Christmas and, hopefully, a much better New Year .



## Patchwork Group

We have had a very long break this year and we will make every effort to restart our activities as soon as it is safe to do so- in the mean time , keep safe and well and above all keep stitching! Seasons Greetings to all!

*Cynthia Flitercroft*

## Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council



would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas  
and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.



This year has been a difficult one with the Coronavirus Pandemic and the changes that it has brought to the world and our Communities. The Community has seen a noticeable lack of the usual activities because of the Pandemic and we are aware that residents have suffered because of this. We hope with the positive news of a possible vaccine for the Coronavirus that this might start to bring life back to some sort of normality. In the meantime, stay safe everyone and look after yourselves.

## Leeswood & District News

Lets be honest - you couldn't have predicted what has happened in 2020. Here at the LDN we have done our best to produce the edition every month, bringing you any local news - although mostly telling you about cancellations and things that weren't booked. As well as trying to keep up-to-date with Co-op opening times and when the buses were running (or not). We hope you stay safe.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and really hope that 2021 is a better safer year.

*June Lincoln*





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To Jordan Pumford for completing and passing his Level 3 Hair stylist course.

## CHRISTMAS WINDOW DISPLAY

We all need a bit of Christmas cheer at the moment—so we will be decorating our window and joining in the community displays.

## JUNE

Is only available for hair mobile/weddings etc on request. Please ring the salon for more details. She would like to thank everyone who sent their wishes for her recovery. She is on the road to recovery and back to normal.

## DATES FOR DECEMBER (Dependant on Covid-19 rules)

### **SARAH**

Mondays: 21st (only)  
Tuesdays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd  
Wednesdays: 16th and 23rd  
Thursdays: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th (Christmas eve), 31st (New Years Eve)  
Fridays: 4th, 11th, 18th  
Saturdays: 5th, 12th, 19th

CLOSED THEN UNTIL TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021

### **JORDAN**

Thursdays: 24th (Christmas eve) and 31st (New Years eve)  
Fridays: 4th, 11th, 18th  
Saturdays: (only if Fridays are booked) 4th, 12th, 19th

THEN OFF UNTIL FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY 2021

WEDNESDAYS WILL RETURN TO NORMAL WITH JORDAN IN JANUARY.



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## Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

When we drive along our roads on our daily journeys, whether it is to and from work or doing our weekly shopping, you might have observed the different makes of cars being driven along our roads. As I have been in manufacturing industry for most of my life, I get a bit concerned to see so many imported cars on our roads. I do not blame the owners for this situation because consumers will buy whatever they feel they can afford. We hear business terminology such as parent company or sister company, but it gets confusing as to what kind of relationship really exists between such companies.

It could sometimes be possible that companies import manufactured goods, and when asked where these goods are manufactured, they say that they are manufactured by a sister company in another country. We also hear terminologies such as 'Designed in Britain'. Just by designing things over here and then give the bulk of the work to a company overseas, you will not be helping the manufacturing industry. Sometimes it gets confusing as to what kind of relationship exists between companies and how sisterly their relationship is. With this in mind, it might be wise to be more inquisitive and enquire the exact origins of the products you purchase, because although some products are being sold under a British brand they could be made anywhere in the world. If a product is made in another country, the money that you pay to purchase that product goes to that country. It is therefore important to make sure that you know where a product is made, and if there is a sister company involved, enquire about the relationship that exist between them because we need to start manufacturing more products over here in this country, to keep the wealth over here rather than sending it abroad.

These days we have a different kind of enemy, which could be referred to as a modern enemy, and you might ask the question as to who is a modern enemy. A modern enemy could be any other country who is competing against us on the world markets. Any other country that seeks superiority over us could be politely termed as a modern enemy. Nevertheless, we need to understand that these modern enemies are totally

different to those that we fought against in numerous military campaigns. In contrast, gains and losses are determined by the influence that one country might have over the industrial capabilities of another country. This is because, if an investing company has its headquarters in another country, any decision made by that company is likely to favour the country where the headquarters are located. Over the last couple of decades we have lost control of a few companies to overseas control. This trend needs to be reversed, we need to start manufacturing more, at least what we consume ourselves and then for export markets. We have always been a leading manufacturing nation, a nation proud of what we make. It is our duty to maintain that tradition. We cannot rely on anybody else, we can only rely on our manufacturing capabilities and our endeavour to succeed, with a good measure of indefatigability equal to that which our mothers and fathers shown in the past. We are now fighting to establish a stronger manufacturing base which will utilise the resources that we have. Human resources we have in abundance and our intellectual capabilities are second to none. Combine this with good measure of coordinating all the ingredients together, I am sure that we will come up with a successful formula.

Another aspect or ingredient that plays an important part in the success of a manufacturing company, is continuous and incremental innovation. Innovation is not only applied to the products the company manufacture, but also to the manufacturing procedures, how things are processed within the office structure and so on. Progress and success is the product of everybody pulling in the same direction. There should be no us and them, everybody should work as a positive collective unit. However, such a system requires a lot of trust in one-an-other, and there should be no abuse of the system. If the system is abused, it would badly backfire and will cause things to malfunction causing everything to go haywire. If you have all the ingredients to manufacture goods and you decide not to, is a waste of resources. There are those of us that would take the initiative and make things work, while there are others who would take the easy way out or they could not be bothered. It is up to each individual to decide what he or she wants to do. Nevertheless, everybody is expected to do their duty, be industrious, help others, and use talents to improve whatever we can.

# CARNIVAL

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