



# Halkyn Mountain News

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## Rhes y Cae & Moel y Crio

## Sheepdog Trials & Show

Friday started well with a fine day, a large number of dogs attended Class 2. Dogs and handlers had 7 minutes to show their skills. The results are as follows:

- 1st Gus Darmody with Don
- 2nd E.W. Edwards with Megan
- 3rd Geraldine Clark with Annie
- 4th Arwyn Davies with Becca
- 5th Iolo Jones with Bean

The winner of the Gwyn Jones Rhes y Cae crystal vase for the best outrun, lift and fetch was Arwyn Davies. Congratulations to them all!

In the late afternoon rain started. It was torrential by 6.30, just in time for the Terrier racing. We had quite a few brave people dressed for the weather - wellies, macs and huge brollies! The dogs were raring to go and the weather was forgotten for the next hour. How the weather can change a fun night out! But I can say that those who entered had an enjoyable experience. Quite a few children were there so the man in charge at the races asked if they would like to have a race to catch the foxtail. They all joined in and had a bit of fun. Let's hope next year will be better weather-wise, but we can't change it!

Saturday was a much better day. The dogs arrived for 8.00am and trialed all day. The results are as follows:

### Class 1

- 1st Bryn Davies with Roy
- 2nd R.E. Lewis with Denwyn Ruby
- 3rd Aled Owen with Preseli Roy
- 4th Gethin Jones with Maddie
- 5th Aled Owen with Llangwin Glesni
- 6th E.W. Edwards with Clwyd Fly.

The Horse section was busy all day with showing classes, all horses and riders groomed to perfection. Then came the more fun element of the Gymkhana Games, which was followed by the jumping events. Well done to all who took part and to the winners!

The Miscellaneous section was judged by Mrs Nest Jones of Halkyn. She was impressed with the high standard of the exhibits. Six tray-bakes were exceptional and she had to be very strict, looking at all the elements of the baking before coming to her decision. There were twelve fruit loaves, following the set requirements, and the difference in textures was remarkable. Those households will be living well off them this week and putting on a few pounds! The winner was Mrs. Mair Morris, Rhosesmor.

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With the animals and produce there were also some splendid tractors

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In the produce tent we had a very good garden section. With the weather being so dry early on we were holding our breath as to the quantity of fruit, veg and flowers. But the gardeners had pulled out all the stops, the classes were all very well stocked.



Mr. Ieuan Ap Siôn had his work as a judge cut out and he was impressed with the standard of entries. Diolch yn fawr, Ieuan! There were joint winners of the garden section this year, with Mrs. Mary Jones from Lixwm and Mr. H. Roberts from Flint having the same number of points.

The Handicraft section was down in its entries this year but the standard of work was of a very high level. The Photographic classes were better supported. Our judge was Mrs Woodruff, we thank her for her keen eye over all the stitches. We hope that more will get sewing and knitting for next year's show. The winner was Sue Lawrenson.

The children had been very busy during the first week of their holidays. In the past few years we have been worried about the number of entries, but our fears have been put to rest. They had worked hard in all sections, from computer graphics to thirteen Birthday cards designed by Primary school children. We had six tractors built from Lego and twelve animals from fruit and veg. They were all excellent. Da iawn blant! Very good work by you all!

The winner of the children's section was five year old Gethin Williams, Cartrefle, Wern y Gaer. Dai awn Gethin. Our thanks to Glesni Thomas, who had her work cut out with the judging.

The stalls were varied; with paintings, Splat the Rat, cushions, coconuts, tombola, ice cream and the old favourite, candy floss. I saw one of our Vice Presidents going back to his childhood, eating an enormous, blue candy floss. I won't name him! People sat out in the sunshine enjoying a bite to eat and a paned o de (cuppa).

The Raffle winners were:

- 1st Grace and Mike
- 2nd Eirwen McDermott
- 3rd Med Thomas
- 4th Judith Jones
- 5th Geraint Jones

The Chairman, Brian Coleclough, would like to thank the President, the Vice Presidents, the stall holders, the competitors in all the sections of the show, the ladies' committee, the men's committee and all the helpers on the day. Thank you all for the hard work that you put in before, on the day and after the show. And lastly, thank you to all who supported us by attending on the Friday and Saturday - without you we would have no show.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb.

Menna

## Editorial

In the last edition we mentioned that in order to secure the continuation of Halkyn Mountain News into 2018 and beyond, we need new members to join the Team. We referred to more information on the type of help needed, inside the paper, but then forgot to include it. This is now provided in this edition (on the back page) and we would welcome anyone who can spare a little time. No major commitment is required – it's a case of "many hands make light work".

We would like to express our appreciation to Steve, Ness and Tom Marquis who are leaving the Blue Bell Inn as we go to press. We appreciate the support they have given over the years as well as their written contributions. They have allowed us to use the Blue Bell as our postal address and have kindly accepted deliveries over the bar. We also hold our meetings at the Blue Bell and copies of Halkyn Mountain News are made available. As well as recording our thanks we would like to wish them all the best for the future and hope that they will join the increasing number of online readers of Halkyn Mountain News, to keep in touch.

We hope you enjoy this edition

*The Editorial Team*

# Volunteers!



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## Capel Bethel y Nant - 150 Years

On 18<sup>th</sup> June we held our Gymanfa Ganu (Singing Festival). The evening was warm and the people arrived in good time to get a seat! The little Chapel was quite full. The doors were left open and the singing was heard all over the Nant.

Mrs. Nesta Ellis, Gorsedd, took up her baton and led the singing in her usual enthusiastic way. We had items that were expertly sung by Ieuan Ap Siôn of Rhes y Cae to the accompaniment of his guitar and the organ. The organist for the evening was Miss Margaret Williams of Brynford, who did the work in her quiet way, getting the very best from the old organ.

I would like to thank everybody for their support and helping to make the evening a great success.

The next evening of our celebrations took place on 9<sup>th</sup> July. We had a special service to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with the very popular Minister, the Reverend Gareth Edwards of Deganwy delivering a memorable service to the large congregation. Timely readings and hymns were read out by four of the members.

As we have no facilities to entertain we put up a small tent at the side of the Chapel with all kinds of food and a paned o de (cup of tea). We had a special celebration cake made, with everybody having a piece to take home for the next day! The weather was very kind to us and this encouraged everyone to stay longer and chat to old friends and to look at the display boards with old photos and special documents dating back over the years.

A time to look back and also a time to look forward and hope that the little Chapel in the Nant will be able to keep its doors open for a few more years.

*Diolch yn fawr i bawb.  
Menna*

## Knit a Square for SHARE

Pictured at the foot of the page are the Estuary and Mountain Mission Area's youth group, Journey of Youth or JoY@TheHub, preparing their initiative 'Knit a Square for SHARE' supporting homeless and refugees everywhere. Residents, schools, churches, families throughout the Mission Area including all on Halkyn Mountain and reaching as far as Mostyn, Flint, Lixwm and Holywell, were asked to knit six inch squares or to give a donation for materials. Friends and families all gathered for an evening of worship, fun and pizza in 'The Big Stitch Up' to sew the blankets, build refugee tents, follow the stories of real refugee families and celebrate their communities. The result has been an amazing **thirty** blankets donated to SHARE's work for refugees.

Flintshire Youth Volunteer Awards were granted to the young people who had dedicated more than 10 hours of their time. The JoY Group were granted Gold Awards for the thirty hours committed in the creation of the project reaching throughout the Mission Area and pictured below are the Silver Award winners from Ysgol Maesglas, who committed over twenty hours in their lunchtime knitting club, as they deliver the blankets to SHARE. From a small idea grew a massive community effort, led by our JoY group and bringing great hope for the future in the Estuary and Mountain Mission Area and beyond.



## County Councillor

Although our summer seems to be teasing us with changeable weather, we are fortunate not to be suffering from extremes of heat and the consequent terrifying fires which are rampant in other parts of Europe and especially the Mediterranean region.

It was most encouraging to see a fair number of people attending the Terrier Races - the usual prelude to the Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and Gymkhana. In spite of the rain, everyone enjoyed the event, including the dogs. The weather forecast for the Saturday may well have put some people off but there was still an appreciable attendance and the day was a success. We are deeply indebted to the Chairman of the Sheepdog Trials, Mr Brian Coleclough, and his very hard working band of helpers. It is a significant and worthy achievement that such a small area and community can produce a worthwhile and pleasant occasion.

It was rather a sad occasion when the last drinks were served by Steve Marquis and his wife, Ness, on Sunday evening 30<sup>th</sup> of July at the Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn. The Marquis family, including Tom, have been very active and supportive members of the community for quite a while. In our own individual ways we will miss them very much. Through Steve's energy and initiative the Blue Bell has been a centre of interest and activity and especially has provided a wide variety of entertainment. Thank you, Steve, Ness and Tom for all the pleasure and warm welcomes you have given us. We wish you joy and peace in your new home in Scotland.

A small group of us will certainly miss one valuable service you provided: that of a local Post office. Personally, I found the service of very great value. Whenever possible the local P.O. rendered an excellent function by saving journeys to Mold. It was a great pity that this vital service was so restricted by higher and remote P.O. authorities. One cannot help thinking that the Post Office is deliberately engaged in self destruction. There seems to be a negative attitude at postal headquarters. Electronic messaging devices and e-mails are a great help, and of value, but the Post office has shown a deplorable lack of initiative and development. Not so long ago there was a body known as 'Postwatch'; people from various walks of life served as voluntary, unpaid members on this committee. They were able to comment constructively on postal services and make suggestions for the improvement of various departments of the Post Office. Sadly, 'Postwatch' was disbanded some years ago, thus the Post office lost its vital link with customers and consequently suffered from ignorance of what its 'grass roots' needed or desired.

Street lighting is a perpetual problem. Both Phillip Parry, Clerk to Halkyn Community Council, and I have been tackling this continuing problem. We have been assured that the matter is receiving attention and yet, to everyone's frustration and exasperation, very little progress has been made. The number of lights which are on during the daytime seem to increase. On the other hand some unfortunate folk have to endure defective or non-existing lighting despite repeated cries for help. One of the reasons cited for the delay is that the correct vehicles (cherry-pickers) are not available or the ground adjacent to the lights is too soft to provide a

secure base for this equipment. How was it then that several decades ago the present faulty poles were erected in the first place? Earlier this year I was fascinated and impressed while watching a new pole being erected in an almost inaccessible part of my garden. A team of eight men, using special tackle and pulleys achieved what appeared to be impossible.

Once again, mention must be made about speed limits, or rather the lack of them. Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn and Rhosesmor now have reasonable limits, which are monitored by the police. Over twenty cases of exceeding the limit were recorded one morning in July. So far it has been impossible to obtain any speed limit through Rhes y Cae. It is legally possible (though it would be careless/dangerous driving) to drive at speeds up to 60mph through a blind 'S' bend with houses on both sides of the road in which children live. Nearly half a century ago there was a small accident outside Rhes y Cae post office. When residents asked for a speed limit to be applied the extraordinary answer was, "There has to be a death in an accident before a speed limit can be applied". I sincerely hope this is not the case now.

Although we are living in uncertain times, I wish all the good folk on Halkyn Mountain a very pleasant and satisfying autumn.

*Colin Legg, (C.C.)*

## Graziers News

### Funding

The application for funding from the RDP Sustainable Management Scheme is well on the way to being completed. It has to be presented by 1<sup>st</sup> September and we should hear the result in January. The present funding from Chester Zoo is due to finish at the end of December. We have the opportunity to apply for further funding during the month of December, we think this will be for another three year period.

### Dogs

We had another incidence of a dog killing a lamb in May, but in this case the incident was witnessed by someone walking on the mountain who managed to take photographs and the name of the dog owner. The details were passed on to the police and the dog owner received a Community Resolution and was ordered to pay full compensation to the owner of the lamb.

### Scab prevention measures

#### Clearing the mountain of sheep

As is normal practice the mountain is to be cleared of all sheep on SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 AND 12AM. The sheep are to be returned to the mountain only after they have received an approved treatment for scab. The Association would be grateful to receive the co-operation of all the graziers. It is to all our advantage that sheep remain in a healthy disease free condition.

#### The AGM will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Rhes-y-Cae Village Hall.

All holders of common rights on Halkyn mountain will be welcome. Main items of business:

1. Election of officers
2. Secretary's report
3. Treasurer's report.

*Halkyn Graziers and Commoners Association*

## Halkyn Community Council



### **Councillor Brian Coleclough (above) 50 years' Service to the Community**

At a recent Halkyn Community Council meeting, Councillor Brian Coleclough was congratulated by the Immediate Past Chair of Council, Councillor David Hughes, on behalf of the Community Council, and he presented to Councillor Coleclough bilingually engraved glassware, to commemorate Councillor Coleclough's 50 years of service, as a Parish and Community Councillor for Halkyn (The Nant). Councillor Hughes thanked Councillor Coleclough for his "sterling public service to the Community, which has been greatly appreciated". Councillor Coleclough thanked the Council Members for the glassware, and stated: "that the time over the years had moved quite quickly and the Council still discuss similar matters throughout his 50 years as a Councillor".

### **New Council Wards, Council Members, Chair & Deputy**

Following a review by the Boundary Commission for Wales, the Council Wards of Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn, Rhosesmor and Rhes y Cae have been renamed and amalgamated to Halkyn Mountain and Pentre Halkyn Wards. The Halkyn Mountain Ward has 8 Councillors, together with 5 Councillors in the Pentre Halkyn Ward. As the election was uncontested in both Wards, four Councillors were co-opted. The following are Councillors in the Halkyn Mountain Ward: Colin Barker, L. Howard Morris, Mrs. Nicola Richardson, David G. Roberts, G. T. Robinson, Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth, Mrs. Delyth Taylor and John Thomas. The following are Councillors in the Pentre Halkyn Ward: Brian Coleclough, B. Glyn Coleclough, Miss Jean S. Davies (Community & County), David A. Hughes and Dylan Roberts.

At the Annual Council meeting held in May, Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough (The Nant) was elected as Chair of Council. Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson (Rhes y Cae) was elected as Vice Chair of the Council.

### **Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Flintshire:**

Flintshire County Council have recently held a consultation, in relation a new PSPO. The Community Council were being asked to identify their land, either leased or owned, which required the PSPO to cover as follows: 'Open Spaces land within the Council's responsibility, for inclusion in a consultation on the implementing of a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Flintshire. Following discussion, the Councillors agreed the following: As the Community Council do not own or lease land that would fall into this category, the Members would wish the following areas be covered by the new PSPO: (a) Children's Play Areas: Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn, Rhes y Cae and Rhosesmor (b) Rhos Helyg School, Berth Ddu, Rhosesmor (c) Places of Worship: Christchurch, Rhes y Cae, St. Mary's, Halkyn, St. Paul's, Rhosesmor. (Council Cemetery in St. Mary's, Halkyn and closed Cemetery near the Britannia Inn in Halkyn).

### **Planning decisions received from Flintshire County Council:**

(a) Application number: 056554, for the erection of single storey extension to dwelling, at Ty Celyn, Rhes y Cae - Withdrawn. (b) Application number: 056826, to extend previously approved front extension in-line with existing front of cottage, at Dunvant, the Catch, Halkyn - Approved. (c) Application number: 056983, for partial demolition of wall and creating of new access to serve existing dwelling, at Rose Mount, Halkyn - Withdrawn. (d) Application number: 056867, for the approval of details reserved by condition no. 3, attached to planning permission no: 054202, at Slip Inn Farm, Halkyn - Approved.

*Phillip Parry*

*Clerk to Halkyn Community Council*

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## **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**



## **HALKYN PARISH HALL BINGO**

**Doors Open at 7.10pm**

***Come along and have some fun  
A night of Bingo for everyone***



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



***Halkyn Parish Hall is where it's at  
On Wednesday night and every other after that***

***September 6th & 20th and so on with me.  
So come along. Eyes down. A fun night you'll see.***



## Farewell to Steve, Ness and Tom

Sunday 30th July 2017 was a very special day in the calendar for many who came to say farewell to Steve and Ness at the Blue Bell Inn after their years of true determination and commitment to ensure all their customers had a variety of quality ales, beers, wines and ciders with well deserved CAMRA pub/cider of the year awards, not to mention the great tea/coffee always served with a smile.

There was always something for everyone ...  
Post office, Cheese nights, Conker championships, Ukuelele nights, Christmas parties, Carol concerts, Guided walks, Nordic walking, Welsh language classes, Quiz nights, Mad Ed's hot five, traditional Blues, String band, Folk night, keyboard playing, Treasure hunts (NEWSAR), Morris dancing, Movember, Earth hour, Running club, Cider pressing ... and the list continues

Steve, Ness and Tom THANK YOU, the pub has been enjoyed by many over the years, life long friends have been made and memories a plenty.

*Steve has posted a message through his facebook page which many may not have seen:*

Well what a way to spend International Friendship Day with the biggest number of friends we possibly could. Thank you so much. Ness and I are a bit overwhelmed by all the love. We'll miss you all and look forward to seeing you once we have Ness back on her feet again.

Thank you for all the lovely cards, wishes, poems and pictures. We'll pack them up carefully and take time over the coming weeks to enjoy them.

Thank you to Ed and the boys for all the music today, wonderful stuff and you did play until the beer ran dry - reputation intact!

Thank you to Simon for pitching in on the bar, everyone for glass collecting, Tracey for being you and making a record raffle and Jeannette for picking up the bits Ness and I found ourselves in.

*I've penned a line or two and hope you all find yourselves among them.*  
Steve x



### On Our Way

To some that's come  
We've been a dad  
And been a mum  
To some a sis  
Others a son  
A bruv at times  
Some fun, some rhymes  
To share some jokes  
With friends that jibe  
And some there's pokes  
Friends to laugh with  
Sometimes with hope  
To hug and care for  
And help cope  
We've tried to be there  
For some no joke

We've done our best  
And had some fun  
Made good friends  
Lifted the glum  
It's time to go  
Move on, repair  
Work on tomorrow  
Lift life's despair  
We're going now  
Keep up the fun  
Remember how  
Be brave, not gone  
Goodbye from us  
It's time to go  
On our way  
Come on, hey ho

*We'll miss you guys  
Steve, Ness & Tom*



Good luck in all that you do and we look forward to catching up with you soon. xxx



## Blue Bell Walks

Fifteen years ago, Vicky and I were leading Walkabout Flintshire walks from Mold Hospital when a request was made for an evening walk. We started summer evening walks at the Blue Bell Inn, where we were made very welcome by Steve and Ness. As the number of walkers on Wednesday evening increased there was also an increased enthusiasm for winter walks on the mountain. We started meeting on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

We wish to thank Steve, Ness and Tom for their wonderful hospitality and to offer best wishes for happiness and health in the future.

As we welcome Gary, Trish and their family to the Blue Bell, we wish them much happiness and success here in Halkyn.

Pictures of all the walks and our farewell to Steve and Ness can be found on the website [thomapg.piwigo.com](http://thomapg.piwigo.com)

*John Thomas*  
*Walkabout Flintshire Walk*  
*Leader*

## Date for the Diary

Be sure to put Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in your diary, for it is on that day that there will be an extra special Craft Fair at Rhosesmor Village Hall. Admission to the Craft Fair is free and open to the public from 10.30–3.30.

The Fair has been organised by the Flintshire Craft Group (FCG) who proudly count among their numbers, crafter extraordinaire, Alison Tarry. Alison and I are both members of Flintshire Craft Group who meet regularly in Rhosesmor Village Hall. Alison lives locally and through her role as a Guest Designer on a jewellery making channel is well renowned for her amazing wire work jewellery and figurines. However, like many crafters Alison, along with other members of the FCG, is highly skilled in many aspects of craft. In addition, FCG have also invited other talented crafters to join them for their 2017 Craft Fair. This will ensure that the event will be well worth a visit, with a wide range of beautiful jewellery, curios, soft toys, textile arts, paper crafts, ceramics and wood crafts on show to admire, purchase for gifts or just to spoil yourself.

Refreshments will also be available, so we do hope to see you between 10.30 and 3.30 on Saturday 28 October at Rhosesmor Village Hall.

For further information email:  
[flintshirecraftgroup@outlook.com](mailto:flintshirecraftgroup@outlook.com)



## Capel Bethel y Nant

**Do join us at 2.30  
every Sunday.**

September	3rd	Maryl Rees
	10th	Maureen Roberts
	17th	Goronwy Ellis
	24th	Robert Parry
October	1st	Eirlys Gruffydd-Evans
	8th	Glyn Thomas
	15th	Bryan Jones
	22nd	Eric Greene
	29th	Own arrangement
November	5th	Shân Morris
	12th	Maryl Rees
	19th	Delyth McIntyre
	26th	Arwel Roberts

**CROESO CYNNES I BAWB!**

## Capel Salem, Pentre Halkyn

Services at 2pm.

C = Communion, W = Welsh, E = English

September	3rd	Rev. Marc Morgan	W
	10th	Mrs. Maryl Rees	C W
	17th	Mr. Bryan Jones	W
	24th	Mrs. Delyth McIntyre	E
October	1st	Mrs. Maureen Roberts	E
	8th	Mr. Goronwy Ellis	W
		Harvest Festival	
	15th	Mr. David B Jones	W
	22nd	Mr. Peter Sinclair	E
	29th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W
November	5th	Rev. Eirlys Gruffydd-Evans	W
	12th	Rev. Hugh Burgess	E
	19th	Mrs. Delyth McIntyre	E
	26th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W

## Cynfaen Memorial Chapel, Calcoed

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

(C) Denotes Communion Service.

September	3 <sup>rd</sup>	(E)	Rev. Maureen Roberts
	10 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Mr Gron Ellis
	17 <sup>th</sup>	(E)	Rev. Marc Morgan (C)
	24 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Parch Marc Morgan
October	1 <sup>st</sup>	(E)	Rev. David Harrison
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Harvest festival (W) 2.30pm (E) 6.00pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Parch Marc Morgan
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	(E)	Rev. Marc Morgan (C)
	29 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Mr Daffydd Barker Jones
November	5 <sup>th</sup>	(E)	Miss Angela Bebbington
	12 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Parch Marc Morgan (C)
	19 <sup>th</sup>	(E)	Rev. Marc Morgan
	26 <sup>th</sup>	(W)	Mrs. Maryl Rees

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Halkyn Mountain Scout Group



**Come and give it a try,  
see if you like it and then stay!**

We are inviting boys and girls to join our cub/scout group in Rhosesmor. Cubs can start at the age of 8yrs and Scouts from the age of 10yrs.

We are a small group and meet in Rhosesmor Village Hall every Friday during term time and we are looking for new members.

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

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](mailto:joycowley@btinternet.com)



## **Halkyn Mountain Parish Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The Parish holiday is a regular, and most enjoyable, annual event which has occurred, for the last 15 years or so, to venues all over Great Britain. However, not many people seem to be aware that this is something which is **open to all** who live on Halkyn Mountain.

Next year we are booked into Ampleforth Abbey, which looks absolutely lovely (pictured below) and is close to many attractions including the seaside at Scarborough. Trips out will cover an absolute abundance of places of interest and if you are a castle/abbey/old buildings fanatic, (as I am) there is a wealth of such buildings, of great interest, close by. Whitby is another great place, situated close by.

The approximate costs: half board, will be £48.50 pppn (standard) & £54.00 pppn, (en-suite). Full board can be chosen at additional cost.

There is a mini bus which will be going for 4 nights (which has limited places so is on a first come, first served basis). You can, however, choose 3 nights if preferred, going under your own steam and you can choose to travel in your own car. Some car sharing may also be available.

Ampleforth Abbey is a monastery of Benedictine Monks a mile to the east of Ampleforth, North Yorkshire, YO62 4ER - Tel: 01439 766000. The hospitality will be excellent.

Apply for a place to Helen Taubman,  
via [helentaubman@hotmail.com](mailto:helentaubman@hotmail.com)  
or to 01352 780292 or 07780706726

## **Halkyn Mountain Artists**

*Exhibition - August 29th to September 17th  
Community Gallery, Clwyd Theatr Cymru.*

We are five local artists who are collectively known as the 'Halkyn Mountain Artists'. We have taken part in the 'Helfa Gelf' artist trail for the past four years, this year we decided to have a break from our open studio and instead hold an exhibition of our work at Theatre Clwyd.





## **Halkyn W.I.**

A very good time was had by all on our day trip to Plas Newydd, Anglesey. We all enjoyed the Rex Whistler mural, and the view across the Menai Strait to the Britannia Bridge as well as the lovely gardens.



Halkyn WI Members; Joyce, Rita and Joan.



Fiona [3rd from right] standing with some members of Halkyn WI and their guests, about to get on the bus at the end of a good day out.

Our first meeting back from vacation is Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm. Speaker: Sally McIntyre, Clwyd Special Riding Centre.

Please note that our October meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> is at 2:15pm as we welcome Steve Boswell and Owls from North Wales Owl Sanctuary. I know many members are looking forward to this.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2.15pm, is our AGM followed by a Quiz.

December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm, our member Jean Roberts will be leading us, as we make Christmas table decorations to take home with us.

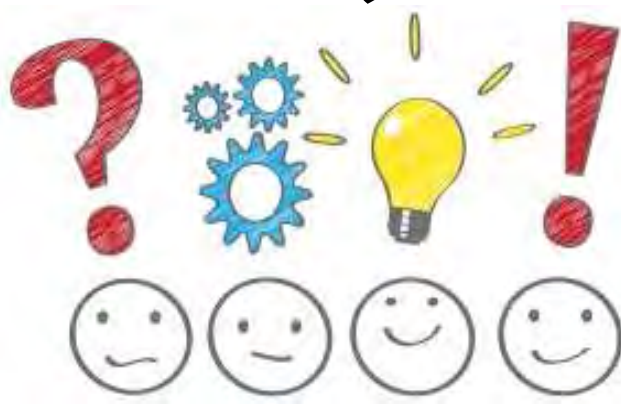
If you are interested in coming to the WI please to not hesitate to contact;

Fiona Jones, President on 01352 780462

## **RHOESMOR VILLAGE COMMUNITY GROUP**

### **PRESENTS**

# **THE BIG QUIZ**



**STARTS 7.00pm**

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**AT RHOESMOR VILLAGE HALL**

**UP TO 6 PLAYERS IN A TEAM**

**£2.50 PER TEAM MEMBER**

**PRIZES FOR WINNERS  
& TWO RUNNERS UP**

**RAFFLE WITH PRIZES**

**TEA/COFFEE ON SALE**

**BRING YOUR OWN WINE  
AND GLASSES**





## Tinytots Playgroup Ysgol Rhos Helyg Rhosesmor

We are a well established playgroup based in Ysgol Rhos Helyg in Rhosesmor.

We are open during term time each morning, 8.50-11.45am.

We welcome all children from age 2½!

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

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

The cost per session is £7.50

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



First session free!

Contact Leanne on  
01352 780265



**Every Thursday 9.15-11.15  
at Rhosesmor Village Hall  
£2 for parent & toddler(s)  
50p for parent & baby**

Find us on Facebook  
'Rhosesmor Tots' or 'Rhosesmor Village'

Multi sensory activities, craft and a healthy snack  
Tea/coffee and treat for mums & dads too

## 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 (3yrs) up to year 6.

### 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

£22 per child for a full day

£16 per child for half a day (till 1pm)

#### Opening times for after school club only

3.10pm - 5.20pm Mon - Fri Term times only.

#### We have a large hall area where we enjoy,

(For after school/holiday club)

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

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

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

#### Prices for after school club only.

Open 3.10pm till 5.20pm Monday to Friday.

First hour for one child £4.50

Second hour for one child £7.50

First hour for 2 siblings £8.10

Second hour for 2 siblings £13.80

Every child thereafter there's a 5% discount

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



# Rhes y Cae News

## Village Hall Quiz Night



Many thanks to the village hall committee for organizing such an interesting night out. This event was well supported by people of all age groups from Halkyn Mountain and beyond. There were 13 teams in total. Also, our grateful thanks to the question master, Pat McDermott for his contribution. The total amount raised was £300. Hopefully, there will be another quiz night held by the end of the year - watch out for information. Also, look out for another coffee morning in September. There is always a warm welcome to everyone.

Recently, the front area of the village hall has been tarmaced and we are hoping to have a water heater installed in the kitchen. Anyone who would like to be involved with the village hall activities please contact Jill Thomas on 780061.

## Annual Walk - Bagillt to Flint Castle



On July 1<sup>st</sup> about twenty walkers turned up at the Upper Shippe Inn, Bagillt for the annual, donation walk in aid of Christchurch. Two years ago the walkers went west to the two ports and the entrance to the Milwr tunnel. This year the walk followed the old road to Flint, crossing the railway to visit the imposing statue of the Viking Warrior looking out to the mouth of the estuary. The return was along the coastal path. It was low tide, which allowed us to observe the various shapes and colours of the sandbanks. The splendid buffet laid out in the Upper Shippe Inn on our return was much appreciated. The sum of £326 was raised for the church. Thank you to Gwyneth for organising the walk, which I was pleased to lead.

*John Thomas*

Grateful thanks to our leader, John, who has helped us for the last 12 years. Also, thanks to everyone who supported this year's walk, including those who were

unable to come on the day. We were quite fortunate with the weather - at least it didn't rain! We were pleased to see Rob and Norma (Upper Shippe Inn) again and thanks for all their support. Finally, thanks to Ann, Brenda, Mary and Nest for helping with the food. Diolch o galon!

## Rhes y Cae Show stalls

**Village Hall stall** - Matthew and Matilda brought the 'Splat the Rat' challenge - if you touched the 'Rat' you won a lollipop.



Also, the village hall committee had a '100 Squares' competition. The winner was Richard Williams who won a £20 High Street voucher - congratulations! Many thanks to all who helped on the day. Total monies raised was £140.



**Church Stall** - 'Hook the Duck', organised by Peter, was great fun. Doreen had an excellent selection of bric-a-brac and everyone enjoyed browsing around. Total monies raised were £158.30p. Many thanks to them for supporting the show.

**Trash or Treasure** - This stall was very popular and all the parcels went except two. Many thanks to Brenda, Rita and Sue, who have been very busy packing the parcels. Total amount raised was £102. Our thanks to everyone for supporting us.

**See picture on next page**





### Future Dates

#### **Exploring Nutrition, Healthy Habits, SSSI**

(Strength, Stamina, Stability, Inspired)

Three new classes starting Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at Rhes y Cae Village Hall. Helping people live a healthier lifestyle.

6 weeks- all 3 classes only £60 - 10am - 1pm  
Or pick-and-mix and pay-per-session

Please ring:

Sue Bethell (BSc. Hons. Nutrition and fitness consultant)

Tel. 01352 780379, Mob. 07923 019 999

sue@nutrition-fitness.uk

#### **Christmas Coffee Morning**

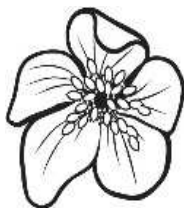
Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 - 12 noon, Rhes y Cae Village Hall

Please let me have any information you want included in December's issue by 1st November.

Gwyneth Hughes

### **Hardy Plant Society Clwyd Group**

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



The autumn programme is:

**Tuesday 19 September** Gardeners Question Time  
with various guest panellists to be announced.

**Tuesday 17 October** talk on  
'Autumn Colour in the Garden'  
by Stuart Dixon from Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire.

**Tuesday 21 November** Potterton Nursery Quiz  
with Rob Potterton from Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

Visitors £3 admission. Membership available.

Programme can be subject to change.

Information: 07768 423965

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

Find us on facebook & twitter @HPSClwyd

## **Halkyn Mountain**

### **Community Cinema**

We've recently shown two films to full houses at Halkyn Parish Hall: 'Arrival' in May and 'Lion' in July. Two very different films and both went down well!

The cinema volunteers give their time for free, and it means a lot to us to have good support for the screenings. Tickets are only £4 in advance (or £5 on the door) and all income goes towards covering our costs (film licence fees, venue hire, insurance etc).

Roll up for the next film, **Their Finest** (12A)  
on **Saturday 16th September, 7.30pm**  
(doors open 7pm).

This big-hearted and witty drama, about the making of a Second World

War

propaganda film, stars Gemma Arterton and Bill Nighy. It takes in the quiet revolution in wartime sexual politics – the key female characters are in their jobs because the chaps are otherwise engaged, but for the most part, the women have no intention of going "back into their boxes" once the war is over.



As the nights draw in, what better way to warm the spirits than to go to the movies right here on Halkyn Mountain! Tickets will be on general sale in the last week of August, and can be purchased from the Shop/Post Office in Pentre Halkyn, the Blue Bell Inn or online via the community cinema website.

And watch out for our November screening, when we're hoping to show a family film in the afternoon as well as one for the grown-ups in the evening! For more information, please go to our website and sign up to the mailing list, or follow us on facebook and twitter.

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

[www.facebook.com/halkynmountaincinema](https://www.facebook.com/halkynmountaincinema)

[www.twitter.com/mountaincinema](https://www.twitter.com/mountaincinema)

We hope to see you at Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema soon!

*Rob Hughes, Secretary -  
Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema Committee*

## Art on the Mountain

We're Wild@Art, a group of local artists who will be holding an open studio event in Halkyn Parish Hall and Library during two weekends in September.

This event will form part of the annual North Wales Helfa Gelf (Art Trail), where artists from all areas of North Wales open their studios to the public throughout the month of September.

This particular group produces portrayals of various aspects of nature, wildlife and rural scenes using a range of different materials, and goes by the name of 'Wild@Art'. The group members are: Ann Williams – gouache, Wendi Trasmundi – glass, Rachel Farr – mixed media and David Wildblood – pastel.

All the artists are more than happy to discuss their work, give handy hints and tips to beginners, and they will all have examples of their work for sale, plus they can accept commissions.



The studio will be open on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of September from 11:00am to 5:00pm each day. Admission is free, and delicious refreshments will be on sale in support of the

wonderful Cystic Fibrosis Trust. This is an ideal opportunity to meet some local artists, find out about their work, and maybe even take home a piece of original art, a print or a greeting card. Simply come along for a browse and a chat, a cup of tea and a cake, and you can feel happy in the knowledge that your refreshments are supporting such an excellent cause.



## 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

## Youth Football Coaching



Coaching sessions for primary school, girls and boys of all ages and abilities.

Come along to our beginners' class for a fun kick around, to make friends, and learn while you play. Or for those a little more advanced, join in tougher training sessions focused on hard work and progress.

Take part in our development courses and earn certificates, or take advantage of our tailor made development plans for those who wish to get some extra help ahead of their weekend matches. Sessions will be open to those who currently play for local youth football clubs, as well as those just wishing to train without the pressures of matches.

Fun sessions. Development sessions. Assessment, certificates, stickers, medals and trophies. It is all available in Pentre Halkyn now. So text, ring or email Shay Brightman if this is something your child would be keen to try.

Email: [Halkynfootballschool@gmail.com](mailto:Halkynfootballschool@gmail.com)

Facebook Page: Pentre Halkyn Football School of Excellence

Phone: 07375 943655

### This is a brief overview of costs:

Sessions will be £4 per hour with no sign up fee or long term commitment required.

Certificates of Progress will be £3 should you wish to progress through our courses, with a free medal after receiving 5 certificates, and a trophy after 20.

All primary school children will be eligible to train, and the day and time will depend on the child's age. Please contact me directly for more details.

Pre-booking is essential as we will be arranging groups according to age and ability, and limiting groups to ten children per session. This is to ensure sessions remain productive, fun, and to promote a healthy learning environment with fewer children on the pitch at once. This also allows us to lay on extra sessions in line with demand.

Training sessions will take place next to Pentre Halkyn Park.

*Shay Brightman*



## Age is just a number!

Sue Bethell, from Rhes-y-Cae, took the Best Female Deadlift trophy at the World Drug Free Powerlifting Federation's (WDFPF) Single Lifts Championships in Antwerp, Belgium in June.

Lifting for Wales, aged 57 and at a bodyweight of 51.8 kg Sue pulled 151.5 kg to break her own world record in her age and weight category and



claim the overall title, calculated using the Malone formula based on bodyweight and weight lifted. This formula ignores age, so Sue was competing against all the youngsters.

### How Active are You?

Most people are familiar with the government guidelines to undertake moderate intensity activity for 150 minutes each week, a recommendation that has been around for yonks. If you like to work hard and get a real sweat up then 75 minutes of vigorous activity will give you the same benefits.

But do you know, the current UK physical activity guidelines for adults also suggest that:

- all adults should undertake activity to improve muscle strength on at least two days per week
- all adults should minimise sitting for extended periods of time
- older adults at risk of falls should incorporate activity to improve their balance and co-ordination on at least two days per week

Ideally, we should all incorporate activity to improve our balance and coordination to help keep us out of the "at risk of falls" category.

Living on Halkyn Mountain we have opportunity to be as active as we want to be, right here on our doorstep. With my new **SSSI fitness classes** being held at Rhes y Cae Village Hall you can meet all the physical activity guidelines without straying from the Mountain. Classes are full of variety and suitable for all levels of fitness. Combine SSSI with one of my nutrition courses and you will soon be feeling the benefits. Find out more and book your place by giving me a call.

*Sue Bethell – BSC (Hons) Nutrition  
Registered Exercise Professional  
01352 780 379 / 07923 019 999*

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017



Join Sue Bethell Nutrition-Fitness for free personal training taster sessions. Limited slots available – phone Sue on 01352 780 379.

Check out [www.nationalfitnessday.com](http://www.nationalfitnessday.com) to see what other events are

happening in and around Halkyn Mountain.

## Don't Forget to Breathe

We all know why breathing is so important and yet most of do not breathe as well as we could, affecting our health adversely. How so?

How we breathe affects the amount of carbon dioxide and oxygen we have in our blood. Too much carbon dioxide will give us acid blood (like too much in the air gives us acid rain). The acid balance of our blood directly affects the functioning of our hormones and almost everything else. If we breathe correctly our body is more likely to function correctly.

If we breathe incorrectly we may start to overuse muscles, particularly in the shoulders and neck, which can lead to chronic neck and shoulder problems.

Shallow breathing does not allow us to de-stress whereas deep abdominal breathing triggers the relaxation response which is the opposite of the fight/flight or stress response.

In my experience, if you suffer from stress, tight muscles and general bodily discomfort, the single most effective thing you can do is to learn to breathe properly. Going and getting exercise is essential and may help aerate your body, but this is only a temporary fix if your breathing is dysfunctional.

Just imagine somebody who is stressed or anxious; they are breathing fast and shallowly, or they are not breathing at all. You can try breathing fast and shallowly (if you do not have a lung problem or suffer from panic attacks) for a moment. How does it feel? Now try breathing slowly and deeply. How does that compare? When you feel angry or nervous before making a presentation the best thing to do is to stop and take a few deep breaths.

When you breathe in, your abdomen should expand outwards, your lower rib cage should expand sideways and your upper rib-cage should expand forward just a little. Your shoulders should not lift and when you look in the mirror you should see no movement in the muscles of your neck. You can use your hands to feel the expansion in these different areas.

Retraining breathing takes time and sensitivity. You need to practise full breathing every day for five minutes or so and you should stop and take a full deep breath a couple of times an hour. If you do this for three months you will reprogramme your brain's automatic control of your breath. If you find it hard and there is a lot of tension in your abdomen then you may benefit from a gentle massage.

If you suffer from any heart or lung disorder please consult your doctor before trying to alter your breathing as your body may react to changes in the chemistry it has got used to. Remember don't try too hard, be gentle and allow time to change and you will really transform how you feel through your breath.

*Steve Massey  
St Asaph Chiropractic Clinic 01745 535854*

# Children's Page

## *A Few Words from Danny the Donkey*

While grazing in my field and enjoying the warm summer sun, I have plenty of time to think and to ponder the world around me. Although it may look as if I am only concentrating on eating, I am actually very much aware of all that is going on around me. When I return to my stable at night and during rainy days I think about all that I have seen and this week I have been thinking a lot about food and eating.

For much of the year, I only have to wander out of my stable and I am surrounded by food. I can choose what to eat from the selection of grasses and plants growing. In winter my human friends bring me hay and also some very tasty dry food. So the point I am getting to is that for most of the time I don't have to think about searching for food or chasing for it, although I have been known to run, when someone is heading in my direction with carrots or apples. Also, I am lucky that nobody tries to steal my food. The sheep do poke their heads through the fence from time to time and eat some grass, and rabbits often eat the odd leaf or two, but nothing to cause me any worry.

My human friends share their stable with a cat, and I have watched his daily challenge to keep and eat all his dinner. In the summer he eats outside and our human friends put food in his dish and then they return to their stable. At this time a magpie will be sitting in the nearby tree. He seems to know what time the food arrives and is always waiting. He then flies down and starts making an awful fuss. He tries to scare the cat away, but the cat now knows what he is doing as, if he were to step away from the bowl, the magpie will steal some food and fly back to its nest. There have been times when the cat has been away when the food has arrived and the magpie flies back and forth to its nest carrying food to feed its family. My mother once told me that cats eat special food which only cats should eat and I was warned never to try eating it. I don't think the magpie knows this. So if you ever hear magpies meowing or purring, you will know

why, and remember, you read it here first!

My human friends are very different. During most of the year I never see them eating. I have never ever seen them grazing in the field. However on a few occasions during the summer, they bring out a metal box and set it on fire. They then put food on top and watch it burn. Once it has been burning for a while they then eat it. It seems a very strange ritual to me. I can't imagine how burnt grass or hay would taste but the thought of it is bad enough. Perhaps this strange diet explains why they only have fur left on top of their heads. My mother once told me that I needed to eat well to keep a nice furry coat.

I'm glad my food is available in my field at any time I want it. If I fancy a snack in the middle of the night, I don't have far to go. I am also very lucky not to have to worry about magpies stealing my grass or hay. All this talking about food is making me hungry, so I'll head off now and find a juicy thistle (or two).

Bye for now,

### **Danny**

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





## Ysgol Rhos Helyg

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

### Attendance

Congratulations to the 12 pupils that had 100% attendance for the whole year, their prize was a £10 book token. Many children managed a silver or bronze award for fantastic attendance as well.



### Leavers

We wish our Year 6 pupils a bright future when they start the next step of their journey in High School in September. It was nice to see so many parents at the Leaver's Service and Mr Bob Robinson, Chair of Governors, presented the pupils with a small gift as a memento of their time at Rhos Helyg.



### School Trips



Our Infants travelled to Legoland and they had a fantastic time as you can imagine.

Whilst the juniors went to the seaside and had a fabulous time playing on the sand, before watching a film at the cinema.



### Dancefest



Years 1 and 2 performed at Theatre Clwyd as part of the Flintshire Dancefest. They were very excited and a little nervous to perform in front of a large audience ... but they were amazing!

### Gardening

The school gardens have never looked so good. The variety of produce being grown is marvellous. The list of vegetables being grown is getting longer each year.

### Summer Fayre



It seems to rain every year! Once again the Fayre had to be indoors in the School Hall; but that did not stop us having a great time. It is a lovely way to have fun, have a chat and a burger (or two!).

### Sports Day

This event was held in May this year as we have

noticed that the weather seems better at this time than towards the end of June.

The day went as you can imagine ...

lots of keen racing accompanied by cheering pupils and parents.

The parents' egg and spoon race was keenly contested, some parents putting their thumb on the egg to keep it in place!

### Flintshire Music Service

We were very privileged that members of the music service formed a small orchestra and performed in the hall for our pupils. It was a magical experience.



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## ***Ysgol Rhos Helyg continued***

### **Chatterbox**

Our Family Learning programme continues to be very successful in working in partnership with parents and children.

### **Assembly**

The Reverend Hugh Burgess visited the school for several assemblies recently and one of his assemblies focused on unconditional love. He has also been telling us all about the African projects he has been involved in.

### **Forest School**

Our forest School programme is a strength of the school and the learning experiences that the pupils receive are fabulous. This half term Years 6 and 2 enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities with lots of fun was had by all.



### **Eco committee**

Our eco club meet every Friday. This half term they have been taking part in some gardening and pond dipping.

## ***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 8 - 10pm

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

## ***Halkyn Library***

The library is a facility for all local residents, young and old, and is open **Friday afternoons**

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

**Library Online**

**Services via**

**[www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk)**



## ***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

#### **Friday**

Library 1:30 - 7:00 pm.  
Halkyn Brownies 6:00 - 7:00 pm.  
(Term time only) Contact Karen 716027

#### **Weekend**

Halkyn Mountain Cinema  
**Saturday 16th September**  
"Their Finest" A witty drama, about the making of a WW2 propaganda film.

Helpa Gelf (Art Trail) **2nd & 3rd September**  
**23rd & 24th September**

Heartfelt Art & Craft 10 am - 3:00 pm.  
**Saturday 9th September & 18th November**  
(Contact: Sue Thomas on 01352 781088)  
or email: [heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk](mailto:heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk)



# Halkyn Mountain Sports & Other Clubs

## Halkyn & District Bowls Club

We really look forward to summer but it flies by much quicker than winter. We are already halfway through the season, worst luck. Talking about luck, we need quite a bit more. We have had close games but just missed out. The B team are doing quite well; I'm sure that will continue. The A team are not doing that well and the Midweek team are struggling. The matches are quite different with lots of travelling and then facing young, excellent players. One player was only fourteen and qualifying to play for the county. Wish we could boast a team like that. We will keep trying. Things have got to get better.

In June we had our three-way vets tournament with players from Flint and Oakenholt. This is a three day event. There was excellent bowls as well as excellent food. The winner was Mike Jones from Flint.

We are currently playing in the Flint three-way tournament. We have eight Halkyn players entered. So far, between us, we have won five games and Gladys Bunnell is through to the final. We wish her luck.

We had a very good day in June, when a ladies team came from Prestatyn. I don't know which was the best, the bowls or the food. I'm bound to say the bowls. It was close with the visitors just winning.

Our club competitions have been a lot of fun. Here is a list of winners:

- 8<sup>th</sup> April the Britannia shield won by Gladys Bunnell and Andrew Jones.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April Round Robin won by Arthur Jones.
- 7<sup>th</sup> May the Frank Cob trophy won by Andrew Jones
- 27<sup>th</sup> May the Hale trophy won by Gladys Bunnell and Andrew Jones
- 13<sup>th</sup> June the Sheila Strathan shield won by Betty Lindley.
- 25<sup>th</sup> June the Ivor Williams Round Robin winner Andrew Jones
- 8<sup>th</sup> July Peter Anwill Men's singles winner Andrew Jones
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July Fred Evans winners Wenna Worrall and Bill Lawson

The 100 club is doing well, raising money for the club. The winners were Norman Barlow winning £15 and Alice Henderson winning £30.

In June we tried a new venture. We had a 'Come and Buy Day' in Halkyn Library where we sold lots of donated items - what a selection! We also sold craft items and cakes. It was a very busy day and the hard work paid off with a substantial amount raised to pay the bills.

So, it is onwards and upwards now with more games to play and hopefully win. There's been one good thing this year - we have had lots of warm, sunny matches - hope that continues.

Any enquiries to:  
Bill Worrall 710702 or Julie Lewis 781212

*J. Woodruff*

## Halkyn Cricket Club

Halkyn 1st XI currently lie in a mid-table position after winning four out of the ten completed league games. Luckily no games have been lost to the weather so far. Leading run scorers at the moment are Ben Roberts with 261 and Alex North with 176.

Whilst leading bowlers are Ben Roberts, Graeme Settle and Capt James Beresford all with 15 wickets each. It is hoped the 1st XI can finish the season strongly during the remaining six games.

Halkyn 2nd XI have shown improved form lately winning consecutive games against Rhewl and Gwersyllt respectively. The current blend of experience and youth is now beginning to prosper. Leading the batting at present is Keith Williams and leading wicket taker is Vish Mony, including a stunning 6-18 in the victory at Gwersyllt.

### Halkyn CC Clubhouse

A reminder that the clubhouse is available for hire. A fully licensed bar, ideal for parties and christenings, wakes and weddings. For further details please contact Bar Manager David Odgers, mob. 07768 117 276

Two attached photos are team photos from the Old Pant, taken in the early 1960's.

*Keith Williams, Secretary*



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## Holywell Golf Club

### The Ladies Pat Edward's Memorial Trophy

Past Lady Captains of Holywell met together to remember their fellow member Mrs Pat Edwards and compete for the Pat Edwards Trophy. The trophy was presented to the Ladies Section by Pat's family. Pat was a former Lady Captain and Lady President and she and her husband Brinley were wonderful ambassadors for the Club. Pat worked extremely hard for the Club and the ladies and she is still sadly missed by everybody that knew her. The winner of the trophy this year was our Lady Captain Mrs Pauline Porter and she was presented with the trophy by our Lady President, Mrs Helena Rowley. Donations were given by the Ladies for Nightingale House Hospice.



### The Gentlemen's Past Captains Trophy



The Past Captains of Holywell met in June to play for the Captains Trophy. The trophy was presented by the late Mrs Beryl Lloyd (Past Lady Captain and Lady President) in memory of her husband Oscar

and her brother Trevor Jones who were both Past Captains. The trophy was won by Past Captain Mr Ian Smith and it was presented to him at the past Captains Dinner by our club Captain Mr Ivor Pye.

### President Gary Jones Welcomes Members and Friends

Our president, Mr Gary Jones, celebrated his day with members, friends and guests. Gary was born in Brynford and spent many happy times with his family and friends there before moving to Broughton. The overall winner was Phil Griffiths with 36 points, Division 1 Geraint Jones 35 points, Division 2 James Jones 36 points, Division 3 Keith Parkes. The guest winner was Terry Jones, Ladies 9 hole winner Lady Captain Mrs Pauline Porter, Ladies guest winner Mrs Hazel Crane, longest drive Mark Jones, nearest the pin 15<sup>th</sup> hole Brian Tierney. Mr. President's chosen charity was MacMillan Nurses and



£460 was raised for this charity. Mr President was proud to be a member of the Holywell Past Captains team when they won the Flintshire Past Captains Cup, which has only been won three times by Holywell since the competition was first played in 1977 and Holywell won the first competition.

### Members & Friends Celebrate Lady President's Day

Holywell Ladies and guests joined our Lady President to celebrate her day. The weather was very kind to the ladies and they enjoyed a good day's golf. There are two trophies played for on Lady President's Day, the first one being for the silver division and the second for the bronze division. The overall winner was Mrs Joanne Pugh who also won the Silver Division Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Sian Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Maureen Bibby (she also won the Bronze Division Trophy), 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs Linda Leach. Best score on the par 3's Mrs Shirley Williams with 11 points, longest drive Mrs Joanne Jones, best front nine Mrs Beryl Woods, best back nine Mrs Joyce Eakins. The visitor's prize went to Mrs Liz McCure.

### Holywell Juniors May Medal Results

Red and yellow tees 12 Holes: 1<sup>st</sup> Callum Owen-Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sian Jones

Red tees 9 holes: 1<sup>st</sup> Stephen Owen-Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> William Griffiths

Academy course 7 holes: 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Owen-Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Griffiths.

Well done Sophie for her nearest the pin on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole, 2cms from the pin with her tee shot.

### Holywell Golf Club Hosts Another Successful Junior Open

There were 47 entrants for the Holywell Junior Open from 8 different English and Welsh Golf Clubs. Our juniors and visitors coped very well in tough windy conditions. The overall winner, with a brilliant round of 69 gross net 63, was Liam Gobin from Sandyway Golf Club, Cheshire. Our juniors were also successful with Sian Jones winning the 18 holes Red Tee competition with a net 67. Harrison Prior won the 9 hole Red Tee competition. The Silver Tee Course was won by Isaiah Flewitt (Hawarden). The upbeat and well-mannered behaviour was a credit to the juniors and their families.



### Holywell Juniors June Medal

Red/Yellow Tees: Winner Sian Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Callum Owen-Jones.

Silver Tees: Winner Mia Davies, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Owen-Jones.

Harrison Prior and Sian Jones, from Holywell juniors, won their section in the Mini Master and they will be going to Celtic Manor for the Finals. Good luck to them both.

### Captain's Day

The weather stayed kind for our Captain, Mr Ivor Pye, when he held his Captain's day. Members and guests took part in the competition held earlier in the day and



Ivor invited the ladies to play in a nine hole competition after the gentlemen's competition had finished. The day went off without a problem with the Juniors Volunteers serving refreshments after ten holes. The day was completed with a great evening and the Captain thanked everybody for their help and support. It was then time for the presentation. The winner was Mr Les Brown, second was Mr Huw Wrench and third Mr David Bell. The Ladies prize went to Mrs Helena Rowley. The guests and members then enjoyed a buffet followed by entertainment provided by Original Replica. The Captain's Charity was McMillan Nurses



and £753.45 was raised for his charity; once again showing the generosity of Holywell members.

#### Lady Captain's Day

Lady Captain's Day was enjoyed by lady members of Holywell Golf club, visitors and friends. The weather was kind and the ladies enjoyed their game of golf. They met later at the club and enjoyed a buffet after which the lady Captain presented the prizes. The winner was Ms Janice Cane, second Mrs Brenda Williams and third Mrs Linda Leech. Nearest the pin on the



11<sup>th</sup> in 2 was Joanne Jones and highest Stableford score on three mystery holes went to Mrs Stephanie Jones. The Lady Captain's charity was the Alzheimer's Society and £47.50 was raised.

#### The Holywell Golf Club Annual Cancer Day

The Holywell Golf Club Annual Cancer Charity Day was held on Friday 28th July 2017. There were 52 pairs taking part in the 4BBB competition and despite the weather there were some very good scores returned. After the golf the Club Captain welcomed everyone to Holywell Golf Club and he presented a cheque for £2,570 to Mrs Joan Davies, Chair of the NW Cancer Research Holywell Branch, and members of her Committee. This was made up of a raffle together with donations, entry fees and sponsorship of various tees by local businesses. The Captain thanked everyone involved in organising and supporting the day. The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Jayson Jones and John Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Huw Wrench and David Wilson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Roberts and Brian Roberts, 4<sup>th</sup> Kevin Leech and Bill Lawson on a count back. The lady prize winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Lorraine Redman and Mrs Helena Rowley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Linda Leech and Mrs Beryl Woods. Picture shows Holywell Captain, Ivor Pye, making the presentation to Mrs Joan Davies.



## Holywell Rambling Club Programme

Our walks take place in all weathers, so appropriate clothing and footwear is essential.

If you are interested in joining a walk please phone the leader beforehand. They will give more details of the walks, what to wear and what to bring with you. Many of our walks are within the capabilities of most averagely fit people. Please note that the walks marked \* require a reasonably high level of fitness.

The Club operates Car-Sharing, the Meeting Places listed below are for usually for this purpose.

Day/Date	Title/Location	Distance	Leader	Meeting Place
Wed 6th Sept	Caergwle Castle	Easy, 6 miles	Ron 01352 715 723	Holywell 9.00/Northop 9.15
Sun 17th Sept	Dragon's Back	Strenuous 10 miles	John 01352 757366	Northop 8.30
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept*	Moel Siabod from Dolwyddelan	Strenuous 11 miles	Margaret 01352 720 477	Jct 29 9.00
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Wheeler Valley Explorer	Easy/Moderate 7 miles	Elfed 01352 780435	Ysceifiog 9.50
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nantlle Ridge	Strenuous 10 miles	Vaughan 01745 857365	Jct 29 9.00
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct*	Mystery Ramble		June & George 01352 840809	Holywell 9.00 Northop 9.15
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Caergwle to Saltney Ferry	Easy/Moderate 8.5 miles	John 01352 757366	Northop 9.00
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct*	Vale of Clwyd	Easy/ Moderate 9 miles	Ron 01352 715723	Holywell 9.00 Northop 9.00
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Maeshafn	Easy about 5 miles	Gill 01352 713972	Holywell 9.15 Northop 9.30
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Hope to Hawarden	Easy/ Moderate 8 miles	Flo 01244 534445	Hawarden Station 8.45
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Around Denbigh	Easy/ Moderate 9.5 miles	Janet 01745 890 453	Northop 9.30 Holywell 9.30
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Whittington Castle	Easy/ Moderate 7 miles	Maureen 01352 761018	Holywell 9.00 Northop 9.15
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Moel y Parc	Moderate Mountain 7 miles	Toni 01352 715580	Holywell 9.30
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec*	Winter Idyll	Moderate Mountain 8 miles	Peter 01352 716886	Holywell 9.30
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Caerwys and Maes Mynan	Easy 5.5 miles	Ron 01352 715723	Caerwys GC 9.50
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christleton	Easy 8 miles	Maureen 01352 761018	Holywell 9.15 Northop 9.30
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ysceifiog ramble	Easy 5 miles	Elfed 01352 780435	Ysceifiog 10.20
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We know that Halkyn Mountain News is valued by our mountain community and that it is a great way to stay in touch with everything that is going on and also have a local trade directory at hand. We also know from our advertisers how much they value the business they receive from advertising in our paper. We really want HMN to continue for the long term.

While collectively known as the “Editorial Team” we are looking for volunteers with wide ranging skills, not necessarily those who enjoy writing or editing.

We would welcome help from anyone interested in:

- IT work – Desk-top publishing etc
- Book keeping
- Transcribers (typing handwritten submissions)
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