



Halkyn Mountain News

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Picture by Peter Harrop - April 2016

*I am sure many of us have felt like this at times.
If you think of a good caption let us know - Eds*

Rhes y Cae/Moel Y Crio Sheepdog Trials & Show

Please do remember the new date, as printed in the last edition. This year's dates will be Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd of July. The reason for the change of date is that the National Sheepdog Trials will be held on our usual date. It will be at Corwen so we cannot compete with this!

The weather will soon be better so you will be able to get out into the garden and start to plant and sow all those fantastic flowers and veg that you want to put on display at the show.

Start practising the baking so that you can show all the talent that you have. Get the children involved, as this is a section that needs a boost since the village school closed. If it is a wet day what could be better to keep them quiet than doing a bit of art and craft.

As longer is needed for the handicrafts to be made a list is on page 2 for you to make a start.

I hope that your dogs are in training for the terrier racing on the Friday night! Join in this year's show fun run. There is 3K fun run, or for those who are more competitive there is a challenging 10K fun run. The 3K run will commence at 11.00am and the 10K will start between 12.00pm and 12.30pm at the Village Green. If you would like to compete you can register by emailing bryn@tyddyn.com and we will send you an entry form. Alternatively you can register on the show field between 9.00am and 10.30

10K Fun Run - £5.00 entry fee

3K Fun Run - free to enter. All runners under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

We hope to see you all there. Remember, it is your local show and the only one on Halkyn Mountain. Please do support us so that we can keep going.

Diolch, Menna

Issue 166 will be out in September 2016; **please submit items by August 1st.**

You can send items to hmnews@btinternet.com

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

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

Editorial

Slow, slow, quick, quick, slow! It sounds like a lead-up to Strictly Come Dancing but it's actually a description which could be applied to driving across the mountain over recent months. The speed limit signs – a combination of temporary, new and old signs, are confusing for locals and visitors alike.

There are different speed limits signs within a short distance of each other and others which don't correspond with the red road markings or the flashing limit signs. We have even heard of a case where the limit on one road differs for each direction.

While the aim is clearly to reduce speed limits, the introduction of new 30 mph signs in some areas where none had existed before, has meant that the poles now have national speed limit signs for the opposite direction. Some residents have observed that this has resulted in an increase in traffic speed in reaction to the national speed limit sign, so while in one direction safety will hopefully improve, the opposite direction will suffer an opposite effect.

The recent passing of Victoria Wood has resulted in the showing of many of her old performances. One can only imagine the comical song she might have composed about the speed limit confusion. If you fancy having a go yourself on this or any other subject we would be happy to consider submissions for our next edition.

The weather also appears to have been confused. Those who gave their shorts an airing one weekend are back in thermals the next. We always welcome contributions of photos taken locally, so if you have taken any interesting photos of the weather conditions, do share them with us.

Once again, we hope you enjoy this edition of HMN.

The Editorial Team

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Rhes y Cae & Moel Y Crio Sheepdog Trials & Show

Handicraft section

- Knitted item for a baby.
- A knitted hat.
- A small crocheted item.
- A tooth-fairy pillow, any material.
- A small item in cross stitch.
- Handmade Jewellery.
- Homemade piece of wall art, any material.
- A snapshot with an amusing caption.
- A snapshot of a feathered friend.
- A selfie at a famous spot.
- Computer graphic, a birthday card, under 16.
- A mobile phone cover, any material, under 16.
- Design a poster for our show, Primary Schools.
- Make a tractor out of Lego, Primary Schools.
- Decorate a plant pot, under 7.
- Colour the picture in the schedule, under 7.

The schedules will be out this month, in the local shops, pubs, garages and from committee members. Please pick one up and do try to enter, we are all good at something!!

*Diolch yn fawr
Menna*

Halkyn Councillor

Everyone will be relieved to welcome better weather now that Spring has come. The first part of the year seemed to be perpetually grey, with overcast skies, which did nothing to lift our spirits. Also, many people found the strong winds frustrating and depressing. Provided one could keep warm, the sharp but dry frosts in previous years gave life more sparkle.

Way back in December, there seemed to be an outbreak of speed limit road signs. It was all very confusing and frequently they seemed pointless. Four months later, as this article is being written, the situation is incomprehensible. At this moment of writing the official, legal signs are the ones that have been in operation for the past few decades. The simple explanation for this confusion is that the council's highway department jumped the gun towards the end of 2015. A thorough review of speed limits had been carried out in 2014 throughout the county, since when there have been various logical improvements elsewhere in Flintshire. However, there were several objections to the revised, lower speed limits in the Halkyn area to the surprise of the highways department, who had already prepared various changes. The proposed new signs therefore had to be covered up with plastic. Possibly, by the time this newsletter is published in June, the mystery will have been clarified and conflicting signs will have been removed. The County Council will announce in the newspapers when the new signs come into force. There may still be a period before the road surface

horizontal signs are removed; it is quite an expensive operation. All speed limits have to be sanctioned by the Welsh Assembly Government. The simple but vital aim of the speed limit is to enhance road safety, though to some of us there seem to be extraordinary inconsistencies. For example when one leaves the 30 mph limit outside Ysgol Rhos Helyg it is theoretically possible to immediately increase speed up to 60 mph up Shones Lane, Berth Ddu. Recently, the highways department carried out a traffic flow survey in Rhes y Cae with a view to reducing the present 60 mph limit which operates on every road through the village. Essential speed limits will be implemented there soon.

The dangerous state of many sections of road in the Halkyn and district area is cause for serious concern. For example, in Halkyn between the Village Hall and the old "Central Stores". One of the highway managers, living in our area, is only too well aware of the deplorable road surface conditions but he is severely restricted by a ridiculously low budget.

A perennial problem is becoming worse and causing serious concern. There is a proliferation of motorcycle riding on the common, also mountain bikes and even quad bikes. Not only are these machines dangerous to livestock and people they are illegal (there are some legitimate exceptions for farmers). It is almost impossible for the police or the rangers to catch the offenders. There have been a couple of co-ordinated efforts to tackle the problem in the past. The police do not have sufficient personnel nor the time to make casual visits to the mountain on the chance of apprehending offenders. There is only one course for the public to follow. Each time a motor bike is seen on the mountain this should be reported directly and immediately to the police on the special phone number 101 (NOT 999), specifying as precisely as possible the time and place. Over time a pattern may develop which could enable the police to make an effective move.

Another regular but distasteful subject that concerns many people is that of dog fouling. A sub-committee of the Council's Environmental Scrutiny Group is tackling this serious problem. Other councils in Britain are already preparing to take, or are taking, action to combat this dangerous health hazard. Flintshire is almost ready to introduce bye-laws which will result in punishment for owners of dogs who do not take sufficient care in clearing up, and disposing hygienically their dog's mess. This is not a vendetta against dog owners. It is an essential duty to avoid serious health hazards should person, and especially a child, accidentally come in contact with dog dirt.

Earlier this year, several householders were most concerned and agitated when they received an official form from the Crown Estates. I can assure them with authority, that anyone who received such a form concerning 'mineral rights' on their land, that there is no cause for alarm. Direct contact was made

with the Crown Estates, who deal with Welsh matters, situated in Coventry. They were most helpful and understanding and sent me explanatory letters, which I was able to give to the individuals who consulted me. I also left copies at the Blue Bell inn, Halkyn. Very simply, the Crown Estates are updating their records from 1858, when the Grosvenor estates transferred their mineral rights to the Crown.

It is a source of great pride and satisfaction that there are so many diverse activities taking place on the mountain, many of which are organized by willing volunteers. Most of these activities will be mentioned in other parts of this journal. May I mention especially the Halkyn library? Please support it as much as possible we are deeply indebted to the Community Council for taking steps to retain it.

Let us hope that the weather will be kind to us on the occasion of the Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio sheepdog trials and gymkhana at the end of July.

Mention must be made of the Halkyn Heritage week. On Sunday, May 1st there was a "Fossils, Rocks and Minerals walk". In spite of a cold wind and a forbidding, overcast sky, there was a remarkably good turn out both of adults and children. The younger children showed great enthusiasm and pleasure and their searches provided pieces of fossils, almost perfect calcite formations and good examples of Galena (lead ore).

Once again, sincere thanks must go to our editors and their supporting staff. They voluntarily spend an immense amount of time preparing this journal for publication and, whilst I may be a little biased, I reckon that this local, and free, paper is one of the best of its kind which I have seen. Not only do the editors arrange and check all the material for publication, these poor souls have to extract contributions from reluctant people like myself - rather like getting blood out of a stone. In a way it keeps us young; whenever the editor rings me up to remind me of the closing date it carries me back to my schooldays, when a long suffering teacher, with a pained look in his eye, would gently remind me that my essay is long overdue.

Finally, I am sure all our readers will join with me in wishing all those young people who are sitting their GCSEs this year every success and good fortune in their exams.

*Kind thoughts to everyone,
Colin Legg, (local County Councillor)*

P.S. There is a desperate need of a school governor at Ysgol Rhos Helyg. If anyone would like to offer their services please let me know. There are more demands on school governors nowadays, but it is a most worthwhile and interesting voluntary role. (It is one of the many duties of the local County Council to find such a person.)

Halkyn Community Council

Residents' Concerns

Over the past few months the Council have received a number of concerns from residents in relation to the following: (a) Pot holes – in various areas including the Pentre Halkyn to Rhes y Cae road – which are particularly dangerous in parts (b) road gulleys full in various locations on housing estates, including Brynford Road, Pentre Halkyn (c) grass and vegetation growing out of control, in particular, on the embankment between Bryn Felin and Bryn Awel in Pentre Halkyn (d) dust from a local quarry in the Pentre Halkyn area (e) complaints in relation to fly tipping and burning of rubbish in The Windmill area.

The Flintshire County Council advise that they are inundated with reports of pot holes within the County, and will inspect the reported pot holes in the Halkyn Community area – whereby they will be graded as to the urgency to repair. The various gullies, grass and vegetation have been attended to by the County. The manager of a local quarry has visited householders in relation to the dust aspect. The Grosvenor Estate have confirmed that they are investigating the illegal fly tipping and burning on the Common in The Windmill.

Reported Criminal and Other Offences to North Wales Police

The Community Councillors have been advised by the North Wales Police of a significant increase in reported criminal and other offences over the past two months, as follows: (1) Anti-social behaviour. Complaints in relation to off road bikes on the

Mountain in various locations: The Windmill area, Pentre Halkyn and Rhes y Cae (2) Halkyn - Criminal damage (3) Moel y Crio - stone smashed 1 pane of glass on a greenhouse (4) Pentre Halkyn - theft from vehicle in Maes Llygan - 2 car mirror casings stolen (5) theft from vehicle in Springfield Hotel - van broken in to and 2 drills stolen (6) theft from a further vehicle in Springfield Hotel - van broken in to various tools stolen (7) burglary in Heol Tywysog - garage broken into, various snap-on tools stolen (8) criminal damage in Maes Llygan - window damaged possibly by a stone or gun (9) burglary of dwelling in Cae'r Ffynnon, Rhosesmor - money stolen.

The Police have requested that residents who are concerned with off road bikes on the mountain common to please report the anti-social behaviour by dialling 101 to report the incident. All other incidents requiring an immediate response by the Police – 999 should be dialled.

Donations and Financial Support:

The Community Council have provided the following financial donations, since the last issue of the Halkyn Mountain News:

- Macmillan Cancer Support - £100
- Rhes y Cae & Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trial & Horse Show - £250
- Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema (Remaining balance of funding towards 2015/2016 Insurance cost - £100.70)
- Caerwys Agricultural Show - £100.

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HALKYN MOUNTAIN DVD

There are still a number of the popular Halkyn Mountain DVDs available for sale.

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

The DVD's are 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 WI

Our June 2nd meeting at 7:15pm welcomes the Wordy birds. On July 7th at 7:15pm we hear about Humorous Wills and we go on our Day Trip to Lyme Park July 12th. August we are on holiday returning September 1st at 7:15pm. Our meetings are held at Halkyn Library, first Thursday of the month.

Call Fiona Jones for information; 01352 780462

Grosvenor Estate Update

We were delighted to support the Halkyn Heritage Week once again this year. As always, this annual event boasted a calendar full of family friendly activities and guided walks to promote and celebrate Halkyn Common's rich heritage. Congratulations to all at Flintshire County Council's Countryside Service who were involved in organising such a successful event and thanks to everyone who came along to take part.

Going on guided walks, such as those held during the Heritage Week, is a great way to learn about the area and enjoy Halkyn Common safely. The historic and environmental features of Halkyn Common are largely what makes it special, but the terrain does pose certain safety hazards. We always encourage people to consider their personal safety and to respect the local environment when out and about on the Common - which most people do.

Thankfully, emergency incidents are exceptionally rare but unfortunately accidents can happen. As part of our Halkyn Management Plan, we have developed an Emergency Incident Plan to make sure that we are fully prepared to respond in the unlikely event of such incidents. We have been working closely with the emergency services through the North Wales Resilience Forum to make sure that our Plan is robust and effective. In early July we will be carrying out a mock emergency scenario on the Common to further test the Plan.

Gorse fires are another hazard on the Common; they can be life threatening and extremely damaging to habitat and wildlife. We were disappointed to hear reports that several fires are believed to have been set deliberately on land between Pentre Halkyn and Brynford. Anyone with information on such crimes is advised to anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or contact 101.

On a lighter note, we are looking forward to welcoming Halkyn Cricket Club to Eaton Park for a friendly match against the Estate Team on 16th June. We are very proud of our long association with Halkyn Common and are always keen to continue our relationship with the local community. We are sure that it will be a fun and enjoyable evening - whoever wins!

Graziers News

It was very disappointing not to get the funding from the Aggregates Levy Fund, especially after passing the Board level. The minister found he did not have enough funds to cover all the projects and the decision was taken to fund projects that had not received money from ALFW previously. I have recently had a meeting with Russell Dobbins, who runs ALFW, and he informs me that they did not receive any funding for the April round and is not sure of receiving any in October. It all depends on the ministers appointed after the upcoming elections.

However we have not given up.

The owners of the Pet Cemetery are making efforts to raise money for one of the cattle grids.

Together with Flintshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) we are putting in a bid to the Rural Development Programme. We are at present putting together an Expression of Interest, with our fingers crossed.

We have managed to do some gorse cutting during February and March but were rather restricted due to the wet weather. We are shortly going to be looking at areas for cutting for the back end of the year and maybe rolling some bracken during the summer months.

In answer to a question from a reader about the work on the mountain being done in conjunction with Chester Zoo:

We are working together with the Halkyn Mountain Ranger, pooling her budget and the Chester Zoo money.

Whilst Rachael is concentrating on pond restoration, bracken control and some cutting back of gorse we are concentrating on cutting back some of the overgrown areas.

The purpose is to create a mosaic of different ages of habitat and protecting the heathland areas enabling the rare plants to flourish, which is mainly why the common has been designated as a SSSI and SAC.

A secondary concern is that in some areas the overgrown gorse is quite near people's property and therefore creates a fire risk.

Mechanical means of controlling the common has become necessary due to the reduction in the numbers of sheep currently grazing the common (about 1000 at present). In the 1990s there were about 4000 and in the early 1980s in excess of 6000.

We are also looking at a fairly isolated area of the common to leave as a "wild area" and will assess this with NRW and Chester Zoo personnel in the near future.

Halkyn Graziers and Commoners Association

Aunty Em

Many on the mountain will have known with great fondness Emily Hughes who sadly died on the 29th December 2015, a few days short of her 96th birthday.

Known as Mum, Nain, Hen Nain to close family, Aunty Em by many, and Emily or Aunty Hughes by others, she lived all of her life on the mountain. Born on the 8th January, 1920 to Thomas and Agnes Grosvenor Davies at Penrhwyfya, Brynford, Emily was the youngest of 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Sadly her sister Emma had died aged 7 in 1918 and her mother in 1923 when Emily was only 3.

When she left school Emily worked in service at Llanasa and Tremeirchion. Whilst at the latter she met Glyn Hughes who she married in 1943. They lived very happily together on the mountain at Penllongle, Rosemount and latterly in their bungalow at Pentre Halkyn. Merfyn was born in 1946. During the war Emily was in the catering corps and after she worked at Llys Gwynfrwdd. Sadly she lost Glyn in 2002 and Mervyn in 2011. One might expect these losses together with those in her early life to make Emily hard but this was certainly not the case. She spent her life caring for others.

Anyone who met Emily could not but be impressed by the welcome she would give them. She loved people, particularly children. It was hard to visit her and not be entertained to a cup of tea, cake and come away with some gift. Tell her you were feeling cold and you were likely to find a hot water bottle placed on your lap!

She particularly loved her family, worrying when there were difficulties and celebrating their achievements. Emily was a life long member of the church and loved her country and its language. She had a marvellous memory, was full of anecdotes of times past and present and loved to laugh. Her rare quality to be never boring and always entertaining was demonstrated by the wide age range of friends and visitors that she had.

Always modest and never expecting anything of life Emily would have been astonished by the 70 plus people who travelled the 30 miles to Colwyn Bay Crematorium for her funeral. The weather was splendid as was the singing and the way that Hugh helped us to remember her. One of her last instructions was that people were to be invited back to the bungalow for a cup of tea and a piece of bara brith because not many would turn up! Needless to say this wish was ignored.

Our family was fortunate to have Emily as an important part of our lives for the almost 40 years that we have lived on the mountain. When we needed help she was always there to support us and became a Nain to our children. She was a babysitter who

sent Ruth and I out so that she could look after our children, would often bring us a cake and look for chores that she could help with. We have the warmest memories of the times that we spent with Emily, Glyn and Mervyn. Christmas meals at Rosemount were wonderful. It's not surprising to hear that the current owners say that they can still feel the love that existed there.

We were not the only family 'adopted' by the Hughes and I know that many others will remember them with great warmth. Our lives were enriched by Emily and we join with the family in feeling the loss, taking solace in the many happy and loving memories that we can all keep and share.

*Peter Evans
Pentre Halkyn*

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 01352 781350.

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 781350**

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

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

Parties

Playing games

Arranged theme nights

Arts and crafts

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

First hour for 2 siblings £7.60

Second hour for one child £7.00

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 or even visit our website at www.ysgolrhoshelyg.com/holkyn.asp



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**

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**



Blue Bell Inn

A very BIG thank you

May I start by giving my heartfelt thanks again to everyone for their moral and practical support for Ness while we still tackle her illness and apologies for the lack of content in the last HMN issue.

Recruiting

As many of you know Tom has a new career. He's hoping to start at the end of the summer so if there are any numerate/literate over eighteens out there that will be able to work beyond the summer holidays please give us a ring (or email your CV to Steve@BlueBell.uk.eu.org) as we'll be looking for some help!

Free Guided Walks

In case you forgot, walking is a free way to get fit without expensive club memberships - you know walking is good for you and if you would like to **get fit** and would like to do it **for free**, then get down for some fun with like minded company every **Thursday at 2pm, Saturday at 10:30am** and **Wednesdays at 7pm**. We walk in any weather, you just need the right gear and we're always happy to advise.

Vicky Thomas also holds **free** weekly **Nordic walking** sessions every **Saturday at 1pm**. Nordic walking is tremendous exercise and we'll teach you for free and provide Nordic walking poles for the duration of the walk too!

A big thanks to all who took part in a tremendous Halkyn Heritage Week. We had a variety of events in a packed programme all over the mountain including walking, archaeology, pond-dipping, quarry tours, re-enactments and story telling, hopefully something for everyone.



Music

Our music here at the Blue is of exceptional quality with the majority of musicians and singers making a

living from their music. It's of a session quality and it's here at the Blue for free (with the odd raffle to support expenses)! We've had some tremendous special events distributed across our equally fantastic regular events. We've also got a few special guitar nights with the world class Jim Bazley and friends with two dates soon, being the evenings of Thursday 30th June and Friday 22nd July and we hope to sneak in some more specials along the way.

Our Friday Nights go from strength to strength with Ukuleles in abundance. On the first Friday of every month (there's a song book available online too), Helsby Mountain String Band and some wonderful guests on the second Friday, the third Friday is a contemporary folk night with local group the 93rd



Minute and the last Friday is a great singing night with the dazzling keyboard playing and wit of Derek Harrison.

Thursdays rotate through some equally stunning music. On the first Thursday traditional Blues with Graham & Terry and guests, original folkish music with Bill & John on the second Thursday, the third Thursday John Warburton will be starting a new night of music and it will be interesting to see how it develops, Got Rhythm join us on the fourth Thursday to provide a fantastic mix of music bringing eclectic goldies from various eras and genres delivered with an easy acoustic style. There's something for everyone.

Just in case...

PARKING: if you can park considerably please do use our car park if you can't park at home (please leave your phone number so we can contact you if the need arises) and please don't park in front of the cellar to prevent delivery wagons having problems with heavy barrels.

PARCELS: if we're in (and we usually are) have your parcels delivered here and come and get them during opening hours (or ring on 01352 780309 if it's urgent). Note that your parcels can be from any

delivery company and not just the Royal Mail/Parcel Force (although we recommend them for reliability). If you've any other ideas like this, let us know and we'll endeavour to help.

Post Office Local at The Blue Bell Inn

Before running down to Mold or Holywell to get a bank withdrawal (or deposit) remember you can do it here for free. You can also get your holiday money (or travel money cards), make many bill payments, pay electricity bills, phone top-ups and do many other things apart from the obvious post and parcels. You don't need to burn up your lunch hour when you can pop in and do your Post Office business on the way home after work (or Sunday night before work) in a nice warm and cosy atmosphere, without the long queues and some safe parking too.

Other bits...

Fantastic news: to top off last years CAMRA Pub of the Year title we have been awarded CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year for 2016 - yippee!

We'll close now by saying that...

We're having a Treasure Hunt on Saturday 30th July at 1pm. It's a family friendly hunt on foot raising funds for NE Wales Search and Rescue (NEWSAR). The next Cheese Night is at 8:30pm on Saturday 2nd July.

We hope to announce our annual Morris Dancing bash quite soon too.

We are open 6 days a week with safe off-road parking, the 126 bus stops right beside us, we've open fires and a comfortable place to catch up with friends over an organic cuppa too.

Our opening hours are Mondays 11:00 - 13:00 and 15:00 - 23:00, Wednesdays 17:00 - 23:00, Thursdays 11:00 - 13:00 and 15:00 - 23:00, Fridays 17:00 - 00:00, Saturdays 12:00 - 00:00 and Sundays 12:00 - 23:00.

The Post office will operate until 8pm each night with the exception of the Post Office free banking where you can withdraw/deposit money at any time we're open. Where it is practical we will endeavour to extend all of the Post Office services we can beyond 8pm, in any event we'll do our best to help you.

The kettle is on and our real ales, ciders & whiskies are just asking for your company.

If you've an accommodation business we would love to hear from you as we get many holiday/short-stay requests that we find difficult to fulfill. For more information come and pick up an events flyer from the bar or call 01352 780309. All our event dates are on-line at www.BlueBell.uk.eu.org where you can share our Google Calendar and get much more detail.

Steve, Ness & Tom
Blue Bell Halkyn Post Office & Inn

Regarding Bryn Celyn

In the last issue Dot Holden requested information about her father's old house, the following has been sent in response to that query. Eds.

Cat on a hot slate roof - a mishap at Bryn Celyn

I read with interest the request from Mrs Holden in HMN 164 for information about Bryn Celyn. My stay on the mountain dates back only to the early 1970s, so I don't remember the house in its unimproved state, but I can tell Mrs Holden what happened to the bathroom which Inspector Menzies installed for his wife, and which his daughter mentions. Eventually, like all the accretions which nestled round the ground floor of the original cottage, it was demolished, as subsequent owners found it inadequate.

The bathroom was put in a purpose-built lean-to leading off a lobby on the ground floor and had a low slated roof. I don't know whether condensation had rotted the timbers, or whether timber-rationing after WW2, which gave priority to bomb-damage repairs, had led to some unsuitable use of timber but the roof over the bathroom was distinctly wobbly.

To move to the subject of cats, which is more relevant than it may seem. In the later 1970s Bryn Celyn was owned and lived in by Mrs Fran Hanley, a retired publican from Liverpool, with her daughter Peg and a fluctuating but usually plural number of cats. We lived next door and had only one cat - but our cat was large, wild and had respect for no one. The kindest thing that people could say about it was that it was handsome - it was tabby like a wild cat - and would sidle up to you purring loudly and try to take a piece out of your arm when your guard was down. It had no respect for next doors' well-mannered cats and chased them mercilessly - and this is where the bathroom comes back into the story. One morning I answered a knock at the door and found Peg looking distraught and saying "Mum says you're to come over - the cat's in the sink!" She looked as if she didn't know whether she was most fazed by me, her mother or the cat - for the cat was indeed in the bathroom sink, and had got there not in the normal way but through a large hole in the roof. The owner of the house, clad in a dressing-gown, toothbrush in one hand, and surrounded by broken slates and torching, looked slightly shocked - as well she might. It seems that my cat had been chasing hers across the garden, and they had leapt on to the bathroom roof. My cat was bigger and heavier, and had gone straight through.

I spent the afternoon mending the roof and re-slating it.

And that's how I know about Inspector Menzies' bathroom.

Rosa Baker

Hugh Crosses the Pyrenees April 2016



It seems such a long time ago when Hugh left Halkyn on the first steps of his 1500 mile pilgrimage. As he crosses the Pyrenees, our thoughts turn to the colossal mission which initially inspired his pilgrimage, the rebuilding of the new mental health unit in Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda.

In the dilapidated old ward in the hospital, men, women and children of varying ages and degrees of mental illness are all accommodated in one sleeping area and it is very difficult for ward staff to care for patients with privacy and dignity or to provide individualised therapy, particularly for those needing high dependency care.

The aim is to create a centre of excellence and to help develop and expand community mental health services for the people of Kisiizi and beyond.

Hugh is now well on his way through his pilgrimage and his fund stands on 27th April at £2,595.

His aim is £3,000 so just over £400 to go!

If you haven't donated yet please encourage his steps over the Pyrenees and into Santiago with a donation by filling in the form in church, (Rhosesmor church is open all day every day – find one on the coffee table, where you can also follow his route and his blog) or go to:

**[https://mydonate.bt.com/events/
santiagowalk/280752](https://mydonate.bt.com/events/santiagowalk/280752)**

and donate on line. This page is open for donations until Oct 5th 2016.

To encourage us in our fund raising here are some pictures of the building progress in Kisiizi.



Goals are made to be achieved and surpassed. Let's see if we can welcome Hugh home in early June with well over £3,000 in the fund. You can read his blog on:

<https://hughs-pilgrimage.tumblr.com/>



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 Community Cinema - Summer update

Since the last Mountain News, Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema has shown two more great films. In March we were at full capacity for the screening of *Lady in the Van* and in May we also had great attendance for the Tom Hanks cold war drama *Bridge of Spies*.

We held a vote at our March screening for what film to show in July and showed trailers for four possible films...and the winner was...*Brooklyn*. We hope to see you at the community cinema soon. Upcoming screenings for 2016 are:

16th July – *Brooklyn* (12)

(An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within).



September (date tbc) – *Eddie the Eagle* (PG)

(The story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics.)



November (date tbc) – *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (12A)

(Three decades after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, a new threat arises. The First Order attempts to rule the galaxy and only a ragtag group of heroes can stop them, along with the help of the Resistance.)



We very much encourage fancy dress for the Star Wars screening and there will be a small prize for the best child costume and best adult costume! We hope you'll come and join the fun.

All tickets for all screenings are priced at just £4 per person and can be

purchased (from

around 3 weeks before the screening date) from The Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn or Pentre Halkyn Post Office & Store or online via the cinema website. Performances 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. The community cinema screenings are held at the Cricket Club / Sports Association on Pentre Halkyn Road. Our thanks again to all the residents from all across the mountain who continue to support the community cinema, and if you've not experienced it yet we hope you will soon. The community cinema is run by a small band of hard working volunteers and was set up "to bring the big screen to the small mountain" to enable residents and visitors to have the big screen cinema experience right here on our doorstep.

Our AGM will also take place on 16th July, and will be held at the Cricket Club/Sports Association after our afternoon set up, at 3pm.

You can find details about all our screenings, past and future, 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:

www.mountaincinema.org.uk

www.facebook.com/halkynmountaincinema

www.twitter.com/mountaincinema

Thanks again for your support and we look forward to welcoming you to the community cinema.

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

Halkyn Heritage Week

Although we had scheduled the Heritage Week for a week later this year to give us the opportunity to take in the Bank Holiday, the weather was poor at the beginning of the week. The hailstorm on the Saturday morning posed challenges for the Celtic re-enactors who were setting up their camp on Moel Y Gaer but they're a hardy pair and were not put off!



Over 50 visited their camp in the morning, both walkers from the Walkabout Flintshire regular walk and those who undertook a more leisurely walk led by archaeologist, Erin Robinson.



During the afternoon families came to visit and had fun learning about Celtic life in a hands on way.



The Family Fossil Hunt on Sunday looked doomed as the weather was cold, damp and dull. However, we were delighted that 28 still turned out. Adults and children had great fun finding fossils, calcite crystals and even a few pieces of galena, under the expert guidance of Councillor Colin Legg and Mike Taylor from Flintshire Countryside Service.



Unfortunately, due to the unseasonably cold weather we were unable to run a couple of the events. Sunday night's Newt Hunt and Bank Holiday Monday's Family Pond Dip had to be called off – let's hope for better luck next year.

On Tuesday evening Cemex hosted a tour at their Pant y Pwll Dwr quarry. A dozen came for the tour and the weather was kind, allowing everyone to experience the size and splendour of this working limestone quarry.

25 people called into Halkyn Village Hall on Wednesday afternoon, bringing interesting articles, maps and photographs for us to scan or just having a chat and a look at our display of old photos. Several people have offered to help organise future Heritage activities, which is really promising. We're sure there's lots more good material out there.

Wednesday evening's industrial heritage walk, led by our local archaeologist, Fiona Gale and Walkabout Flintshire, went well and, on Thursday afternoon. Seventeen people came along to our Wildflower Walk looking for the first signs of spring on the common. Admittedly there weren't too many flowers out due to the preceding cold weather, but the group now definitely knows its spring sandwort from its wild thyme.

By Friday afternoon it was warm and sunny. 18 people enjoyed a gentle walk round Rhes-y-cae, looking at the older buildings. We were fortunate to be joined by Dr Meggen Gondek of Chester University who explained about the survey work

her archaeology students had undertaken at the site of one of the engine houses the previous week. Many thanks also to Noel Jones for his fascinating stories about the buildings and earlier residents and to Colin Legg and Peter Jamieson who took us round the chapel and the church. Over a cup of tea afterwards we discussed the idea of developing a village trail and feel there could be potential for doing this for all the villages.



On Monday 9th, 18 people joined archaeologists Graeme Guilbert and Fiona for a walk up Moel y Gaer to hear first hand from Graeme about what he found when he excavated part of the hill fort in 1972 before the reservoir was built.

Overall, despite the unseasonable weather at the start, we felt it was another success and shows that there is plenty of interest in Halkyn's rich heritage. Some families asked if we could organise one in Whit half-term next year so that their children could join in more activities and we would have a better chance of good weather. We'd welcome your ideas and views. With thanks once again to the Walkabout Flintshire



leaders, Fiona, Erin, Noel, Colin, Peter, Steve and everyone else who helped make the week so enjoyable.

Rachael Watson



We would welcome
some more volunteers
to join us on the
Team.

We could use help
with administering
the Advertisements
and someone with
computer graphic
skills to lay out the
adverts.

Some assistance with
distribution of the
finished newsletter
would also help.

The Editorial Team

SalsaDan

We have recently moved to Bagillt from the Cheshire area and have moved into a 108 year old Cottage. Apart from the continual DIY involved to refurbish the property, my wife and I decided to run a Salsa Dance group. This has now been running for just over 3 months and has welcomed an extremely friendly group who have become extremely passionate about the Dance. In order to increase the session time I have been forced to access alternative premises. We have been very lucky to have located the Village Hall, Rhosesmor where we have had a warm welcome from the users including Lynn Fearnhead who runs the Youth group.

Salsa your way to fitness!

No partner? No clue? NO PROBLEM!

Come and join us at Rhosesmor Village Hall

Every Thursday, 7pm till 9pm

Beginners and Improvers

£4 for a 2 hour session

Families are welcome, if you have any questions contact Daniel on 07989 594 779

Or simply turn up on the day with a smile!



Tinytots Playgroup Ysgol Rhos Helyg Rhosesmor



We are a well established playgroup based in Ysgol Rhos Helyg in Rhosesmor.
Recently rated 'Good' by Estyn

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.

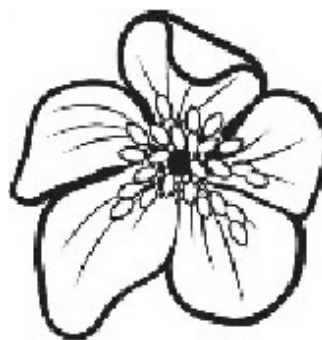
The cost per session is £7.

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



First session free!

Contact Leanne on
01352 780265



Hardy Plant Society Clwyd Group

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

The summer programme is:

Wednesday 15th June, 2016 at 2pm

Garden Visit

Bodryddan Hall and Gardens, Rhuddlan, LL18 5SB.

Admission £3 Gardens or £7 Hall and Gardens.

Plants for sale. Refreshments available. Meet 2pm at garden or 1.30pm in Holywell for car share.

Group members and invited friends only for garden visits.

Wednesday 13th July, 2016

Coach Trip

Arley Hall Gardens, Northwich, Cheshire and Bluebell Cottage gardens, Dutton, Cheshire. £20.

Plant nurseries at both gardens, opportunity to buy.

Pick-ups Mold and Holywell, specify on booking.

Group members & invited friends only for coach trip.

Tuesday 20th September, 2016 at 7.30 pm

"My Lady Gardeners"

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."

Visitors £2 a meeting.

Information:

01352 780697 or www.hardy-plant.org.uk

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.



The Librarian, Marilyn, would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who have come forward to help.

Library Online Services
via
www.flintshire.gov.uk



Smoking Causes Back Pain

It is a well-known fact that cigarette smoking is the main cause of several diseases such as chronic respiratory diseases, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart diseases, certain types of cancer, as well as premature death. But did you know that smoking could also be the reason for your aching back?

A new study conducted by the researchers from Northwestern University in Illinois found that smokers are more prone to chronic back pain compared to non-smokers. It shows that smoking causes back pain by increasing brain activity that reduces a person's ability to recover quickly from the symptoms.

In another study presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), researchers reviewed the rates of smoking cessation and related pain in more than 6000 patients who are undergoing treatment for spinal disorders. Relevant information on these patients was gathered for a more accurate result, including co-morbid depression, smoking history, and severity of symptoms. The results showed that those participants who stopped smoking reported a significant decrease in their symptoms while those who continued smoking experienced no improvement.

Aside from these two studies, another reason why smoking and back pain are linked is because of the

nicotine content of cigarettes. According to Tae M. Shin, M.D., of St. Vincent's Medical Centre in Los Angeles, nicotine increases the risk of degenerative changes and limits the blood flow to the intervertebral discs (which cushion the vertebrae). Cigarette smoking also reduces calcium absorption, which puts smokers at risk of osteoporosis.

Other Ways to Improve Back Pain

Below is a list of ways to improve your aching back:

- Avoid high heels.
- Avoid sedentary lifestyle.
- Exercise.
- Get enough calcium and vitamin D.
- Learn the proper way of lifting.
- Lose weight (if overweight).
- Practise good posture.
- Get chiropractic care.

Chiropractors do not just treat or cover up the symptoms. Instead, they focus on understanding the root cause of the problems, which makes chiropractic care the most effective and safest way to get faster and long-lasting relief.

Steve Massey
St Asaph Chiropractic Clinic
01745 53585

Senior Snippets: Safety Advice

It's really important to stay healthy and safe at home. Your home is where you should feel most secure and by carrying out a few quick checks you can ensure you are living in a home that is safe as can be.

Prevent falls: Make sure all hallways, stairs and paths are well lit and clear of objects. Make sure to use rails and banisters when going up and down the stairs. To prevent falling over area rugs, secure them to the floor so they do not move, and try not to place any at the bottom or top of stairs. Remember not rush to answer the phone, as many people fall trying to get to answer on time.

Avoid bathroom hazards: Install grab bars in the shower and near the toilet to make getting around easier and safer. Rubber mats in the bathtub will also help prevent slipping.

Prevent poisoning: Never try to heat your home with your stove, oven, or grill. These all can give off carbon monoxide, a gas that you cannot see or smell, but it is deadly. Install carbon monoxide detectors near all bedrooms, and be sure to test the battery and replace it twice a year. Medication should be kept in its original containers and packaging to avoid any mix up. To make sure the labels can be seen easily, it's always good idea to take them in a well-lit room, again to prevent any mix up or misunderstanding.

Stay warm: Safe and efficient heating will help you keep comfortable, which can be preserved by having your gas appliances serviced regularly by a certified professional. Thermometers help ensure that rooms are at a safe temperature.

For living rooms, the recommended temperature is between 18 and 21°C, but in the rest of the house the temperature should not be less than 16°C.

Fire safety: Ensure fire alarms are fitted and are in working order. Many fire and rescue departments offer free home fire safety checks, so be sure to contact your local fire department to schedule a home visit. Also, having a phone installed by the bed and drawing up a plan of what you would do in the event of a fire can relieve panic and stress in the event of an emergency.

Change your key safe code annually: Changing your code every January will reduce the risk of unauthorised people getting their hands on your property. Cleaners, care staff, doctors and delivery men could all potentially know and remember the code to get into your home, or even pass this information on to their friends.

Keep emergency numbers handy: Always keep a list of emergency numbers by each phone, big enough that it can be easily read in a hurry or when frightened. Be sure to list all important numbers: local emergency services, fire department, police department, doctor's office, and family member or friend to call in case of emergency.

It is important to stress that this advice shouldn't make you afraid of being in your own home, we are simply giving you a gentle reminder to how some quick and easy checks can significantly reduce the risk of anything serious happening.

If you have any suggestions for future topics or if there is any further information you require then, please get in touch on 01745 772150 or email warwick.allan@homeinstead.co.uk

We are really proud to be able to provide care and help for Seniors and rewarding careers for their CAREGivers all across North Wales; including Holywell, Mostyn, Halkyn, Mold, Caerwys, Flint, Abergele, Rhyl, Rhosesmor, Denbigh, Ruthin, Prestatyn, and everywhere in between!

Children's Pages

A Few Words from Ginnie the Donkey

Brrrr! As I consider my thoughts for this edition, I put my head out of my stable and yet again everywhere is white. Hailstones have no consideration for a sleeping donkey and I can be quite grumpy when they wake me up. I was just beginning to think it may be time to hang up my cosy overcoat for the summer when the cold weather returned and I was very glad to have it. My son Danny thinks there are only two seasons – Coat On and Coat Off.

Easter came and went. I know that humans give each other enormous eggs at Easter. I am familiar with the size of bird eggs and those from chickens and ducks but have never seen a nest with such enormous eggs. It scares me to imagine what bird could have laid such large eggs which are all brightly coloured and shiny. I hope I never see the bird who laid them. I'm not used to such creatures. I've often thought it is a strange thing for humans to do when they don't lay eggs themselves, but then many of the things that humans do are a complete mystery to me.

Some years ago, I watched my human carers hiding smaller eggs in all sorts of places for their children to find. This Easter they did the same but now for their grandchildren. This

gave me an idea: Donkeys don't eat eggs but we are very partial to carrots. I therefore carefully arranged a carrot hunt for my son Danny (although he is now a grown up donkey, he will always be my little foal). I hid carrots behind our water butt, some under some hay in the stable, near a fence post and I also hid one in my mouth. Danny had great fun finding them but I forgot not to chew, so he missed out on one. It was quite exciting to watch him finding them so I think I will do the same next year.

Sometimes when it's cold outside, I retire to my stable and think. I like to think back to when I was a young donkey. I recently thought about my great grandfather who used to pull a small cart every day. He didn't go very far but his human friends would move things about the farm on the cart. I often wonder what he would think if he knew that donkeys no longer pull carts but instead sometimes ride in carts pulled by humans in their motor carts. Isn't it strange how things can change to the opposite of what they were? If another donkey had told my great grandfather this would happen one day in the future, he would probably have scolded them for having silly thoughts.

My thoughts now turn to warmer weather. Nice thoughts like that often make me sleepy. So I will say goodbye for now and make myself comfy.

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
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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
Halkyn	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
Rhosesmor	6.00 pm Evening Prayer ²	10.00 am Community Service ¹	10.00 am Communion	10.00 am Communion	
Rhes y Cae	8.45 am Communion	8.45 am Bilingual Communion	6.00 pm Evening Prayer ²	8.45 am Communion	

¹ Including All Age Worship

² When the clocks go back in Autumn, Evening Prayer at Rhosesmor will revert to 3.00 pm.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES

COMBINED AND SPECIAL SERVICES:

In months where there is a fifth Sunday we have a single service for the three parishes.
The next combined service will be held in Rhes y Cae at 10.30am on Sunday, 30th August and the following one provisionally at Rhosesmor at 10.30 on the 29th November.

OPEN CHURCH:

Halkyn Church is open regularly on Saturday mornings between April and September.

The church may be opened at other times by arrangement.

Rhosesmor church is open daily, normally from about 8.30am to 7.00pm (although the opening and closing times may vary slightly). There is a small Fairtrade stall with a selection of coffee, tea, biscuits, chocolate and various ingredients.

You can also drop off contributions to the Foodbank in Mold here.

In addition you are welcome to help yourself to a cup of tea or coffee or simply feel free just to drop in and spend some time in the peace of the church.

EXPLORING FAITH:

Our Exploring Faith group meets throughout the year at 7.30pm on a Monday evening in Rhosesmor Village Hall. The topics we look at are very wide-ranging and we have a broad spectrum of knowledge and experience but everyone fits in and enjoys the sessions.

If you are interested in finding out more, please give Hugh a call..

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

If you would like a visit or wish to raise any matter
with the church or the Priest in Charge personally,
please contact Hugh Burgess and include your
name and address or phone number in any
message you leave.
Thank you

Cynfaen Memorial Chapel Calcoed

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

(C) Denotes Communion Service.

June 5th
12th
19th
26th

July 3rd
10th
17th
24th
31st

August

Unfortunately, at
the time of going to
press
no information was
available.

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

St Michael's Church, Brynford

The Church Council and parishioners of
Brynford are pleased to announce the
appointment of our new Rector, the
Reverend Lorraine Badger-Watts

The Reverend's contact details are:

Tel. No. 01745 403453

Mobile No. 07402429991

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

Capel Salem, Pentre Halkyn

Services at 2pm.

C = Communion

June	5th	Rev. Hugh Burgess	E
	12th	Mr Bryn Jones	W
	19th	No Service	
	26th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W

July	3rd	Rev. Eirlys Gruffydd	W
	10th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W
	17th	Mr Peter Sinclair	E
	24th	Rev. Jennie Hurd	W
	31st	Rev. Marc Morgan	W

August No Services

Capel Bethel y Nant

Services every Sunday 2.30pm

Do come and join us!! Croeso Cynnes!

Mehefin	5ed	Glyn Thomas
	12ed	Robert Parry
	19eg	Cymanfa Ganu 8.00pm
	26ain	Eirlys Gruffydd

Gorffennaf	3ydd	Cyfarfod Gweddi
	10ed	Robert Parry
	17eg	Maureen Roberts
	24ain	Bryan Jones
	31ain	Delyth McIntyre

Awst di Gwasanaeth - August no Service

Medi	4ydd	Arwel Roberts
	11eg	Goronwy Ellis
	18ed	Cyfarfod Gweddi
	25ain	Maryl Rees

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

Capel Bethel y Nant

Cymanfa Ganu
Bi-lingual

Nos Sul - Sunday Mehefin 19 June
Am 8 o'r gloch

Arweinydd: Mrs Nesta Ellis
Conductor: Gorsedd

Eitemau: I gael ei trefnu
Items: To be arranged

CROESO CYNNES I BAWB
A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Rhes Y Cae News

Coffee Morning - Tuesday 16th February

Over 20 people attended on a cold but pleasant morning. There were some lovely bright pink carnations on the tables. Many thanks to all who contributed an interesting selection of raffle prizes. Our thanks to Rhes y Cae Village Hall Committee and we look forward to the next coffee morning. Hope to see you then!

Joint Pilgrim Service – Sunday 28th February

Many people attended Halkyn church from Rhes y Cae and Rhosesmor churches. The visiting priest was Hugh's friend, Rev'd Canon Duncan McCosh from Scotland. Our sincere thanks to him for giving us such an interesting sermon.

After the sermon, we all enjoyed a piece of cake, which was decorated with an impressive map of Great Britain, France and Northern Spain. By the side of the cake, there was a figure of Hugh dressed up for the long journey ahead! You could see the route that Hugh would be taking to the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, covering about 1,500 miles.



As he left the church, I think he went in the direction of Llanarmon yn Ial. Now (end of April) we believe that Hugh is about to cross the Pyrenees!

Our very best wishes to Hugh and we look forward to seeing him again early June.



Coffee Morning - Tuesday 22nd March

During the last fortnight, we have had some nice weather so that we can get out and about! There was a good attendance, and thanks to all for the raffle prizes. The daffodils looked lovely on the tables – what a cheerful sight.

Good Friday - 25th March

(Dydd Gwener y Groglith)

We had a quiet but pleasant service, which was conducted by Colin Legg. We are very grateful to Colin for taking the services and playing the organ on many occasions since early March. After the service we all went out to bid farewell to the six walkers who took turns in carrying the wooden cross to Rhosesmor church. Then, they went on to the Red Lion Inn for light lunch. Finally they walked to Halkyn Church for the Final Hour.



Wedding Celebrations Saturday 26th March

The Rev'd Aidan Coleman (vicar of Holywell) officiated at the marriage of Paul Williams and Wendy Davies at Rhes y Cae church – our warmest congratulations! Many sincere thanks to the church ladies for providing such a beautiful display of flowers on the altar and near the pulpit as well as on the window ledges.

Special Service at Ebeneser Chapel

– Sunday 27th March at 6pm.

Many friends from the Berthen Chapel, Lixwm, came to the service. After the service there was a get-together to celebrate Eva Jones's 90th Birthday – our best wishes to her! She had many visitors on her birthday on 31st March and received a very colourful array of flowers! Llongyfarchiadau Eva!

The Big Breakfast – Sunday 3rd April

It was a pleasant and sunny morning and the crowds came out to support us! We were very grateful to all those friends who had travelled some distances to get to Rhes y Cae Village Hall. Our thanks to Chef John, who was very busy cooking sausage, bacon, egg and mushroom baps! Also thanks to the rest of the Hughes family for filling



the tables with lots of tasty goodies. Finally thanks to Megan, Isabel and Milly for helping with the orders. Total monies raised was over £830 – what a tremendous result for Worldwide Cancer Research!

Cardiff University students have chosen Worldwide Cancer Research for their charity in 2016. At the end of August, a group of students will be climbing Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa and my granddaughter Megan will be taking part. We wish them all the very best. Kilimanjaro is over 19,000 feet high, whilst Snowdon is 3500 feet – there is a big difference in height!

Many thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes.

Raffle prize winners

3-course meal for two at Glasfryn, Mold -

Jean Williams

Mococo £20 voucher - Lynn Fearnhead

Hair products (£15) - from Ultimate Hair & Beauty -
Suzanne Cheatle

Bottle of Southern Comfort - Clare Madders

Bottle of Bacardi - Joanne Williams

Box of Thornton's Chocolates - Tony Lewis

We hope to see you next time! Thanks again to all who kindly donated, including people who were unable to come on the Sunday morning.

Spring Coffee Morning – Tuesday 19th April



We had tremendous support from people who live in the village and beyond. The stalls looked very colourful, with many plants from Homebase. Sincere thanks to Peter Jamieson and the staff at Homebase, Mold. Also the ladies had been very busy baking some delicious cakes. Thanks to all who brought raffle prizes and also to those people who bought plants from Peter at the roadside. Final total was £343, which will help towards the church repairs – all very worthwhile! Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Future Dates

Coffee morning – Tuesday 17th May.
10.30 – 12.00. Rhes y Cae village hall.

Colin Legg's Garden Party will be held late June or early July 2016.

Annual Walk – watch out for posters this summer.

National Urdd Eisteddfod, held on Flint High School grounds from Monday 30th May to Saturday 4th June. Please try and support this event.

Hwyl fawr!

Rhes y Cae Show & Sheepdog Trials on Friday 22nd July and Saturday 23rd July. We would be pleased to see you at the show, and don't forget the church stall!.

Halkyn Quarry Tours – Pant y Pwll Dwr quarry
Weds 8th June & Weds 6th July, 5.30 – 7pm. Wear sturdy footwear or wellies if wet. A popular event so book early.

Children's Pond Dip – Weds 27th July & Weds 17th Aug. 1.30 -3.30pm. Wear wellies. Dipping equipment will be provided – all children must be accompanied by an adult. Further details 01352703900.

Please let me know if you have any information to put in the next edition by the last week in July. Enjoy the summer!

Gwyneth Hughes
01352 780371

Rhosesmor Village Community

Find us on Facebook

Rhosesmor Tots

Every Thursday 9.30 to 11.30 in Rhosesmor Village Hall. Join us for a snack and play for your tot and a welcome cuppa and a chat for you. Everyone welcome. A very friendly group. Remember to stay for singalong/story/nursery rhyme time at the end.



£2 parent & toddler

50p parent & baby

Rhosesmor Artists' Club

Tues 2-4pm Rhosesmor Village Hall

Everyone welcome, beginners and otherwise! Join a small, friendly group to practise and develop your painting skills. If you'd like to just try it out



we can supply materials for a taster session. Transport available ring 01352 780740.

Fitness Mission

You don't have to be great to start. But you DO have to start to be great

Join in when you can. Have fun, feel good, get fit! Burn calories, stretch and tone. All ages welcome. Open to male

members too! Join our village fitness mission, meet new people and have fun! Rhosesmor Village Hall

- every Monday - 5.30-6.30 £3.50

Bring your own mat. Contact Lynn 780740 for more details.

Exploring Faith

Village Hall (CEXPLORoom) Monday 7.30 To 9.30 Exploring Faith is exactly what it says on the tin!

Whether you're sure of your faith or just starting the journey you will feel at



home in this Christian group. Tea, coffee, biscuits, friendship and fun guaranteed. All welcome.

Rhosesmor Lunch Club

Due to low numbers, Rhosesmor lunch club is having a break over the summer. Watch this space for date when we will be starting up again in the autumn.



Biscuits Youth Group

Rhosesmor Village Hall Thursday 5.45 To 6.45.

Save The Date!!! Biscuits Next Event!!

Halkyn Mountain Treasure Hunt.

Start 6pm Rhosesmor Village Hall, **26th June**.

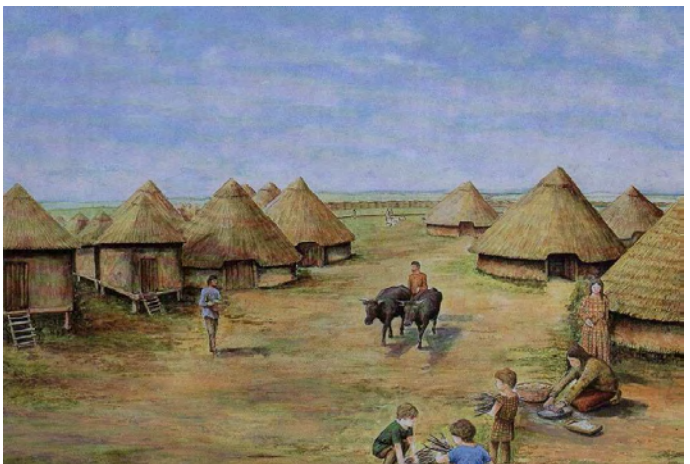
Biscuits are offering you a fun, family treasure hunt and supper.

£5 per car and £4 per person for the supper after prizegiving and raffle.

Contact Lynn 780740 or come to Biscuits on a Thursday if you're aged between 10 and 17.

Rhosesmor Heritage Group

This newly formed, and well attended group, led by Lorna Jenner and county archaeologist Fiona Gale are looking forward to a Rhosesmor Heritage week in the future. We hope to produce real life accounts and re-enacted scenes from the bygone days of this very historic Celtic fort and surrounds. If you've got a story to tell come along and share it with us in the Rhosesmor Village Hall on the **26th May 2016**. Regular meetings will follow. Contact Lynn Fearnhead 780740 for more details.



Brains, Skill And Chance - Rhosesmor

On Saturday, April 16th it was fantastic to see the Village Hall bursting at the seams with 8 teams all waiting to battle it out in Rhosesmor's first ever Brains, Skill and Chance competition. We enjoyed a fantastic family evening with over 70 people competing, running games and helping out with refreshments which all made the evening go with a swing. The teams faced a series of 10 minute challenges where they had to work together to tackle the tasks set at each table. The rounds in this year's competition included:

- A "sound round" (recognising TV theme tunes)
- The Price is Right – do you know how much things cost?
- Bounce Off – a skill game involving a lot of ping pong balls!
- Recognising photos of celebrities and "faces in the news"
- The Amazing Maze – working as a team to guide a ball through a giant maze
- A general knowledge quiz
- Shut the Box – a dice game of chance
- Dingbats – based on the TV show Catchphrase

The evening was full of good humour, noise and laughter, with much friendly rivalry between the teams. The final results were very close with only a few marks separating all 8 teams. Many congratulations to the three top placed teams – Young and Younger (3rd), Prospect House (2nd), and in 1st place, the winners of the Rhosesmor Community Group Shield – The Village People. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success, including all 8 teams, everyone who helped to run a game and, of course, the "refreshment crew"! With special thanks to Kath and Gareth Royles and all their helpers for arranging the evening.

The winning team, The Village People are pictured here



and also the Muffins who had their eye on the chocolates all night long!!



Look out next year for the Brains, Skill and Chance evening and see if YOU can win the Rhosesmor Village Community Shield.

Rhosesmor Village Hall

Thanks to our many helpers and your jumble donations, we managed to realise £582 at our Giant Sale on the 9th of April. The takings, all of which go towards the hall running costs, were down compared with past sales as not so many people attended. No doubt we will hold another sale in 2017 so, with the cellars under the hall now empty, if you have any jumble donations phone 780660 and I will collect them.

Jon Tarry, 780842, continues to coordinate all the hall bookings. Due to heavy use, it is advisable to book well in advance of your requirements in order to reduce any risk of non availability. Apart from our regular users we do get birthday parties, F.C.C., CRIW, CELF art courses for children, arts and crafts courses such as the jewelry workshops, etc..

*Geoff North 780660
Secretary,
Rhosesmor Village Committee*

Rhosesmor W.I.

We all meet in Rhosesmor Village hall on the second Monday in each month except in June, when we have a picnic and August which is a holiday month. This June, our Treasurer will be going to Brighton as a delegate at the AGM. The venue for a picnic on June 13th at 7.15 pm is still to be arranged. On July 11th we're going to have Mrs. Sue Grundy, from Rhydymwyn, telling us all about the flora and fauna of the Rhydymwyn Valley. August, being a our holiday month, the Denbigh and Flint Show on August 18 is an event we all look forward to. Several members will be taking part this year. Any ladies who would like to join us would be made very welcome and the person to contact is Mrs. Mary North on 01352 780660.



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.

Chess Club

We have recently started a new Chess Club on Wednesdays after school which is well attended. We have also had a Swiss teacher here at the school for a



three week English Language placement as part of the collaborative work we do with St. Gallen University. She is pictured here supervising the chess game.

Show Racism the Red Card

We are very proud that Tay in Year 5 recently won a national competition with his fabulous newspaper article (seen here) about Racism. He recently travelled down to Cardiff to an event to pick up his prize.



Fashion Show

Pupils in year 3/4 produced a fashion show using recycled materials. Their designs were very inventive. We also took the opportunity to showcase some work. The School Council organised refreshments in the Fair trade Cafe.



Hatching Eggs

We have four new chicks at school. In time we hope for an increase in our egg production.



Attendance

We are proud of the number of pupils that achieved 100% attendance from Christmas to Easter.



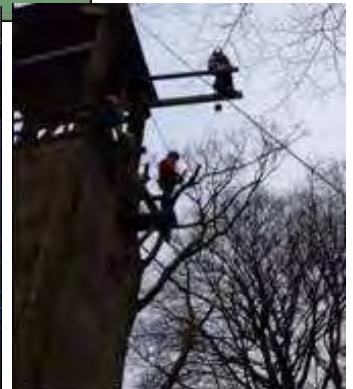
The Entrepreneurial Club

The club have been busy all year with various money making projects. Here they are selling marshmallows in chocolate as an Easter treat. Another Easter initiative was a visit by the Easter Bunny.



Glan Llyn

Pupils from years 5 and 6 recently visited Bala on a Welsh language course. They had a great time doing various fun activities.



Eisteddfod

The school Eisteddfod was judged once again by Mr ap Sion. The competition was of a high standard. We are proud that various children have done very well with their Art and Craft entries at both the Area and





County finals. The children in the Ymgon will represent Flintshire in the National finals at Flint during whit half term. Good luck to them.

World Book Day

We celebrated world book day at Rhos Helyg with pupils of all ages enjoying a story together.



Harry Potter Day

Not long after World Book Day we celebrated Harry Potter Day, which included various fun activities.



World War Two

Year 6 have recently been doing a topic on the Second World War. The pupils dressing up as evacuees and made some gas masks.



Spelling Practice

Some pupils practising their spelling with magnetic letters.



Pancake Challenge

Our annual tossing the pancake challenge has now become a school tradition and a firm fun activity for all pupils,

Reception

Pupils decorating eggs for Easter.



Making Good Choices

The pupils learnt all about making good choices with Magic Mark. It was fab.

Ysgol Brynffordd



It has been a very busy term at Ysgol Brynffordd with the children involved in lots of activities. January brought about the start of rehearsals for the URDD. The children were busy practising for the dance competition, reciting and also attending after school club for the art and craft. We had some wonderful successes with the competitions and the children once again enjoyed participating in the activities, bringing our school ethos of participation out. Welsh language and culture is of significant importance; ensuring our young children experience the cultures of our locality and beyond.

The children are also practising for the many sports competitions we support. Football training and cheerleading in preparation for the Festival of Youth. Ysgol Brynffordd will be well and truly celebrating through participating in these activities.

We have also had much success in rearing our own little chicks. The Foundation Phase children were so excited at the delivery of our eggs to school, eagerly waiting to see how soon they would hatch. What a fantastic experience to see; and to watch them develop was so exciting.

PC Sinclair came to school to deliver a lesson of Staying Safe to the children. We always look forward to hearing what important messages she brings with her.

We celebrated the Queens Birthday with a tea party and the children all enjoyed completing work and activities learning about our Monarch.

The Summer time brings out lots of outdoor activities for the children to grow and learn whilst enjoying the outdoors. Ysgol Brynffordd children can once again look forward to some super learning experiences as we head towards the Summer holidays.

Halkyn Sports Association

What's on the forthcoming Summer months

Quiz nights

Weekly quiz night every Wednesday from 8.30pm with buffet and cash prizes.

Lunch Club

Wednesday 15th June, 20th July, 17th August and September 21st – HSA community lunch club, doors open 1pm, 2 course lunch at nominal cost. See locally displayed leaflets for the event. Lunch club is supported by Flintshire voluntary services.

Mountain Cinema Club every month, look for posted film details around village.

Next film "Brooklyn" is showing on Saturday 16th July, doors open at 7pm.

Halkyn Radio club meeting every Wednesday from 7:00pm new members welcome.

Summer Pigeon club has started. Races will start end of May throughout the summer months. Pigeon races go from as far as Northern France.

Summer Tug of War teams have started training every Thursday evening from 7pm – training for Young Farmers Rally and Royal Welsh Show in July.

Other events at the HSA

Halkyn Junior football presentation evening 25th May.

Halkyn football club presentation evening 28th May.

Tesco charity fun day Sunday 24th July.

HSA will support the Cricket club and the Bar will be open for Summer Cricket matches. Midweek matches from 7.30 and 4pm for Saturday home games.

For lunch club reservations please contact Debbie on 07990550612 or leave a message on the club answering service on 01352 780756 giving your name, contact number and number of places required.

You can now follow Halkyn Sports Association on Facebook.

Halkyn Mountain Sports Club News

Halkyn and District Bowls Club

Frostbite in our fingers and toes. Is that how we wanted the summer season to start? Snow, hailstones, rain and wind all in one match. Did you know a game can only be abandoned if the green is waterlogged? So the game carried on. This isn't the way to encourage new members, but believe me when the weather is warm and sunny there isn't anywhere better to enjoy the bowls, the food and the laughs, so come and join us. We have had four weeks of matches. It takes a while to get used to the green and new opponents so the results have been pretty mixed. The next report will give us a better idea of the league positions.

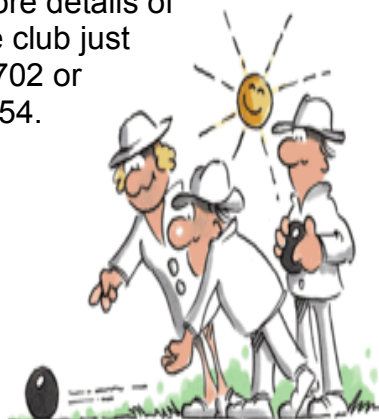
The midweek team has new challenges; we have to travel to the far flung corners around North Wales i.e. Wrexham and Chester. So roadworks and traffic jams all add to the enjoyment! It's all in a good cause. Our club competitions have started well. The weather could have helped but the games went on. The winners of the Britannia Shield were Enid Coulter-Smith and David Burt. The G. Davies Round Robin was won by Wyn Lewis. These three winners are fairly new members, so well done to them.

In a few weeks we have our three way Vets tournament. This is between Flint, Oakenholt and Halkyn. It is over three days, on Monday 16th May at 10.30, Tuesday 17th May at 10.30 and Friday 20th May at 11.00. There is every chance of beautiful weather, excellent bowls, bacon butties, etc., so tempting to come and watch.

Our three winners of the 100 club of £15 each are S. Thomas, R. Williams and J. Woodruff. So roll on the sunshine and the next report will be so much more cheerful.

If you want some more details of everything about the club just ring Bill Worrall 710702 or Linda Kirkham 740454.

J. Woodruff



Halkyn Cricket Club

Both senior teams opened the campaign with defeats on a very cold late April Saturday. Halkyn 1st XI travelled to Gwersyllt Park and restricted the hosts to a manageable 185-7. Ranajoy Dey helped himself to bowling figures of 3-22 whilst Alex North claimed 2-34. In reply Halkyn reached 160 all out, with Ranajoy Dey enjoying a fine match finishing on 61 not out, the absence of some solid support to this innings leaving Halkyn 25 runs short on the day.

Halkyn 2nd XI also travelled to the Wrexham area, playing at the delightful Marchwiel Hall ground. Halkyn, with only nine players against full strength opposition, were well beaten by eight wickets. Halkyn batted first and could only muster 62-7, only opening batsman Tony Green with a patient 27 prospered with the bat. Marchwiel then eased to 65-2, with young Kieran Mcleod taking both the Marchwiel wickets. Both senior sides will be looking forward to some warmer weather and victories in the coming months.

Halkyn Cricket Club would like to thank the following sponsors for their support in 2016, and in previous years:

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Halkyn Juniors

Halkyn will again be running two junior sides in the North East Wales League at U-9 and U-11 age groups. Training evenings are at the club every FRIDAY evening starting at 6.00pm. All new players are most welcome. For further information please contact Jane Williams on 01352 781523 or 07732325033.

Many Thanks
Keith Williams, Secretary



Holywell Golf Club

Junior Captain's Day March 2016 - We were grateful to our Junior Captain, Luciano, for interrupting his studies in mechanical engineering at Liverpool University, to join us and make the Presentations.

We had a good turn out and the Juniors played 6 and 7 hole competitions in very windy but warm conditions.

Division 1 winner was Zac Elliot-Jones and runner-up Callum Owen-Jones.

Division 2 winner was Stephen Owen-Jones and runner-up Oliver Jones.

Division 1 putting trophy went to Zac Elliot-Jones.

Division 2 putting trophy went to Stephen Owen-Jones.

Division 3 putting and 2 hole prize went to Sophie-Owen Jones.

Thanks go to Luciano's Dad, Ivo, who generously donated the prizes. Also thanks to parents and grandparents who attended the presentation.

It was also announced that Jack Parry would be our next Junior Captain. Congratulations Jack.

Junior Presentation March 2016 - The Captain's Cup was played for on the day, congratulations go to Jack Parry overall winner, Cian Hughes - Mini Cup Div1 winner and Cameron Francis, Mini Cup Div 2 winner.

Presentation for these was made by our Junior Captain, Luciano Civecchioni, and there were prizes for:-

Stamford Cup - Sian Jones

Medal winners and 9 and 6 hole winners presentations were made to:-

Luciano Civecchioni, Jack Parry, Sian Jones, Cian Hughes, Matthew Malone, Oliver Jones, Haydn Jones, Harrison Prior, Zac Elliot-Jones. Below are a selection of pics from the day.



Well done Sian Jones for being nominated to receive the Alan Newton Scholarship which includes coaching from Matt, our professional.

Thanks go to our outgoing Junior Captain, Luciano, and we welcomed Jack Parry as Junior Captain for 2016-17.

Thanks also to those parents, relations and friends who joined us for our annual Junior Presentation.



Annual General Meeting – The Club's AGM was held on Thursday 31st March when the Chairman of the Management Committee reported on the club's performance over the past twelve months. The Club Captain, Pat McDermott, gave his report before welcoming the Club's Officials for 2016-17:

Club President – Ian Smith.

Club Captain, Berwyn Parry. Club Vice Captain Ivor Pye.

Lady President Helenna Rowley.

Lady Captain Shirley Williams. Lady Vice Captain Pauline Porter.



Pictured Pat McDermott handing over to Berwyn Parry



Captain v Professional – Saturday 1st April, saw this annual match between teams led by the new Club Captain and the Club Professional take place with matches in the morning and afternoon. This is always a hard fought match played in good humour with a lot of good natured banter. It was great to see the new Club Captain, Berwyn Parry, lead his team to victory and the picture shows Club Professional, Matt Parsley handing the trophy to Berwyn.

Captain's Drive in and Fastest Round – Sunday 2nd April. The Sunday following the AGM, is the day all three new Captain's "Drive into Office". All three new Captains take their place on the 1st tee and attempt to end their first "official" tee shot down the middle of the 1st fairway. This is achieved, sometimes, in front of a crowd of applauding members; so no pressure!!! Our three Captains did themselves justice and all sent their drives successfully in the right direction.



Pictured L-R Junior Capt Jack Parry, Lady Capt Shirley Williams and Club Capt Berwyn Parry.

The Fastest Round Challenge, to get a golf ball round all 18 holes as quickly as possible, proved to be as eventful and as much fun as ever. Juniors, ladies and gents took their places around the course before the Club Captain teed off on the first hole. From then on the ball is hit from one player to the next until it ends up in the hole on the green. It is then grabbed and raced to the next tee by a junior, being the only ones fit enough to run fast enough, and this continues until the ball goes into the 18th hole. The whole round was completed in just over 25mins but this was not enough to beat the record of 23mins 9secs set in 2009.

All money raised by people guessing how far the Captain would hit his drive and the time for the fastest round was donated to this year's Captain's Charities, St Kentigen's Hospice and Air Ambulance Wales.

Winter League Final - The 2015/16 winter league came to an end with the final, a match played between the top four players from the league which had been played throughout the winter months. The top four play an 18 hole match, the 1st and 4th place player playing against the 2nd and 3rd place players.

This resulted after a very close match, all square after the 18 holes leading to sudden death extra holes, which Dave Rathbone and Danny Williams won beating Richie Alli and Ben Thomas on the 1st extra hole. Picture shows the winners receiving the Tony Jelleyman trophy from the Club Captain.



Macmillan Cancer Support North Wales – This was the 2015/16 Club Captain's chosen charity and was well supported throughout the year by all sections of the club and member and guests at events and functions arranged over the past twelve months.

The final total was a credible £2563.28 and it was with great pleasure that as Club Captain for 2015/16, Pat McDermott presented the cheque for that amount to Mrs Eleri Brady, Fund Raising Manager for the Macmillan for the North Wales area.



Eleri thanked Pat for choosing Macmillan as the Club's charity for his Captain's year and congratulated him on the club's achievement. She said Holywell is not a large golf club and this is a great amount for it to have raised and will go a long way to helping Macmillan's work supporting cancer sufferers and their families.



IF YOU RECEIVE THIS COPY BEFORE SUNDAY 29th MAY DON'T FORGET IT'S OUR OPEN DAY WHY NOT COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER ON THE OPEN DAY – HAVE A FREE ROUND OF GOLF ON THE DAY.

Membership - Membership subscriptions are currently being taken, a very modest rise this year means we are still the least expensive 18 hole course in north Wales at £520! We continue to offer 'two for one' on new members from the same household that means a couple can join for just £520 and also a special rate of £200 is available for new members in the 18-30 age group.

Contact the secretary now on 01352 710040 (Option 2) and as usual, keep up to date with golf matters at www.holywellgc.co.uk.

Sunday Carvery



Nick and Adni's Sunday Carvery - Why not try our restaurant for Sunday lunch, any Sunday and on the last Sunday of each month our chef Nick and steward Andi

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Book now, drop into the club to book your table or call 01352 710040 option 3.



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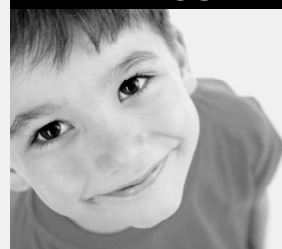


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