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CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2020



HOLY TRINITY AND TRELYSTAN CHURCHES

Although Covid -19 has closed so much in the area, our Churches are still open for Sunday worship. However, it is difficult for the Rev Bill to organise the exact times of the Services due to having to cover all the churches in the Chirbury Group.

Details of Services will be shown in the respective Church Notice Boards.

Trelystan is open for private prayer each day between 10am and 4pm

Holy Trinity Leighton, Services.

1st November 3.30 pm. Service of Lights where we will remember those whose funerals have taken place in recent months, and anyone we have lost.

8th November 10.50 am Remembrance Service.

29th November Advent Sunday Please check the notice on the Church Gates for time of this Group Service.

Thanks go to Jane for the decorated Church Gate and leaf decoration in the Car Park. These attractive decorations were placed on Face Book.

Christmas Eve, Midnight Service, will be at Chirbury

Christmas Morning Service will be at Holy Trinity, Leighton.

Please keep an eye out for any changes to Church Services at Leighton on the Church Gates.

WENDY JONES of Seven Wells, sadly passed away peacefully at her home on Monday 12th October 2020 aged 67 years after a long illness. But she never stopped living her life to the full! Right up until the end.

Wendy had lived in Leighton for 14 years with her husband **Rob** and was daughter-in-law to **Doris** who loved her “Wonderful Wendy” so much. Wendy had 4 children: **Shaun, Paul, Mark and Andrea** and 2 step children **Matthew** and **Sarah**, who between them gave her 13 grand children.

Wendy had a long working career in the NHS where she gained a vast medical knowledge having worked at Shrewsbury Hospital for many years in X-Ray and later in Haematology, before finishing her career working on the reception at Welshpool Hospital, where her declining health caused her to take an early retirement.

Following retirement she loved to spend time in the garden reading in the sunshine, going on holidays and particularly enjoyed cruises. She was a member of the WI and loved music and singing.

Wendy's real love was her family; Family was her life. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. Described by all as a lovely lady with a wonderful sense of humour.



September Tea Party 2020



Sarah and Haydn Sally and Emma (Chris, Carol and Phylis) - John and Rev Bill are chatting to Lynne Harris ; Lewis and Liz Grant



Chris Walton, Carol Alexander and Phylis Bayliss



Fraser Jones is stood up - Bill is talking to Liz and Lewis Grant - think its the Sanders? in the background



Rob Jones & his mum Doris who celebrated her 98th birthday the following day



John and Rev Bill putting the world to right!



David Griffiths chatting to Rob & Doris (Severn Wells) The Family from the Sycamores are sat on the blanket



Pat & Laura Poole with their grandson Ben - their own little home from home!!



Roger Clegg making sure there's enough food for everyone in his bubble Gwyn and Lesley Jones

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our very informal Socially Distanced Picnic which we held in Leighton Church carpark; it was lovely to see everyone in their 'bubbles' enjoying the sunshine and the chat. We would love to try to do it again in the spring with whatever COVID restrictions are in place - something to look forward to with all the recent doom and gloom of the pandemic and an uncertain winter ahead - so keep an eye out for the posters around the village.

You may have noticed that some neighbours have been busy over the summer cutting the verges as well as tidying up the corner by the Church and removing weeds from the gutters to keep our village looking beautiful

At the picnic we discussed purchasing a new village bench and we had some VERY generous donations and we raised enough funds to purchase one. THANK YOU SO MUCH !!!!

What we would love to do is make the grass area on the corner opposite the church more aesthetically pleasing to passersby; with a bench and some plants for all the villagers and visitors to enjoy whilst out on their stroll. So, if the council approves, then that is where we would like our new bench to be situated; somewhere to sit in the sun to watch the world go by... So watch this space! We have a lovely village and if we can all work together to keep it looking beautiful - we can hopefully all enjoy another 'get together' in whatever COVID friendly ways we can next year.

Take care and stay safe Sarah and Sally



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8 MASSIVE WAGONS / HOUR MOVING WASTE TO BUTTINGTON QUARRY - 65% ENGLISH WASTE

A group formed to challenge the proposed Buttington Incinerator (**BiG, Buttington incinerator Impact Group**) is deeply concerned that the Developers, Broad Energy, have launched a consultation on their project on the very day that the Welsh Government have introduced major new restrictions on social contact. Not only that, but they intend to submit a full planning application in November, just as we enter a Christmas period in which COVID will be at the forefront of people's minds.

BiG went on to say that there was strong opposition to launching the consultation at this time and this culminated in a petition to the Welsh Government. Unfortunately, however, Broad Energy have shown that they are completely insensitive to the views of local people. This huge project will have a major impact on the villages around Buttington and also on Welshpool itself. It could of course, have far reaching implications for health and for the environment and these will be of concern to everyone.

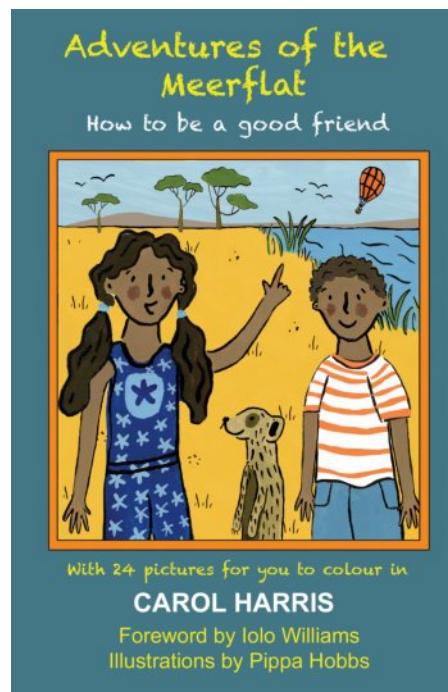
The consultation is based on a planning application that is only available on Broad Energy's website. This application is more than three thousand pages long. It is very complex and is full of technical data. It is absolutely essential that people should be given the opportunity to discuss it at public meetings so that they can share understanding and make up their own minds on the arguments for and against the incinerator. This is even more the case for the more vulnerable members of the community, the elderly, the disabled and those who do not have the means to access the Internet.

Unfortunately, none of this will happen and so there is no way that it should be taking place at the present time. Broad Energy will, of course, point to the fact that they are distributing leaflets but these are designed to promote their business plans, not to give a balanced view on the pros and cons and there are a huge number of cons. The distribution of paper leaflets is in itself unfortunate at a time when responsible organisations are avoiding the use of paper in order to reduce the potential spread of COVID 19.

Unfortunately, however, this consultation cannot now be stopped. Buttington incinerator Impact Group will of course respond to it but make clear their view that it is fundamentally flawed. This is an extremely important consultation, for everyone and it is still vital that as many people as possible do send their comments to Broad Energy.

For their part BiG will be examining the application carefully and will provide a detailed assessment on their Facebook page and Website. They ask everyone who is concerned about this incinerator to engage with them, read what they say and most importantly share their views.

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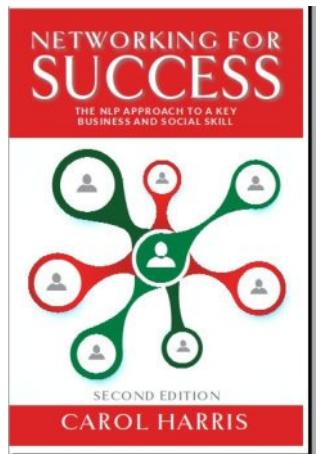


With 24 pictures for you to colour in
CAROL HARRIS
Foreword by Iolo Williams
Illustrations by Pippa Hobbs

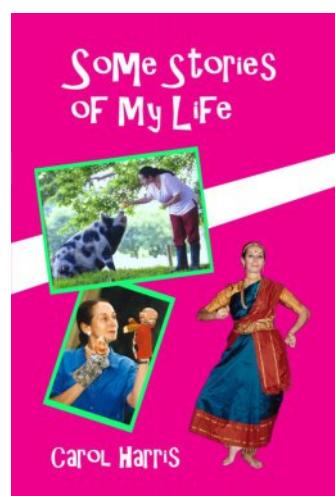
Carol Harris has produced another three books, which will be out before Christmas. One is the latest in her series of educational books for children. Called *Adventures of the Meerflat*, and costing £6.99 with £1 from each book being donated to an animal

charity. It's set on a nature reserve and features 25 animals talking about different ways of being a good friend. The cover design is by Colin Livingstone, who also lives in Leighton, and Iolo Williams has written a Foreword to the book.

The *Networking for Success* (£12.99), an updated version of a book Carol wrote 20 years ago about business networking; it needed revising because in those days we didn't have social media, video-conferencing and the like.

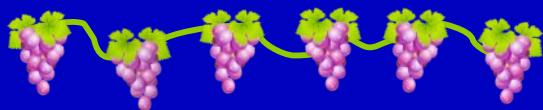


Some Stories of my Life (£12.99); is a book of personal 'memoirs' - a series of 150 funny incidents from the last few decades, including: 'How did our street get covered in lino?', 'Why did a pig eat a kipper?', 'How do inanimate objects strike back?' And 'What was the sad case of the Maybug?' All absolutely true. All books will be available from Carol and on Amazon from 1 December (cheaper from Carol)!



CAROL HARRIS

VILLAGE GRAPEVINE



Congratulations to **Claire Holmes** and **Fraser Jones** of Lower Leighton on recently getting engaged with **Harper** and **Maisie** joining in the celebrations.

There is much to celebrate in that part of the village with **Kathryn & Graham Evans** of Brynhafren welcoming the arrival of little baby **Harri Iwan** weighing in at 5lbs 9oz, a brother for Ffion. Congratulations to all the family.



Work is being carried out to make the village playground as safe as possible in these difficult times. Thank you to **Martin, Ryan** and **Roy** for restoring some of the equipment so that the playground can be reopened soon and finally thanks to **Sarah** and **Haydn** for all the time they spend leaf blowing.

It is with great sadness that we hear of the death of **Rene Beech** who, along with her late husband Bernard, was a very active member of the village for many years. Rene and Bernard established the Brooklyn Kennels in Leighton and Rene was a popular member of the Leighton WI and will be remembered with great fondness by her many friends here. We send our condolences to her family.



Thank you to David Holloway for editing the Newsletter for the past 5 years and to the support team of Steve, Patricia, Tanya, Gordon and Sylvia. We greatly appreciate your expertise and all the time taken to produce the editions with such efficiency. Thank you also to all the contributors and those who deliver the News and we hope that it continues in the future as it's such a valued resource. WATCH the video page 12

There are many people selling their houses in the village at the moment and therefore many new families moving in. We hope that all the transactions go smoothly in the future months. To those who are leaving – we will miss you and wish you every happiness in pastures new, and to those who are moving in – welcome, we feel sure you will really enjoy it here!



CHRISTMAS DOOR SWAGS & WREATHS

Available to order. Please phone:
Christine Walton 01938 552 833



The Post Office van visits Leighton Church gates each week at the following new times:

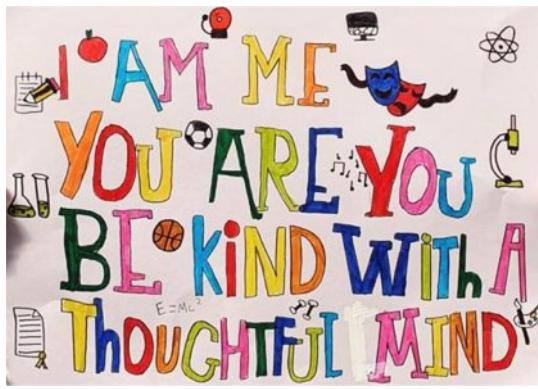
MONDAY 10.15am – 11am

THURSDAY 1.30pm – 2.15pm

Call in and you will be surprised to find that the Post Office van has EVERYTHING that's on offer in a town Post Office but with no problem parking and no hassle.

Welcome to Leighton Community Primary School

I am me. You are you. We matter!



We are a relatively small, rural school, yet within easy reach of Welshpool. Our school is very friendly, happy and caring; our numbers allow us to know and value each and every child really well. We are committed to helping all of our children reach their potential – personally, socially and academically. We value hard work, independence, creative thinking, good behaviour and happiness.

We put our pupils first, working closely with our parents; we believe that working together, we are certainly stronger.

If you are considering us as the school for you please leave a comment on our public Facebook page, requesting access to our private page, where you'll get a better idea as to what we're about.

Please also feel free to make an appointment to visit our school, meet our team and children, so that you are able to make an informed decision as to where to best educate your child, both academically and socially.



Our Juniors created a new school mosaic, designed by Alexander



Noah won the school lockdown sunflower competition



Our Sports Day winning captains





We said goodbye to our Year 6 children, moving up to High School



We've had a new kitchen in Foundation Phase



Visit: www.leighton.powys.sch.uk
and watch the 'Starting School' video,
reading online just click the picture

GOVERNOR VACANCY

There is a vacancy for a 'Minor Authorities Governor' to meet currently via Teams, 6 times a year, supporting the development of our super school! Can you help? Please contact the school:

Phone 01938 553 261 or Email: office@leighton.powys.sch.uk

Leighton Village Hall



Leighton Village Hall is open but looking a little different. In order to meet the current regulations; all curtains have been removed, there is a one-way system in and out of the hall, only the disabled toilet is open, and the Gallery is now the isolation room.

Whilst there are currently no social distancing measures in place for children under 11, the 2-metre rule still exists for adults and all those over 11. At the time of writing (with regulations changing continually) we are allowed a maximum of 30 people social distancing inside the hall and snacks and drinks need to be brought in from home as opposed to being made on site. It is the responsibility of the hirer to stick to these new regulations and to also keep a list of attendees for 3 weeks in case test and trace is needed.

It was a joy to see the first hirers through the door on the 14th August and we look forward to welcoming others through the autumn months. The Tennis Courts are also open with social distancing measures in place. We are in the process of creating a website which will include an online booking system where you will be able to book and pay for your chosen slot online.

Thank you to all the committee members and volunteers who do so much behind the scenes to keep the village hall and tennis courts running for everyone to use with special thanks to Rachel. Note from the Recreation Committee – the playground is currently locked awaiting an equipment check. As soon as this is done and the committee feel they are able to safely implement the new regulations, then the playground will be opened.

LVH BOOKINGS Tel: 0785 410 3058 or Email: leightonvillagehall@gmail.com or facebook at any time.

Lucky 2020 Winners 100 CLUB FOR 3 MONTHS



OCTOBER

WINNERS	PRIZE	NUMBER
Pat Orr	£35	110
Iris Pinchen	£25	66

NOVEMBER

WINNERS	PRIZE	NUMBER
Paul & Carol Harris	£35	109
Clare Evans	£25	119

DECEMBER

WINNERS	PRIZE	NUMBER
Edward Griffiths	£35	99
Margaret Landgrebe	£25	19

(Winners drawn by Carol Alexander 16th October)

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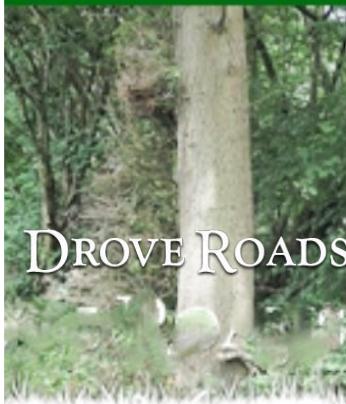
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One Saturday, a few weeks before the Covid panic set in, our neighbour at Hill Farm phoned to say a couple of walkers were asking for directions to Welsh Harp and would it be ok to send them down to us? Well of course it was. Always open to new sources of entertainment, this is how we came to meet Bruce and Christine who were on their long-term quest to walk along and research all the old drovers' roads in England and Wales.

Christine hails from Ferryside in Carmarthenshire. She was walking and researching an old drovers' route and was trying to find out why it was called the called the Welsh road. Her enquiries took her into England where she heard there was an expert who would know the answers to her questions.

Finally, asking in a Post Office in Northampton they took her outside and pointed across the road to the home of Bruce Smith. Bruce and Christine discovered that their common interest gave them a huge amount to discuss. After Christine returned to Wales, their telephone conversations went on for so many hours that Bruce, who had been widowed a few years earlier, upped sticks and moved in with Christine in Ferryside.

Arriving at our house, before coming inside, Bruce was particularly interested in, and photographed, the stone steps up to the hayloft and the small room at the side

where we make up the horse hay nets. It's now mentioned on his web site:

"... there's a stone stairway up to a barn at the right hand end of the building. I'd like to bet the drovers would have slept up there, safe in the knowledge that the man with the blunderbuss was looking after their stock."



After a quick tour inside the house, the four of us spent a very pleasant morning with coffee and chat about a surprising number of common interests – we are both quite extreme movie buffs with an encyclopaedic knowledge of cinema history, directors, competitive 'best of' lists and so on. And having moved to West Wales, Bruce either volunteered or was prevailed upon to edit the local newsletter! However, he collects the articles for each issue and hands them over to their printer to arrange the layout. So far, I haven't managed to persuade him that he might enjoy using the software and doing the whole job himself. So the Youtube video on page 12 is as much for Bruce as the recalcitrant readers of the Leighton News.

Click here to Visit the
Long Mountain Page

tinyurl.com/OldDroveRoad



LOWER LEIGHTON DAIRY

Hi Everyone— As we move into the winter months, I always have mixed emotions. The dark mornings and evenings, along with the less favourable weather, definitely lower the mood and enjoyment of work, but on a positive note we are also nearing the finishing of the years' harvest and the planting of next years' winter crops. It's a time to reflect on the year, and look at what we could have done better, as there is always something we could have improved upon.

The winter months are also a time where I generally get to spend more time with the family, and in a normal year would try and sneak a holiday with some winter sun, but with the ever menacing Covid still disrupting normality, that probably won't happen this year.



It certainly has been a strange year; it feels like it's been all work work work, as I haven't really left the farm. Although since the last edition of Leighton News, I did find time to propose to Claire and feel very lucky that she said YES! I'm not sure what sort of wedding celebration

we will be able to have with the current restrictions, but it's certainly something for us to look forward too. This is a picture of my proposal with the T shirts designed by my two daughters.

In the last edition of Leighton News I spoke about a charity bike ride I was undertaking. It was a great day with lots of banter and laughs. By lunchtime we were soaked through to the skin with the weather not playing ball, however I quite enjoyed it as I felt it added a bit more to the challenge. I managed to complete the 112 miles with over 8000ft of elevation and still felt I had energy to spare and could have kept on cycling, although this may have been due to the amount of energy gel sachets I consumed throughout the day. Still, I was very happy I managed to complete the challenge and helped to raise £1600 for a very worthy charity.

On The Farm

We have successfully harvested our maize at Leighton farm - the dry conditions enabled us to take the crop

with very little mess being caused both in the fields and on the road which is always good. The crop has yielded really well with our best field yielding 20.6 tonnes/acre and our worst 17.1 tonnes/acre. These are exceptionally good yields from the early varieties we grow at Leighton farm.

We plant early varieties at Leighton as they ripen earlier which means we can harvest the crop earlier, which is important on ground that is affected by flooding. By growing early varieties, you expect a slightly lower yield than if you grew late varieties. So to achieve the yields we have this year is fantastic. As we move to harvest our later varieties at other locations over the next few days, we are expecting to hit yields of up to 24 tonnes/acre.

The Dairy

The dairy continues to run smoothly, and with our 1st anniversary approaching, I'm sure we will crack open a bottle to celebrate a relatively successful 12 months. Everyday our milk is tested for quality and cleanliness, and the results are reflected in the price we receive. The main things that are tested for is protein, butterfat, bactoscans and cell counts. If your milk is not up to the quality and cleanliness the processors demand, then you are penalised financially. We are always in the top bands and I am very proud of all team members for their dedication in ensuring we continue to produce the most hygienic quality milk possible.

TB

Yet again we are TB testing (13th October). The testing takes place every 90 days and comes around far too quick, but fingers crossed we will have some positive news, although I'm not holding my breath.



Building

We poured the base of our second slurry tower after the last edition of the Leighton News, and have now also poured half of the circular walls - you may have noticed a large machine towering up in the sky as pictured below. This is a concrete pump that takes the concrete from the lorries and pumps it through a pipe into the shuttered walls. We construct the tower in two

halves' as it makes it stronger and there is less risk of the concrete cracking as it expands and contracts in the different weather conditions and temperatures. The shutters will remain up around the new walls for a while to allow the concrete to go off slowly before we start constructing the second half later in the year. In the meantime, we will start constructing the shed that will cover the existing old slurry store

We have also been busy working on the exterior of the house with painting well under way, although the weather is causing a headache with this. We have also reseeded the lawns around the house and will fence them in the spring when conditions allow.

News

We welcomed a vet student to the farm on a two-week placement.

Nadia got involved with all aspects of the farm and had experience in calf rearing, milking, hoof trimming, pregnancy diagnoses along with an understanding of management decisions. She thoroughly enjoyed her time with us and gained lots of valuable experience towards her aim of becoming a vet, and would like to return in the future. It was a pleasure to have a keen enthusiastic student on the farm and it is something we will be offering again next year working alongside Bristol University. I am a big believer in sharing knowledge and getting involved with students in this positive way.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the people involved in organising the "Meet your Neighbour Picnic" in the Churchyard - it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon meeting both old and new faces.

All the best, Fraser



HOW TO EDIT A NEWSLETTER



Fraser's dairy articles over the last few issues have been ideal for easy editing – so much so that I have used some of his previous content for a demonstration YouTube video on converting a Word document into a page ready for printing.

As you may be aware this is my last issue as editor of the Leighton News. Before my tenure, the newsletter adopted best production and printing methods available at the time; from 1986 on typewriter stencils – including a great Christmas colour issue – right through to desktop published versions in 2015.

Part of my reason for volunteering as editor was to employ my all-time favourite software, which is such a joy to use, I knew it would provide many hours of pleasure putting it to work on a new project.



Launched in 1995 as a drawing program it has evolved into a suite of complimentary products to include photography and web design.

Made in Britain (Hertfordshire) it has enthusiasts all over the world. One Graphics Design lecturer in the UK uses it as the only product his students need to follow his courses. However, it has also been referred to as the best kept secret in visual design. It's hard to believe the it is capable of such superb quality when its prices are so tiny compared to industry standards like Adobe.

I have made the video in the hope of generating some interest somewhere so that maybe someone – or even better, a group of people – may consider testing the FREE trial and resurrect the Leighton News in 2021. Anyone with a Windows computer who can type a bit and use a mouse should be able to recreate the demonstration project. There are just these few simple stages to convert the Word file into a page for publication.

TURN TO NEXT PAGE – SEE HOW EASY IT IS!

THE DEMO PROJECT

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THE DAIRY FARM DIARY

Hi Everyone,
Firstly, I hope everyone is coping with life under lockdown and adjusting to the new temporary way of life. Personally, for me not much has changed, with life on the farm continuing pretty much as usual, although I must admit that I have quite enjoyed the quieter roads and life seeming slightly slower, and although busy on the farm, I'm enjoying less pressure from the outside world, having time to appreciate the simple things in life and the beautiful surroundings we live in.

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We have also planted all of our maize (corn on the cob) which should be harvested October/November. This is the main ingredient in the cows' diet, and is good for milk production and a crop the cows love to eat. Hopefully we will have some rain and warmer nights so that the crops grow well.

TB TESTING

Our most recent test was a success with all the cows at Leighton passing, which was a big relief. We were however unable to test around 30 calves due to the social distancing rules that came in to place mid-way through the test because calves need to be held whilst the vet completes the test.

new machine we have been able to invest in the latest technology available. Through the harvest lab, that is a piece of kit attached to the machine, we are able to analyse the crop we are harvesting in real time, giving us accurate data on the yields and quality of the crop, which enables me to plan ahead the feeding of the cows for the following 12 months.

It also allows to identify poor areas and very fertile areas of a field by producing colour coded maps off the GPS, and thus we can only apply the necessary amounts of fertilisers and manure to any part of a field. We can also assess the type of grass seeds that give us the best quality and yield, therefore enabling us to buy the best variety of seeds for whatever crop we are planting.

The Dairy

Everything has been running smoothly at the dairy, with the cows completely settled into their new sheds and parlour. The Rotary Parlour can fit 72 cows on to the continually rotating turntable in individual stalls. Cows enter at one point, and are milked whilst taking a ride around in a circle, and then exit after doing one complete revolution. The cows can see each other whilst being milked - it makes them more relaxed.

Convert a Word document into a published page in just 5 easy stages. It's nearly all copy, paste and clicking to drag parts around. No skill required! The video is 20 minutes long and it probably needs playing a couple of times, but rest assured, it takes far longer to watch than it does to do the job itself once you've spent a little time practising.

See the video and collect the demo components from:

tinyurl.com/NPLDX

1. Paste in and resize photos
2. Make a banner heading
3. Arrange text in two columns
4. Make text flow around images
5. Create a 'boxout' side topic



So WATCH THE VIDEO or GET SOMEONE ELSE TO WATCH THE VIDEO

or SAY GOODBYE TO THE NEWS LEIGHTON NEWS

IT'S GOODBYE FROM US

It's goodbye to the Flip Books at the end of 2020 - they use Flash for the page turning animations which will now be disabled as being a security risk in some situations. I find the cover pictures helpful when locating an object from a previous issue. Also double page views give a better idea of the printed copy rather than a verticle strip of pdf pages - though these are actually better quality and best for copying text and pics.



Many thanks to everyone who has helped - proof readers, distributors, treasurers, and so many contributors of interesting articles and stories without which the issues would have been pretty sparse. And of course our loyal advertisers and generous sponsors who kept the ship afloat.

After 40+ issues and over 600 pages we have a very large archive of objects and layouts waiting to be plundered if anyone can be found to pick up the baton. Or maybe change to a whole new format and style. Maybe allocate different sections to a range of people...? I've really enjoyed working on the newsletter - learnt lots of new skills along the way. Now I'm off to play with some new toys. You know where I am if you need any help and I wouldn't be averse to knocking up the occasional poster or doing a bit of printing now and then...

DH

Forden with Leighton & Trelystan Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Ffordun gyda Thre'rLlai a Threlystan

The Tirdu Charity (Charity Number 214722) was set up in 1780 by Mr Lloyd to benefit widows of the Leighton and Trelystan parishes. It has since been adapted to include widowers and to also provide educational grants. The income for this charity is gained from the annual rental of 'two pieces of pasture land with a dwelling house, garden, outbuildings and other premises commonly called Tirdu situated in the township of Leighton and containing 4 acres or thereabouts'. The charity is managed by the Community Councillors of Forden with Leighton and Trelystan Community Council.

Carol Alexander, Parklands, Leighton 01938 580395

Bill Jones, Cwm Duggan, Trelystan 01938 580477

Linda Corfield, Ashbury House, Forden 01938 580725

Grants are distributed annually usually in December. If you are eligible to apply for the widow/widowers grant then please complete the Application Form below and return to any of the above Councillors. **THOSE ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF THE GRANT NEED NOT APPLY**

Applications are welcome for educational aid but this must be accompanied by a brief description of what the funding will be used for and copies of receipts as evidence before any funding is released. All applicants must permanently reside within the Community Council borders of Leighton and Trelystan and must **either** be a widow, widower or in full time education.

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Petition

Introduce a moratorium on the approval any new large scale waste incinerators in Wales.

Given the effort to become a circular, zero waste economy, Welsh Government should introduce a moratorium on the development of any new waste incinerators, (including energy from waste) & halt the progression of any incinerator planning applications which are at the pre-application/pre-approval stages. Burning waste results in emissions, including Co2 which is not currently restricted under incinerator regs.

In developing its Circular Waste strategy, it is clear from the consultation responses that respondents to the Welsh Gov consultation felt strongly against incineration:

https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2020-09/beyond-recycling-summary-of-responses_1.pdf

As is stated in the above link: "Whilst stakeholders agreed with disincentivising incineration and recognised that an incineration tax may lessen the market for the nonrecycling of waste, it was frequently stated that a tax does not go far enough. In moving towards a circular economy, respondents viewed less waste would be generated and, therefore, the presence of incinerators would be incompatible with the concept."

Given that there are new incinerators in Wales at the pre-application & pre-approval stage, the Welsh Gov should halt the progression of any new incinerator developments, particularly whilst it develops its Circular Waste Strategy which should include consideration of its current incineration capacity.

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