

Welcome to Leeswood

Croeso i Coed-llai



1 The Community Centre was once the Board School that opened in 1880. It originally housed two separate schools, one for infants and one for mixed juniors each with their own entrance. Here education was free with children mainly coming from non-conformist families.

2 If you look closely at the wall you'll see that it is partly built from slag, the waste product from the blast furnace. Limestone was burned with iron ore to remove any impurities and the molten slag was drained off the top.

3 The stone house ahead is all that remains from the ironworks which would have covered most of this area with an engine house, blast furnace, saw pit and kiln.

4 Iron production needed a good flow of water to power the steam engines that forced air into the blast furnace to keep the fire burning and so the stream in Dingle Wood was dammed to create a reservoir. You can see the remains of the

stone dam and also two hollows which mark old mine shafts in the woods, now safely capped.

5 The barn at the top of the lane is a splendid example of a sixteenth century cruck barn. Straight timbers were needed for ship building and so curved ones were used for houses and barns.

6 Cae Gwial was the home of John Young, the manager of Leeswood Green Colliery whose poor relationship with the colliers contributed to the Mold Riots in 1869. Violence broke out at the pithead on the 19th May due to the cut in wages and Young was kicked and taken by the men to Hope Junction Railway Station. Several colliers were arrested and stood trial at Mold Magistrates Court on 2nd June. Two of the men were sentenced to hard labour and a riot broke out as the authorities led the men to the railway station. Soldiers fired into the crowd, killing 4 people including two women.

7 Only half of the former Sun Inn is left, in what appears to be in the middle of nowhere. It was once known as Y Ceffyl Glas or The Blue Horse and was owned by Bents Brewery of Liverpool. The Prince of Wales pub in the village belonged to a local brewer, Lassall Sharman of Caerwle.

8 Bethel Chapel was very busy with several services held each Sunday plus Sunday School, prayer meetings, band practice and social events. The quality of the singing here was renowned and it is said that when there was a good congregation it could be heard in Bryn Estyn. The last service was held in 1994.

9 The Victorian letterbox was moved here from the old post office in Oak Villas rather than being scrapped.

10 Phoenix Park is named after the Phoenix Coal and Cannel Company, formed in 1896 to take over the extensive New North Leeswood Colliery and Brickworks. The mine closed in October 1914 and never reopened. The waste tip was converted into the park in

1 Ysgol Bwrdd a agorodd yn 1880 oedd y Ganolfan Gymunedol ers talwm. Yn wreiddiol roedd yma ddwy ysgol ar wahân, un i'r plant bach ac un i blant iau cymysg, roedd ganddyn nhw ddrisau gwahanol. Yma caed addysg am ddim a deua'r mwyafrif o'r plant o gartrefi anghydfurfwr.

2 Edrychwch yn ofalus ar y wal ac fe welwch ei bod wedi'i hadeiladu'n rhannol o slag, oedd yn gynnyrch gwastraff y ffwrnais chwyth. Llosgwyd calchfaen a mwyn haearn efo'i gilydd er mwyn tynnu'r amhurdeb ac wedyn roedd y slag tawdd yn cael ei ddraenio o'r top.

3 Y tŷ cerrig sydd o'ch blaen yw'r cwbl sydd ar ôl o'r gwaith haearn a oedd o'r draws y rhan fwyaf o'r ardal hon - gyda thŷ injan, pwll llifio ac odyn.

4 I gynhyrchu haearn roedd rhaid cael llif da o ddŵr i yrru'r injan stêm oedd yn gyrru'r aer i'r ffwrnes chwyth er mwyn cadw'r tân ynghyn, felly fe adeiladwyd argae yn Dingle Wood i greu cronfa ddiŵr. Gallwch weld olion yr argae gerrig, a dau bant sy'n nodi hen

siafftau yn y coed, mae caead diogel drostyn nhw erbyn hyn.

5 Mae'r ysgubor sydd ar ben y lôn yn enghraifft wych o ysgubor nenffyrchog yr unfed ganrif ar bymtheg. Roedd angen prennau syth i adeiladu llongau ac felly defnyddid unrhyw brennau oedd yn grwm i adeiladu t'ai ac ysguboriau.

6 Cartref John Young, rheolwr pwll glo Leeswood Green, oedd Cae Gwial. Arweiniodd ei berthynas wael â'i weithwyr at derfysgoedd yr Wyddgrug yn 1869. Bu ymddygiad treisgar ar ben y pwll ar 19 Mai yn dilyn torri cyflogau'r gweithwyr ac fe gafodd John Young ei gicio a'i gymryd gan y dynion i Orsaf Rheilffordd Cyffordd yr Hob. Cafodd nifer o lowyr eu harestio a'u rhoi ar brawf yn Llys Ynadon yr Wyddgrug ar 2 Mehefin. Dyfarnwyd dau o'r dynion i lafur caled a bu terfysg pan aeth yr awdurdodau â'r dynion i orsaf y rheilffordd. Taniodd y milwyr i'r dyrfa a lladd pedwar o bobl gan gynnwys dwy wraig.

7 Hanner yn unig o dafarn y 'Sun' sydd ar

ôl, mae mewn lle unig iawn. Yr enw arni ers talwm oedd y 'Ceffyl Glas' ac yn eiddo i Bents Brewery o Lerpwl. Eiddo'r bragdy Lassall Sharman o Gaerwle oedd y Prince of Wales yn y pentref.

8 Roedd Capel Bethel yn gapel bywiog iawn oedd yn cynnal nifer o wasanaethau bob dydd Sul ac Ysgol Sul, cyfarfod gweddi, seiat, ymarfer band a digwyddiadau cymdeithasol. Roedd yn enwog am y canu da, a dywedir y gellid ei glywed, pan roedd cynulleidfda dda, cyn belled â Bryn Estyn. Cynhaliwyd y wasanaeth olaf yn 1994.

9 I'w gadw rhag cael ei sgrapio fe symudwyd yr hen flwch postio Fictoriaidd yma o'r hen lythyrdy yn Oak Villas.

10 Enwir Parc Phoenix ar ôl y Cwmni Phoenix Coal and Cannel, a ffurfiwyd yn 1896 i gymryd meddiant o'r New North Leeswood Colliery and Brickworks. Caeodd y pwll glo yn Hydref 1914 ac ni agorodd wedyn. Trowyd y domen wastraff yn barc yn y 1970au.