



Halkyn Mountain News

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Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and Show

Add the dates to your diary,
Friday, 27th July and Saturday,
28th July!

The trick dog trials will commence at 9.00 am on Friday and carry on until 6.00 pm, and then the terrier racing will start at 630 prompt. Start getting your dogs fit! If you don't have a dog, come along to meet friends and join in the fun.



On Saturday the sheepdog trials will commence at 8.00 am.

So start getting the horses into shape, after the long winter, and bring them along to enter the jumping, showing and gymkhana events.

We need your entries in the produce tent so please start to sow and plant flowers and vegetables.

You can start to practice the cakes, jams and wine making and encourage the children to take part in their section. Also, please have a look at the competitions in the handicraft section as we need more entries in this section.

The fun run will start off at the Green on Saturday.

Please keep an eye out for the schedules as they will be available in shops, garages, pubs and from committee members or you can phone Show Secretary, Menna Coleclough, on 01352 780271.

If anybody is interested in bringing along a craft stall please get in touch.

Do support us as it is your show and the only one on the mountain!

Diolch.

Menna

Editorial

At the time of writing, the forecast is for good weather. We have had our fair share of rain and snow in recent months. Just as we were planning deliveries of our Spring Issue, a heavy fall of snow resulted in a change of plan hence our distribution to our band of volunteer deliverers was put back a week. We are grateful to everyone who delivers Halkyn Mountain News, especially when the weather is inclement.

As always, we welcome contributions of articles, news, photos, etc. However, we would particularly welcome contributions from the Brynford area.

In the Spring Edition we featured a "Did You Know?" article on Security and Garden Lighting. We would be pleased to receive contributions or suggestions to make this a regular item.

We are blessed with beautiful scenery and many photo opportunities in this area. If you have a photograph that you are proud of and would be happy to share with readers, please do contact us. While Halkyn Mountain News is printed in black and white, it can be viewed online in full colour at the Halkyn Community Council webpage www.halkyn.org.uk

We hope you enjoy this edition.

Best wishes from
The Editorial Team

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



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Cymdeithas Natur

Mynydd Helygain

Halkyn Mountain

Nature Conservation Group

Following the formation of the group we started on our mission on 29th of April at 7.00 o'clock in the morning. As far as we know there has never been a comprehensive bird survey for Halkyn Mountain. Many of us will remember listening to the fabulous cry of the curlew as it flew over head. This bird used to breed on the flanks of the mountain - sadly that is just a memory. The cuckoo always began singing between the 24th and 28th of April - allows another distant memory. These trends are however national due to a variety of factors including loss of habitat and intensive farming practices. Therefore, the group has decided to survey the birds we have on the mountain, over a period of a year. We were very fortunate to have the expert leadership of Dr. Anne Brenchley, co-author of the book "The Breeding Birds of North Wales".

A group of us walked from Ysgol Rhos Helyg, in Rhosesmor, along the side of Moel y Gaer, on to Wern y Gaer, past the Olchfa, then back to the school. The survey took about 3 hours and will be done again next month along the same route. Dr. Brenchley showed us how to fill in the forms, what to do and what not to do.

Many birds were noted, such as meadow pipit, skylark, greenfinch and kestrel. Of particular interest was the sighting of a linnet, Llinos in Welsh (pictured).

Apparently, the population of the linnet at present is probably as low as it has ever been having shown a dramatic fall in population. This is due to habitat loss through scrub clearance, hill 'improvement', and the intensity of grazing by sheep (which has virtually the same effect as herbicides on field weed stocks).



We cannot protect our natural environment unless we know what needs protection. This is why the group has formed - and we need YOUR help! Why not join us? We also need your observations; has anyone seen a wheatear, or heard to a cuckoo? When and where? Do let us know.

Why not come out with us next time - you'll learn a lot - I certainly did!

Plans are also afoot to protect the habitat of the rare Bee Orchid, which rarely gets the chance to bloom and set seed due to heavy grazing.

Dewch i ymuno â ni.
Come and join us.

Ieuan ap Siôn 01352 780510

To All My Constituents in the Halkyn Ward

At last the long winter is over and there is a pleasant sense of freshness and the beauties of nature gladden every day. There have been much worse winters but the last one has been noteworthy for its longevity and particularly the never ending greyness and rawness. It has left a serious legacy: potholes. Temporary repairs have been attended to as quickly as possible, for which we should be grateful to the Highways department. But the repairs are not sturdy, with the result that as fast as one pothole is repaired another one or even two or three appear. Owing to the need for substantially more gritting being applied this year there is an equally more substantial hole in the already overburdened Highways budget. This will be considerably exacerbated by the desperate need for major road reconstruction.

The problems of education have reached new levels of concern, anxiety and sheer frustration. The unique instance has occurred this year with regard to children finishing the final term at Ysgol Rhos Helyg and transferring to their senior school. Apparently no pupil has gained a place at either Mold Alun or Holywell High School. Rumours suggest that Connah's Quay or Saltney High are the possible options. Naturally, parents are bitterly disappointed. What is so frustrating is that there seem to be no other possibilities. The statement (or even promise) that "Every parent has a right to send their child to a school of their choice" is a complete lie or a misleading fantasy based on inaccurate statistics and calculation. Admittedly there has been a noticeable increase in the birthrate but what is even more incredible is the closing of John Summers High school with about 500 pupils to be found places elsewhere.

And even more bizarre paradox occurs in Rhes y Cae. One pupil has to pay a bus fare to Mold Alun whilst others have free passes.

Readers may be aware that there is a suggestion, or even the plan, to join two or more local authorities into a much larger unit (to save money?). In reality it is another subtle or even 'sneaky' attack on our democracy. An area twice as large as at present will share one Councillor; or put it another way, twice as many people will share that one Councillor. The present plan is to join Flintshire County Council with a Wrexham Borough Council. This idea is rigorously opposed by members of all parties in both areas. The only realistic chance of saving money will be a reduction of those in managerial roles but it will double the workload of principal officers who are already are having to cope with a severely depleted work force. Moreover, there are instances where two or more councils already co-operate, e.g. waste disposal. This will be the third change of boundaries within fifty years. There will be more expense in joining authorities. At the moment the cost of joining authorities is conveniently unknown.

In a future edition of this newspaper I will try to explain how it is worked out in Cardiff that citizens in Flintshire are each worth £20 less than individuals who live in

some south east council areas. There is a remarkable formula which would give even Albert Einstein trouble to work out. The result of this extraordinary chicanery is that Flintshire, and other councils, receive much less money from the Welsh Assembly Government than several local authorities in South Wales. Therefore, Flintshire County Council receives much less cash with which to run the county, which is grossly unfair.

On a brighter note, I would like to draw your attention to the Greenfield Valley Museum. Formerly this was not a very attractive area. It has recently had a major makeover. The Greenfield Valley Museum and the surrounding area is well worth a visit. There is plenty to see and to do and refreshments can be obtained from the refurbished café.

May I also remind you of the Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio annual Sheepdog Trials and Gymkhana to be held on the last weekend of July. Further, the Welsh Sheepdog Trials will be held at the Penbedw Estate, Nannerch, Flintshire CH7 5QT on 9th - 11th August. There are a number of events taking place in Halkyn, Rhes y Cae and Rhosesmor in the next few months. Please give your support to as many of these occasions as you can and encourage our local communities. Details will be found elsewhere in the Halkyn Mountain News.

There is no official 'holiday' for county councillors and there are no official meetings in August, when I hope to be away for part of the time. At any time, of course, if you have any problems or queries, please ring 01352 701234, though I cannot always guarantee an adequate answer - I know, because I have tried!

I wish you all a very pleasant and enjoyable summer season.

Colin Legg (C.C.)

Pentre Halkyn Community Centre

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

Holywell Art Club - Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

Bingo - Thursdays 7:30pm

Line Dancing - Fridays 8pm - 10pm

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

Halkyn Community Council

Councillor David A. Hughes – Pentre Halkyn Ward Council Members Stood in a Minutes Silence

The Chairman of Halkyn Community Council, Councillor Glyn Coleclough, addressed Members in relation to the recent sad passing of Councillor David Hughes.

Councillor Hughes had been a Member of the Council for over 30 years. Councillor Brian Coleclough stated



that Councillor David Hughes was a good Councillor, he was thoughtful, considerate and a previous Chair of Council. He took a great interest in Council work, especially the Cemetery at St. Mary's Church.

Community Defibrillators

Mr. Derek Hayes, a First Responder for the Welsh Ambulance Service who resides in Halkyn, addressed the Council Members in relation to defibrillators. During the meeting Mr. Hayes gave advice referring to the public meeting called in relation to setting up a First Responder Scheme, together with the Council's plans to install a defibrillator in Halkyn Village. Mr. Hayes explained that whilst he resided near to the Village Hall, he was in possession of his own defibrillator, which had been provided by the Welsh Ambulance Service but his uniform had been purchased personally. There was a further First Responder who resided in the Halkyn area, who did not have their own defibrillator, together with a further trained responder in Rhosesmor. With only one defibrillator between three responders, only one responder could be on duty at the same time. Mr. Hayes advised further, in relation to the cost a Welsh Ambulance Service preferred defibrillator (at an approximate cost of £1,000.00) together with the cost of a housing unit and electricity supply – the total would be approximately £1,500.00. The Council Members agreed the purchase and installation of a defibrillator and housing box, to be installed in the area of Halkyn Parish Hall.

Since the above decision, the Community Council have received an anonymous donation of £1,000.00, towards the purchase and installation of a defibrillator, together with £500.00 from the Grosvenor Estate. The Community Council have further agreed, to purchase and seek financial assistance for further defibrillators, at locations (yet to be decided) in each of the Villages in the Council area.

PCSO – Visit to Council Meeting

The Chairman Councillor Glyn Coleclough, welcomed PCSO Connor Freel to a recent Council meeting. PCSO Freel advised the Council in relation to the following reported criminal offences in the Council area:

(a) Halkyn – a number of dangerous dogs chasing sheep, road traffic accident, theft from a motor vehicle,

criminal damage, together with a number of complaints in relation to 4x4s and scrambler bikes.

(b) Pentre Halkyn – interference with a motor vehicle, suspicious circumstances, linked to criminal damage.

(c) Rhes y Cae – Animal wildlife – yew tree branches allegedly being placed to keep sheep off property, despite knowing this species of tree is poisonous to sheep (six sheep have died to date) and one incident of suspicious circumstances.

(d) Rhosesmor – Four instances of anti-social behaviour, together with numerous reports in relation to off-road and trial bikes on the mountain, including Rhosesmor Village centre.

The following further offences were reported to the Community Council:

(1) Criminal Damage – B5123 (by the masts) – people on quad bikes cut open the fence to the masts and were digging.

(2) Damage only RTC – fail to stop RTC wasn't reported to police at time but follow up enquiries located offending vehicle.

(3) Suspicious circumstances – male knocking on doors telling residents he is deaf and asking for money – Officers have attended to this male in various locations and moved him on.

(4) Dangerous Dogs – Tyddyn Uchaf Farm, Moel y Crio, Halkyn - worrying sheep, rural crime team are dealing.

(5) RTC – Rhosesmor Road, Halkyn – lorry suspected to have driven into wall – investigation ongoing.

Council Members brought the following concerns to the attention of PCSO Freel:

(1) Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor, referred to the complaints reported to the North Wales Police, in relation to scrambler bikes causing a nuisance in Rhosesmor Village. Councillor Mrs. Taylor related a number of instances whereby the Police had been called. In particular, when the bikes are ridden on the B5123 road – which is dangerous as children cross this section of road to gain access to the play area – including playing in the adjacent road – where the bikes were also being ridden. Concern was also expressed that the riders and pillion passengers wear no helmets.

Due to the lack of Police response and action, the matter had been reported to the North Wales Police Commissioner. PCSO Freel acknowledged the concerns with off-road bikers, including the difficulty in apprehending the culprits. The Police do not have any registration numbers, and when they attend the bikers have left. PCSO Freel advised, that Section 59 Anti-Social Notices will be issued against identified persons.

(2) Councillor Dylan Roberts referred to the number of loose dogs across the Common. PCSO Freel advised that there had been a number of reported incidents in relation to dogs not being kept on leads. These offences were recorded and are reported to the rural crime team.

(3) Councillor G. T. Robinson expressed his concerns with traffic speed in the area of Ysgol Rhos Helyg. It was reported that there had been recent checks during the morning period near to the school.

Planning Decisions

The Community Council passed comments in relation to the following planning applications, which had been received from Flintshire County Council: **(a)** Application number: 057897, for demolition of existing billiard and utility rooms and erection of extension to rear south west elevation, at Maes Alyn, Rhosesmor **(b)** Application number: 057947, for Listed building application, to build a fence to divide the property of Rose Mount, from the property of Rosemount Barn and put in a gate for access, at Rose Mount, Halkyn **(c)** Application number: 057940, for change of use of former school into two self-catering holiday cottages, at Rhes y Cae VP School **(d)** Application number: 057993, for proposed conversion of existing Grade 2 Listed saw mill into one dwelling, at Gwysaney Saw mill, Denbigh Road, Rhosesmor **(e)** Application number: 057994, Listed building application – as per above application number: 057993 **(f)** Application number: 058118, for conversion of redundant outbuildings to a single 4 bed holiday accommodation, at Gerddidduon Farm, Rhosesmor **(g)** Application number: 057999, for amendment to house type plot 9 application No; 048657 – to remove brick details and dormer window, at land to the rear of the Stores House, Rhes y Cae. The Council response to the above applications, can be found in the Council Minutes - which can be viewed - as per the below web site address:

The following planning decisions have been received from Flintshire County Council:

(a) Application number: 057790, for erection of conservatory, at Windyridge, Moel y Crio. Approved. **(b)** Application number: 057771, for erection of single storey extension and attic conversion, at Terfyn, Wern Y Gaer. Approved. **(c)** Application number: 057937 to fell 2 Cypresses and 1 cherry tree, at Rose Mount, Halkyn. No objections raised. **(d)** Application number: 057751, for renewal of planning permission Ref: 050282, to allow the erection of 3 no dwellings, at Bryn A, Pentre Halkyn. Approved. **(e)** Application number: 057663, for conversion of garage with extension above garage, at Afon Gonwy Cottage, Halkyn. Approved. **(f)** Application number: 057700 at Top lodge, Halkyn. Partially discharged. **(g)** Application number: 058049 at Ael Y

Bryn, Moel y Crio. Approved. **(h)** Application number: 057930 at Pen Y Orsedd Farm, Rhosesmor. Approved. **(i)** Application number: 057672 at The Old Hall, Halkyn. Approved. **(j)** Application number: 056415 at Ael Y Bryn, Moel y Crio. Approved. **(k)** Application number: 057750 at Halkyn Old Hall, Halkyn. Approved.

Street Lights



The B5123 Rhosesmor Village – where 4 new LED lights have been installed - to ascertain the views of residents

In the previous edition of the HMN, it was reported that the Community Council was considering the upgrade of their 131 street lights to energy efficient LED lighting units.

The Community Council have accepted a quotation for the sum of £20,697.000 plus VAT to complete the change. **(Please see Public Notice below)**

Donations and Financial Support

The Community Council have granted the following donations: Halkyn Pensioners' 2018 Christmas Party £200; Kidney Wales (Annual Donation) £100; Wales Air Ambulance (Annual Donation) £200; Salem Chapel, Pentre Halkyn (application for funding towards clock repair) £150.

Phillip Parry, Clerk to Halkyn Community Council
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E-mail: halkyn.council@btinternet.com
www.halkyn.org.uk

Halkyn Community Council

Public Notice – Street lights

Halkyn Community Council wishes to reduce both the carbon footprint and energy costs of their 131 street lights. Presently, apart from under 12 LED lights, the remainder are of the High Pressure Sodium – SOX orange coloured units. The Community Council have recently agreed a contract to replace all street lights with energy saving LED models. Four LED lights have been installed along the B5123 road in Rhosesmor – from the area of the Village Hall to the lamp near to the red phone box & notice board. Two of the LED lights are white and two with a coloured filter. The Community Council wishes to receive from residents their preference and or comments in relation as to which type of LED to install in the remainder of their street lighting stock.

The Community Council would be pleased, if residents could kindly view the four LED lights in Rhosesmor, during night time. Please e-mail or telephone your comments to the Clerk to the Council -

R. Phillip Parry Tel: 01352 720547 or
E-mail: halkyn.council@btinternet.com

From Hannah Blythyn AM



I am pleased to be able to have the chance to share updates from my work both at home in the constituency and down in the National Assembly for Wales with the readers of Halkyn Mountain News.

When I was elected two years ago, I pledged to be an accessible and visible Assembly Member for Delyn, and this is a great opportunity to be able to keep you up to date with what I'm doing to stand up for the community that shaped me.

After just eighteen months as your Assembly Member, I was privileged to be asked to serve in the Welsh Government as the Minister for the Environment, the first AM for Delyn to do so. However, it remains my priority to serve you as AM and I will continue to work hard on behalf of all our communities.

As council tax bills arrive through your letterboxes, I'd urge residents to take a few minutes out of their day and find out if they can receive support or reductions. The Welsh Government is working with councils and organisations, including Citizens Advice and Age Cymru, to make people aware of the range of support available to help them pay their Council Tax bills. Those on low incomes, with disabilities and/or live alone are just some of those who may be able to make a saving.

A new awareness raising campaign will be launched and a simple eligibility checker is now available online.

Ensuring access to superfast broadband is something that is vitally important to our rural communities and I'm keen to make sure constituents are aware of updates on progress. Earlier this year, it was announced that the Welsh Government is to introduce a broadband outreach team to support those areas not currently covered by suppliers. This approach will help rural communities and deliver solutions to the challenges facing hard to reach areas. You can contact me if you are experiencing any problems with BT or have any queries about broadband supply in your areas.

Locally, Flintshire Council has launched a consultation on county bus services and it is important that those who rely on our public transport network get involved. This is the chance for everyone to have a say on how best to spend the bus subsidy budget available and share their views. Flintshire needs an effective bus network into the future, and services must be sustainable, affordable and meet the changing needs of residents.

By engaging in this consultation, residents have a chance to shape the future of services across our community and have their say on how their needs can be met. The review will look into the current supported bus network and how best to prioritise funding where there is most need. It will include areas of Flintshire not currently served by public transport and identify any gaps where there is an existing or future need. The consultation is open until June 3rd via a survey on the Flintshire Council website.

I'm sure residents would have enjoyed watching the record breaking Welsh Commonwealth Games team in the Gold Coast in Australia last month. It was my pleasure to join Assembly colleagues to welcome home our fantastic Team Wales at the Senedd and congratulate them on their magnificent achievements as they returned with 10 gold medals, 12 silver medals and 14 bronze medals. It was also a really good opportunity to chat with fellow North Walian, and our first gold medal winner, weightlifter Gareth Evans.



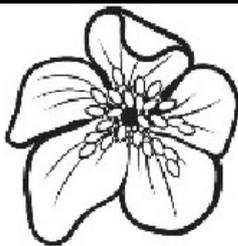
Looking ahead, I'll continue to be accessible and visible across our constituency, reaching out to all areas.

Until our next update, keep an eye out for my weekly column in the Leader newspaper as well as my social media pages for future updates and when and where to meet with me to discuss what matters to you.

In the meantime, residents who may be seeking advice or wish to raise local issues are always more than welcome to pop into my constituency office in Flint. We recommend the best times to visit are between 9am and noon and 2pm-5pm, Monday to Friday. You can also get in touch with me by writing to: Hannah Blythyn AM, 38 Church Street, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5AE, by emailing me at hannah.blythyn@assembly.wales or by calling 01352 762102.

You can also find me on Facebook at Hannah4Delyn or on Twitter @HannahBlythyn

Hardy Plant Society Clwyd Group



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

The summer programme is:
Sunday 10 June, private garden visit Llandegla

Wednesday 11 July, coach trip Trentham Gardens
Group members and invited friends and family only for
garden visit and coach trip. Membership available.

Tuesday 18 September illustrated talk
Bulbs Flower All Year Round by David Toyne.

Visitors £3 admission to meetings.
Programme can be subject to change.
Info: 07768 423965 or www.hardy-plant.org.uk/clwyd
facebook & twitter @HPSClwyd

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018



Halkyn Quarry Tour

Wednesday 4th & 18th July at 5.30pm
A fantastic opportunity to visit the heart of a working
limestone quarry, courtesy of Cemex.
Wear sturdy footwear or wellies if wet.
A very popular event so book early!
Booking essential – Wepre Park 01352 703900.

Children's Pond Dip

Wednesday 1st & 8th August at 1.30pm
Join the ranger to see what creatures live in one of the
mountain ponds.
Wear wellies. Dipping equipment will be provided.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Booking essential – Wepre Park 01352 703900.

HALKYN MOUNTAIN DVD

The popular Halkyn Mountain DVD is available.

You can order your copy from Rachael Watson at
Wepre Park Visitor Centre, Wepre Drive, Connah's
Quay, Flintshire, CH5 4HL.

The DVD is reasonably priced at £3.00 each,
plus £1.00 postage & packing.

So if you want to own your own copy of this fantastic
DVD act quickly as stocks are limited. Please send
your cheque payable to "Flintshire County Council"
along with a letter including your name and address to
the above address.

Halkyn Parish Hall

Private Functions and Meetings

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

**For more information ring the new caretaker
Colin Roberts 01352 781762**

Weekly Diary

Monday

Yoga 6:30 - 8:00 pm.
Contact Jenny 01352 780681

Tuesday

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

Zumba 6.00 - 7.00 pm.
Contact: zumbawithvix@gmail.com

Snooker Club 7:30 pm.
(New members welcome)
Contact Andy Wood 780159)

**The Snooker Table is also available for hire
Contact Colin Roberts 01352 781762**

Wednesday

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)

Thursday

Halkyn W.I. 7.15 pm April to Oct
2:15 pm Nov. to March

Halkyn Mountain Quilters
7.00 - 9.00pm on the first
and third Thursday of the month
until next March, then new times TBA.

Friday

Post Office 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Library 1:30 - 7:00 pm.

Halkyn Brownies 6:00 - 7:00 pm.
(Term time only) Contact Karen 716027

Weekend

Halkyn Mountain Cinema
**Saturday 21st July -
"The Greatest Showman"**
See item in HMN for contact details.

Heartfelt Art & Craft 2018 10 am - 3:00 pm.
Saturday 23rd June, 13th October
(Contact: Sue Thomas on 01352 781088)
or email: heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk

Halkyn WI

July 5th at 7:15pm Bill Furze is talking about the Venice Festival.

We take a summer break in August, though I hope to have a day trip planned before that. Watch this space as they say!

Our Meetings are held at Halkyn Library on the first Thursday of the month [except May].

Please contact: Reta Wainwright 01352 780 829 if you have any questions.

Fiona E Jones, President

1st Halkyn Mountain Scout Group



We are a small group and meet in Rhosesmor Village Hall every Friday during term time and we would like to invite boys and girls to join us.

Cubs: Fridays 6:30 pm – 7:30pm.
Scouts: Fridays 7:00pm – 9:15pm.

Cubs can start at the age of 8yrs and Scouts from the age of 10yrs.

Come and make new friends, take part in indoor and outdoor activities and learn new skills.

For information or a chat contact Christine Cowley 01352 780192 or 07518957747 or joycowley@btinternet.com

Cat Plea

I am appealing for help after two of our cats have gone missing. Both were black shorthair and about two and a half years old. We have had cats killed before on the so called 30 mile an hour road from Pentre Halkyn to Brynford but we have always found them. On these last two losses we have not.



One cat disappeared just before Christmas and the other one went out on the night of 22nd April and has not been seen since. Maybe they have been taken for strays and are being fed and kept in.

We would appreciate any possible help as they were much loved pets.

Please contact Penny or Stewart on 01352 780003 or 07871 191462

Halkyn Mountain Cinema

Summer's almost here - hurrah! And we've got a great film lined up for our next screening. On **Saturday 21st July** we will be showing the audience pleasing 'The Greatest Showman' (PG).



In this biography/musical, Hugh Jackman portrays famous showman P.T. Barnum. The story details Barnum's swindling days in his travelling three-ring circus and was inspired by the creation of the Barnum & Bailey Circus and the lives of its star attractions.

So far in 2018 we've already had three great Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema screenings, all ably supported by residents from across the mountain and beyond. We've shown 'Dunkirk', the new adaptation of 'Murder on the Orient Express' and most recently 'Film Stars Don't Die In Liverpool'.

Tickets for 'The Greatest Showman' (PG) will go on general sale at the start of July and will be available for purchase from the Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn or online via the cinema website - www.mountaincinema.org.uk - at the great price of just £4 each.

The mountain cinema is here for everyone from anywhere across the mountain, so please do come along and enjoy a great night of big screen entertainment with our large screen, state of the art projector, surround sound and Blu-ray quality films.

As always you can keep up to date with all the news about YOUR mountain cinema by heading over to the website, following the social media channels or signing up to the mailing list.

www.mountaincinema.org.uk
www.facebook.com/mountaincinema
www.twitter.com/mountaincinema

Clare Madders
Chair - Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema

A few words from Danny the Donkey

Without being boastful, I have always considered myself to be a well behaved donkey who is tolerant and good natured. It therefore came as a surprise recently to find that not everyone thinks the same about me. As a foal, my mother would tell me to do various things or to behave in a certain way "like a good donkey" and I thought I had continued this way into later life.

A few weeks ago, it was time for me to "have my feet done". A person called a vet turns up and gives me what I call a "hoofecure". He trims my hoofs, gives them a rub down and applies a little polish. It feels quite good afterwards so it's not something I dread. The strange thing is that the vet has a strange way of greeting me. He stings me in the neck and it has a very strange effect on me as I get a little dizzy and need some quiet time. It's not an unpleasant feeling and sometimes I see things like moths or small birds flying about my head.

While I'm having some quiet time, I don't feel like grazing, so the vet person takes the opportunity to give my feet the treatment. It's a strange greeting but animals can have different ways of greeting each other, some of them quite odd. Take dogs for an example, rather than rubbing noses, they head completely in the wrong direction and sniff around the back. Not a greeting I would want to adopt! In contrast, I have observed my human friends pecking each other's faces. They usually smile afterwards so it's not aggressive peck. Rabbits are quite different again and I think I will avoid any attempt to describe it here.

When the vet person visited recently I heard him comment to my human friends "I know Danny can be awkward so I've brought the sedative". I have no idea what a sedative is but think it must be another word that humans use for hay as I am usually given some when he leaves. I don't think I am awkward in any shape or form, but I naturally react if someone grabs my leg. Imagine if you were quietly enjoying your lunch when a stranger grabbed your leg. After you had reacted, I guess the stranger would have good reason to describe you as awkward too!

Anyway, I thought it was rather a rude comment.

One of my mother's favourite sayings was "You are never too old to learn". I guess we should all consider the times when other people might take the view that we are awkward. I am still pondering on whether if someone grabs your leg while you are having lunch, you should accept calmly accept they are being friendly or give them a good push with the leg they have grabbed. I think I will head off now, find something tasty, and ponder some more.

Bye for now,

Danny

Danny lives on the side of Moel y Gaer in Rhosesmor and receives many visitors.

Rhes Y Cae News

Unfortunately, many events had to be cancelled owing to severe weather conditions, in particular the Over 60's St David's Day Dinner on Saturday 3rd March and The Big Breakfast on Sunday 18th March to raise money for MIND (mental health charity). It was disappointing for everyone – let's hope that things will be better next winter!

Easter Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10th April at 10.30 in Rhes y Cae Village hall.

Colin was at the door with the raffle, and our thanks to all who contributed the raffle prizes. Brenda and Dorothy had been very busy with a lovely selection of cakes. Also, thanks to Doreen for the Hot Cross Buns, and Peter who had brought a nice selection of plants. Thanks to all who took part with the "Trash or Treasure" game.

We had a very good turnout considering the wet weather. Many thanks to everyone who came to support us – the total amount raised for Church funds was £175 – excellent result!

Future Dates

Quiz night Rhes y Cae Village Hall

Friday 1st June at 7.30pm. Look out for posters and see Halkyn Mountain Events page on Facebook for more details. In aid of Village Hall funds.

Annual Church Walk

Saturday 30th June at 10.15am

Starting at Talacre Community Centre with our leader John Thomas.

To find the Community Centre, follow Station Road, then take the left-hand fork into Gamfa Wen, and the Centre will be on your right.

We will return at approximately 12 noon for a light lunch. There are spaces for people to park their cars outside the hall. There is a warm welcome for everyone – do come and join us!

Please ring 01352 780371 – so that we can provide enough food for everybody! Hope to see you!

Church and Village Hall stalls at Rhes y Cae show

On Saturday 28th July. Come and have some fun!

Clwb Salsa – Rhes y Cae Village Hall

Salsa classes are held at Rhes y Cae Village Hall every Wednesday from 7 to 9pm during term time - £4 per session. Trevor is our tutor and it is a very enjoyable evening with a nice cup of tea or coffee! Come along – they would be pleased to see you.

Please let me know if you have any information to put in the next edition by August 1st 2018.

Many thanks

Gwyneth Hughes 01352 780371

Reframing Pain

Chiropractors can sort out a lot of pain, but what happens when we can't? This article is about a technique I give my patients to help them deal with ongoing low levels of pain.

The first thing you should do, if you are experiencing recurring pain, is to get it checked out professionally. If you have nothing seriously wrong, and the problem is mechanical (i.e. bones muscles and joints) a visit to the chiropractor will probably sort it out.

However, once the pain is better, many people find that it may recur in the future. Why does the pain come back? There can be many reasons. Here are some of them:

1. Repetitive stress at work.
 2. Poor posture.
 3. The tissues become weakened and prone to re-injury.
 4. Stress or anxiety cause ongoing muscle tension.
- Loss of tissue resilience due to aging.

A combination of these and other factors often lead to tissue damage. It may take a course of treatment and rehabilitation exercises to heal, but it can be difficult to remove all the causes of the problem. For example: you may be putting a lot of stress on your shoulder because of your job as a builder; or you may be sitting for hours on end over the computer. You cannot just quit your job so the strain on your body is going to continue.

I teach my patients exercises and tricks to help avoid the worst excesses of posture but, with the best will in the world, this might not be enough. For some people, the painful symptoms will return and there is nothing they can do about it.

Well, there is! You can **reframe pain**.

As I have said, if the pain is severe and ongoing, you need to see a professional. Let's assume you have done this. You have had some treatment the pain has gone away. But now you feel it starting to come back. This can be frustrating and upsetting especially if you thought you had got on top of it.

Firstly, you need to stop the negative thoughts, let go of the frustration and upset, and think about what you can do. You must do this because negative thinking will make the pain feel worse. Remember the pain is not as bad as it was originally; it is just starting to return, don't catastrophize. It is not going to be as bad as it was before because you are going to take control.

See the pain as a warning that if you don't look after yourself things are going to go wrong. The pain is like the oil indicator light in your car. There is no need to panic if the light comes on. It comes on long before your engine has run out of oil. You have plenty of time to top it up.

By the time you have been through a course of treatment you will have learnt the main causes of your pain. So, you know what to do. Have you been working too hard, are you under a lot of stress, have you been sitting round in poor posture? It is simple, change what you have been doing and the pain will go away. The original injury will not return.

This is the reframe. Originally pain was your enemy; it ruled your life and it was unbearable. Now the pain is your friend. It is your warning light. You can say "thank you" to your body for giving you this warning before injury comes. Do what you need to take the strain from your body, and the pain will go away.

Steve Massey, St Asaph Chiropractic Clinic
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From Pastor to Pasta

It's a musty labyrinth where you can escape from the digital age. That's my image of a second hand bookshop. Or at least it was. As I opened the door I stumbled, alerting the man at the counter. He looked like a mad scientist with untamed white hair and beetle brows.

I edged along the creaking wooden floor, picking out a well-worn story about the *Titanic*. His deep voice shattered the silence. "Why did it sink, my friend?"

I gave the obvious answer about the iceberg. "No, no, it was God's will, because we are all sinners. You look at all the disasters – earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, shipwrecks. It's the wrath of God. I sinned then I became a pastor. That's why my shop's called *Peccavi*, it's Latin for 'I have sinned'. We're ALL sinners. Unless you repent you face eternal damnation."

By then, his voice had reached fever pitch. I had only gone in to browse. I didn't expect to be scared out of my wits by a hawk-eyed preacher. I made my excuses and left.

By chance, I happened to be in the same town the following year. The shop was still there but it was now an Italian restaurant called *Vapecci*. I stared at the sign in disbelief. *Vapecci* was an anagram of *Peccavi*.

I went inside and there he was, the same man. "Didn't you previously have the bookshop here?" I enquired.

"Yes, I stopped doing books after the accident. I decided to join forces with my friend Luigi." "What happened?"

"I was injured in a car crash."

I couldn't resist this. "Was it God's will, because you're a sinner?"

"Of course not. Some stupid begger ran into me."

As I left, I muttered "Probably on the road back from Damascus."

A Silly Story from Bruce Newman

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	22 nd	(E) Rev. Marc Morgan	
	29 th	(W) Mr D. Barker Jones	
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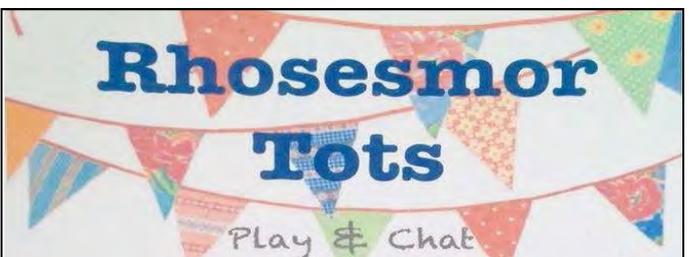
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August		No Services		

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Ysgol Rhos Helyg

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ICT



Pupils in Year 2 have been using a database to find out about polar animals.

Art and Craft work for the Eisteddfod



Congratulations to these pupils for being successful in the regional heats. The standard of art work was very high.



School Eisteddfod



The School Eisteddfod was held in early March with a good standard in both the reciting and singing events.

World Book Day



The pupils and staff dressed up as heroes and villains to celebrate World Book Day on March 1st this year.



New Library Books



We have managed to fund a small selection of new books for the school library this term.

Year 2



As part of work about recipes, Year 2 have been making 'Welsh rarebit muffins'!



The pupils have also enjoyed their football sessions .



Nursery

The Nursery recently enjoyed a drama based activity based on the Debi Glioni book, "Penguin Post". The children had lots of fun using their problem solving skills.





Taking in the views
and time for a snack!



The Nursery recently walked up Moel Y Gaer as part of their topic work.

Year 3

As part of their topic on Celts the children have made clay pots. They then decorated them by painting them colourfully.



The children also designed and made models of coracles. They then tested them to see if they would float!



Gardening

The children and staff have been very busy in the garden areas once again.



Potting seeds



Planting potatoes

Tidying up the garden and potting lots of seeds in the polytunnel.



Year 4/5

The children have been making dream-catchers as part of their topic work.



Year 5/6

Have been following instructions and reading scales. Important skills for making the perfect cakes. I hope they were delicious!



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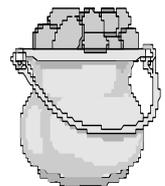
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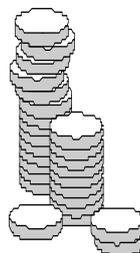
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Halkyn & District Bowls Club

Why would anyone want to play bowls? Why? Our midweek team played at Coedpoeth in the rain, in the fog, and almost in the dark at 8.30 pm - we lost. But that was all forgotten when we played our club tournament last Saturday in glorious sunshine. We had a long 'Round Robin' game and the winner was Mick Carpenter. That's the best ever way to spend Saturday afternoon with laughs, food and good competition.

Our season started badly with our open day washed out. Mr. Colin Barker, our councillor opened the green. A few stalwart members tried to play a game in the rain, telling themselves it's bound to get better.

The club had a great boost this month. The Cemex quarry is helping us financially and practically. A group of quarry workers came and did a lot of the maintenance work - painting, repairing and hedge cutting. They are continuing to help us and the generous donation of £500 will help a lot to pay our bills. Thank you Cemex!

It's a busy time at the moment with league games and cup games galore. We are through the first round of the John Griffiths Shield. Here's to the next round.

Our club still has two teams in the Veterans league as well as a team in the Midweek league. We are struggling to field full teams. We have just managed it so far but the holiday season will be a challenge. We need you - just come along and enjoy a knock about. I'm sure you will like it - you never know, you may be a future Welsh champion.

The 100 Club winners were: Val Marriot, M. Clemence and J. Lewis.

For information please contact:
Bill Worrall - 710702 or Julie Lewis - 781212



Halkyn Cricket Club

Halkyn 2nd XI started their campaign in glorious sunshine at Connahs Quay. After winning the toss Connahs Quay elected to bat and posted an imposing 187-5. Vishal Mony was the pick of the Halkyn attack with 2-12. Halkyn 2nd XI replied with 96 all out, newcomer David Travis top scoring with 14. Some promising signs came from the game and it is hoped that a few victories will follow.

The second weekend of the season was affected by the wet weather and no games took place.



Picture of the Halkyn 2nd XI taken at the first game of the season at Connahs Quay.

Players as follows:

Back Row L/R - Vish Mony, Daniel Williams, Keith Williams (Capt.), David Travis, John Griffiths, Phil Kiedel, Josh Edwards.

Front Row L/R - Mason Andrews, Tony Green, Ryan Matthews, Haf Morgan-Read.

Halkyn CC Clubhouse



A reminder that the clubhouse is available for hire. A fully licensed bar ideal for parties, christenings, wakes and weddings. For further details please contact Jane Williams 01352 781523 or mob 07732 325033.

Keith Williams, Secretary

Holywell Golf Club

Captains Drive In and Fastest Round

Sunday 25th March 2018

We saw the best weather of the year for the Captains Drive In and the fastest round at Holywell Golf Club; this meant near perfect conditions.



Our President, Mr. Alan Williams, welcomed members and friends who came to support our Captains. First to drive was our Junior Captain, Callum Owen-Jones, then Lady Captain, Mrs Linda Leech, last but not least our Captain, Mr Richie Alli. They were all relieved when they had finished and produced excellent drives.



The picture shows, from left to right, Junior Captain, Lady Captain Linda Leech, Captain Richie Alli and President Alan Williams.

Then it was time for the fastest round; the time was 31 mins and 39 secs. The Captain's team was not able to beat the course record.

Captains Team v the Professionals Team Saturday 24th March

The Captain's team played the professionals team. It was a fantastic day and over 70 people played. The match was very close with the Captain's team taking the morning matches 5-4. A win in the afternoon for the professionals team would see the match end in a tie and a win for the Captain would mean a 10-8 victory overall. It all came down to the last match with the Captain's team winning. Nearest the pin on the 12th was Phil G N Johnson. Nearest the pin on the 15th was Stephen Edwards and there were 4 birdie twos.

Holywell Ladies

Holywell ladies started their season with the Lady Captain's team playing against the Lady Vice Captain's team. The competition was won by the

Lady Vice Captain's Team. Lady President, Lorraine Redman, on the right presenting the trophy to our Lady Vice Captain, Nerys Jones. We wish our new Lady President, Lady Captain and Lady Vice Captain a wonderful year.



Holywell Juniors

Holywell Juniors held their Annual prize giving on Sunday 25th March. The prizes were presented by the outgoing Captain, Zac Elliot- Jones.



There was a new Trophy this year given by Golf Foundation Wales. It was awarded to a junior player for fair play, sportsmanship, honesty, respect, co-operation and resilience. The winner was Thomas Griffith and the runner up was Mia Davies. This year the winners were chosen by the Junior Committee but next year the juniors will be asked to vote for their choice. After the presentation the new Junior Captain, Callum Owen-Jones, and Junior Vice Captain, Haydn Jones, took over their duties for the coming year. Our lady Captain Mrs Linda Leech was there to wish them all the best for their coming year.

March Medal par 35

Nine hole competition winner Haydn Jones second Callum Owen-Jones.

Six hole competition winner Mia Davies second Sophie Owen-Jones.

Junior April Medal

April Medal, Red Tees - 10 holes - Par = 40

1) Harrison Prior 66-42/23-43

2) Cian Hughes 61-30/17-44

Silver Tees Comp- 6 holes

1) Owen Elliot-Jones 36-48/16-20

2) Thomas Griffiths 37-48/16-21

There is free Junior group coaching every Wednesday 5.00-6.30pm, given by our new Pro, Josh Charnock.

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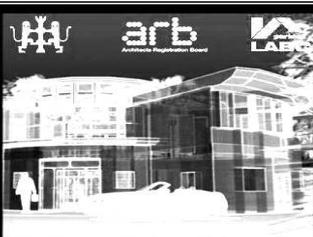
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