



### ***Rhes Y Cae & Moel Y Crio Sheepdog Trials & Show***

Friday was a scorching hot day! The sheepdog trials started at 9:00am with 45 dogs competing, quite a few of them throwing themselves into the water trough provided in an effort to cool off. The competition was keen and the winners were:

#### **Class 2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Leo Krener, Germany  
2<sup>nd</sup> - B Hopwood      3<sup>rd</sup> - John Whiteley  
4<sup>th</sup> - B Hopwood

#### **Class 3 (within a 10-mile radius of Rhes y Cae & having not won a 1<sup>st</sup> prize)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - B Hopwood      2<sup>nd</sup> - John Whiteley  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Julia Whiteley

This year the special prize of the Gwyn Jones memorial vase for the best outrun, lift & fetch was won by J R Griffith, Tal y Sarn with Sam.

At 6:30pm the dogs started to arrive for the annual terrier racing. The numbers were a

little down on the previous years; perhaps it was due to the tremendous heat!! But for those who did attend, a great fun night was had by dog owners and spectators. At one point a swarm of flying ants landed on Brian who was bitten and had to rip his shirt off and swat them away!! We had two new helpers this year – Delyth & Julie, who did very well at short notice!



Saturday was yet another hot and sticky day. The sheepdogs came early – perhaps to have their run before the sun got too hot!!

The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - J R Griffith  
2<sup>nd</sup> - E W Edwards  
3<sup>rd</sup> - H J Francis

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## **A Final Thank You**

As we said in the last issue we were very pleased that the response to our appeal for new editors produced a group of nine who will ensure that the Halkyn Mountain News continues to be delivered to your door every quarter.

We want to say a special thank you to each and every one of our volunteer deliverers for braving all the elements could throw at them as they ensured it was delivered.

We thank all our contributors for their articles over the years, people often tell us what an interesting read the Halkyn Mountain News is and it is your articles that make it so, so please continue to send them in to the editors.

We also thank all our advertisers for their support of the Halkyn Mountain News, the adverts section has grown considerably over the past 14 years and many people have told us it is the first place they look to find a local tradesman or service.

We are sure that you will all support the new editorial team who I am sure will introduce themselves in future issues. Good luck to you all, we hope you enjoy editing the Halkyn Mountain News as much as we have.

Finally thank you to our readers for the encouraging comments we have received to keep the Halkyn Mountain News going for years to come. We will now look forward to receiving it like you, as readers.

*Patrick & Eirwen McDermott (Retiring Editors)*

## **NEW EDITORS CONTACT DETAILS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FRONT PAGE**

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## **Rhes Y Cae & Moel Y Crio Show Continued**

The horse section was less well supported this year with all the competing over by 4:00pm. Having said that, the standard was high. The children work so hard to get the horses looking their best for the day.

The marquee was looking good once more. We had a bit of a late start but once the people started to arrive with their produce we were not disappointed!! The handicraft section was nicely set out, showing all the knitting & sewing to its best advantage, with all the local photography of animals and local views fit to adorn any wall!!

The children had been busy with their designs of space ships, treasure maps, painted stones and colouring the train. A very good effort by all.

The miscellaneous section was well supported with eggs (brown & white), sweet & savoury exhibits all looking and - as I'm sure Nèst Jones will tell us - tasting delicious!!

Set recipes all with the same ingredients but **oh**, all so very different. What happened to the gentlemen this year? Only one brave man entered - well done Richard!!

The gardening section did well even for the weeks of dry weather we had prior to the show, the hosepipes must've been out in force. The hot weather had taken its toll on the roses and many flowers. The arrangements looked well but the heat was almost too much for them.

The children's sections was down in numbers but the quality of everything was good. Is this because of the closure of the school?

The winner of the handicraft section was Shelah Rathmall; the winner of the miscellaneous section was Angharad Wilkinson and the gardening winner was Mr Bob Robinson. The overall winner was Mr Bob Robinson. The winner of the trophy for the Children's Sections was Hannah Oraham. Congratulations to them all!!

There were quite a few stalls for people to look at: Hook-a-Duck, Tombola, Guess the Price of the Hamper, A Coconut to Win and an ice-cream to cool us before the torrential downpour sent everybody into the marquees for shelter. How it rained but thankfully, it only lasted about 10 minutes.

Brian Coleclough, the Chairperson of the Committee, would like to thank everybody from the President, Vice Presidents, judges, competitors, stall holders, visitors and especially the hardworking Committee and Ladies Committee for all their hard work before, during and after the show.

*Diolch yn Fawr  
Menna*

# Halkyn Community Council

## **Please Volunteer to keep Halkyn Village Tidy**

Following a request from local residents, in relation to keeping the area in and around the Halkyn Village Green/Centre neat and tidy, the Council have agreed to endeavour to arrange to set up a small committee of local volunteer residents to assist. Councillor Colin Barker has kindly agreed to facilitate the arrangements. It would be appreciated, if any resident would wish to volunteer their services to the Community - **please contact your local Halkyn Community Councillor, Colin Barker on 780138.**

## **Council Annual Meeting**

At the Annual Meeting of the Community Council Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth was elected to serve a second term as Chair of the Council. Councillor Mrs. Sigsworth thanked her colleague Councillors for their support and for electing her for a second term of office. Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor was elected as Vice Chair of the Council.

## **Flintshire County Council - Fulbrook Depot**

Following a request from a local resident enquiring in relation to the future of the Fulbrook Depot in Halkyn, and the possibility that it may become a distribution centre for traffic cones for highway works by a private company on behalf of The Welsh Assembly. This type of usage would inevitably be utilised during the evening period, and will cause disruption to the immediate neighbours, together with the illumination aspect. The County Council provided the following reply; "The County Council has declared the depot at Halkyn surplus to requirements. The Council are currently de-commissioning the site, and will include the option to sell the site on the open market. The Council have no plans to seek a change of use, but any subsequent owner will be subject to the planning process."

## **Halkyn and Rhes Y Cae Children's Play Areas**

The Community Council have been advised by Flintshire County Council that their application for match funding towards new play area equipment, at both the Halkyn and Rhes Y Cae Children's Play areas, has been successful. The total amount of funding to be utilised on new equipment will total £18,000 (£10,000 from Halkyn Community Council and £8,000 from Flintshire County Council). The County Council will, in the near future, provide the Halkyn Council with details of the new equipment.

## **Halkyn Library**

The Community Council subsidise the library that is open in the Halkyn Parish Hall. The funding by the Council amounts to just over £3,900 a year. The County Library Service produce for the Community Council a yearly report, which provides details in respect of the usage of the library. The Councillors were pleased to be advised by the Library Service, that over the past year, the number of people visiting the library had increased, and in particular, more children were using the facilities. The library is for the use of the whole area, and the residents are encouraged to support the facility.

## **Speed Indication Signage on the B5122 at Halkyn**

Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth brought to the Councillors' attention her concerns with the lack of speed limit signage on the B5122. Travelling through

Halkyn Village the speed limit is 40mph, it then reverts to the national speed limit (60mph) for the road going towards Pentre Halkyn and just past St. Mary's Church the speed limit reverts to 40mph - but the larger 40mph speed limit sign appeared to be missing. The only indication to motorists of a 40mph speed limit, is a worn 40mph road marking in a reddish colour near the football field, together with repeater signs on Pentre Road. After consulting with the County Highways Department, new speed signs have been erected and the faded, pseudo traffic calming measure has been listed on the programme for future maintenance.

## **Speeding Traffic in Brynford Road, Pentre Halkyn**

The Council were advised in relation to speeding traffic in the area of Brynford Road, Pentre Halkyn. The Council asked the Police to monitor the road. A Police Community Support Officer has subsequently visited on a number of occasions; whereby many vehicles were found to be travelling over the speed limit for the road. The Police will now monitor the area with their Go Safe Camera Team.

## **Donations and Financial Support**

The Community Council have provided the following financial donations since the last issue of the HM News; Troedio Clwyd Walks (Halkyn Walking Festival) - £50, Nightingale Hospice (Wrexham) - £200, towards the cost of grass cutting at the following Church Cemeteries: St. Mary's Church, Halkyn; St. Paul's Church, Rhosesmor and Christchurch, Rhes y Cae - £270 to each Church.

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## **Halkyn Library**

August already, can't believe it. The Summer Reading Challenge, The Mythical Maze, has got off to a good start, better than I had hoped. I expect quite a lot to complete it and get a certificate and medal, not forgetting all the stickers, fortune teller bookmark and glow in the dark wristband. It keeps the children reading through the summer, and it does help with the school work, when they go back in September.

A lot of the children love to stamp their own books, one or two manage to scan them as well, they love doing it and it's a big help. It's a bit like a production line but as long as they enjoy doing it that's all that matters.

I would like to take this moment to thank the Editors for struggling through my ramblings to make it readable. Many thanks Eirwen and Pat.

*Oh dear it's not far off Christmas Mal*





## **Brynford Community Council**

### **Parking of vehicles - Brynford C.P. School**

Further to this item reported in the last edition of Halkyn Mountain News, the Council has been advised that a site meeting by Flintshire County Council Highway Officers and Councillor M. Wright has been undertaken and Officers are exploring the possibility of re-designing the highway lay-out road markings to create a parking zone. The Council is looking forward to receiving a draft proposal on this in the near future.

### **Best Kept Communities Competition 2014**

The Council have been advised that, following completion of the judging for the above event, Brynford Village entry is not one of the prize winners for this year.

The Judges did report that there was a definite improvement in the appearance of the area and that the area around Brynford School was noteworthy with orchids and thyme in a managed area of rough grass. The Council wishes to thank all the residents who participated in this year's event and hope that you will not be deterred from supporting the event again next year.

### **Community Policing**

Following the successful appointment of P.C.S.O. Rob Hill to a full time Police Constable the Council has been advised by District Inspector Sharon McCairn, North Wales Police that P.C.S.O. Carol Richards has been appointed for the Brynford area.

Contact information

carol.richards@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

Blackberry 07880156948

Carol is to have discussions with Councillor J. Davies as to the possibility of using Brynford Village Stores as a community drop-in surgery where Carol can meet local residents on a regular basis.

### **Appointment of Chairman of The Council**

At the May meeting of the Council Councillor W. Beaumont was unanimously appointed as Chairman and Councillor D. Jones was appointed as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Alan Roberts, Clerk to the Council,  
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## **Halkyn County Councillor**

It was a very real shock when one heard the disquieting news that Pat and Eirwen were going to retire from their joint editorship of the Halkyn Mountain News. They have performed this vital and totally voluntary role for many years, with great efficiency, understanding, encouragement and inexhaustible patience.

People from beyond the confines of Halkyn Mountain and its environment frequently say what a worthwhile and valuable service the folk in the area are privileged to receive; we are the envy of many. Pat and Eirwen have been like very kind but firm teachers exhorting their pupils to write a composition. I, for one, hated having to write essays at school and so I own up to being one of the "black sheep" who have caused our editors extra concern and worry over time deadlines. A simple "Thank You" seems quite inadequate to convey our sincere gratitude to these good souls who have done so much for us.

The Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and associated events, were a great success in the last weekend of July. The fine weather was a great help, though one fears that the record high temperatures may have prevented some people from attending. Again, this is an exceptional event and can only take place because of the very hard work that is put in, both before the occasion and on the actual days. For this goodwill and effort we are all most grateful.

In the previous edition of the 'News' it was stated that more needful speed limits would probably be introduced in the not too distant future and, in particular, the urgent requirement for an ADVISORY 20mph limit by Ysgol Rhos Helyg. A few weeks ago it was announced in the press that ALL schools in Flintshire would receive this welcome safety measure.

A direct question posed in the Environmental Committee to the Chief Highways Officer elicited the reply that unfortunately, Ysgol Rhos Helyg was not included in that hit because a 30mph speed limit was not in force on the B5123, running past the school. (All other schools in the County already are served by roads with a 30mph limit). Thanks to the cooperation of the Evening Leader and the local member, this difficulty received full publicity; hopefully the 30mph limit will be introduced as soon as possible and the advisory 20mph by Ysgol Rhos Helyg. (Not many people realise that the official speed limit on nearly all mountain roads, including those running through the Wern, Moel y Crio and Rhes y Cae is 60mph. Most competent and skilled drivers will drive well below the limit, in the interest of safety and consideration of other road users and animals.)

There are many kind and caring people in the area, many of whom are animal lovers. It may seem ungrateful and unkind to ask those people, who with the best intentions, put vegetable scraps and other food out for the sheep, especially where their dwellings are adjacent to the village greens. Ideally, the sheep should graze on their own patch of the mountain, which they learn to recognise (known as 'hefting'). When sheep are enticed to these benevolent hand-outs they do create an undesirable mess.

## **Halkyn & District Over 50's Club**

Meet on the 1st Monday of every month  
At the Halkyn Village Hall  
At 2.00 pm

As a group we are striving to contact other people who want to join us. We hold meetings to discuss various opportunities open to us and invite guest speakers to speak on various topics.

If you would like to join us or wish to give some input you would be very welcome.

Just come along to our meetings or ring Jenny on 781417 or Mary on 781412

In the days of WWII, I can remember a large crowd of children sitting on the village green in Rhes y Cae, without having to avoid sheep dirt, whilst a government sponsored travelling team showed us films, all in aid of National Savings for the war effort. Children were asked to do their 'party piece' and Mrs Mona Denman, then a young teenager, sang "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine" for which she received a small prize.

People who are concerned about thistles and nettles, which grow immediately outside their properties are entitled, or rather encouraged, to cut them down. The larger areas of such weeds, away from people's properties are the responsibility of the staff of Natural Resources Wales (previously the CCW).

The problem areas of gorse and other invasive plants, possible fire hazards, are continually brought to the notice of NRW. This is a major concern to local people but the difficulty or challenge which we have to face is that most of the common land has Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), or other Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), status. A well-respected Community Councillor at a recent meeting of the Joint Consultative Board (for the welfare of the common land) pointed out accurately that the mountain had been efficiently cared for by local people for generations. He was most rudely contradicted by an individual representing a non-elected body. What concerns me, as your local member, is that this is just one aspect of the sinister and invasive attrition of democracy for which our forebears struggled so hard to obtain.

The situation could almost be called 'The Case of the Missing Bus'. In fact, several buses on the Route 14 went missing several weeks ago. Route 14 runs (or should one say 'ran'?) from Mold to Denbigh, passing through villages like Cilcain, Moel y Crio, Rhes y Cae, Nannerch and Caerwys. There was no warning; no posters or fliers to say that the service had been discontinued. Frustrated passengers rang the correct 'phone numbers and received little help. One caller was told, "the driver must've forgotten to go through Rhes y Cae". This could sound funny but it was both frustrating and unacceptable; there are people without access to cars, who depend totally on a reliable bus service. An apology has since been received. Unfortunately, the service has been suspended permanently.

Enquiries have unearthed the following facts:

1. Where it only costs £2.00 per passenger on a particular route, the bus service will be retained
  2. Where it costs up to £5.00 per passenger, efforts will be made to retain the service
- Where it costs £17.00 per passenger – as in the case of buses through Rhes y Cae, it will be discontinued.

In the last 12 months, the number 14 service through Rhes y Cae has cost the Council £30,000 per year. This is obviously unsustainable. Every effort will be made in the Autumn to try and find an alternative, e.g., a regular, public taxi.

This is not an isolated example; other rural areas also experience transport problems. Whilst the powers that be claim that people do not use buses enough, the most frequent answers to that point are:

1. Buses do not run when they are most needed.
2. Buses do not necessarily serve the places people need them for, e.g., the number 14 goes to Denbigh whereas most people from Rhes y Cae & Lixwm prefer to go to Holywell.

Even when buses run, they are unreliable, i.e., either very late or too early.

One last item, which may be of help especially to the elderly, who are harassed by cold-callers or sales representatives. It is possible to obtain from the Trading Standards Department in County Hall a sticker which people can fix to their front door or front window, which clearly states that unwanted sales (or cold) callers are not wanted. Refusal to go away when requested to do so is a CRIMINAL OFFENCE. If anyone has trouble with such people; or with tradespeople whom they think are not genuine, they should ring Trading Standards, County Hall on 01352 703181.

May I wish all our readers a pleasant Autumn with good health, peace and contentment.

Yours most sincerely  
Colin Legg (CC Halkyn Ward)

PS: It is good to see the Miner's Arms is open again in Rhes y Cae. May we wish the new host and hostess every success in their venture. Similarly, we send our felicitations to the Red Lion Inn in Rhosesmor, which has recently opened it's doors again. It is necessary to remember other hostelrys in the area, The Blue Bell in Halkyn & the Britannia. We are lucky to have a choice of so many good taverns in such a small area. **CL**



# TIMES PAST

## *Rhes-y-Cae Village Hall*

Rhes-Y-Cae Village Hall Committee are holding a fund raising film show of past village events, including the Rhes-Y-Cae and Moel-Y-Crio Sheep Dog Trials and Show over the years.

The film show will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm. Tickets £5 each, including Cheese and Wine, are available from Jill Thomas on 01352 780061. There will also be a raffle on the night.



Should anyone have any photos or other memorabilia of any past events in Rhes-y-Cae or Moel-y-Crio please bring them along on the night and we will do our best to let everyone see and enjoy them.

## Graziers News

### Funding

As reported in the last Halkyn Mountain News we have been trying to get funding to erect some more cattle grids and do some work on the mountain. The present situation is that we are unlikely to hear that we are to get the funding until November and the money has to be spent and the work completed before the end of March 2015. There is no chance of completing the cattle grids within this time frame.

We then decided to put in a lesser bid to carry out some work on the mountain only to find out that they would not accept any bids less than £50,000. Again we would not be able to do that much within the time frame.

We are at the present trying to enter a partnership with another organization to put a joint bid in for £50,000 so that we can share the money but as things are at present do not hold your breath.

As this bid looks as if it is going to fail we are looking at other organizations who can provide us with funding and if possible over a four or five year period.

### Dogs

It is a sorry state of affairs but we are still suffering from dogs attacking sheep and generally it is the same people who do not comply with the law regarding walking of dogs on common/access land.

It is not something we want to do but we feel we have no choice but to involve the local dog warden and the rural police squad to patrol the common.

### Pant Quarry

This quarry has permission until 2025 but they are looking at closing this quarry some time before this date. They are currently working on a restoration plan for when the quarry shuts which we have been told we can have sight of when it is complete.

### Scottish Power

We have had a walk around the mountain with representatives of Scottish Power to examine the damage they have been causing to the sward. We have photographs of the present situation and have agreed that we will examine the common when they have completed their work and decide on what action needs to be taken.

### SCAB PREVENTION MEASURES

As is normal practice the mountain must be cleared of **ALL** sheep on **SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10AM AND 2PM.** The sheep are to be returned to the mountain **ONLY** after they have been dipped in a scab approved dip or had an approved injection.

The association would be pleased to receive the co-operation of all the graziers. It is to all our advantage that sheep remain in a healthy, disease free condition.

### A.G.M.

The association A.G.M. will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in the Rhes-y-Cae village hall following the normal meeting which commences at 7.30 pm.

*Halkyn Graziers and Commoners Association*

## Grosvenor Estate Update

We are always very grateful to our partners in Flintshire County Council and others who work with us to manage and help improve the Common. Over the past few months we have had very constructive meetings with Councillors Matt Wright and Colin Legg who have both raised important issues which we are addressing.

We were very happy to provide match funding towards an interpretative project led by the Council. A brand new website will be launched very soon which charts the industrial, social and geological history of the common. It has lots of interesting facts and information about the area's rich heritage, and will be well worth a visit once it's live.

Anyone who has recently passed Rhes-y-Cae school will hopefully have noticed that the building has been re-painted and the external doors have been replaced. The Estate foresters have also been working hard to clear away unwanted vegetation from the front of the school. We are still considering how the building may be used in the future, and are keen to make sure that the building does not fall into disrepair whilst it remains empty.

It is very disappointing to report that there has been some vandalism at the School Millennium Garden. Coping stones have been pulled off, brickwork has been damaged, and the tin shed has been vandalised. In the coming weeks, builders will be repairing the damage and restoring the community garden to its former glory.

Last but not least, we are delighted to welcome back Halkyn Mountain Ranger Rachel Watson following a period of illness. We are all glad to see her back on the Common and appreciate all her hard work and support. Well done also to her colleagues at Flintshire Countryside Service who have raised over £1,000 towards Breast Cancer Care in support for Rachel during her recovery.



## FORTHCOMING EVENT

### Tidy up the Common Volunteer Day

Sunday 21st September 2014  
10.30am - 12.30pm

Lend a hand to tidy up the common.  
Wear your old clothes and sturdy shoes.

Booking is essential.  
Please call Wepre Park  
Visitor Centre  
on 01244 814931 for more details



## Ranger Update

I think it was fortunate that my absence from work coincided with the quietest time of the year habitat management-wise, kind of between seasons. Due to the exceptionally warm winter also we had decided to postpone any pond management we had scheduled until this coming winter. Twelve months isn't a long time in the general scheme of things either. As soon as I returned though it was time to get thistles and nettles cut and crush the bracken.

I was able to help out on the Great Crested Newt torch surveying evenings as they fell either in between or just after I had completed my treatment. It was great to get out onto the mountain and I'm afraid to say but I had missed it. It has a way of getting under your skin, I'm sure you all agree. The results were good too, especially the latter survey in mid-May. Things tend to get started later up here on the mountain.

A very welcome and surprising achievement came our way earlier in the year too. We had been commended in the Flintshire Excellence Awards for the Limekiln Project. This project is now in its second year with more funding from Cadwyn Clwyd and the Grosvenor Estate, also an application has now gone in for some Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) money. As well as the consolidation of the limekilns at Waen y Brodilas our new website is now live and everybody can go and have a look. It's at [www.halkynmountain.co.uk](http://www.halkynmountain.co.uk)

The website is still being added to, but there is still plenty there to be going on with. There are pages about the lead mining, quarrying and geology, plus much more. We've even put the beloved Halkyn Mountain Common Education Pack in the Learning Zone. New interpretation panels are being developed and a walking trail looking at the industrial heritage of the common. If we get money from the HLF we also intend doing some restoration work to some of the other kilns on the common and running a drama and film project with local schools and volunteers about the lead mining in the Victorian era.

Hopefully this coming winter we'll be doing some gorse and pond management, although that's not been confirmed yet, but by the time the winter issue comes out I'm sure it'll all be planned and even underway.

Don't forget to sign up for the Tidy up the Mountain litterpick event on 21<sup>st</sup> September. All help would be greatly appreciated.

*Rachael Watson*  
*Halkyn Mountain Ranger*



10th Anniversary - walks from the Blue Bell

## Blue Bell Inn

In July we celebrated 10 years of free guided walks here at the Blue with the Halkyn Walking Festival and must thank all of the walk leaders very much - especially John & Vicky Thomas - for their enormous support which in no uncertain terms is the reason the Blue Bell continues to thrive. After we started the walking here all our other diverse events followed from music to language teaching, morris dancing and treasure hunts. On that latter note, we had a terrific finale to the festival with a treasure hunt for kids both large and small.

Our Midsummer's Day walk was fabulous and we actually saw the sun go down just prior to a game of bowls, a surprise set up by John Thomas (the bowls, not the sun - actually, I wouldn't put it past him).

### Other (musical news)

As I've said, our walkers enjoy a bit of music, not the loud stuff, but fantastic quality acoustic music. We now have three weekly musical events, Folk, Rhythm & Blues of various kinds on Thursdays - our very own Andy Hickie (now a new Dad - congratulations) who's with us on the 4th Thursday every month with Andy Hickie's Folk on the Mountain, Roger's Friday Singing Night (while Roger continues to recover Clive Bushell and friends attempt to fill the void) and Mad Ed's Hot Five every Sunday afternoon. We also add in music on the occasional Saturday from contemporary jazz to virtuoso guitar, add more celtic folk monthly with Rantin' Dogs on a Monday and enjoy occasional soirées with Morris Dancers and other groups, Beatles Nights, Simon & Garfunkel nights, Cheese Nights (next on Oct 4th) and lots of other entertainments too. Pop in and pick up an events list while you pick up your parcels or post while having a pint!

### Post Office Local at The Blue Bell Inn

We're well and truly open now with the bonus of safe off-road parking and a cuppa (or something stronger) while you sit and have a comfortable chat with your chums. If we can swipe it, barcode read it, or chip and pin it, chances are we can do it! To help us service you better, please quote our branch number 2514583 with any product you take up online at [postoffice.co.uk](http://postoffice.co.uk)

The Post Office is open every day & night (hours vary) except Tuesday and all day and most of the night on weekends and Bank Holidays. Do pop in for a leaflet with our opening times and events. I should point out that you can use our banking facility (withdrawals and deposits) at any time the Blue Bell is open and we will endeavour to handle post and parcels beyond the hours published where it is practical to do so.

### Future Events

Clerical Error Morris dancers are on the 13th September (on the same day as Heartfelt in the village hall - do visit it) and many more over the summer so do come and pick up an events list from the bar or call 01352 780309. For those of you internet connected (we've free wi-fi here too) all our dates are on-line at [www.BlueBell.uk.eu.org](http://www.BlueBell.uk.eu.org) and [Halkyn.org](http://Halkyn.org) where you can share our Google Calendar and get much more detail.

We'll sign off now by wishing you well for the autumn and hopefully see you at the bar, stamps and all.

*Steve & Ness Marquis*

## Rare Butterflies, Elusive Orchids

What a wonderful Spring and Summer it has been on Halkyn Mountain. In May, after an absence of a good few years, the cuckoo was again singing for all he was worth on Moel Ffagnallt. So many people commented, "Have you heard the cuckoo? I have!". The cuckoo was the subject of many a conversation in Kev's garage in Moel y Crio.

Many of you may know of the existence of the rare Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary Butterfly, still surviving on a flowery slope in Rhosesmor. This is a nationally important sight and known very well by Jan Miller – British Butterfly expert. Imagine our delight on hearing of the discovery of a second sighting in Rhes y Cae. These butterflies were photographed flitting above the mountain flowers of bedstraw and tormentil. They are totally dependent on marsh and common violets for their survival as this is the food supply for their caterpillars. A slight reduction in grazing and mild winters may have been of advantage to this rare insect.



Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Halkyn Mountain

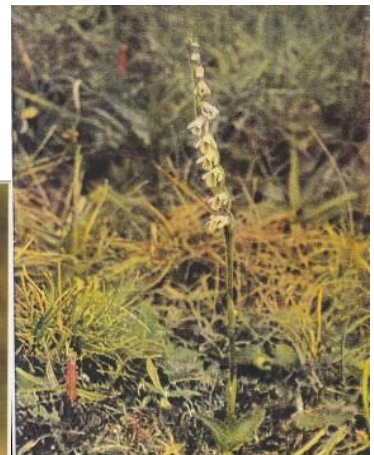


Frog Orchid  
June 2014, Rhes-y-Cae

Then there came the discovery of thousands of Frog Orchids on the mountain. Apparently, this year has been very good for wild orchids all over Great Britain. The Frog Orchid is an uncommon plant and very sporadic in its occurrence. Wild orchids do not thrive well in our cool climate – there are only about 50 different types in Britain and most are very rare or on the point of extinction. Many orchids mimic wild creatures – bee, man, fly, lizard, butterfly to name but a few. The Lady's Slipper Orchid has sadly been reduced to just one wild plant, carefully protected in a remote, secret location in the Yorkshire Dales.

But it looks as if Halkyn Mountain is becoming a bit of an Orchid hot spot – they love growing in limey soil. Who knows what will turn up next? For those of you who go for a stroll on the mountain and enjoy the wonders of nature all around, it is not too late to search for the latest of our

flowering orchids – the Autumn Ladies Tresses, a beautiful small orchid, which grows in short turf on calcareous soil. The eminent naturalist Eric Hardy, saw them "somewhere" on Halkyn Mountain 80 years ago, but I've never found them after 40 years of searching. I am sure they're here somewhere – it's the perfect habitat for them. After all, if we don't know where they are, they cannot be protected. I enclose a few pictures of the Autumn Ladies Tresses – get searching in September; it would be fantastic if we could add them to the list of the orchids of the Magic Mountain.



Autumn Ladies Tresses Orchid

*leuan ap Siôn*

## Reward Offered for Missing Cat

Bitty was last seen at 5pm on Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rhos Helyg School in Berth Ddu, near her home. She was wearing a red collar with a yellow pattern and a bell and address tag, although this could have been lost. Bitty has black tabby markings on brown/grey fur, including 3 thick black stripes along her back. She is a shorthaired, medium size cat with bright yellow eyes and a very quiet meow, so would not easily be heard if trapped. Even though it has been a long time since Bitty went missing, we would be grateful if people could check any outbuildings or rarely used places.

Bitty is neutered and micro-chipped; any vet will scan her free of charge. She is 7 years old and has never been away from home for more than an hour or two before so we now fear the worst. We are desperate for any information - even bad news - we just want to know what happened to her. If you know of an accident involving a tabby cat on or around 2nd June or have found her remains, please let us know. Please call the Wickes family on 01352 781220. Alternatively you can call Animal Search UK on 0800 4 320 340 (quote ref: 187040) anytime, anonymously if preferred.





## ***Would you be interested in a local community run cinema?***

Over 600 community cinemas exist in the UK, many of them hosting screenings in their local village hall. Many of them are located in rural communities just like ours where the nearest commercial cinema is located well over 10 miles away. As well as offering the opportunity to watch a range of films in a cinema setting in our local community, they provide opportunities to discuss and debate films and create connections between people who might otherwise be isolated.

A community cinema is any volunteer-led and non-profit organisation that shows films in its community. These cinemas can show a whole range of films, including blockbusters and new releases as well as classics, documentaries and animations.

There is much to be done to take a community cinema from just an idea through to reality but there is plenty of advice and help out there, if it is something the community of Halkyn Mountain want. One village hall could be the location and/or it may be possible to have mobile equipment to use in a number of locations. I don't know if anyone has thought of this idea before for this area but I hope it would be something people would be interested in and would be keen to support.

Like any community based project it is recommended that a committee is formed to move the project forward, to seek the funding required, to find a suitable venue or venues, etc. and so it is recommended that a first step is to hold a public meeting to see if there is enough interest in having a community cinema and to also see who might want to be part of the committee.

I haven't got a date for this meeting at the time of writing (1<sup>st</sup> Aug) but I will sort a date and location for a meeting by the time this edition of the Mountain News reaches you so please look on the Halkyn website for all the details – [www.halkyn.org](http://www.halkyn.org) - including how to express your interest in using a community cinema if you are not able to attend the meeting.

If you are interested in reading more about community cinemas in the meantime, if you go to the British Federation of Film Societies website - [www.bffs.org.uk](http://www.bffs.org.uk) – then click on Resources, and then click on Advice & Support it gives lots of information about starting a community cinema, likely costs and benefits etc.

*Many Thanks, Clare Madders*

## ***Blue Bell Walks***

The Annual Midsummer Evening Walk to the top of the hill fort Moel-y-Gaer was blessed with ideal weather conditions. Over thirty people gathered to witness a lovely sunset whilst enjoying a glass of wine and some nibbles and sausage rolls. This year we took a more direct route, arriving early so there was time for some to play a game of Boules.

To celebrate ten years of Walks for Health in Halkyn, the twelve walk leaders led a varied programme of walks which was widely publicised. The week-long festival, backed by the Community Council was blessed with good weather. We wish to thank Helen Mrowiec at Troedio Clwyd Walks for her contribution to the success of the venture. Many new faces were welcomed and some have returned since as they see how enjoyable this free exercise can be in the company of others.

Visits to the Milwr Tunnel Entrance, the Water Buffalo Farm, The peaks of Halkyn Mountain and the Rhydymwyn Works provided some of the informational and educational aspects of the walks. We finished the week on Sunday afternoon with a Family Treasure Hunt which was enjoyed by 24 children of all ages.

Many thanks to our team of Walk Leaders and to Steve and Ness at the Blue Bell for their continued hospitality.

### **Friday Evening Walks (April-September)**

These walks started in Rhes-y-Cae six years ago to give us new territory to explore. The walks now start from The Crooked Horn Inn (Y Tafarn, Corn Cam). The new walks from here have been much appreciated as has the warm welcome and cheerful service from Hannah.

*John and Vicky Thomas*

## ***Halkyn Mountain Parish Annual Holiday 2015 -Iona***

Halkyn Mountain Churches are a community facility and as such we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to access the Parish Holiday, which is enjoyed by an increasing number of parishioners of the three Parishes.

Next year by popular request, we are going to repeat one of the most favoured trips to Iona, which will cost in the region of between £500 & £525, which is 8 days holiday on a full board basis.



If there is anyone on Halkyn Mountain who would be interested in joining us, please access an information leaflet from Helen Taubman, 01352780292 or 07780706726, [helentaubman@hotmail.com](mailto:helentaubman@hotmail.com)



Places are limited so make your application or expression of interest as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

# News From Rhes Y Cae

## Condolences

**Beryl Cunningham** who died on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Church in Greenfield, followed by Internment at Rhes y Cae Church on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Our sincere sympathy to Beryl's daughter, Joy and family. They lived at Tawelan, Rhes y Cae and Joy attended Rhes y Cae school during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

**REVEREND GEORGE TRIMBY** (retired vicar of Llanasa Church), who died suddenly on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014. He was the dear husband of Kathy (née Southerton) who was vicar of Rhes y Cae, Rhosesmor and Halkyn for many years before moving to Ireland about 10 years ago. Our sincere sympathy to Kathy & family. Reverend Kathy Trimby is now Rector of the Border Parishes near Oswestry.

## Annual Sponsored Walk – Saturday 24th May



Sixteen walkers started from Ye Upper Shippe Inn, Bagillt; our leader, John Thomas of Y Wern, Rhosesmor, took us on another section of the Coastal Path. Our sincere thanks to John for giving us an interesting insight into the industrial heritage of the area. I was intrigued to see 'The Iron Dragon', which was lit for the Jubilee Celebrations on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 – it must have been an amazing sight! The dragon is sited on pleasant grassland overlooking the Dee Estuary with a car park nearby (by Bagillt Car Spares). We had a relaxing time at the pub and many thanks to Robert and Norman for their kind hospitality. Also, thanks to Brenda & Rita for helping with the refreshments. Families and friends have been very generous and supportive. Total monies raised for Rhes y Cae Church Funds was £413!



## GWERSI CYMRAEG AM DDIM!

Dewch I Gapel Rhes y Cae

7:00pm – 8:00pm bob yn ail nôs lau!

Gwneir casgliad ar ddiwedd bob gwers tuag at Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Fflint 2016

Dewch i fod yn rhan o'r hwyll!

Dechrau Medi 18fed

Nia Williams

## Joint Service – Sunday 15th June

People from Rhes y Cae Church went to Ebenezer Chapel, Rhes y Cae for an evening service at 6pm and Reverend Hugh Burgess kindly took the service. Afterwards, refreshments were served in the Chapel Vestry.

## Church Stall At Rhes Y Cae Show – Saturday 26th July

It was a nice and pleasant day, except for an interval of heavy rain, which lasted nearly an hour during the afternoon but this didn't spoil the enjoyment of the show! Many thanks to Peter and Doreen for organising the Church stall with numerous games and to everyone for contributing to the "Trash or Treasure" stall. Finally, our grateful thanks to everyone who came to have a bit of fun with us! Total amount raised was £260. See you next year!

## Future Dates

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014

Harvest Service, Rhes y Cae Church, 7:00pm

followed by, Harvest Supper

Rhes y Cae Village Hall, 8:00pm

(Tickets will be available from Jill Thomas  
– 01352 780061)

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Christmas Coffee Morning,

10:30am – Noon

At Rhes-y-Cae Village Hall

**Salsa Dancing** still continues on Wednesday evenings (except 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014) at Rhes y Cae Village Hall – new beginners are always welcome!

**Miner's Arms Is Now Open!** Caroline & Graham will be pleased to see you. Sunday lunches will be available soon. Watch out for posters.

There is a warm welcome for everyone at the above events.

If anyone has information or news about Rhes y Cae, please get in touch by the third week of October 2014 – 01352 780371.

Croeso!

Gwyneth Hughes

## FREE WELSH LESSONS!

Rhes y Cae Chapel

7:00pm – 8:00pm, every other Thursday

A collection will be made at the end of every session – all proceeds will go towards the Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Flint 2016

Come & be part of the fun!

Starts Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>

Nia Williams



## News Snippets from Yesteryear

**Flintshire Observer 6 August 1914**  
**Rhosesmor**

An aeroplane passed over the village on Tuesday afternoon, and much excitement was caused by this unusual spectacle.

**Llangollen advertiser, Denbighshire, Merionethshire, and North Wales Journal 26 January 1917**

### **Rhosesmor**

Mrs Mary Turner, widow of Mr Walter Coe Turner has died at her residence, Top-y-Rhos Farm, Rhosesmor, near Halkyn, in her 101<sup>st</sup> year.

**Flintshire Observer 28 October 1915**

### **Halkyn**

#### **Treat for School Children**

On Wednesday afternoon the children of the Church of England Schools, Halkyn, were entertained to a dainty and abundant tea by Mr. and Mrs. Houghton (nee Miss Gertrude Francis, Old Hall), in fulfilment of the promise made at the time of their marriage a short time ago. Mr. Houghton, who is engaged on duties connected with the war, was unable to be present. With Mrs. Houghton were Mrs. M. Francis (Old Hall), Miss Francis, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Rees and Miss Rees (the Rectory), Misses Cater Owen, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Spencer Cooper (Springfield), Mr. Ll. P. Jones, and the school staff.

After enjoying the tea an impromptu entertainment was organised. The Upper Standards sang several French trios, Miss Francis gave gramophone selections, and other musical items were contributed. Hearty cheers were given to Mr. and Mrs. Houghton for their kindness, and Mrs. Houghton briefly acknowledged the children's thanks. As the party broke up each child received a substantial packet of sweets.

**Flintshire Observer Thursday 20 May 1915**

### **Rhesycae**

#### **Concert at the Congregational Chapel**

On Wednesday evening last, at the Congregational Chapel, a concert was held under the presidency of Captain E. Davies, Hendre. There was a gratifying audience and an excellent programme was provided by Mr. John Williams, A.R.C.O., and party. The concert opened with God save the King, and concluded with Hen Wlad fy Nhadau. The programme, numerous items in which were encores, was as follows:

Duet, "Spider and Fly", Mr. D. R. John and Miss Batten; pianoforte solo, "Variations on Welsh Airs" (J. Williams), Mr. John Williams, A.R.C.O. duet, "Nights of Stars", Misses Batten and Peters; aria, "How vain is man" (Judas), Mr. E. W. Bellis; song, "Pa bryd caf fynd adre'n ol", Miss Emily Batten; song, "There's a Land", Miss Katie Peters; song, "King of the Elves", Mr. D. R. Jones; song, "The little Damsel", Miss Batten; song, "Yr Hen Gerddor", Mr. E. W. Bellis; pianoforte solo, Fantasia on Home, Sweet Home" (introducing "The Storm") (J. Williams), Mr. John Williams, A.R.C.O. song, Gwraig y "Morwr", Mr. D. R. Jones; song, "Through love to light", Miss Katie Peters; duet, "Mae Cymry'n barod", Messrs. E. W. Bellis and D. R. Jones; quartette, "Good Evening", the Artistes.

**Flintshire Observer Thursday 28 August, 1913**

### **Halkyn**

#### **Treat to Miners**

Last Saturday, the workmen and miners at the Halkyn Mines were treated by their employers to a trip to Liverpool, together with their day's pay and a pass to the Liverpool Exhibition. The party left Holywell Town Station early in the morning, and had a very pleasant day's outing.

### **Parish Council**

A meeting of the above Council was held on Thursday evening last. Owing to the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the meeting was presided over by Councillor E. Price. It was reported that the pump at Halkyn Hall had been under repair. It had been fixed and would be in satisfactory order in the course of a few days.

**Flintshire Observer - Thursday 21st of August, 1913**  
**Brynford**

#### **Destructive Stack Fire**

On Wednesday morning a serious stack fire occurred at Gelli Fowler Farm, Brynford. P.C. Teale, Nannerch, was going to Mostyn, and when near to Gelli Fowler he noticed the stack yard on fire. It appeared that a stack and two part stacks of straw were involved and were destroyed. The buildings escaped.

### **Parish Council and Common**

At a special meeting of the Parish Council on Monday, it was decided to take steps to acquire portions of Brynford Common for building sites. It was pointed out that there was a scarcity of houses in the district, and that it was the duty of the Parish Council to get the common opened out.



As a result of my recent illness the staff and rangers at Wepre Country Park in Connah's Quay kindly got involved in raising funds for Breast Cancer Care. This charity gives support, information and advice to people affected by breast cancer, together with campaigning for improved standards of care. I found their leaflets and the information on their website invaluable to me prior to and during my treatment. After my first session of chemotherapy I was given an appointment with Headstrong, who are Breast Cancer Care's free hair loss advisory service run by trained volunteers.

The team at Wepre have taken part in a variety of fundraising activities: three of the girls had their lovely long locks cut off (with their hair also being donated to another charity that makes wigs for children), the guys had their legs waxed – ouch! I really enjoyed helping out on that one!! There was a sponsored diet, a prize raffle and The Old Hall Café in the visitor centre had a tea party. So far we have raised over £1000. People's generosity has been just amazing.

Should anybody like to donate to this fantastic charity and obviously one close to my heart now, you can do so online at [www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Jeffery6](http://www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Jeffery6), or in person at the visitor centre in Wepre Park.

Many thanks

*Rachael Watson*

*Halkyn Mountain Common Ranger*

## Eurgain Studio

Open studio event at Eurgain Studio, Ty Eurgain, Cefn Eurgain Lane, Rhosesmor

This year we are open again, as part of the hugely successful Helfa Gelf Art Trail. Last year we had over 200 visitors, with lots of support from local people, but also visitors from as far afield as Liverpool and the Peak District.

There will be six artists this year: Alison Corfield, Pauline Foster, Sue Gilchrist, Alistair Hamilton, Jane Jenkins and Chris Jones. We will be showing textile arts, embroidery, mixed media, papercraft, photographs and jewellery. You can meet and talk to the artists and there will be demonstrations and items for sale both small and large.



Moel Famau  
by Alison Corfield



Boat  
by Alistair Hamilton

There is a lot to see in five rooms across two floors at this free event.

We are open on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September then 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September between 11am and 5pm. From Rhosesmor take the minor road next to the playground and after ¾ mile take the first right. There will be lots of signs and balloons to help you find us!

More information at:- [www.helfagelf.co.uk](http://www.helfagelf.co.uk)  
and at [www.eurgain.co.uk](http://www.eurgain.co.uk)

## Halkyn Library

The library is a facility for all local residents, young and old, and is open  
**Fridays - 1:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

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



## helfa gelf / art trail

My name is Rosie from Rosewood Crafts. Last year I took part in the Helfa Gelf art trail and enjoyed welcoming many of you to my home. I enjoyed exhibiting, demonstrating and chatting with you about my hobby, glass painting. It was a great way to meet my neighbours too!

Helfa Gelf art trail has been running for 8 years and is an annual event spread right across North Wales. Over 300



artists across 5 counties take part. It is a unique chance for visitors to chat to artists and crafts people in their homes, studios or workshops about their work and, if desired, purchase directly from them.

In September I will be taking part again but this time I have joined together with 5 other creative artists, we are collectively known as 'The Craft Collective'.

We will be hosting **Helfa Gelf** at **Halkyn Village Hall** and you can find us there in **September on Saturday and Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 5pm.**

Refreshments will be available with proceeds being donated to MacMillan, BIRD and Brain tumour research.

*The Craft Collective* is made up of:-

**Rosewood Crafts** – unique, hand painted glassware featuring Celtic inspired designs.

**Linda Morris** – an encaustic artist who makes unique pictures in the medium of wax.

**Elfed Blythin** – using old and recycled wood, Elfed makes unique handmade woodcraft for the home.

**SLJ Design** – based near Wrexham, SLJ create contemporary jewellery designs and metal work.

**Ann Williams** – a talented artist, Ann concentrates on bespoke animal portraits in watercolour and gouache.

**The Newspaper Lady** – Sarah Wilson creates colourful gifts and artwork from up-cycled newspaper, music and books.

In recent months you may have spotted us at the Heartfelt art and craft fair held the second Saturday of each month at Halkyn Village Hall; a fabulous event which we have enjoyed attending.



If you would like further information on Helfa Gelf Art Trail and to find out

about other artists taking part in this event please visit <http://www.helfagelf.co.uk> or look out for booklets detailing the event in local libraries, pubs, etc.





## **Helpa Gelf - Pentre Halkyn Community Centre**

We are three local artists - Marjorie Scott, Jeni Taylor and Lynda Wilson, collectively known as the '**Halkyn Mountain Artists**', who will be taking part in the 'Helpa Gelf' open studios,

There will be a variety of work on display from each artist including animal portraits, landscapes and figurative work. Both Marjorie and Jeni have sold work in the National Wildlife Exhibition.

We will be at our studio venue, Pentre Halkyn Community Centre,  
**on the weekend  
20th/21st September  
from 11am to 5pm.**

FREE ENTRY

LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS



Come along and say hello!

*Lynda Wilson*

**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***

## **Poppy Garden - Rhes-Y-Cae**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014, 11:00am - 8:00pm

2014 is one hundred years since the start of the Great War – Y Rhyfel Mawr. We have all seen films about it on the television although, of course, none of us remembers it personally.

Many of us however know and knew people who fought in the last war. We probably would not be here today if it was not for the sacrifice they made – their lives!

In remembrance of the Great War, poppies have been sown up and down the country – most have failed to grow. A native flower in Wales, it was once common in the corn fields, but the seed contaminated the corn seed, so they were gradually eradicated by various chemical methods, with the result that cornflowers, corncockle and poppies are now a very rare sight in our countryside.

Millions of red poppies mysteriously appeared this year in Dyffryn Ceiriog and have been the talking point of the locality with crowds of people arriving to photograph them.



I have been trying to grow a poppy meadow for years, and failed – until this year. Well, who would have thought? The year of the Great War, the poppy seed germinated and provided a carpet of blood-red flowers – a feast for the eye and nectar for the bees.

This was an opportunity not to be missed. We opened the poppy meadow on the last day of July. The weather was fine, and people arrived non-stop all day. The sight made everyone smile. Tea and cakes were served all day by Aron, Gwyneth and Nia while people just sat chatting in the sun. People were so generous on that day – we made £466 – I couldn't believe it! This event was also in aid of the Urdd Eisteddfod. Diolch o galon i bawb am eich cymorth a'ch cefnogaeth.

*Ieuan ap Siôn*



Eva Jones, Nerys Roberts and Aron Cook enjoy a chat in the Poppy Garden

## Roger Hampson

Roger has been playing here at the Blue Bell for many years, prior to that at the Red Lion, Rhosesmor and always at many other venues as he was a full time entertainer and a very good one at that. Roger discovered he had a tumour that ended up affecting his vision. After a recent and successful operation to remove it, Roger has been left with little useful sight with the equivalent of periphery vision in one eye and nothing in the other. That obviously means he cannot drive and will not be able to continue the playing in the style he was well known for. This news has only come to us in the last few hours so we haven't had time with HMN deadlines to fully think things through.

Roger has entertained parents and grandparents during their twilight years over many decades in care homes in the region, brought memories and smiles to many in pensioners parties, he has entertained their offspring in the pubs along the North Wales coast, Chester and beyond. He has put his tremendous talent to great use as a full-time entertainer and brought much joy to us all and, with your help, we would like to try and do something for him in return.



He will no doubt need some help to come to terms with his situation and equipment to adapt his home. Jo, his wife says he can still play but only from memory and not in his usual style with someone at the mic. We would like to ask you to help spread the word that all his audience from far and wide are clubbing together to provide a fund to help Roger adapt to his new situation. We'll endeavour to contact the venues and organise a means of managing/gathering funds. Can we emphasize that this is not a Blue Bell operation but a community one and we think that any presentation to Roger should be made from members/a member of his wide audience. We'll start a box at the bar and you can reach us on 01352 780309 and we would welcome any other suggestions/contributions you have. We do hope you can help us make this happen.

Steve & Ness Marquis

## Old Wern Stores, Rhosesmor

Do you remember Wern Stores when it was trading?

The current owner, Robin Smith would welcome your memories, stories and other information relating to the stores. Any information relating to the cottage ruins next to Old Wern Stores would also be welcomed.

Please contact Robin on 01352 781856

## Biscuits News

and forthcoming events.

Two of the Biscuits went off to **Scripture Union Camp in the Lake District 18-23 August.**

See Scripture Union Holidays/Step Out for more info.

The previous youth group CAKE - mostly now at uni are hoping to do a service to welcome the Step Out people back from camp. In fact one of the leaders in the camp is James Hopkinson, guitarist in the CAKE band! **The service is the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> September in Halkyn Church at 6 pm.**

Highly valued for their hard work in painting the roadside stones the group has been asked again to help out. **Stone painting took place Wednesday 27th August**, starting at 10 am from the Rhes-y-Cae school building. We worked our way to Pentre Halkyn past the quarry.

Last month the Biscuits group met with the diocesan youth officer Tim Feake. Tim was very impressed with the community work carried out by Biscuits and is looking forward to them joining him on the diocesan forum of young people. This group will work with the Church in Wales to move towards the new 2020 Vision model.



Not content with all that the group are keen to support the Halkyn effort to raise money for the Urdd in preparation for the eisteddfod coming to Mold.

Their suggestions include a **Family Fun Evening with a Welsh theme** **Saturday 26th September 6-8 pm** **Rhosesmor Village Hall.** Activities will include a projected Wii competition, Pin the Tail on the Dragon, Splat the Rat, Play Your Cards Right, Tombola, Quiz, puzzles and board games, puppet performances, leek and potato soup for starters and Welshcakes for afters. Tickets from Biscuits or contact Lynn 780740.

**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**



## Bright Stars

**Bright Stars** is the children's Sunday Group of St Paul's Church Rhosesmor, serving all the Halkyn Mountain Parishes.



Children who attend are aged from 4 upwards. Every third Sunday in the month we take part in a Family Service in St Paul's Church Rhosesmor. There is plenty for everyone to do, so come along and spend an hour with us. Fruit and drink provided. Please phone Lynn on 780740 for more information.

### Sunday - Bright Stars

**Sep 7th Youth Service with CAKE Band & Biscuits in Halkyn Church 6pm**

Sep 14th Bright Stars Rhosesmor Village Hall 10:00

Sep 21st All Age Service St. Paul's Church 10:00

**Sep 27th Saturday, Rhosesmor Village Hall 6-8pm. Family Fun Evening with a Welsh Theme in aid of Halkyn Mountain's Urdd contribution to Eisteddfod in Mold. Tickets from Biscuits.**

Sep 28th Bright Stars Rhosesmor Village Hall 10:00

Oct 5th Bright Stars Rhosesmor Village Hall 10:00

Oct 12th Bright Stars Rhosesmor Village Hall 10:00

Oct 19th All Age Service St. Paul's Church 10:00

Oct 26th HALF TERM

Nov 2nd HALF TERM

Nov 9th Remembrance Day Service

Nov 16th All Age Service St. Paul's Church 10:00

Nov 23rd Bright Stars Rhosesmor Village Hall 10:00

Nov 30th Bright Stars Rhosesmor Village Hall 10:00

'**BISCUITS**' is a fun group who meet in term time on Thursdays 6pm-7pm in Rhes-y-Cae village hall. CUPCAKE PUPPETS are part of the Biscuits group. All are welcome.

Please contact Lynn Fearnhead 01352 780740 or email [lfearnhead@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lfearnhead@hotmail.co.uk) for further information

## Tinytots Playgroup

Ysgol Rhos Helyg  
Rhosesmor



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



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!

Spaces available in September

Contact Leanne on  
01352 780265



## Halkyn Mountain Kids 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 staffs are CRB checked and qualified and all certificates are available to see. We welcome children from nursery age up to year 8 in high school.

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

#### Opening times for Holiday Club only

8am – 5.30pm Mon – Fri

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

#### Prices for Holiday Club only

£21 per child for a full day

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

#### Opening times for after school club only

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

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

(For after school /holiday club)

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

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

- A Trim Trail where we enjoy climbing, balancing and swinging
- A park with slides, bridges and balancing frames
- A large field and playground where we also have lots of fun with scooters and football matches etc.

#### Prices for after school club only.

First hour for one child £4.00

Second hour for one child £7.00

First hour for 2 siblings £7.60

Second hour for 2 siblings £13.30

Every child thereafter there's a 5% discount

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

## 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. - Tel 01244 814931

The DVD's are reasonably priced at £3.00 each, plus £1.00 postage & packing.

## 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 Mary 01352 781412

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

5th April and from May 2nd Saturday of the month

(For more info contact Sue Thomas on 01352 781088)

## 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

A number of the Village Hall Committee members after many years of valuable service are now retiring from the committee. We thank them for all their hard work over these many years and now appeal to members of Rhes-y-Cae to come and join us on the committee and ensure the continuation of this valuable village asset.

Please Contact Kevin Lewis - 01352 780297

## Pentre Halkyn Community Centre

Bingo Every Monday at 1.45pm for the over 50s

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.**

## Cynfaen Memorial Chapel Calcoed

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

(C) Denotes Communion Service

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| September 7th  | (W) Mrs Nesta Barker Jones. |
| September 14th | (E) Rev J Bryn Jones (C)    |
| September 21st | (W) Parch Marc Morgan. (C)  |
| September 28th | (E) Own arrangement.        |

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| October 5th  | (W) Parch John Barnett. (C)    |
| October 12th | Diolchgarwch/ Harvest Festival |
|              | (W) Mr N Closs Parry. 2.30 pm. |
|              | (E) Mr N Closs Parry. 6.00 pm. |
| October 19th | (E) Rev Marc Morgan. (C)       |
| October 26th | (W) Mr Dafydd Barker Jones.    |

|               |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| November 2nd  | (E) Rev Maureen Roberts. (C) |
| November 9th  | (W) Mr Bryan Jones.          |
| November 16th | (E) Miss Angela Bebbington.  |
| November 23rd | (W) Parch Marc Morgan. (C)   |
| November 30th | (E) Mr N Closs Parry.        |

**Our Annual Diolchgarwch/Harvest Festival will  
be held on Sunday October 12th.**

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

## HALKYN PARISH HALL BINGO

**DOORS OPEN AT 7.10 PM**

**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 ITS AT  
ON A WENESDAY NIGHT AND EVERY OTHER AFTER THAT**



**Sep 3rd, 17th, Oct 1st, 15th AND SO ON WITH ME  
SO COME ALONG, EYES DOWN, A FUN NIGHT YOU'LL SEE**





## HALKYN MOUNTAIN PARISHES – SERVICE TIMES

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

| Every Month          | Halkyn                                                      | Rhosesmor                               | Rhes-y-Cae                        |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>First Sunday</b>  | 10.30 am<br>Morning Prayer<br>11.15 am<br>Communion         | 6.00 pm<br>Evening Prayer <sup>2</sup>  | 8.45 am<br>Communion              |
| <b>Second Sunday</b> | 11.15 am<br>Communion<br>5 pm Evensong                      | 10.00 am<br>Communion                   | 8.45 am<br>Bilingual<br>Communion |
| <b>Third Sunday</b>  | 11.15 am<br>Communion                                       | 10.00 am<br>Family Service <sup>1</sup> | 6pm<br>Evening<br>Prayer          |
| <b>Fourth Sunday</b> | 11.15 am<br>Morning Prayer                                  | 10.00 am<br>Communion                   | 8.45 am<br>Communion              |
| <b>Fifth Sunday</b>  | 10.30am Combined Service –<br>This rotates between churches |                                         |                                   |

### YOU ARE VERY WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES

<sup>1</sup> During school holidays the Family Service may be replaced by an alternative service

<sup>2</sup> The clocks go back on 26<sup>th</sup> October. The November service of Evening Prayer at Rhosesmor will be at 3pm

**COMBINED AND SPECIAL SERVICES:** The next combined service for the three parishes will be on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at Christchurch, Rhesycae. This is normally a communion service but in a modern form and is open to everyone of all ages and you will be very welcome.

At 8.15pm on the last Friday of each month there is a time of prayer for those who are sick and in need at St Mary's, Halkyn. Please contact Hugh Burgess with any requests for prayer.

**OPEN CHURCH:** Halkyn Church is open regularly on Saturday mornings (to the end of September) from 9.30am to 12.30pm. All visitors are welcome, whether to enjoy the peace and quiet, to light a candle or to enjoy the history and the architecture.

**Rhosesmor Church** is open every day and there will be regular opening times when you can buy Fairtrade products (tea, coffee, dried fruit, sugar, biscuits etc). There will also be a special Open and Gift day on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. Please do drop in to meet us.

**Rhesycae Church** will shortly be open on a regular basis – times will be publicised soon.

### HARVEST FESTIVALS:

**Bryn Ffynon Farm, Rhosesmor:**

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2014 at 2.30pm

**Rhesycae:** 6.30 pm Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014

followed by Harvest Supper

**Halkyn:** 11.15am, Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2014,

followed by Bring and Share lunch

**Rhosesmor:** 6pm, Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

followed by ploughman's supper

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** This year Remembrance Sunday is on 9<sup>th</sup> November and the service will be at 10.15 at St Paul's, Rhosesmor, followed by the laying of wreaths in Rhosesmor, Halkyn and Rhesycae. Please see Hugh's letter for other information on Remembrance.

For further details of any of these events please contact:  
The Rev'd Hugh Burgess on 01352 741646,  
Email: [hugh@halkynparish.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:hugh@halkynparish.wanadoo.co.uk)

You can also get details of events and find out more about us on our website - [www.halkynparishes.org.uk](http://www.halkynparishes.org.uk)

## Capel Bethel y Nant

We meet every Sunday at 2:30 - Do Join Us!

Sep 7<sup>th</sup> Arwel Roberts  
Sep 14<sup>th</sup> Tom Williams  
Sep 21<sup>st</sup> Maureen Roberts  
Sep 28<sup>th</sup> John D Williams

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Own Arrangement  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Maryl Rees  
Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Robert Parry  
Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Shân Roberts

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Eirlys Gruffydd  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Angela Bebbington  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Glyn Thomas  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Eric Greene

**Croeso Cynnes i Bawb! A warm welcome to all!**

## W.R.V.S. Rural Transport

Can you help? Drivers are wanted in the Pentre/Halkyn/Rhosesmor area with time to spare with cars suitable for transporting elderly or infirm people to appointments, etc. Mileage allowance given.

Please contact:

Mrs J Roberts on 01352 780087

## St Michael's Church, Brynford

The Vicar, Rev Graham Beckett, can be contacted via the vicarage on 01352 711675

## Capel Salem, Pentre Halkyn Services at 2.00p.m.

**C = Communion**

Sep 7<sup>th</sup> Rev Marc Morgan (W)  
Sep 14<sup>th</sup> Mr David B Jones (W)  
Sep 21<sup>st</sup> Rev T Evans Williams (W) (C)  
Sep 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Nesta B Jones (W)

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Rev Keith Jones (E)  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Rev Marc Morgan  
Harvest Festival

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Rev J Bryn Jones (W)  
Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Rev Eirlys Gruffydd (W)

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> No Service  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Maryl Rees (W)  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Rev Marc Morgan (W)  
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Delyth McIntyre (E)  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Mr Bryn Jones (W)

**Croeso Cynnes i Bawb! A warm welcome to all**

## From The Rev'd Hugh Burgess

Rhydymwyn, August, 2014

Dear Friends

On the 4<sup>th</sup> August we held a very moving commemoration in St Paul's, Rhosesmor to remember the events of 100 years ago when Europe was plunged into conflict. Many people on Halkyn Mountain joined in the Royal British Legion "Lights Out" event on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> August and that single act of commemoration was, I believe, an important part of what it means to be a community. There were formal events not only in Rhosesmor but in Halkyn and Rhes y Cae as well as many individuals who put out their lights or lit candles on that evening.

Sadly the "War to end all wars" proved to be anything but, and indeed that war has spawned other conflicts since. However, since 1945 most of Europe has remained at peace, for which we can be immensely grateful. I am conscious, however, that the scars of a hundred years ago remain with us even today. There is now no-one left alive who fought in that conflict, but there was hardly a village, a community, a family that was not impacted in some way by that conflict. I think that it's important for us to continue to remember the sacrifice made, not only by those who died but by their families and friends who watched the young men march off not knowing when, or if, they would ever meet again.

The Act of Remembrance is an important and moving moment in the Remembrance Service (this year to be held in Rhosesmor on the 9<sup>th</sup> November). However, given that, over the next four years, every event of the First World War will have its centenary, I would like to offer you an opportunity to commemorate people who are important to you or your family. If you would like us to remember an individual (family, friend or simply someone you are aware of, from this community, this country or elsewhere in the world and of whatever nation) please let me have some details (see below) and we will remember that person each year over the next four years. Where their date of death is known, we will remember them in each church (Rhosesmor, Rhes y Cae and Halkyn) on the Sunday immediately following their death. Where their date of death is not known we will remember some people on the last Sunday of each month.

Please give as much information as you can but don't worry if you only have a name. Ideally it would be helpful to have the full name, age, date and place of death, service (navy, army, air-force or other civilian service), regiment and battalion and any other information that may be known but only the name is essential together with your name and contact details (so we can let you know when we will remember the person). Please either e-mail me or write to me at the address below.

I wish you every blessing.

01352 741 646

The Chimneys, Leete Park,  
Rhydymwyn, Mold, CH7 5JJ  
e-mail

hugh@halkynparish.wanandoo.co.uk



Please note that there are a number of special events planned:

At St Paul's Rhosesmor – Open Day (combined with the Gift Day) on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please do come and meet us, have a look round and enjoy some refreshments with us.



Harvest is an important time that can easily pass us by. The Church has always celebrated the harvest (recognising the constant challenges for farmers and our own need for food) and each year we celebrate this in a joyful service at the end of September or beginning of October. Please do come along – you'll be made very welcome (see service times for details). We are also planning a special Harvest Service at Bryn Ffynon Farm, Rhosesmor on the 21<sup>st</sup> September for anyone who'd like to come along and celebrate in a slightly less formal environment (in Netta Rowland's barn!)

Remembrance in this particularly memorable year will be held at St Paul's, Rhosesmor at 10.15 am on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

### Green Noise

It seemed a good idea at first  
Give a wind turbine to the school  
A windy spot, the ideal plot  
Cutting use of fossil fuel  
The mast it was erected  
And like a world war fighter  
Like a whirring gnat, the turbine sat  
And the future looked much brighter  
Green power became abundant  
As clean as power can come  
Each windy day, it spun away  
And made a tidy sum  
Then Winter came, and with it wind  
Stupendous generation  
The energy graph increased by half  
Financial celebration  
But then one day, a mighty gust  
Bent the turbine tail askew  
It circled round and oh that sound  
Made a dreadful hullabaloo  
Next day the head received a call  
In fact he had a score  
Like an angry spook, like a great Chinook  
It brought neighbours to his door  
A landing double rotor job  
Would make a row as great  
Each child and mother would duck for cover  
As they scampered through the gate  
The engineers have scratched their heads  
Why has this plan gone sour?  
Feelings are mixed, but with it fixed  
We'll welcome back green power.

Steve Blakesley © 2014



## Urdd Walk On Moel Ffagnallt

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6:30pm

As you probably know by now, the Urdd National Eisteddfod will be held in Fflint in 2016. This festival of culture is the largest youth festival (under 25 years of age) in Western Europe and produces performances of the highest standard.

Towns and villages in the area are, of course, expected to raise money to ensure the success of the Eisteddfod, which costs millions to arrange and stage.

The Halkyn Mountain villages, including Licswm, Nannerch, Babell and Ysgeifiog, have a target of £15,000, whilst the individual Committees have their own targets.

Between now and May 2016 there will take place many activities, which will be lots of fun and hopefully bring the Communities together to raise this money. This will be part of the importance of the Urdd Eisteddfod – the fun and enjoyment of raising the funds.

At the beginning of July we arranged a walk from Rhes y Cae Village Hall to the top of Moel Ffagnallt and were hoping for perhaps 20 walkers. To our delight nearly 50 turned up, from the young to walkers in their 80s! It was a beautiful evening and the sun shone down.

On arrival at the top of the Foel, we were welcomed by Norman Closs Parry, the celebrated poet (and former Head Teacher of Ysgol Rhes y Cae). Many of you will remember the Millennium celebrations 14 years ago when a “carnedd” of local limestone was built on the foel..



On top of the carnedd is a huge flat piece of polished Halkyn Limestone with a poem engraved upon it. The poem, entitled “Rhes a'r Foel”, was written by N Closs Parry and is known as an “Englyn” – it has 4 lines and 30 syllables. This is the Englyn:

***O! y mwyn, awel y mynydd, - hebog,  
A libart ehedydd  
Preiddiau gwerinos rhosydd,  
A naws hen o'n hamgylch sydd***

In it, the poet mentions the beauty of the area, the skylarks, hawks and quietly grazing sheep. We tried to close our eyes on the two enormous quarries looming on the horizon! Norman spoke briefly about the background to this wonderful Englyn.

Half an hour later we were all back in the Village Hall enjoying light refreshments and a chat. It was a lovely occasion and we made £400 for the Urdd Eisteddfod.

*Ieuan ap Siôn*

## Red Lion Inn

Last year things looked grim for the Red Lion in Rhosesmor as it faced permanent closure and conversion into a private dwelling. Thankfully, a lot of local people expressed concern and the pub was given one last chance as a public house.

Luan and Natalie can't thank their locals enough. "We took a tremendous risk in moving to an area where nobody knows us and after moving in we literally had £2 left in our pockets", says Natalie. "The community have chopped wood, helped with maintenance and even bought us food when we had nothing".

The Red has fought itself back from the brink to the friendly, much loved community hub it is today.

Luan and Natalie would like to thank customers and friends for their support and look forward to seeing lots of friendly faces at the Red's first year anniversary on Saturday 20th September. According to Lu, "It'll be a fantastic night. We'll do what we always do and throw a great party and sing on the karaoke; after all ... it's the Red!"

### Real Ale Trail

This year the Red Lion joined the Real Ale Trail, a twice yearly event that promotes real ales. The next ale trail will be Sept 13th. Details nearer the time via the Real Ale Trail website and through participating pubs.



"We stock Welsh real ales from breweries and micro breweries to showcase a taste of Wales and more local the better", says Natalie who sources ale from Portmadog, the Great Orme and Llanarmon yn Ial.

**Coffee Morning** - Red Lion, Rhosesmor will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. 10am-12pm on 26th Sept.

Homemade cakes and biscuits will be on sale plus a raffle will take place. Any prize donations welcome, please contact [croesoinsltd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:croesoinsltd@yahoo.co.uk)

**Shop and Cafe** - The Red Lion has applied for funding to run a convenience shop and community cafe from the premises through the award winning scheme 'Pub is the Hub'.

It is important that local pubs widen their appeal to new users and move away from just a place to get drunk. "We are hoping that the funding would allow us to provide a useful service to the village and surrounding areas, especially elderly residents who could potentially feel isolated from the rest of the community."

It's now a waiting game to see if the funding comes forward.



## **Sponsored Walk**

On Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, a group of 12 walkers and one 'Bobby-Dog' took part in the 25<sup>th</sup>!!! Annual sponsored walk to raise funds for the Rhosesmor Over 60s Christmas party. John Bellis has done every one of them!



The 14 mile walk started and finished at The Blue Bell, Halkyn, visiting 5 of the local watering holes (pubs) en route. Well, somebody has to!! It is a long way!! The weather was warm and sunny, with just enough breeze to keep everyone cool, after a very wet start to the day.

A huge 'thank you' to John and Saffron Hulson for very generously supplying us once again with their renowned pies and sausage rolls, which gave us a very much needed boost at the halfway mark.

Thanks also to everyone who sponsored us this year, and to Jean for having the patience to drive the back-up car once again.

Last but not least, a special mention for Ness and Steve at the Blue Bell for their help and support, and the very welcome, and much appreciated supper that was awaiting us on our return. Thank you both very much!

This years party will be held at Holywell Golf Club, Brynford, on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested in joining us, and would like further details, please call Lynne on 01352 781714.

*The Committee*

## **Rhosesmor Village Hall**

Thanks to the voluntary support given at our Jumble Sale, we received £636.39 towards the running costs of the hall. Unfortunately, the next sale scheduled for Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> is liable to be the last of our regular 'Giant' sales. Hopefully, with contributions from local sources such as 'moving house', 'clearing out the attic', 'redecorating', etc., we can achieve a reasonable sale, all be it less frequently. Time will tell.

Once again, the Committee has to thank John Thomas for his maintenance of the Village Hall grounds. Hedge and grass cutting of the area is very time consuming and John provides the service completely voluntarily and uses his own equipment to do so. Thanks again John; your efforts are very much appreciated.

Finally, hall bookings continue to be coordinated by Mr John Tarry on 01352 780842.

*GR North  
01352 780660  
Rhosesmor Village Committee*

## **Halkyn WI**

We have really enjoyed the last 2 speakers in June & July. Mrs Sheila Stewart spoke of her dedication in rescuing animals and Mr John Coulthard lightened the mood with his sugar craft.

We enjoyed an excellent display of agility dog training at the property 'Dog Days' whose owner is a local resident of Halkyn, and an excellent high tea in Llandudno.

Hopefully we will be going to Cheshire Oaks Shopping Village nearer Christmas time. Our next three meetings will guide us through to the Art of Paper Craft, the Wonders of Iceland and Mountain Rescue – a good variety of subjects.

Come and enjoy our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:15pm. We also have a weekly craft class every Thursday afternoon. Both meetings are held in the village hall.

New members are very welcome to visit three times before committing to becoming a member.

If interested please contact Mrs Averil Woodfine on 01352 780918.

## **Rhosesmor WI**

Our June outing was held on a stormy day with thunder and lightning as well as torrential rain, but we all enjoyed ourselves at Bridgemere where there is plenty of cover.

The annual picnic in July was once again held indoors, as it was very windy and cool in the garden of Windy Ridge.

Our meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> will see us going on a virtual trip to Iceland, the country, with Mrs Helen Marsh from Hawarden.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Mr & Mrs E Williams will enlighten us about various Flintshire War Memorials.

November 10<sup>th</sup> is our Annual meeting followed by a Swishing Evening.

We meet on the second Monday in each month at 7:15pm in Rhosesmor Village Hall and we welcome any lady to come as a visitor to see if she likes us.

Your contact is Mrs Mary North on 01352 780660.



## Ysgol Rhos Helyg

The School Year has finished once again. Where did the time go? It has been a fabulous year with many highlights as the pupils and staff have been very busy as usual. The Summer Term has been no exception: if anything this term has been the busiest one of all with lots and lots of wonderful things going on.

### School Gardens

The School Gardens are looking fabulous. Pupils and staff have been very busy growing and cultivating their vegetable crops.



The pupils have tasted the vegetables that they have grown and they have even sold surplus vegetables to the parents.

### Dancefest

Once again Year 2 pupils performed their dance at Theatre Clwyd during Flintshire's annual dance festival. The children really enjoyed performing on the stage in front of a big audience. They dressed up in their fantastic pirate costumes for their dance.

### Sports day



We were very fortunate with the weather this year and we were able to hold our sports day on the actual day for a change! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves competing in front of a large crowd of appreciative parents and grandparents.

### Funky Hair Day

We had a wonderful day this Term when all the children and staff came to School with funky hair. It was a sight to behold with all kinds of hairstyles on display. We raised a lot of money for Click Sergeant.



### Pedalthon

Once again it was our pleasure to support the British Legion's Poppy Appeal by taking part in the Pedalthon at the Llandegla Mountain Biking Centre. The pupils raised lots of money through sponsorship. They enjoyed the challenge of completing a circuit at the centre. It was an excellent day with ex servicemen coming along to talk to the children.



### Cricket

Once again the cricket team participated at the local tournament at Mold Cricket Club. They won one of their two games and enjoyed the experience.

### The Wizard of Oz

The junior show this year was The Wizard of Oz. What a fantastic evening we had at the school.



The production was great and the performance from the cast was fabulous.



### Full attendance

We had eight pupils who managed to be in school every single day with not one single day missed in the school year. Truly fabulous.





## Ysgol Rhos Helyg - continued

### Infants Trip

The infants enjoyed a great day at Legoland in Manchester.



### Our Year 6 Leavers

We would like to wish all the very best to our Year 6 leavers. I am sure that they will all have a bright future.

One of our long standing governors, Mr Brian Coleclough kindly presented our leavers with a small commemorative gift.



### Retirement

Mrs Sue Jones our school cook (on the left) is leaving after 30 years service. We wish her well in her retirement.



## Ysgol Brynffordd School

As we draw to a close we would like to thank everyone in our school and community who volunteered and supported all the FOBS events throughout this school year. The amounts raised have been phenomenal! We would like to wish you all a lovely summer and thank all staff for all their hard work this year as we close today for the holidays.

### Discover Wildlife Project

The junior children took part in the Discover Wildlife Project which was run by Airbus and held at school on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. Amongst the activities the children were taught how to make bee's nests and the importance of keeping the habitat safe for insects and birds.

### Walk to school week

Families were encouraged to walk to school the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Flintshire's Healthy Schools Scheme. Staff, parents and children met at the crossroads daily during this week and walked along the mountain path that leads directly opposite the school. Well done everyone who participated!

### Dragon Sports

Year 3 had a great time at the Dragon Sports Tri net festival on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to Mrs. Barnes for helping to transport the children.

### Cross Borders drama project



The junior children were fortunate to become involved in the Cross Borders drama project which began on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This was an exceptional experience for the children and we were very lucky to be participating in such a professional production along with Ysgol Trelogan and Ysgol Stryd y Rhos. The project was based around the story of 'The Secret Garden'. The children were split into groups with one group becoming involved in the making of the props for the stage at Theatr Clwyd and the other group focusing on the drama. The children were chosen for the individual parts whilst the art team worked hard on the set. The children performed at Theatr Clwyd on July 4<sup>th</sup> with the three schools coming together. What an excellent performance it was too. Well done to all who took part! A special thanks to the production team, Janys, Sarah, Andrea & Simon.



## Ysgol Brynffordd School 50 Year Celebration

Saturday 18th October - 11am - 5pm

- refreshments available all day
- pageant from the children
- exhibition of the school and village through the years
- a commemorative booklet of memories will be for sale
- and many more

All past pupils, staff, Governors and anyone connected with the school are warmly invited to attend.



### **A trip to Dyserth waterfalls**

The children from years 4, 5 and 6 had a field trip to Dyserth waterfalls as part of the Riverschools Project they had been working with on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The children took along their wellingtons as they were



allowed to paddle in the river, enabling them to study the insects and plant species found in the water. The children had a wonderful time whilst outside in the learning environment.

### **Holywell High School Literacy & Numeracy Day**

Mr. H E Jones, Head of Humanities at Holywell High School, arranged a literacy, numeracy and woodland sustainability day at Coed Moel Famau Forest for the children from Years 5 & 6 on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. The day involved a day going through woodland on well-defined paths, taking part in a shelter build and a treasure hunt where the children were able to locate some cans of soft drinks! The children thoroughly enjoyed their day, learning about Numeracy in the environment.

### **New Adventure Trim Trail**

A massive thank you to FOBS for paying half of the cost for installing the new adventure trim trail! This will enable your fundraised money to benefit all the children directly. It has been on our wish list for years to have such a luxury and at long last we have been able to provide this very useful play activity that the pupils can use during playtime to develop their skills.



### **Junior visit to Brynford Church**

The children from the juniors visited Brynford Church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June as part of their history lesson. Lorna Jenner, a local historian, accompanied us whilst information was gathered about the old school for our 50 year celebration.

### **Year 5 & 6 trip to Hawarden Record Office**

The children from Years 5 and 6 visited Hawarden Record Office on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June as part of their history lesson to gather information about the history of Brynford and the school for our 50 year celebration.

### **Brynford School Family Picnic**

Children, parents and staff gathered together and brought their picnic baskets and blankets to enjoy a fun family evening on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to Mike Owens and his family who provided the live music.

### **'Farm to Fork' Project**

Both the Infants and Juniors had the opportunity to visit the local Tesco store in Holywell on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> June as part of a project called 'Farm to Fork' which is the first initiative of Tesco's Eat Happy Project, a major new food education programme that is committed to improving children's relationship with food.

### **Techniquet**

Years 1 & 2 children visited Techniquet in Wrexham on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June as part of their topic 'At the Seaside'.

### **Nursery Trip**

The nursery children visited Greenacres Farm in Mancot on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June for their end of year trip. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing in the barn and also having a ride on the tractor/trailer.

### **Free School Meal**

The children who will be moving up to the Reception class in September were invited into school for a free meal on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to Mrs. Oare, school cook, who produced a very tasty first meal for the children.

### **Moving up day**

Moving up day was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July with the children having a taste of what their school day will be like in their new classes from September.

### **Foundation Phase Open Evening**

A Foundation Phase Open Evening was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July for new nursery, current nursery and new reception parents and year 2. The evening finished off nicely with a 'This is your life' presentation which Miss Owens prepared for the year 2 children with each child receiving a copy of a dvd of their time within the foundation phase. A big thank you to Miss Owens for all the work she has put into this.

### **Sports Day**

Due to the weather, Sports Day was held on two afternoons with Brenig winning the trophy this year with 810 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> were Celyn with 740 points and Alwen came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 690 points.

### **Whole School Trip**

The children from Reception to Year 6 visited 'Take the Rocket Launch Mission' at Liverpool on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The trip included a trip across the Mersey. The children's behaviour was once again exemplary!

### **Leavers disco**

The juniors had a wonderful time at the leavers' disco which was held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July in the school hall. Thank you to FOBS who arranged the evening and provided the punch and nibbles.

### **Rugby**

A rugby tournament was held on the school field on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July with children from Nannerch and Cilcain joining us. Well done to all who took part.

### **Year 6 Dining out!**

This year Year 6 were treated to their leavers' lunch at The Stamford Gate Hotel in Holywell. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves! They were a pleasure to take out and their manners impeccable.

### **Leavers' Service**

This years Leavers' Service was held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July in the school hall. Parents and grandparents attended the service. The year 6 children showed PowerPoint presentations of their memoirs of their time in Ysgol Brynffordd. As always it will be very sad to see the Year 6 children move onto their High School but we would like to wish them well in their future lives!

### **Party time!**

Following the Leavers' Service the whole school finished their school year in style with a party which was held the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Children had a buffet lunch followed by traditional games and a disco.

# **Halkyn Mountain Club & Sports News**

## **Halkyn Sports Association Summer events**

Our annual family fun day was held at the club on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Luck was on our side and the day proved to be gloriously sunny.

There were many attractions, ranging from sumo wrestling to stalls of many varieties including face painting, glitter bugs, balloon sculpting and even a visit from Elsa and Anna from Frozen. A variety of stalls sold goods – bespoke delights gifts, jewellery and ornaments.

Throughout the day, competitions attracted participants including three legged races for adults and children, knobbly knees and welly throwing. Tug of war proved the highlight of the day with teams provided from the Britannia Inn, Halkyn and the ladies and gent's teams from Llangollen.

The day concluded with the grand raffle – a wonderful selection of prizes kindly donated. Many thanks to – Tiger Tim Products Ltd, Glan yr Afon, Springfields hotel, Chester Races, Greenacres Animal Farm and Glasdir Fishery.

A big thank you to all the helpers who supported our committee to make this a hugely successful day.

A donation from the Fun Day goes to the Macmillan cancer trust.

Quiz night at the club every Wednesday 8.30 start entrance 50p including light buffet all welcome.



Pictures from the HSA Sunday fun day  
Knobbly Knees best in Halkyn competition  
and Halkyn Tug of war team in action

## **Halkyn United FC**

As we prepare for a new season Halkyn United have two important projects underway.

Gareth Thomas and Steve Moore have bolstered local involvement in the club by setting up Under 6 and Under 7 teams. This brings the number of teams at Halkyn United to five; two senior teams managed by Rob Thelwell and Lee Colston and a successful Under 7 team coached by Steve Moore. The Under 6 and Under 7 teams train on Sunday mornings at Pant Newydd and new players are welcome to join.



We are in the process of replacing the old decaying changing rooms at Pant Newydd and as I write this the foundation for one of the new changing rooms and a referee's room is in place and the walls are under construction. The changing room will be ready for the opening home match of the season. At the end of this next season we will be rebuilding the second changing room and creating a new tea room completing the replacement of the basic footprint of buildings adjacent to the football pitch.

Training has recommenced after the summer break and several friendlies have already taken place with mixed results. One game in particular against Litherland FC from Liverpool was inspirational despite a heavy defeat. The standard of the football played and the support infrastructure for the team is something that Halkyn United aspires to. They are based at Litherland Sports Park where many sports operate from the one facility with exceptionally good facilities and a football academy. At Halkyn United the committee believe that we can improve the facilities at Pant Newydd to support the five teams that we are currently operating.

Developing facilities and providing opportunities for the youth of the area to participate in sport is not free and we are always on the lookout for sponsorship to promote sport on the mountain. Pitchside advertising boards are available with adverts in the programme and on the website to promote local businesses. If you are interested in helping us in our ambition to aspire to the standards we see at Litherland please contact one of the committee or one of the managers.



## Halkyn Cricket Club

### Halkyn 1st XI

Halkyn 1st XI have enjoyed a very strong start to the 2014 season winning all EIGHT games that have been played and currently lie in THIRD place in a very competitive Division Two. Unfortunately FIVE away games have also been postponed due to rain. Halkyn's leading batsmen to date are Duane Williams, Timmy Davies and Marcello Carrino. Leading the bowling honours are captain Gareth Thomas, Ben Roberts and James Beresford.

Hopefully the weather will improve toward the latter stages of the campaign and Halkyn can push on and gain promotion to Div.One. Home games commence at 1.30 and support for the team would be greatly welcomed.

### Halkyn 2nd XI.

Halkyn's 2nd XI have also shown improved form of late and have so far won FIVE of their completed seven games. As with the Halkyn 1st XI five games have also succumbed to the weather.



Halkyn's 2nd XI also currently lie in THIRD place in Division Five and a strong finish to the season might just see them gain promotion. Halkyn's leading batsmen at present are Mike Briscoe, Tony Green and Keith Williams. Whilst leading bowlers at present are David Odgers, Tony Green and John Gaskell. Local youngsters Kieran Mcleod, Daniel Williams and Kieran Durkin have all performed well.

### Halkyn Juniors

Halkyn Juniors continue to run at both U9 and U11 age groups with training sessions held at the club on THURSDAY evenings at 6PM.

The weather has also impacted on the Junior games with the U11 on Monday evenings being badly affected. Any new players are most welcome to join our Junior section. Please contact Jane Williams on 01352-781523 or 07732325033 for further info.

Finally a massive THANK YOU to all our Match Ball Sponsors for 2014, HILLCREST MOTOR COMPANY, BRITANNIA INN, 2 RIVERS PROMOTIONS, IDEAL LIGHTING HOLYWELL. Your support is greatly valued by all at Halkyn Cricket Club.

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*Keith Williams*  
Secretary

## Halkyn & District Bowls Club

They say be careful what you wish for. Well we wished for warm, sunny weather and we have had that in abundance. Personally I love it, but it's been too hot for some of us. Our green is standing up to the weather very well. This is all down to John Thomas who's our very capable green keeper.

We are more than halfway through the season already. Our teams both had a slow start but things are looking up. That isn't helped much when we lost two matches by just 2 and 3. We have had an easier time filling the teams because of our new members. They seem to be enjoying the experience.

We had a very successful three-way vets tournament over 3 days with good food, good weather and excellent bowls. The winner was Bill Sweedy.

This year we almost got to the final of the Mid-Week Cup. We lost by just a couple of points – better luck next year.

Here is a list of the winners of our club tournaments:

11<sup>th</sup> May, Mixed Singles - Andrew Jones  
24<sup>th</sup> May Mixed Pairs - Andrew Jones & Betty Lindley  
14<sup>th</sup> June - Ladies Singles Gladys Bunnell  
29<sup>th</sup> June - Round Robin Jo Woodruff  
26<sup>th</sup> July - Mixed Pairs Betty Lindley & Wyn Lewis

That last winner - Wyn Lewis, (pictured with Betty Lindley) is one of our new players this season. New to bowls also. Well done.



The 100 Club winners were C Hughes & Jo Woodruff and our half-yearly £50 prize to Linda Kirkham.

So you can see, there are lots of reasons to come and join us.

Our new members all agree that we are tops in bowls clubs!

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## Holywell Golf Club

**Pen Bryn Salver** – This unique competition was established in 2007 when the respective Captains of Holywell and Pennant Park Golf Clubs decided that an annual match should be played between the two clubs. They named it the Pen-Bryn trophy which is a Silver Salver with the home club alternating each year. The match is played in a Ryder Cup format, individual scores are compiled into



the overall team result. This year Holywell was the host club and the game was played in good weather with 9 pairs representing each club. The overall result was a win for Holywell, 52 points to 37 points, with the Salver presented by Tony Strong, the Pennant Park Captain, to Don Ferguson, the Holywell Captain.

### Past Captains' Trophy

The trophy was presented by Mrs Beryl Lloyd (past Lady Captain and President) and family in memory of her husband and brother, Trevor Jones, both of whom were Past Captains and is played for annually by Past Captains of the club. This year's competition was played on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May with 17 Past Captains taking part and was won by 1998 Captain Mr Geoff Evans. The trophy was presented that evening at the Past Captains' Annual Dinner by Captain Don Fergusson.



**Captain's Tour to Harrogate 2014** – This year's Captain, Don Fergusson, decided on Harrogate as his tour location. Thirty members boarded the coach early on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June and with much banter the draw for playing groups for the first and second day was completed and announced.



The first day's course was Oakdale Golf Club where a great day's golf was played in bright sunshine. The second day's round was played at Pannal Golf Club, a championship course that was a challenge for all, again played in bright sunshine. The final day's round was at Harrogate Golf Club with players going out, as in the Open Championship, in reverse order of their position after days 1 and 2. After another excellent day for playing golf the coach was boarded for the return trip to Holywell Golf Club and the presentation of prizes.



Prizes were awarded for each day and were presented by the Captain to all the winners. The overall results were then read out and prizes presented by the Captain for 2<sup>nd</sup> to

8<sup>th</sup> place. The prize for the overall winner was presented by the Vice Captain, Pat McDermott, because the overall winner (after an excellent final round and much to his embarrassment) was the Captain himself. The Captain closed the presentation by thanking all those involved in organising the tour and the members who joined him and made the tour such a success.



**President's Day** – 155 players entered the President's Day competition with the President, Mr Ray Lewis, greeting everybody before sending them on their way off the 1st Tee. The day was a great success and was rounded off in the evening with the presentation of prizes to the winners and runners up in each division, the longest drive and the nearest the pin. The overall winner and winner of the President's Cup was Mr Keith Wynne.



Money raised on the day was in aid of The Good Companions of Holywell Hospital. Picture shows Mr Ray Lewis presenting the cheque for £410 to Mr John Saunders, Chairman of the Good Companions.

**Captain's Day** – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July saw Club Captain, Don Fergusson, welcome 155 members plus guests to the first tee throughout the day in the Captain's Day competition. The competition was played in glorious sunshine until the latter part of the day when the tail



end players were refreshed with a shower of rain. Competition was strong and 24 players returned scores under par which was a great result.

The day was completed with the Prize Presentation and Buffet. Following the buffet the Captain spoke briefly on the quality of the competition and some of his incidental observations throughout the day. He also thanked all those involved organising the day for making it such a success. This was followed by the presentation of prizes to the winners and runners up of the 3 divisions, the nearest the pin and longest drive and Birdie 2 winners, the Captain's Guest winner and the winner of the Ladies' 9 hole competition. Finally the prize for the Overall Winner of the Captain's Day Competition was presented to Simon Bailey, who won with an incredible score of 45 points, 9 under par. (Picture shows Simon left with the Captain).



Each year the Club Captain chooses a charity that the club supports for his year in office. Don's Captain's charity is Guide Dogs for the Blind Cymru and he was very pleased to announce that the day raised an incredible £500.30 toward this worthy cause.

**Junior Open Competition** – Holywell Golf Club held it first Junior Open Golf competition for a number of years and had a very good turnout of junior golfers from across the local area. There was the main 18 hole competition for all juniors and a special 9 hole competition for the younger juniors and novices. The County Captain, Mr Frank Tweedle, announced each golfer as they came to the first tee, as is done in professional golf. (Picture shows the County Captain with Holywell Junior Captain, Tara O'Boyle, left and Emma-Lea Roberts at the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Tee).

It was a great day enjoyed by the players and their spectators and was completed with the presentation in the clubhouse to the winners:

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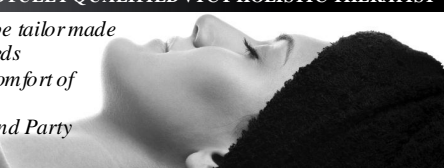
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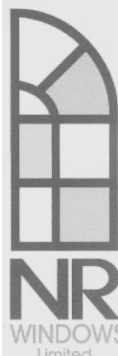
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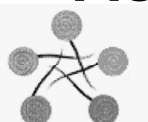
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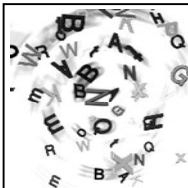
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