



# Halkyn Mountain News

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## Rhes y Cae & Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials & Show

The sheepdog section started at 9.00 am on Friday morning. The entries were good with one lady coming from Germany. She had third prize before leaving to catch the ferry from Dover. We had a shower in the afternoon, it came to an end at about 6.00 pm.

The results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> A. Ritakallio with Cherry	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ceri Rundle with Gem
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sonja Muller with Look	4 <sup>th</sup> G. Lightfoot with Nan
5 <sup>th</sup> Kerstin Schwarze with Brenig Wisp	

The winner of the Gwyn Jones memorial vase was A. Ritakallio do with Cherry. The 'New Handler' was won by Erin Fflur Staples.

The terriers started to arrive ready to chase the fox tail. Small dogs, medium dogs and large dogs arrived. I think we need a measuring stick to decide which race they go into. One very large dog arrived. It was black with big feet but I don't think that he would want to run he was more for a quiet life and a nap! It was all good fun. It is good to see the local people turn out and get together for a chat and a chance to put the world to rights.

Saturday was a better day weather wise and the sun shone until mid afternoon.

The sheepdog section started early with a steady flow of dogs running during the day. The results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Aled Owen with Llangwm Cap	2 <sup>nd</sup> E. Wynne Edwards with Fly
3 <sup>rd</sup> Glyn L. Jones with Cap	4 <sup>th</sup> Gwyn Lightfoot with Taff
5 <sup>th</sup> Ceri Rundle with Brecka	6 <sup>th</sup> R. E. Lewis with Denwyn Ruby

Congratulations to them all.

The horse section was down a bit this year. Was it because of the change of date? Did we clash with other shows? Who knows, but the horses that did come looked good as usual. The riders must spend hours getting themselves and their horses ready for the day's events.

The produce tent was well supported as usual. We had a nice big, newish tent this year so there was plenty of room to show all the exhibits to their best advantage. The children's section was of a high standard this year with some excellent animals made from fruit and veg. The winner of the children's section was Lois Roberts who was presented with a trophy by the President of the show, Mrs M. Williams. Longyfarchiadau, Lois!

The handicrafts section was a bit quieter this year but the work shown was very good. It had taken hours to complete some of the craft work. The winner was Menna Coleclough.

The miscellaneous section had a high number of entries. This kept Mrs Nest Jones busy tasting all the fantastic cakes, jams and drinks.

For a small village show the number of entries was amazing.

The winner of the miscellaneous section was Mrs. Mary Lloyd, Brynffordd.

The garden section was very good. We thought the entries would be down but the gardeners had pulled out all the stops. They must have been talking to their plants, flowers and veg as they did look fantastic! The winner of this section was Mr. Bob Robinson. The overall winner of the produce show was Mrs. Mary Lloyd. Congratulations!

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or hand them in to the Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn.

If you have any questions you can call Jack McIntyre on 01352 780377

## Editorial

How time flies! As soon as one edition of HMN has been delivered, it is time to start on the next one. All the work in producing the HMN is done by a small band of volunteers – collectively known as the Editorial Team and soon after the latest edition has been issued, our regular contributors start sending in their items and the wheels start turning again.

One of the more challenging aspects of producing HMN is the adverts and advertisers. Our loyal advertisers produce the funds which help us to continue. We also know that many people use HMN as their local directory and that therefore the advertising is indeed good for our local businesses. Advertising in HMN is probably one of the most economic ways of promoting a business and it is satisfying to hear positive comments from both advertisers and readers. We do our best to remind advertisers when their payments are next due, but as a small group of volunteers our resources are limited and this is done on a best endeavours basis.

We were recently very sorry to learn that one of our regular advertisers had missed out on advertising on our last edition due to failing to send the annual payment. We were very sorry that we had also not reminded this advertiser, but again, we are unable to commit to issuing reminders in every case. It can be surprisingly difficult to be successful in getting a response in all cases and the task can require the patience of a saint sometimes. On a positive note, this is hopefully because our advertisers are so busy with providing services to HMN readers that they are frequently out of contact!

While the advertiser concerned had not remembered to renew and we had not reminded, we were nevertheless a little taken aback by the accusations of unprofessional practice, together with suggestions of claims for lost business as well as requests for compensatory free advertising. After an exchange of multiple emails, the advertiser has decided to renew his adverts, but the exchange only has a negative impact on volunteers doing their best to juggle the many tasks along with their own busy working and home lives. Fortunately, this is a rare event and we are always striving to improve. However, we can never guarantee to provide reminders and in this edition provide some guidance for advertisers both existing and new.

As always, we welcome new volunteers and this invitation is also extended to our advertisers.

Once again, we hope you enjoy this edition.

*The Editorial Team*

## Rhes y Cae & Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials & Show - Continued

There were quite a few stalls at this year, many things to buy, cakes, glass, knitted and sewing items. Something for everybody! You could take a chance with your luck and win a coconut, something off the Tombola stall, Hook a Duck and many more. A tractor filled with balloons to count - the winner was Rob Dalton, he was the nearest with a guess of 240. The dog was called Jaff - the winner was Beth Davies. Tips on how to control a dog on the mountain by N.R.W. Time for a cup of tea or an ice-cream, a sit down and a chat.

The winners of the raffle were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Menna Coleclough
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Swinchart-Jones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Astbury
- 4<sup>th</sup> Noel Thomas
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lynn Weston (Scotland)

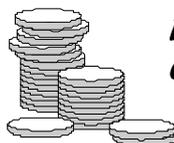
The Chairman, Brian Coleclough, would like to thank the President, Vice Presidents, stall holders, the competitors in all events, the Ladies' Committee, the Men's Committee and helpers on the day for all the hard work before, during and after the show.

*Diolch yn fawr, Menna*

### **HALKYN PARISH HALL BINGO**

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***Light refreshments served to you  
Cash pay outs and a raffle too***

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On Wednesday night and every other after that***



***Sept. 7th & 14th and so on with me.  
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## **Halkyn Councillor**

Just over 150 days of 2016 have passed; what a tumultuous year it has been, which is why Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, was one of the best days of the year for me and, I imagine, for many other people also. Apart from a very brief shower of rain, at about 3.30 pm, it was a beautiful day, with sunshine but not too hot. The occasion was the annual Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials, held on the Tyddyn Field, Rhes y Cae. For a whole day the troubles and the recent Referendum were forgotten at the show. As well as the essential activities of the Sheepdog Trials there was a variety of side-shows and interests and the Produce tent revealed the expertise and creativity of all ages in the area. Most importantly there was a general air of peace, contentment and happiness. A real tonic for so many of us who feel deeply for the misery and problems experienced world wide. A special mention must be made of the road races. More competitors than last year but it was inspiring to see the determination and efforts of some very young competitors.

All of this could not have happened without all the hard, extended work and thoughtful care which Mr. Brian Coleclough, his committee and helpers put in during the year. We all give them a very hearty and sincere vote of thanks for a wonderful day.

It is surprising how much activity goes on in this area and again we have to be grateful to all the volunteers for their enthusiasm and stamina. One of these activities, a local motorcar treasure hunt, brought to light what seems almost an anomaly. One of the clues, apparently, was to discover the mistake on Rhes y Cae village hall. There is a plaque high up on the wall above the entrance which suggests it is actually Cilcain village hall. When we can clean up this plaque people will be able to see that Rhosesmor Village hall was built by the Yates family (for the church), who lived in Cilcain Hall. Even more confusing is the fact that Cilcain Hall is not only in the county ward of Halkyn but also in the ecclesiastical parish of Rhosesmor! The Yates family (of Yates's Wine lodges in Liverpool) were generous benefactors of Christ Church, Rhes y Cae, in particular the late Miss Winifred Yates, J.P., a well known and charismatic personality and a former warden of the church. Benefactors like Miss Yates are sorely missed by the churches and chapels in the area nowadays. Contrary to general belief, although apparently property of Rhes y Cae church, the 'School House', the Vicarage and the Glebe Field have been sold off, the income from the sales going directly to the Church in Wales, Cardiff (by the a Law of Property Act, 1925) with not a penny going to the local church or churches. Not only does the annual quota (circa £4,000+) which the church has to pay to the diocese of St. Asaph, but also essentials like heating and lighting, insurance and upkeep of the church's fabric, depend on the weekly contributions of a rather small congregation and generous free-will offerings of the general public.

Quite a few people have asked "what is going to happen to the former school building in Rhes y Cae?" There are no firm decisions yet. The head teacher's room and the staffroom serve as a local office for the Grosvenor Estates. The Estates are very anxious for the building to be used for the local communities. However, we already have four village halls in the area, plus the hall in Halkyn Village club; and also the hospitality of local public houses. The inevitable problem is finance. The Grosvenor Estates would have to make a small charge for heating and lighting, etc. Even now, heating is put on periodically during winter months to keep the building aired and in good condition. Any practical suggestions would be most welcome.

Hopefully, and sooner rather than later, we will be able to have an edition of "H.M.N." without any reference to roads. Not so this time, I am afraid. At the moment there is still a 40 mph speed limit going down Springfield hill, and a 30 mph speed limit going up the same stretch of road. Outside Ysgol Rhos Helyg are two speed limits, 20 mph and 30 mph within a few yards of each other. My latest inquiry and Head Office, Alltemi, three weeks ago (mid July) elicited an assurance that all road signs in the area would be functioning correctly "within weeks, not months"! By sheer coincidence, I think, the speed limit markings on the road surfaces were being removed the following day.

By a clerical error at a recent Planning Committee meeting concerning quarry lorries using Martin's Hill and Springfield Hill, the concluding and most important part of my speech was curtailed by the chairman. Basically, this would have been a very strong plea entreating the F.C.C., Halkyn Community Council and the quarries that use the Martin's Hill route to get together and provide a SAFE footpath for the short (50 yards?) section of Martin's Hill where there is no footpath. Such a project is not rocket science but most importantly, one cannot set a price on human life. I should have added the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG), Cardiff to the group above. This is because of the tardiness and quite unnecessary need for F.C.C. to obtain permission from WAG that it is taking so long to rectify the road sign confusion.

Finally, on a more positive note, I think most people in the Halkyn area would like to thank those public spirited people, men and women, who do so much to help their neighbours, without prompting, in their own time and even at their own expense and without expectation of thanks. The last thing they want is public acknowledgement, they would be truly embarrassed and horrified if their names were published. Nevertheless, we are most fortunate that there are a few of these 'angels of mercy' here in Halkyn Mountain.

*With every good wish,  
Colin Legg, C.C.*

## Halkyn Community Council

### Visit by Japanese Students to Halkyn Mountain:

Councillor John Thomas, on behalf of the Halkyn Community Council, provided a group of Japanese students, together with Flintshire students and others, with firstly historical information in relation to mining on Halkyn Mountain. Following the 'history lesson', Councillor John escorted everyone on a 90 minute-walk on the mountain – pointing out the areas of interest. Following the walk everyone gathered in the Blue Bell Inn – where they were pleased to receive refreshments – which of course, included locally baked Bara Brith – which was thoroughly enjoyed by the Japanese visitors.



Councillor John Thomas – with the Japanese and Flintshire students

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year whereby Flintshire has hosted Japanese students for two weeks during the summer school holidays, and then the Flintshire students travel to Japan to stay with the family of their Japanese partner. The students on their visit to Halkyn were from three towns in Japan named: Murata, Zao and Kawasaki.

### New Chair and Vice Chair of Halkyn Community Council

Councillor David A. Hughes was appointed as Chair of Halkyn Community Council, for the ensuing year - 2016/17. Councillor Hughes, who represents the Pentre Halkyn Ward of the Council area, thanked the retiring Chair, Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor (Rhosemor) for her 'sterling work' as Chair over the past year. Councillor Glyn Coleclough, from The Nant, was appointed as Vice Chair.

### Review of Subsidised Bus Services

The decision by Flintshire County Council to further reduce and ultimately cut certain bus subsidises in the County will in effect cease the bus services to Rhosemor, Halkyn and Pentre Halkyn. The Community Council have agreed to join a pilot scheme with neighbouring Councils, together with staff from the County Transport Service, to seek the views of the residents in relation to Community Transportation – with a view to providing a Local Community Transport Service. Further information will be advised to the

residents in due course. Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth kindly agreed to be appointed as the representative from the Halkyn Council onto the Committee.

### Funding for Committees and Groups in the Halkyn Mountain Area:

**Big Lottery Fund:** 'Would you like the chance to celebrate something in Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn, Rhys Y Cae or Rhosemor. Would you like to get to know your neighbours better and would a celebration be just the thing? In July, the Big Lottery Fund launched 'Celebrate' - a new funding programme that aims to bring people together. Grants of up to £2,000 will be awarded to help communities celebrate what's most important to them. You can apply to 'Celebrate' if you are a voluntary or community organisation, a school or a statutory organisation. For further information, call: 0300 123 0735 or email: [celebratewales@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:celebratewales@biglotteryfund.org.uk).

### Donations and Financial Support

The Community Council have provided the following financial donations since the last issue of the HM News:

Rhosemor Village Community Group (funding towards the purchase of Lifebuoy with stand £179.40 and 1 Caution – safety warning sign £18.66) – Total £198.06.

St. Mary's Halkyn, St. Paul's Rhosemor and Christchurch, Rhys Y Cae – towards Cemetery maintenance and grass-cutting - £270 to each Church.

Capel Bethel y Nant – towards maintenance and celebratory activities for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chapel - to be held in 2017 - £500.

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## A PANTO

**"The Giant who had no Heart"**

by Likely Story

**Venue: Halkyn Parish Hall**

**When: Early December**

**Keep an eye online at:  
[halkyn.org](http://halkyn.org)**

**for more information nearer the time**

# **Brynford Community Council**

## **Brynford Village Green**

The Council is in the process of developing a lottery application for grant funding a project to provide interpretation panels which would provide information as to the past history of the common.

The project will also provide links to a website where further information on the common and the community could be accessed.

## **Proposed Provision of 2 Cattle Grids**

Further to the previous article on this matter the Council has been informed that although the Aggregates Levy Board had supported the application the final decision in the funding of applications rests with the Welsh Government Minister. Unfortunately the funding for this project was not supported for this year's funding round.

Halkyn Mountain Graziers are making a further grant application which will be considered at the end of this year.

## **Condition of Access Roads Over Common**

The Council has received a deputation of local residents who voiced their concerns over the deplorable condition of the track ways leading to the community of Pen-y-Ball over the common. The tracks are un-adopted highways but parts of them are Registered Bridleways. Maintenance to these Bridleways had been undertaken by Flintshire County Council on an ad hoc basis in the past.

The Council has made representations to Flintshire County Council, Grosvenor Estates and has appealed to local Quarry owners to provide stone material in order that local residents can undertake track surfacing repairs. Whilst some repairs have been undertaken to date further repairs are needed before the onslaught of winter. The Council is pursuing this with Flintshire County Council at the present time.

## **Brynford Community Council Website**

'[brynfordcommunitycouncil.gov.uk](http://brynfordcommunitycouncil.gov.uk)'

The Council is in the process of developing a website, the initial version of which, still in development, can be viewed at the above web link. It is hoped over the coming months the site will be developed and populated with information on the Council's business and provide links to other community groups and projects.

## **St. Michael's Church, Brynford**

Following a request to provide some additional lighting within the church cemetery the Council had agreed to fund the provision of a lighting column near the entrance gate and exterior lighting to the side elevation of the church building. The details of the scheme are currently with the Church Diocese at St. Asaph awaiting formal approval.

## **H.M. Queen Elizabeth 90th Birthday – Commemorative Medal**

In celebration of the above event the Council agreed

to fund the provision of commemorative medals for every child attending Brynford C.P. School. The medals were presented to the children at the school leaving service held in July.

## **Best Kept Communities Competition 2016**

A small number of Councils had formed a working group to work on this year's entry. The application forms have been made and at the time of writing the outcome of judging of this year's event has not been received. However the Council wishes to thank all the supporters and residents who helped to improve the appearance of the community, especially Brynford Pet Cemetery, the Children and Staff of Brynford C.P. School and Brynford Parochial Church Council. Should any resident wish to become involved in supporting next year's event please contact myself or Councillor Jean Davies at Brynford Village Stores with your details.

## **Community Transport Consultation and Review**

The Council has been informed by Flintshire County Council that due to budget reductions provided by Welsh Government a review was being undertaken as to the sustainability of the current public transport network.

Working groups were being set up with a view to developing alternate arrangements for the provision of transport links from rural communities to core bus routes or hubs. The Council has agreed to participate in this project and will be attending the working groups.

## **Community Policing**

At a recent meeting of the Council PCSO Carol Richards reported that she was moving from policing our community to a new posting at Wrexham. During the interim period policing will be provided via the Holywell Policing Team and a new appointment would be in post by September.

The Chairman and Members thanked Carol for her services to the community and wished her every success in her new posting.

## **Halkyn Mountain News – Articles of News or Interests.**

Halkyn Mountain News is supported by Brynford Community Council and is a mechanism for members of the community to share items of news or items of interest within the Mountain Community. The Council is appealing for any groups or individuals to support the news letter by providing articles to the editors for future publication.

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## Remembering the Duke of Westminster

Gerald Cavendish Grosvenor 6th Duke of Westminster KG  
CB CVO OBE TD CD DL



(22 December 1951 – 9 August 2016) led a full life. He was a passionate country man, committed soldier, an excellent shot, a true entrepreneur and, importantly, he went out of his way to be courteous and humorous with all people, regardless of status or wealth.

Distinctly down-to-earth the Duke of Westminster was rarely seen without a Diet Coke and a cigarette (later

electric). Not much of a sleeper, one might expect emails from him at any hour of the night and an average week would see him up and down from home in Chester to London and all over the world to visit soldiers, businesses, charities and rural estates while representing and promoting numerous organisations.

His birth in Northern Ireland in December 1951 was a celebrated occasion (his father being the last direct male descendant of the 1st Duke of Westminster). In his own words “his childhood was idyllic” growing up with two sisters Leonora and Jane. His parents, whilst loving and attentive, had both played their part in the Second World War and like many aristocratic families at that time had little idea of how to bring up children. However the children were not materially spoiled or over-cosseted by their parents. They employed a tyrannical nanny, who took any opportunity with Gerald not “to spare the rod”. Despite this Gerald and his sisters enjoyed much happiness and freedom playing in the islands of Lough Erne.

It was here that he learned to fish and to shoot at his father’s side. Gerald’s father served as Member of Parliament for Fermanagh and South Tyrone and spent a good deal of time during Gerald’s early childhood at the House of Commons. During these frequent absences Gerald was taken under the wing of the estate gamekeeper, Wesley Scott with whom a deep friendship grew and this countryman’s earthy wisdom and knowledge was imparted to Gerald at an early age. An empathy with country folk and a deep understanding and love of the natural world shaped his views thereafter.

This idyll was rudely interrupted at the age of eight when he was sent to boarding school for which he was little prepared. He was schooled at Sunningdale and then Harrow. It served to teach him that if you are happy and placed in a sympathetic environment you will learn. Unfortunately, his time at school was not happy. Speaking with a “broad Irish” accent he did not settle easily and his unhappiness at school was in direct proportion to his lack of achievement in the classroom, where he found little of relevance, other than History and English. Ironically, and despite the unflattering remarks on his school reports, by the end of his life he had accumulated seven honorary degrees, which reflected the time and patronage he gave to education in the North West of England.

He was a natural sportsman and as a youth excelled on the football pitch with an ability to strike the ball equally well with either foot but was discouraged to pursue this

further by his father. He was also a good cricketer but his abiding love was for country sports and he was acknowledged to be one of the finest shots in the country.

When Gerald was 16 a Daily Mail reporter visited his school. The 4th Duke had died and the title was passed to his brother, Robert, Gerald’s father. This meant that Gerald inherited the courtesy title “Earl Grosvenor”. It was the first he had heard of it and immediately rang his father asking what it was all about. The reply was “Ah yes, we need to talk about that!” It was a double blow for Gerald who adored his uncle, but also realised that his life was to change forever.

On leaving Harrow he went travelling with his good friend Johnny Hesketh. Gerald’s parents had always kept their children’s feet firmly on the ground. When Gerald and Johnny were in Iran, Gerald found a carpet he particularly liked. He sent a telegram to his father “Found exquisite carpet, send money” – his father replied – “Wrap carpet round head, have both examined”.

On his return he started training for his impending role within the Grosvenor Estate and he threw himself into learning everything he could about the property business and the intricacies of the Grosvenor Estate. He travelled in Canada, America, New Zealand and Australia, where in 1975 he bought a 10,500 acre Estate in New South Wales known as Bull’s Run and learnt to manage land and run a farm of his own.

In 1978 Gerald married Natalia Phillips, daughter of Lt Col Harold Phillips and Gina, grand-daughter of Sir Julius Wernher. Gerald and ‘Tally’ were married at Tally’s family home, Luton Hoo and they spent their honeymoon at Bull’s Run in Australia. Their marriage represented the dawn of a new era in the history of the Grosvenor family – a modern family with Tally at its very heart.

Gerald inherited the dukedom from his father in 1979. The property crash of the early 1970s and the heavy mortgaging of the London Estate to pay death duties had left the business in dire straits. Along with the 120 hectare London Estate that came into the Grosvenor family in the 17th century, Gerald inherited the heavy burden of responsibility, which was to breathe life and purpose back into the Grosvenor Estate. He also inherited two inestimable qualities from his father, a sense of duty and a keen appreciation of what was right and fair. These two qualities stood him in good stead in his business dealings over the years.

He wisely surrounded himself with excellent people who worked closely together to encourage his involvement in the business and to support him in the role of Chairman, but it was his own youth and enthusiasm that provided the impetus to drive the Grosvenor Estate forward to become one of the largest and most entrepreneurial privately owned international property companies in the world. His openness coupled with a natural charm endeared him to many. Laughter was never far away in any conversation and many were the times when a joke relieved the tension at a difficult meeting or in an awkward situation.

Like many of his forebears he was an accomplished soldier. In April 1992 he took Command of his regiment the Queen’s Own Yeomanry based in Newcastle. He thought this to be the pinnacle of his Army career, instead it served to fan the flames of his future ambitions in the Army, not for himself, but for the volunteer soldier and the public’s recognition of their contribution.

In 2004, Gerald was made the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff for Reserve Forces and Cadets. This put him in charge of Ministry of Defence policy for the reservists and cadets of all three armed forces. Having started his military life as a trooper thirty-five years before, he was now promoted to Major General – making him the first reservist ‘two star’ since the 1930s. The combination of his rank and his posting within the MOD enabled him to achieve much on behalf of the Reserve Forces during a period that saw a sea-change in their culture: reservists were now expected and wanted to serve on operations.

Not since the Second World War had such numbers been mobilised, firstly to Iraq and then increasingly to Afghanistan. The first decade of the twenty-first century saw the Territorial Army assume an exceptionally high profile. It moved from being a force of last resort to become the reserve of choice in support of regular army operations. Much of this was due to Major General the Duke of Westminster.

As the role of reservists became more and more critical, so did Gerald’s influence on policy within the MoD. Never a man to do things by half, he gave evidence to the Public Accounts Committee in June 2006, worked a five-day week at his desk in Whitehall and utilised almost every weekend in the year to conduct visits to reservists in training or on ceremonial events. He also maintained a thorough knowledge of what was happening on operations, visiting the Balkans and Iraq many times throughout his tenure and travelling to Kabul and Kandahar during the critical planning phase for the intensification of operations in Helmand. He also made trips to Bosnia, Albania, Kuwait, Estonia, Malta and Oman. Despite his punishing programme – often visiting several units in a weekend – he would not allow any of his expenses to be a cost to the taxpayer.

When his term as Head of Reserve Forces came to an end in 2007 he re-focussed his attention on the Grosvenor Estate. No stone was left unturned. He started his quest to perfect each of his rural estates in terms of conservation and productivity. He met staff from each of the businesses and estates and asked them for their thoughts. Collating the information he went about putting in place the systems and procedures to make all staff feel a part of the organisation as a whole. He promoted the importance of the rural estates and the communities which they supported and gave the non-property businesses the confidence to excel.

This was interrupted in 2011 when he was, once again “called up”, taking the new appointment of Deputy Commander Land Forces at a crucial time for the Territorial Army as the MOD published the Future Reserves 2020 Commission’s (FR20) Report. It was a time of huge cultural change for the Army and General Westminster was at the heart of it. He was able to make a unique contribution as one who had more experience of Reserve forces than anyone else in Defence. His appointment was key to providing an experienced perspective in generating the appropriate reserve forces, re-establishing commitment, introducing a reinvigorated recruiting campaign and directing staff effort across the whole Army. His commitment set an example for others to follow. He more than held his own amongst Generals but was equally at home talking with the most junior trooper on the tank park. Soldiers, sailors and airmen of all ranks knew how much he was doing for them and appreciated his commitment and support.

When the Duke left the Reserve Army after over 40 years of service he was very moved by what he had seen in Iraq

and Afghanistan and particularly by the very heavy price many young people in uniform had paid for serving the nation. He wanted to do something for them and this quickly turned into the idea of continuing the success of the clinical rehabilitation at Headley Court which was created in 1947 – by simply creating a 21st century version of it on a new site in the middle of England. Along the way the Secretary of State for Defence asked him if he would at the same time ‘do something for the nation’ – essentially by sharing Defence’s renowned expertise in this field – which Gerald agreed to. One thing led to another and by 2011 there was strong support pan-Government for his idea and the concept of the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre was born. Typically, he made the founding gift of £50 million. Other major donors have followed his lead so that his creation is now a year into construction and will open in 2018. This year the rehabilitation opportunities for the nation stemming from the construction of the Defence establishment are being seriously examined with Government – and the Grosvenor legacy here could be even greater than he ever imagined. It is very poignant that he will not see his remarkable initiative turn into a very significant legacy for those who are seriously injured. Many in uniform will hope that the earth lies lightly on this soldier’s bones.

His military experience was reflected in Gerald’s approach to the Grosvenor Estate, where his loyalty to his staff, whether a senior executive or a young gamekeeper, was unprecedented and all knew that the Duke would be there to support them when the going got tough. He was a great believer in investing in people; he would present long-service awards, attend retirement parties, speak at staff open days and have lunch with small groups of staff on a regular basis.

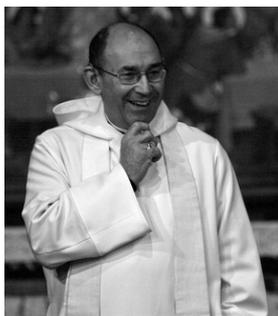
Gerald, the countryman, had a natural affinity with the countryside. In 1992 he published a report entitled “The Problems in Rural Areas” highlighting the difficulties being experienced in remote and isolated rural communities. In recent years he lobbied to get “Broadband” access for isolated communities, something he knew to be a commercial and educational lifeline.

He was a man of duty. He was loyal, unforgiving, decisive, stubborn, a fearsome opponent, prejudiced, opinionated and a brilliant strategist. He was a contradiction. He was brave and yet wild horses could not drag him to the dentist. He was both intolerant and open-minded, a loner and the best company, self-indulgent and hugely generous; he could be boastful about small things and unassuming about magnificent things. He would not accept weakness of any kind, particularly in himself, even when suffering with depression he refused to see a doctor and decided to “heal himself”.

He hated the tags “environmentalist” and “philanthropist” believing that caring was a better word and particularly hated those who endeavoured to protect his good name and would thwart their efforts at every turn. Like many who had to grow up too quickly he maintained a childlike quality, a smutty sense of humour, and a great sense of the ridiculous. He never lost his love of the outdoors – a countryman at heart he was never more content than when he was on the grouse moor with a shotgun in hand. He is survived by his wife Tally, their four children, Tamara, Edwina, Hugh and Viola; grandchildren, Jake, Louis, Zia, Wolf, Isla and Orla. He is succeeded by his son, Hugh who becomes the 7th Duke of Westminster and leaves him a well-ordered Grosvenor Estate.

Messages of condolence, which will be passed on to the family, can be sent to: [condolences@grosvenor.com](mailto:condolences@grosvenor.com)

## From the Rev'd Hugh Burgess



Dear Friends

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who supported my recent walk from Halkyn to Santiago with messages of support and encouragement, by reading and commenting on my blog, seeing some of my pictures at

the Halkyn Cinema or with donations towards Jamie's Fund. With the support of people on the Mountain more than £5000 was raised which is enormously appreciated. Thank you very much indeed for your generosity.

The Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St James, is an ancient pilgrim route and last year around a quarter of a million people walked to Santiago, roughly the same number who made the pilgrimage in medieval times. I suspect that the medieval pilgrim generally had it rather tougher than today's pilgrims although modern living probably makes us less able to bear some of the hardships (particularly those on the feet!).

For the first 1000 miles or so I travelled alone and this gave me a great opportunity to see and enjoy the world around me in a way that wasn't so possible in the company of others. Red squirrels, deer, lizards, larks, cuckoos and woodpeckers were just some of the creatures seen.

In the very south of France I began to meet other pilgrims and René, a man who had walked from Belgium in stages, walked with me on and off for several days. During our walk we talked of many things but one of the key things he said that has stuck with me was that: "The weight of your pack is the sum of all your fears". By this he meant that we tend to carry things with us "just in case". We imagine the worst and take all the stuff that MIGHT be needed. I certainly took a pack that was, initially at least, far heavier than it needed to be and gradually things were sent home until the weight of my pack was nearly halved.

As I walked through Spain (gradually shedding weight both from my body and my pack) I reflected on just how many unnecessary belongings I, and many others, have accumulated over the years and retain 'just in case'. I had a garage full of tools, screws, nails, brackets and lots of bits removed from various kitchen devices over the years but kept because they might come in handy one day! The house was full of stuff like that too – clothes, books, ornaments, pictures and goodness knows what! – and all kept as a sort of comfort blanket, I suppose.

The Camino helped me to recognise that most of the possessions I surround myself with are

unnecessary and are very much responses to my fears. The fear of not having the right clothes. The fear of having a repair job and not having the right bit. The fear of being asked a question and not having a book that helps with the answer ... and so on. But most of my fears are actually groundless and in reality I need very little to live safely, perhaps rather more than boots, rucksack and sleeping bag but certainly not the masses of stuff at home. A lot has already gone to the Charity Shop and there is more to go! Already it feels easier.

But the weight of our pack is not simply the physical things. On the Camino I met many people from lots of different countries who were carrying weights of other kinds. The pain of loss; family difficulties; illness; increasing physical disability; redundancy; separation and divorce; uncertainty about the future. The reasons people walk the Camino are as varied as the people themselves. It was a huge privilege to be able to provide some pastoral care to some of these people as we walked together, sometimes only for a few hours like Goos from Holland, who carried his daughter's ashes to Finisterre to scatter in the sea, or for a few days like Wilhemina from Australia who came with many issues both physical and mental. It didn't matter. By sharing with a stranger they were, I hope, able to find some support, comfort and meaning in their experience and to shed a little of their pain.

In that same vein, as I have said in previous letters, please do feel free to contact me with any issues or situations that you'd like discuss, you feel I ought to know about or where you would perhaps like some support or encouragement. I often don't hear until it's too late but I am very keen to help where I possibly can.

I wish you a good autumn and would be delighted to hear from you.

01352 741 646

e-mail:

hugh@halkynparish.wanandoo.co.uk

### **Gift Day and Organ Recital**

**St Paul's Church Rhosesmor, Sat. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Come along and enjoy the beauty of the pipe organ, learn about the history of the church and find out about its work in our community. The church is open from 10am to 4pm when you will be welcomed with hot and cold drinks and home-made cakes and scones. We would be pleased at this time to receive any donations in aid of the church and its work in the community. The PCC of St Paul's are looking forward to seeing you.

## What is SHARE and What are ShareShops?



SHARE is a group of people and businesses in Chester and North Wales, that came together after seeing the tiny body of 3 year old Alyun Kurdi, lying on a beach in the Med. Without knowing each other, we each set up collection points to try to send a pack of aid.

Little did we know that we would all be inundated! Flintshire County Council helped us all come together and gave us the use of a derelict 4000sq ft warehouse in Flint, North Wales. So we could combine our efforts and co-ordinate collections, sorting, storage, distribution of aid and volunteers to assist in the handing out of the aid in the affected countries. It wasn't long before we decided to go one step further and offer our aid to the homeless people on the streets of Cheshire and North Wales too! Thus our name was born;

**Supporting Homeless, Assisting Refugees Everywhere  
SHARE**

### ShareShop

It's our belief that no-one in the UK should be sleeping rough on the streets. ShareShops are a unique idea that works by setting up Charity Shops one after another, each funding the next shop's set up costs. Once established each shop will raise enough money to buy derelict houses and, by using local trades people, turn the houses into homes for the homeless people in that town or city. Once re-housed the ShareShop will assist in getting these re-homed people back into full time employment and give them hope and a chance at a much better life than before.

On the 16th of January 2016 our first ShareShop was opened and in the first 6 months has already raised in the region of £30,000.

### Donating Supplies or Money

This list is ordered by priority so is updated regularly ... Money - most of all we need cash to get Share off the ground and to help as many people at home and abroad as possible. You can donate money straight to our **PayPal** account or **Just Giving Fund Raising** account. Sleeping Bags (winter and warm weather sleeping bags), Pop-up Tents, Baby Carriers, Rucksacks. Walking shoes or boots (tied together with EU Size clearly marked) with size appropriate clean socks inside. Warm clothes for teenagers (please separate these in to different sexes). Warm clothes for all ages and sexes (please separate these in to different sexes). All clothes - we will accept all clean and un-ripped clothes, even summer clothes not necessarily suitable for refugees - we are able to turn these into cash which we can use to purchase aid. Toys, books, mobile phones, anything which can be sold in our Share Charity Shop in Chester, which will be opening soon. This money will be used to buy aid and equipment for homeless people here and abroad. Any toiletries and bedding will be given to homeless people here in the UK as we are only sending the essentials abroad due to limited pallet space. We are also able to accept non-perishable food donations which will be sent on to Flintshire and Cheshire Food Banks.

**Bring your donations to Rhosesmor  
Church, open all day, every day.  
We'll do the rest!**

See: <http://www.shareaid.co.uk>  
**Supporting Homeless  
Assisting Refugees  
Everywhere**

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## Graziers News

Bad news again, our bid for funds from the Rural Development Programme, I am afraid, was not successful. As yet we do not know the reason, but will find out as it may help when trying in future.

At the end of July we contacted Russell Dobbins to see what their funding for the ALFW October round was going to be. At present he knows he is going to get some money but does not know how much, but does know it will not be a lot. They are looking at putting a limit of £20,000 to £50,000 on each bid which will not get us one cattle grid! However bracken rolling and thistle cutting are ongoing during the summer months and during August and September we will be looking at areas of gorse and scrub to be cut during the winter months (thanks to Chester Zoo). If you have any areas to suggest let us know.

### Scab Prevention Measures

It is that time of year again. As is normal practice the mountain is to be cleared of all sheep on - **SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10AM AND 12 NOON.**

The sheep to be returned to the mountain only after they have been dipped in a scab approved dip or have received an equivalent treatment.

The Association would be pleased to receive the co-operation of all graziers. The instances of scab has been increasing in the last few years and it is to the advantage of all graziers that sheep remain in a healthy, disease free condition.

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Association will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Rhes y Cae village hall. All graziers and holders of registered rights are welcome.

The business will consist of electing the committee for 2016/17 and setting objectives for the coming year. Any matters you wish to raise should be forwarded to the secretary (Telephone 780008) before the meeting.

*Halkyn Graziers and Commoners Association*



# **Halkyn Mountain Parishes Service Times**

The table below shows the normal service times in each church during term time.  
But please see the notes below the table.

Every Month	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
<b>Halkyn</b>	10.30 am Morning Prayer 11.15 am Communion	11.15 am Communion 5 pm Evensong	11.15 am Communion	11.15 am Morning Prayer	10.30 am Combined Service – This rotates between churches
<b>Rhosesmor</b>	3 pm or 6 pm <sup>1</sup> Evening Prayer	10.00 am Service for the Community	10.00 am Communion	10.00 am Communion	
<b>Rhes y Cae</b>	8.45 am Communion	8.45 am Bilingual Communion	3 pm or 6 pm <sup>1</sup> Evening Prayer	8.45 am Communion	

<sup>1</sup> 6.00 pm until the clocks go forward on 30th October, after which this service will be at 3.00 pm.

## **YOU ARE VERY WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES**

### **COMBINED AND SPECIAL SERVICES:**

The next combined service for the three parishes will be at 10.30 on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at Christchurch, Rhes y cae.

On the last Friday of each month there is a time of prayer for those who are sick and in need. These will be held in Halkyn until the end of October and then in Rhes y Cae through the winter months. Please pass any requests to the Church Wardens.

### **HARVEST:**

25<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest on the Farm – 2.30pm at Bryn Ffynnon Farm, Rhosesmor Mold, CH7 6PG

28<sup>th</sup> September -Rhesycae at 7.00 pm followed by Bring and Share Supper at 8.00pm in the Village Hall (to be confirmed)

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Rhosesmor Church at 6pm

9<sup>th</sup> October – Halkyn Church at 11.15am followed by Bring and Share lunch.

### **OPEN CHURCH:**

**Rhosesmor Church** is open every day for quiet reflection.

In the event of illness or a request for a visit, please contact Hugh Burgess.

For further details of any of these events please contact:  
The Rev'd Hugh Burgess on  
01352 741 646  
hugh@halkynparish.wanadoo.co.uk

## **Cynfaen Memorial Chapel Calcoed**

Afternoon services only at 2.30 pm  
in Welsh (W) and English (E) alternately.

(C) Denotes Communion Service.

September	4 <sup>th</sup>	(E)	Own arrangement	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Parch Marc Morgan	(C)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	(E)	Rev David Harrison	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Parch John Barnett	
October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	(E)	Mrs Delyth McIntyre	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Harvest Festival Mr Gron Ellis 2.30pm Cymraeg 6.00pm English	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Mr Gron Ellis	(C)
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	(E)	Rev Marc Morgan	(C)
	30 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Trefniant Lleol	
November	6 <sup>th</sup>	(E)	Mrs Delyth McIntyre	
	13 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Parch Marc Morgan	(C)
	20 <sup>th</sup>	(E)	Rev Jennifer Hurd	(C)
	27 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Mrs Maryl Rees	

*A very warm welcome to all of our services.  
Croeso cynnes i bawb.*

## **Rhes-y-Cae Village Hall**

Rhes-y-Cae village hall is available for  
PUBLIC or PRIVATE functions.

Children's parties for 11 year old and under.

### **Reasonable Rates**

Contact Kevin Lewis  
01352 780297

## **Capel Salem, Pentre Halkyn**

Services at 2pm.

C = Communion

September	4th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W	
	11th	No Service		
	18th	Rev. Eirlys Gruffydd	W	C
	25th	Mr Peter Sinclair	E	
October	2nd	Rev. Marc Morgan	W	
	9th	Rev. Keith Jones	E	
	16th	Rev. J Bryn Jones	W	
	23rd	Mrs Maryl Rees	W	
		Harvest Festival		
	30th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W	
November	6th	Mr David B Jones	W	
	13th	Rev Hugh Burgess	E	
	20th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W	
	27th	Rev. Eirlys Gruffydd	W	C

## **Capel Bethel y Nant**

Services every Sunday at 2.30pm  
Do come and join us!! Croeso Cynnes!

September	4th	Arwel Roberts
	11th	Goronwy Ellis
	18th	Robert Parry
	25th	Maryl Rees
October	2nd	Eirlys Gruffydd
	9th	Shân Morris
	16th	Bryan Jones
	23rd	Huw Powell Davies
	30th	Own arrangement
November	6th	Glyn Thomas
	13th	Delyth McIntyre
	20th	Own arrangement
	25ain	Maureen Roberts

***CROESO CYNNES I BAWB!  
A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!***

## The Rector of **St Michael's Church, Brynford**

the Reverend Lorraine Badger-Watts

Can be contacted on:

Tel. No. 01745 403453

Mobile No. 07402429991

e-mail: revbadger.watts@hotmail.co.uk

## **Coffee Morning**

**Book Swap & Raffle  
At Rhosesmor Village Hall  
Every Other Monday Morning  
10:30 - 12:00**

**Please come along  
and meet your  
neighbours for a  
cuppa and a chat**



## **Arboretum in Rhes y Cae**

Although we still mourn the demise of the famous Rhes y Cae Conker tree, there is light at the end of the tunnel!

Back in the 80s the Duke of Westminster gave permission to plant trees on a piece of land near the cattle grid in the Waun. This land was not grazed by sheep so there were no objections. Grants were obtained and a fine collection of trees were planted one morning by the children of Ysgol Rhes y Cae. Sadly they were vandalised that very night, so the children replanted them the next day.

Growth of the trees was very slow due to the poor ground and the elements. However, 30 years on and lo and behold they have at last formed a small patch of woodland. It is now time to give more structure and recognition to this small arboretum (collection of trees) in Rhes y Cae.

We propose to tidy it up by removing some of the trees in order to allow others to grow to their full potential, and make paths through the arboretum. An interpretive board would give the whole project a more professional appearance and perhaps a seat. Also professionally produced labels on the trees for identification purposes giving their Welsh, English and Latin names would be good. I am not aware of another arboretum on Halkyn Mountain - this would be great for Rhes y Cae for - it's own arboretum! What a shame they closed our local school - the children could have been involved again, after all, they planted it. I wonder, do those children, now in their thirties, remember that planting day? Mrs. Gwyneth Hughes, the then headmistress, remembers it well.

There is a good mixture of trees here including oak, ash, field maple, beech, whitebeam, mountain ash, sycamore, horse chestnut and wild cherry - no conifers! This little woodland habitat is also important for our wildlife. It is beautiful in every season of the year. A red kite was seen flying over it last month! The wood is called 'Coed-y-Waun', because that is where it is, in the Waun, in Rhes y Cae.

It would be wonderful to form a small committee to deal with this project and to just give some support. Anybody with an interest or perhaps fundraising skills would be invaluable. There are already a few people showing a great interest. What about the children who planted these trees in the first place?

Hopefully this project will take off quite quickly. Let's do something positive for Rhes y Cae and the Mountain. Please do get in touch with me so we can arrange a meeting. Looking forward to hearing from some of you.

*Ieuan ap Siôn - 01352 780510  
Rhes y Cae.*

## **Rhes y Cae Village Hall**

### **Rhes y Cae Show**

Members of Rhes y Cae Village Hall Committee were delighted at the response to their new stall at our local show. After many years members Mr Joe Jones, Mrs Margaret Salisbury and Mrs Thema Parry have retired, having run a very profitable and popular Tombola stall at the show. So this year it was going to be a hard act to follow! However, our new ideas proved very successful. It was lovely to see so many children (and grown-ups) having a go at 'Splat the Rat', and there were also many lucky winners on the Lollipop game. The 'Lucky Square Treasure Hunt' was won by Janine from the Cupcake stall.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

The Village Hall committee would welcome anyone who would be willing to give their time to help with running the hall and getting involved with our events. We meet 5 or 6 times a year on a Tuesday evening, and we hold 3 or 4 Coffee Mornings on Tuesday mornings during the year. We also host the annual Over 60's party. We would welcome ideas for future events at the hall. Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the hall. New members would be very welcome!

### **Hall Bookings**

The Village Hall is available for single or block bookings. We have full kitchen facilities and toilets (including disabled), and the hall is a lovely traditional space ideal for parties and events. Our rates are very reasonable!

To book, please call Kevin Lewis 01352 780297

### **Over 60's Christmas Party**

The Committee host this popular annual event in early December at the Village Hall. If there is anyone over 60 who has recently moved into the Rhes y Cae or Moel y Crio area, or anyone who has recently turned 60, please get in touch to ensure that you don't miss out on an invitation to this year's Christmas Party.

*Please contact Jill Thomas 01352 780061*

## **Halkyn Library**

The library is a facility for all local residents, young and old, and is open **Friday afternoons**  
**1:30 - 7:00 p.m.**



**Library Online**  
**Services via**  
**[www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk)**

## Rhes y Cae News

### Coffee Morning – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

The coffee morning was organised by Rhes y Cae Village Hall Committee and our grateful thanks go to Jill, Nerys, Wendy and Kevin (and anyone else who helped on the morning!). There was an excellent turn out, especially from the Halkyn area. The wildflowers looked lovely on the tables. Many thanks to all who kindly donated raffle prizes. These coffee mornings are very popular, as it's an opportunity for a get-together and a catch-up on the latest news! If you live nearby, please watch out for the next coffee morning – they would be pleased to see you!

### “Welcome Home” to Hugh – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June



The sun was shining and the church bells were ringing at Halkyn Church! There was a tremendous welcome for Hugh as he walked up to the church from Flint station with a few friends. Then everyone walked into church, and Helen Taubman gave a short service starting with the hymn 'To Be a Pilgrim', followed by prayers

and finally the congregation sang 'Calon Lan'. Our sincere thanks to all who helped with the refreshments. It was an opportunity for Hugh to have a chat with everyone. We were very pleased to see that Hugh had arrived back safely.

### Annual Church walk – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July



We met at the Crown Inn, Lixwm at 10.30. John Thomas, our leader, took us on an interesting circular walk in the vicinity of Ysceifiog. We were very fortunate with the weather!

We went to Ysceifiog Churchyard to visit Alan Cochran's grave. Alan died in Afghanistan aged 23 years in 2010. We listened to prayers remembering Alan and all who lost their lives in the battle of the Somme and other conflicts. Also to remember dear Ceri Davies who was also buried at Ysceifiog churchyard, close to her past relatives. Ceri died suddenly before Christmas 2015, and thoughts are with Ivy, Stuart and family. Both Ceri and Alan were former pupils of Ysgol Rhes y Cae. Afterwards we had the opportunity to go inside Ysceifiog church which has beautiful stone walls and was decorated for a wedding!



The countryside looked lovely with so many wildflowers to see on our way. We walked for nearly 2 hours, which was very enjoyable, John! Our sincere thanks to landlord Anthony Griffiths for letting us eat our picnic lunch in the pub, and also to say that Brenda and Ann were a great help. Everyone was able to go to the bar for tea, coffee or other drinks. The good news from Tony was that Wales had won the football match against Belgium in France – Wales 3, Belgium 1. Fantastic result! Many thanks to all who kindly donated towards church funds - £389. **(Add 2 pics)**

### Church Stall at Rhes y Cae Show

During the afternoon, there was a good attendance for the show, which was very pleasing for the stallholders. Total monies raised was £300, and our



thanks to all who supported Peter, Doreen and Rita. Our grateful thanks to Joyce Parry for donating the hand-knitted doll for the raffle prize – the lucky winner was Debbie Bailey!

### Beacon on the Foel - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Peter Jamieson and Colin Legg (members of the Rhes y Cae Diamond Jubilee Committee) lit the gas beacon on top of Moel y Ffagnallt to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Did you notice it?

### Future Dates

Harvest Festival – Rhes y Cae Church, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Then to the village hall for a 'bring and share' supper at 8.00pm.

Christmas Coffee Morning, end of November. Watch out for posters.

Please let me know if you have any information to put in the next edition by the last week in October.

Gwyneth Hughes 01352 780371

## Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema

We've got two more great films at the mountain cinema before the end of the year, both suitable for all the family to enjoy. We hope you'll come and join us. As usual tickets for all screenings are just £4 in advance and go on sale 3 weeks before each screening. Tickets can be purchased online via the cinema website – [www.mountaincinema.org.uk](http://www.mountaincinema.org.uk) or from the shop/post office in Pentre Halkyn or the Blue Bell Inn in Halkyn. Upcoming screenings for 2016 are:

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Eddie the Eagle**



Cut from the Olympic ski team, British athlete Michael "Eddie" Edwards travels to Germany to test his skills at ski jumping. Fate leads him to Bronson Peary, a former ski jumper who now works as a snowplough driver. Impressed by Edwards' spirit and determination, Peary agrees to train the young underdog. Despite an entire nation counting him out, Eddie's never-say-die attitude takes him all the way to a historic and improbable showing at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Star Wars: The Force Awakens**

Thirty years after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, the galaxy faces a new threat from the evil Kylo Ren and the First Order. When a defector named Finn crash-lands on a desert planet, he meets Rey, a tough scavenger whose droid contains a top-secret map. Together, the young duo joins forces with Han Solo (Harrison Ford) to make sure the



Resistance receives the intelligence concerning the whereabouts of Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), the last of the Jedi Knights.

I'm sure many people have seen 'Star Wars: The Force

Awakens' (I know I've seen it ... several times!) but who doesn't want to see it on the big screen again, right here on Halkyn Mountain, and watch it whilst wearing your great Star Wars fancy dress!

We very much encourage everyone – old and young – to come along to the Star Wars screening in fancy dress and there will be a prize for the best child costume and also the best adult costume! We do hope you'll come and join the galactic fun. We're also pleased to be working with several local Cub Scout packs to help them celebrate 100 years of cub scouting with a special screening of 'The Jungle Book'.

The community cinema screenings are held at the Sports Association/Cricket Club on Pentre Halkyn Road. Films start at 7.30pm, with doors open from 7pm (*please note strictly no admittance before 7pm*). There are hot drinks and snacks available as well as a licenced bar.

You can find details about all our screenings along with anything else you might want to know about the community cinema on our website. Please do also join our Facebook page or Twitter feed to get all the latest information about upcoming films and when tickets go on sale, or join our mailing list via the website. We'll also be holding a couple of competitions on Facebook to win tickets to Eddie the Eagle and Star Wars: The Force Awakens, so make sure you 'like' the page and keep an eye out for the competitions nearer to the screening dates.

[www.mountaincinema.org.uk](http://www.mountaincinema.org.uk)

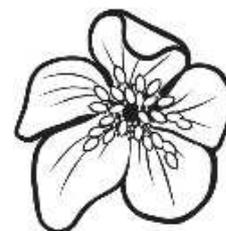
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We look forward to welcoming you to the community cinema soon.

*Clare Madders, Chair - on behalf of the Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema Committee*

## Hardy Plant Society Clwyd Group



Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the **Holywell Community Centre** (by the Leisure Centre)

**The autumn programme is:**

**Tues 20 Sep** talk on My Lady Gardeners by Howard Drury, from Birmingham, horticultural broadcaster, speaker, lecturer, writer, adviser. "I use the latest computer, projection and audio technology to make my talks much more of an experience rather than just a lecture."

**Tues 18 Oct** talk on Herbaceous Perennials Old and New by Peter Foley, from Clitheroe, Lancashire, plantsman, lecturer and broadcaster.

**Tues 15 Nov** talk on Tales from the Bothy/Cuttings from a Gardener's Diary, by Sam Youd, from Knutsford, Cheshire, head Gardener at Tatton 1983-2012. Visitors £3 admission.

Find us on facebook & twitter @HPSClwyd

Information: 07768 423965

or [www.hardy-plant.org.uk/clwyd](http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk/clwyd)

## Rhosesmor Community Treasure Hunt



A huge 'Thank You' to all who took part. Great fun was had by all!! We raised £280 for village improvements. Special thanks to the Red Lion Rhosesmor for hosting the prizegiving, The Crown Inn in Lixwm, Cut the Mustard Catering, Flowers By Anne and the Springfield Hotel, for their kind donation of prizes. Individual results have been sent to groups who competed. It was a delight to see so many people from the local community out together enjoying themselves. Most of all thanks to the Biscuits youth group, for organising it. Biscuits, age 9-17 meet in Rhosesmor Village Hall 5.45 to 6.45 on Thursdays in term time. All are welcome.

## Open Air Performance of The Life Of Christ

It has been a long time dream of mine to produce an open air, large scale production in the Holywell area on the life of Christ, to celebrate the long and rich religious heritage of the town.

I had recently begun to write it but following the sudden loss of my wonderful mother, Marie (whom some of you may know), I was completely devastated and lost and felt like doing nothing.

Friends have persuaded me to go back to writing it and to dedicate it to the memory of Marie, who got me into drama in the first place, and it would help me focus on something positive. Drama has got me through some dark patches previously and I returned to writing. It is completed and will be produced in the summer of 2017, in the peaceful and beautiful setting of the St Pio shrine at Pantasaph Friary, with its glorious natural backdrop of woodland and sky.

I know this seems a long way off but it is a big undertaking and will take a lot of work and I need a lot of helpers.

If you are interested in any capacity, from treasurer to costume making, secretary to crowd scenes, fundraising, making tea or would like more information please phone me on 01352 711240 or email [andreadakin112@btinternet.com](mailto:andreadakin112@btinternet.com)

Thank you  
Andrea Dakin

## A Marriage



Congratulations to Siân Coleclough and Richard Williams on their marriage on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at Capel Bethel y Nant. The Reverend Eirlys Gruffydd officiated with Mrs Maryl Rees at the organ. The best man was Karl Riley and the bridesmaids were Andrea Jorgensen and Bethany Kelly, with Gethin Williams as the little helper! Glyn Coleclough was the usher.

Whitford Young Farmers formed a guard of honour with pikles (pitchforks) for them to walk under as they left the Chapel.

The reception was held at The Kinmel, Abergele, with an evening reception for many family and friends. The weather was fine and everyone enjoyed the day.

Siân, Richard and Gethin have made their home at Cartrefle, Wern y Gaer, Rhosesmor. We wish them well.

## Pentre Halkyn

### Community Centre

#### Bingo

Every Monday at 1.30pm for the over 50s  
New members welcome

#### Holywell Art Club

Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

#### Bingo

Thursdays 7:30pm

#### Line Dancing

Fridays 8 - 10pm

**The hall is available for parties, etc.  
contact Megan on 780026**



# Tinytots Playgroup Ysgol Rhos Helyg Rhosesmor

We are a well established playgroup based in Ysgol Rhos Helyg in Rhosesmor.  
We are open during term time each morning, 8.50-11.45am.

We welcome all children from age 2½!

We give your child the opportunity to make friends, develop new skills and have fun learning through play.

All staff hold childcare qualifications and have a valid CRB check.

The cost per session is £7.50

Early Entitlement (funding for three year old children) and Assisted places available.

First session free!

Contact Leanne on  
01352 780265



## BLUE BELL INN

### Glass & Paper Recycling

Steve & Ness Marquis want all to know that they have glass and paper recycling facilities for everyone's use in the car park at the rear of the inn. This will save the longer journey to Mold, Holywell, etc as we try to help the environment through recycling.

Rhosesmor Rd  
Halkyn

BlueBell.uk.eu.org  
01352 780309

# HALKYN MOUNTAIN KIDS CLUB & HOLIDAY CLUB

## SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!

We are situated in Ysgol Rhos Helyg Primary School. The club is registered with CSSIW (Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales). All staff are CRB checked and qualified and all certificates are available to see. We welcome children from nursery age up to year 8 in high school.

### Holiday club

If you would like to book your child/ren in please follow the details below. (You do not have to attend the school to register at the club)

#### Opening times for holiday club only

8am - 5.30pm Mon - Fri

(Breakfast will be provided and a healthy snack in the afternoon, packed lunch to be provided by the parents/guardians)

#### Prices for holiday club only

£21 per child for a full day

£15 per child for half a day (till 1pm)

#### Opening times for after school club only

3.10pm - 5.30pm Mon - Fri Term times only.

We have a large hall area where we enjoy. (For after school /holiday club)

- Snack time
- Playing games
- Arts and crafts
- Parties
- Arranged theme nights

#### We also have outside. (For after school/holiday club)

- A Trim Trail where we enjoy climbing, balancing and swinging
- A park with slides, bridges and balancing frames
- A large field and playground where we also have lots of fun with scooters and football matches etc.
- A nature reserve with a round house, yurt and pond area.

#### Prices for after school club only. Open 3.10pm till 5.20pm

##### Monday to Friday.

First hour for one child £4.00

Second hour for one child £7.00

First hour for 2 siblings £7.60

Second hour for 2 siblings £13.30

Every child thereafter there's a 5% discount

For more information contact Sian Davies (Senior Playworker) on 01352 780265 / 07873769473 or Email us on [Halkynmountainkidsclub@gmail.com](mailto:Halkynmountainkidsclub@gmail.com) or even visit our website at [www.ysgolrhoshelyg.com/holkyn.asp](http://www.ysgolrhoshelyg.com/holkyn.asp)



## **Halkyn Parish Hall**

### **Private Functions and Meetings**

A reminder that the hall is available for private functions including weddings, christenings, birthday parties, etc. Bar and catering facilities can be arranged.

For more information ring:

Sharon Davies **07546 688 552**

### **Weekly Diary**

#### **Mondays**

Nia Dance Class 10:30 - 11:30 am

Contact Julia 781941

Yoga 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Contact Jenny 01352 780681

#### **Tuesdays**

Baby & Toddler Group 9:30 to 11:00 am

Snooker Club 7:30 pm

(New members welcome Andy Wood 780159)

**The Snooker Table is also available for Hire**

**Contact Sharon Davies on 07546 688 552**

#### **Wednesdays**

Modern Line Dancing 12:45 - 14:45 pm

Contact Julie on 07712149439

Bingo (every other Wednesday) 7.30 pm

(For more information on the Bingo call:  
Carolyn on 01352 781765)

#### **Thursdays**

Halkyn W.I. 2:00 pm

#### **Fridays**

Library 1:30 - 7:00 pm

Halkyn Brownies 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Contact Karen 716027

#### **Saturday**

Heartfelt Art & Craft 10 am - 3:00 pm

From 14th March every 2nd Saturday of the month

(Contact: Sue Thomas on 01352 781088)

or email: heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk

## **Rhosesmor W.I.**

Our annual picnic this year was held in Rhosesmor Village Hall and took the form of a street party. This picnic was to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Queen.

Her health was toasted with champagne and we had a wonderful array of food which was set up by the W.I. committee.

On August 9th several members will be going on a Hendre group outing to Powys Castle as we have no monthly meeting in August.

Our autumn programme is as follows:

On September 12th Mrs. Stephanie Curran will tell us about I.V.F. in Liverpool Women's Hospital.

On October 10th we will be having "Autumn Art" with Mrs. Win Garroch.

November 14th is our Annual Meeting and we will also have Mrs. Sue Grundy, belatedly, to tell us about the flora and fauna in the Rhydymwyn valley.

As yet we have not arranged any celebration for our Christmas meeting.

As usual, we meet in Rhosesmor Village Hall at 7.15 pm on the second Monday in the month.

Any ladies are welcome to join us.

Your contact is Mrs. Mary North on the 01352 780660

## **Rhosesmor Village Hall**

The hall continues to be heavily booked by a wide variety of functions. With so many bookings, in order to satisfy the demands, it is sometimes necessary for users to be a little flexible. Jon Tarry (01352 780842) takes all the bookings and co-ordinates the users to ensure the best utilisation of the hall is achieved. To assist Jon in achieving this, early booking helps everyone using the hall.

Donations for future jumble sales are very much appreciated. Phone 780660 if you want me to collect them and use the storage space in the hall cellars.

G. R. North

Secretary Rhosesmor Village Committee

Bring a Friend to the

**JoY@The**



**Hub**



**YOUTH CELEBRATION**

**WHITFORD PARISH CHURCH**

**6PM**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

*Pizza, Pringles and Pop for  
afters!!*

# Children's Pages

## *A Few Words from Ginnie the Donkey*

While I know I frequently talk about the weather, it does impact on my life and is therefore often on my mind. However, I don't grumble about the weather as much as humans do, as sometimes the weather conditions that humans complain about can be of benefit to a donkey. Long hot summers may be very pleasant if you want to lie in the sunshine. However, flies can make this less than relaxing and it takes quite a lot of effort and co-ordination to swish one's tail in the most effective way to keep them at bay.

The combination of warm days and wet days, as we have had recently, has been great for keeping Danny and I supplied with fresh juicy grass and other tasty treats such as thistles. I understand that humans may not view things the same, but as a donkey it is a wonderful feeling to leave your stable in the morning to find that your breakfast, lunch and dinner has grown overnight. Not that we stick to such a routine, we graze throughout the day.

Summer is the time for walkers who visit the mountain. As they pass Danny and me, we overhear snippets of conversations. Not all these snippets make much sense but we do our best to try and work out what they mean. Recently, several people have walked past talking about leaving the European onions. I'm not at all



surprised as I have never liked any onions, Welsh, English or European. It does seem strange that so many people must have planted them this year and I do wonder why they have grown the onions in the first place if they were only going to leave them.

Sometimes, we can't make any sense of a conversation. A couple of people passed us recently and were having such a lively conversation that they didn't even notice us donkeys. One said to the other, "Heaven knows what will happen to the country with this Brexit business" and the other said "I don't think we need worry as trees may sort it out". Neither Danny nor I know what a Brexit is but we have decided that it might be an insect. I've never seen a tree sort anything out so we will keep an eye on the trees in case they start to behave differently. If it is an insect, it is good to know the trees may sort it out as it will save me from a lot of tail swishing.

The arrival of summer is soon followed by the annual haircut. My human friend does this for me, but I am afraid to say that my patience wears thin and by the time one side of me has been trimmed, I cannot stand still any longer. Having only been trimmed on one side meant that I probably looked strange for a day or so until the other side was cut, but I'm all for comfort rather than fashion. It certainly gave the sheep something to talk about.

Talking of sheep, I can see a group of them heading this way, so I'll say goodbye now and go and have a chat with them.

*Ginnie*

*Ginnie and her son Danny live on the side of Moel y Gaer in Rhosesmor and receive many visitors.*

## ***Halkyn Library***

The library is for all local people. It has lots of Children's books, and is open on:

***Fridays***

***1:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.***

Library Online Services via  
**[www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk)**



# Wordsearch



## Spot the Difference

We've found 15 differences between these two pictures. How many can you find?



## Helpa Gelf Open Studios

We are four local artists who are collectively known as 'Halkyn Mountain Artists'.

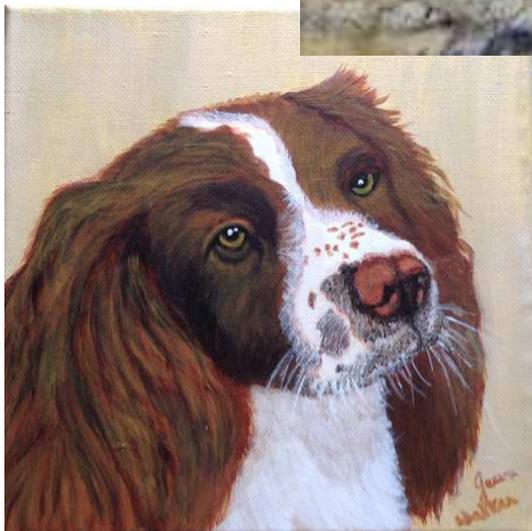
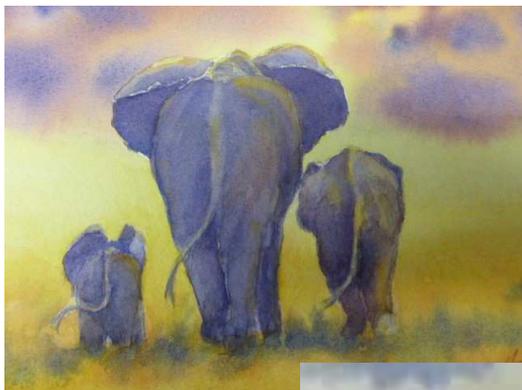
Will be opening our studio doors at Halkyn Village Hall on the weekend **17th - 18th September**.

**Opening times: 11am - 5pm.**

There will be a variety of work on display including Animal portraits, Figurative work, Landscapes/ Seascapes.

All work will be for sale.

*Why not come along to see us and maybe have a cup of tea and slice of cake!*



## Helpa Gelf/Art Trail, Eurgain Studio

### Open studio event in Rhosesmor

Helpa Gelf/Art Trail returns this September, when artists throughout North Wales open their studios. We will be opening Eurgain Studio in Rhosesmor again this year. Last year was a great success with new artists joining us and over 230 visitors from near and far.

There will be five artists this year: Ronnie White, Moya McCarthy, Jane Jenkins, Alistair Hamilton and Alison Corfield. We will be showing textile arts, hand and machine embroidery, mixed media, felt work, hand-spinning, hand-dyed fibres, photographs and jewellery. Alistair and Alison have spent a lot of time in Scotland over the last year which has influenced and broadened their work.

You can meet the artists, watch demonstrations, and buy art and craft for yourself or as presents. There will be lots of items for sale from £1 upwards. There is a lot to see in five rooms across two floors at this free event. We are open on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September then 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September between 11am and 5pm.

From Rhosesmor take the road next to the playground and after ¾ mile take the first right. There will be lots of signs and balloons to help you find us!

More information at:

[www.helfagelf.co.uk](http://www.helfagelf.co.uk) & [www.eurgain.co.uk](http://www.eurgain.co.uk)



### Free Art Friday

In the weeks leading up to and during Helpa Gelf/ Art Trail in September, look out for free art every Friday (and on other days too). As part of the Free Art Friday movement, members of Eurgain Studio and other local artists and makers will be leaving little pieces of free art for you to discover and take home around Mold and



in nearby villages including those on the Mountain. One piece of art has already been found in Rhosesmor. There will be hints to locations on the Facebook page "Free Art Friday North Wales".

## **Heartfelt Art & Craft Fairs**

The monthly Heartfelt Art & Craft fairs, held at Halkyn Parish Hall & Library every second Saturday between March and December, continue to enjoy success. Once again fundraising for 10 different Flintshire based Charities, whilst also supporting local artists, crafters, bakers and makers who attend and exhibit for sale their bespoke, handcrafted arts and crafts.

The Licensed fairs remain the only monthly art and craft fair in Flintshire and are supported by members of the community and members of the public from across Flintshire and border Counties. Support received from local and small businesses, the press and local radio is very much appreciated. This support helps to increase awareness about the fairs, the charities we support and maintain good public attendance, which is very important to ensure the fairs are a continued success.

As a result of the fairs, from commencement up to July 2016, the total raised and donated to local charities is £9620. It is hoped that by the end of the year we will have raised and donated a healthy sum of £12,000.

Since Heartfelt Art & Craft commenced in April 2014, no fewer than 20 local charities have benefited from fundraising donations. It is pleasing to note that as a result of the fairs, residents and visitors are engaging in the community, wonderful handcrafted artisan goods are showcased and we are working together to raise awareness of how the charities support families within Flintshire and across the UK.

At the time of this article appearing in the September edition of Halkyn Mountain News, the remaining fairs this year will be held between 10am-3pm at Halkyn Parish Hall & Library, on Saturday 10th September fundraising for Cancer Research UK, Saturday 8th October, fundraising for The Royal British Legion, Saturday 12th November fundraising for Kidney Research UK and our Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 10th December fundraising for Women's Aid, Holywell.

Thank you once again to everyone who offers their support in one way or another, to everyone who makes time to attend, and to all the Heartfelt helpers, without whom the fairs would not be possible. I look forward to welcoming you to our events this year.

For more information regarding Heartfelt Art & Craft fairs, please contact Susan Thomas on: 01352 781088 or email: [heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk](mailto:heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk)

## **How to Reduce Inflammation by Changing What You Eat**

### **What causes an inflammation?**

Inflammation is commonly caused by injury, infection, or irritation. A person will usually notice some pain, redness, swelling, heat, and loss of function when he or she gets injured or has some sort of infection. But would you believe that the food you eat can either improve or worsen your inflammation? Studies show that there are certain foods that can worsen inflammation so you need to be careful in choosing the food you eat.

### **What are the foods that you should avoid?**

First of all, you should avoid eating junk foods, foods that are high in fat and/or sugar, and processed foods. These include bacon, hotdogs, and sausages. You should also try to reduce the consumption of sodas, cakes and pastries, over-sweet desserts, and candy. There is also a possibility that some vegetables like tomatoes, potatoes, and aubergines can trigger inflammation. There has not been any research done on this matter but some people believe that eliminating these kinds of food (members of the nightshade family of plants) alleviates their symptoms.

### **What foods should you eat?**

Fresh fruits and vegetables, as one would expect, are on this list. Fruits and vegetables are high in fibre, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and phytochemicals. Experts say that it's better to eat fresh, green/brightly coloured, whole fruits, (so fruit drinks from concentrate don't count).

It has been suggested that some sources of protein, such as lean poultry, fish, seafood, soy products such as tofu and tempeh,



nuts and seeds can act as anti-inflammatory agents. Fish and other seafood are not only a source of protein; they are also rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which could help reduce inflammation. Other foods high in omega-3 fatty acids include nuts, avocados, olive oil and flax seed oil which can be taken as a supplement instead of fish oils.

Lastly, fluids; it is important to drink lots of fluid every day. Water, freshly squeezed fruit juices, vegetable juice, herbal tea, and non-fat or low-fat milk are some of the healthy drinks you can choose from. Of course chiropractic treatment can help to reduce pain quickly, eliminating the use of anti-inflammatory medications. We see people every day who have reduced the symptoms of inflammation through the restored motion and improved circulation that chiropractic adjustment brings.

*Steve Massey*  
*St Asaph Chiropractic Clinic 01745 535854*

## ***Did You Know - About Yoga?***

Dear all, this is a little article to celebrate Yoga and tell a little of what it has to offer. You may be surprised to know that EVERYONE regardless of age, shape, size, or state of health CAN DO YOGA!

Yoga was brought to the West from India and is about 5000 years old. It is considered to be the Science of Life. It is less about putting the body into mysterious shapes and more about how we live our lives. The classes focus on breath as the key component of life. We learn how to breathe well again, as we did when we were infants, utilising our full lung capacity so our whole system becomes more energised and vital. The energy generated translates through the body as we use breath and body in unison to work through energy blockages which essentially are the root cause of illness and disease.

So we free the joints by moving them through their full range of movement – it is so simple – anyone can do it. We separate our toes, we circle our ankles, we flex our knees and so forth. We move the body through every plane of movement – forwards, backwards, sideways – you get the picture – and gradually the energy generated from the breath can flow freely through the body and we start to feel happier, more relaxed, more balanced emotionally and our bodies become healthier.

I teach adaptive Yoga which is adapted to your particular body to ensure your safety and well-being at all times. So, if you are young or old, a professional athlete or someone who has never exercised before, Yoga has a great deal to offer. The physical postures are just a tiny part of Yoga. Yoga will affect you at a much deeper level than the physical body although the benefits for the body are incredible and far reaching. Yoga brings a wholeness to our lives, re-connecting the parts of us that feel lost or are hidden from view. The translation of the Sanskrit word for Yoga 'yuj' means 'Union'. This is exactly what Yoga does, it unites all aspects of our being so we feel whole again and re-connect with our true Self.

Please come along and try, Yoga transforms lives.

Come along with an open heart and mind. All welcome.

My name is Karen Jones, I am a British Wheel of Yoga qualified teacher and the County Representative for North East and North West Wales.

I am running classes at Rhosesmor Village Hall.

Please contact me at [chalisayoga@yahoo.com](mailto:chalisayoga@yahoo.com) or ring 07816623493/01352 700277 for more details.

## ***Fraud Prevention for Seniors***

Misplaced trust of the elderly causes concerns for their safety and can potentially lead to severe consequences. Over 6.6 million older people are targeted by scams every month; on the internet, by telephone, and post. This shows why being cautious is really important.

New schemes are developed by criminals to target money, property or even your identity. Loneliness and isolation of older adults contributes to poor decision making, as well as the decline in rational thinking.

Effects of these scams are not only financial, but also physical and emotional. It can affect the victim's confidence as they realise they have been 'stupid' enough to be taken in by the scam. This can affect their lives forever.

One lady who was labelled as 'young at heart' fell victim to one of these scams when replying to a letter. As a result of this, her personality changed in a way that made it challenging for the family to deal with. They claimed it was as if she had been brainwashed; she was totally convinced the criminal scam would eventually lead to a pot of gold.

Criminals target and exploit the trust of older people, but some simple steps can help keep your loved ones safe:

If they join up to the Telephone and Mail Preference Services this can prevent genuine companies from contacting them but will not stop fraudsters, so wherever possible monitoring should continue. Educate those who use the internet about the dangers of email and phishing tactics (used to acquire sensitive personal information such as usernames or passwords). Look out for unusual financial activity and be alert to 'new friends'.

Check that any donations, monetary or physical items such as clothing, are going to a registered charity number. Beware of fake charity collection bags. Ensure that they know never to disclose their PIN to anyone and never provide personal information in a call that was not initiated by yourself. Note: genuine calls from Banks will never ask for the PIN. Shred documents containing sensitive information; do not simply put the paper in the bin.

"Do not underestimate how clever scammers are. The very believable stories, claims and marketing materials makes us all 'susceptible', so don't let their next victim be someone you love" - Warwick Allan, owner of Home Instead Senior Care Conwy and Denbighshire.

**Home Instead Senior Care** has delivered fraud prevention talks around North Wales, highlighting how to be scam aware and ideas of prevention techniques. For more information on this subject, please get in touch.

If a family member is living alone and needs an extra set of eyes and ears or some friendly company, please contact: Home Instead Senior Care on 01352 870330 or [Warwick.allan@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:Warwick.allan@homeinstead.co.uk)

# Ysgol Rhos Helyg

It has once again been a very busy time here at Rhos Helyg. You can find out all about the school through our Twitter feed @ Rhos Helyg School.

## Junior Trip

The juniors enjoyed their end of year trip to Chester zoo.



The day is of course all about the children! They all had a great time. Winning stickers made them all very pleased.



The balancing the bean bag race is a test of balance and speed.



## Infant Trip

The Infants had a great time at The Welsh Mountain zoo.



## Football with Sport Flintshire

The sporting theme continues –the summer term is a great time for sport. Most classes had a football session with Flintshire coaches.



## Festival of Youth Sport

We pride ourselves on providing a range of sporting activities at Rhos Helyg. Cheerleading and tennis were a great hit.



## Sports Day

The highlight of the year being the parents egg and spoon race. I wonder if the winner was holding on to her egg?



**Mad Hatters Tea Party and Teddy Bears Picnic**



What fun we had !



**Transition Work with the Alun**

Science work-having lots of fun and making lots of mess by making rockets



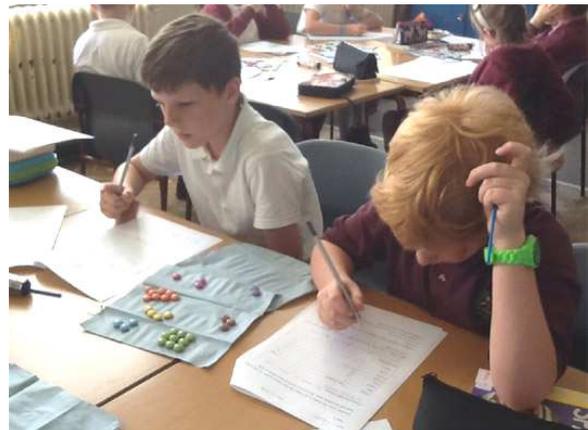
PSE work with year 9 students from the Alun.smoking is bad for you!



We spent the day at the Alun celebrating The festival of Festa Junina.



**Induction day**



Smartie challenge for new year 6 pupils. Did Miss Hughes let them eat the smarties afterwards?

**Urdd**



Congratulations to Alexandra for winning the Urdd competition and having her picture on the Flintshire Eisteddfod Donkey.

### Gardening

We have a great tradition of gardening at Rhos Helyg and this year we have been extremely busy outside in our gardens.



Preparing the bed for planting



Potato sacks

### Cadi Ha



We took part in the Cadi Ha festival at Holywell. What a fabulous event.

### Fire Safety

The fire Safety Officer talked to the children about the dangers of fire and how to keep safe.



### Wrexham

Junior pupils have been doing Literacy and Numeracy work through football. As part of their project they visited the Racecourse football Ground.



### Technique Workshop



The infants were fortunate that Technique came to Rhos Helyg. What an exciting time.

### Healthy Eating



The nursery pupils having a healthy snack.

### Attendance

Congratulations to the 12 pupils for receiving their book token for having a 100% attendance for the year.

### Moving On

Our best wishes to staff and pupils who are moving on – all the best for September

# Halkyn Mountain Sports Club News

## Halkyn & District Bowls Club

We are halfway through the season and already we are having mixed results and mixed weather. I don't suppose that's going to change.

We have three teams. The B team are doing very well. At the moment they are in the top quarter of the league. The A team are not too far behind but the midweek team is struggling. The results have been very close and we are playing new teams - that is our excuse.

Our club tournaments are very successful. These are played every two weeks, on Saturdays or Sundays.

The winners are:

Frank Cobb singles trophy - Bill Worrall

Hale mixed pairs trophy - Wenna Worrall and Mick Carpenter

Sheila Statham ladies single cup - Gladys Bunnell

Ivor Williams round robin trophy - Mick Carpenter

Peter Anwyl men's singles trophy - Arthur Jones

Fred Evans mixed pairs trophy - Wenna Worrall, Mick Carpenter

Our three-way tournament for Halkyn, Oakenholt and Flint was held over three days. The weather was good, the food was good and the bowling was excellent. I'm very pleased to say that our very own Wynn Lewis was the winner. Wynn also won a league merit tournament. Several of our members enter tournaments all over Flint, Halkyn is well represented. We are proud of that.

The 100 club winners are Linda Kirkham, Jo Woodruff and Norman Barlow.

You will have noticed that the men have not won all the tournaments. So, I'm appealing to the ladies, bowls is not a game of strength, just skill. We are all equal. So, forget the housework, come and join us. You will have fun and be a lot fitter.

Anyone can come along and try it for nothing, there will always be someone there to help.

Just call Bill Worrall - 710702

or Linda Kirkham - 740454

## Holywell Golf Club

On Friday the 29th July the Holywell Golf Club hosted the 21st Open Charity Day in aid of the North West Cancer Research. In all 112 golfers took part as 56 pairs in the 4 Ball Better Ball competition. The day started in the wet but cleared up and by midday the sun came out and improved the situation considerably. By the time the last group came in about 7:30pm it was unanimously agreed that a great day's golf had been had by all and the course had been excellently prepared.

The day concluded with the presentation and a raffle. The Club Captain, Mr Berwyn Parry, started the presentation by welcoming everyone to the club and thanking all those who had made the day such a success. He thanked all the competitors for taking part before going on to congratulate and present the prizes to various winners. The overall winners were Geoff Jennings and Dave Rathbone and the Ladies prize was won by Lady Vice Captain, Pauline Porter and Joyce Eakins. Picture 1 shows Geoff and Dave with the Captain.

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## Halkyn Cricket Club

Both senior teams have been affected by a mixture of poor weather and, unfortunately, a shortage of players. More often than not teams having to take the field with fewer than eleven players. To date NINE senior games have been cancelled/abandoned/conceded.

Halkyn 1st XI enjoyed an excellent win at home to Castell Alun on another wet July Saturday. Halkyn coming out on top defending a total of 78. Captain Graeme Settle performing the rare feat of taking a HAT-TRICK, all clean bowled as Castell Alun were dismissed for 31.

Currently Alex North leads the way with the batting, scoring a total of 181 runs, including an excellent 75 away at Bodedern, whilst Graeme Settle and Alex North have taken the most wickets.

Halkyn 2nd XI have also struggled to find momentum, but a victory at home to Bersham lifted spirits. A fine all-round team effort. Keith Williams with 48 and John Gaskell 3-26 prominent. Another highlight was a 150 run partnership for the second wicket away at Llay on a fine sunny late May Bank holiday Monday. Mike Briscoe hitting 68 not out and Keith Williams 48. Mike Briscoe currently leads the way with the bat scoring 226 runs, whilst wickets have been evenly spread between Kieran McLeod, Daniel Williams and John Gaskell. Both teams are hoping for a more settled period of weather and a few more victories before the curtain comes down on the 2016 season.

*Keith Williams, Secretary*



Picture 1

## Holywell Golf Club - continued

Following the presentation Mr Kevin Carney, the organiser of the event, spoke about Mr Alan Robertson, better known as "Robal", who was the original organiser of the event 21 years ago, helped by his wife Pat. Over the years this event has raised over £60,000 for this very worthwhile charity., Kevin went on to say that it was a poignant moment to remember Alan who had sadly passed away the week before, at the age of 84, and he went on to give a potted history of Alan's association with Holywell Golf Club. He told how Alan loved the club and was one of the main motivators in establishing the new Club House in 1977 and also that a lot of features that are still used about the club were donated by Alan. Alan was a person who would do the work and not just talk about it; he had been Captain and President of Holywell Golf Club and Captain of the Union of Flintshire Golf Clubs. Alan will be missed by everyone who knew him.

In all a total of £2,974 was raised for North West Cancer Research though the entry fees for the golf competition, the sponsorship of the Tees, donations before and on the day and sale of raffle tickets.



Picture 3 Junior girls Sophie, Haf & Mia

Junior Captain Jack Parry and Harrison Prior. They will go through to the semi-finals at Aberystwyth. There is a thriving junior section at Holywell and there is a busy programme arranged for the summer.

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Picture 2

Finally the presentation of the cheque (picture 2) was made by Mr Kevin Carney to the Chair of the North West Cancer Research local Committee, Mrs Joan Davies, who responded by thanking the Holywell Golf Club, the organisers and all those who took part, Matt Parsley, the Club Professional, and Carol Saunders who ran the golf competition and those who helped in selling raffle tickets and made donations to the charity.

Lady captain, Mrs Shirley Williams, held her Lady Captain's day on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a wonderful turn out and £131 was raised in donations for the Diabetic Society.

Three of the junior girls were invited to play (picture 3). The winner was Miss Sandra Roberts who has only just gained her handicap. (picture 4)

Unfortunately, Mr Berwyn Parry, our Club Captain, was unable to hold his Captain's Day as planned due to bad weather but it has been rescheduled for Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>. His chosen charities for the year are St Kentigern's Hospice and Air Ambulance Wales.

Junior captain, Master Jack Parry, will hold his Junior Captain's Day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Holywell golf club recently held a Mini Masters and the winners were



4 Sandra Roberts with the Lady Captain

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