



Halkyn Mountain News

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Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and Show

The weather on Friday was not kind to us as it rained most of the day but this did not deter the sheepdog handlers. The trials started at 9.00am and continued all day. The winners are as follows:

Class 2

- 1st E. W. Edwards with Jim
- 2nd Gethin Jones with Maddie
- 3rd Ceti Rundel with Jen
- 4th Steve Gabbet with Nap
- 5th Glyn Jones with Tip

The winner of the Gwyn Jones Vase for the best outrun, lift and fetch went to Gethin Jones and Maddie.

Class 3

- 1st John Whiteley with Maggie
- 2nd Barry Hopwood with Dec
- 3rd John Whiteley with Nan
- 4th Julie Whiteley with Gwen

Congratulations to you all.

At 6.30pm the terriers started to arrive and the course was set up with the fox tail tied in place. Although numbers were down this year, due to the heavy showers, the fun element was still evident as the crowd shouted encouragement and cheered especially when a dog was able to catch the tail and not let go.

A good evening was had by all. Saturday was better with a dry sunny day. The sheepdog trials started at 8.00am and continued all day with 62 competing. The winners are as follows:

Class 1

- 1st E. W. Edwards with Nip
- 2nd J. R. Griffith with Sam
- 3rd Arwyn Davies with Peg
- 4th Glyn Jones with Roy
- 5th Pennant Williams with Don
- 6th Aled Owen with Cap

Congratulations to all the clever handlers and their dogs.

The horse show went well, horses were groomed to perfection their coats shining in the sunshine. Riders were also spick and span, controlling their horses with the upmost efficiency.

The produce tent was full to overflowing with many competitors in each category. In the handicraft category there were some fantastic knitted items that any baby would be proud to wear. The craft items in the 'Welcome' category and handmade jewellery were also excellent. The children had been busy making covers for their phones, painting stones and

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The deadline for items to be submitted will be 1st November. You can submit items by email to - hmneditors@hotmail.com or hand them in to the Blue Bell Inn.

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colouring pictures, all of which looked marvellous. The winner in this section was Menna Coleclough.

The miscellaneous category had a great number of entries. The savoury quiches and sausage rolls were very tempting. The afternoon teas also looked very good, but the biggest category was the date and walnut cakes and Bara brith, which attracted 18 entries. Mrs Nesta Jones clearly had her work cut out judging them. The children had also made some gorgeous cakes and decorated biscuits. The winner of this section was Mrs Mary Lloyd.

We thought that the garden section would be a washout this year, but they came in their car loads with enormous cabbages, onions and tomatoes ripened last minute. The vegetable containers were particularly worth seeing. In addition ten vases of garden flowers and the children's wild flowers were also very good. The winner of this section was Mrs Wendy Sigsworth and the children's cup was awarded to India Hughes, the overall winner was Mrs Wendy Sigsworth.

This year saw a new event, the 10k and 3k run, which we hope to build on in the future. The winner of the 10k was Jack Evans and the 3k was won by Jed Davies I do admire you!

We saw a record number of good craft stalls this year and a variety of stalls to try your luck - Tombola, Price the Hamper (winner Sara Roberts), Guess the Balloons in the Tractor (winner Dylan Roberts), Hook the Duck and the Coconut Shy. The Urdd Eisteddfod also had a stall to help raise much needed funds from the Halkyn Mountain Villages for the next Urdd Eisteddfod which will be held in Flint. Guess the Name of the Dog was won by Ellie Smith.

The main raffle winners were:

- 1st John Griffiths F.C.C
- 2nd Gwyneth Davies
- 3rd Linda Astbury
- 4th Leila Wright
- 5th Ffagnallt

A special prize donated by The Cherry Pie was won by Arfon Spencer.

The Chairman, Brian Coleclough, would like to thank the President, Vice President, Stallholders, Competitors, Committee and Ladies Committee for all of their hard work before, during and after the show. Also, all who attended, it is your show and the only one on the mountain, without you it wouldn't exist.

Diolch yu fawr iawn I bawb.

Menna

Editorial

Time flies by very quickly. This is the fourth edition that the new team has produced. We hope you are continuing to enjoy Halkyn Mountain News. We are always interested to receive feedback and suggestions and of course contributions. This is the 162nd edition and has come a long way since it started as a single sheet over 40 years ago.

The Editorial Team consists of a small group of volunteers: Peter Lynas of Brynford, Jack McIntyre and Liz Gray of Pentre Halkyn, Eileen Tunnicliffe, Jane Loudon, and Robin Smith of Rhosesmor.

The work in producing each edition starts soon after the current one has been delivered and is very much a team effort. The team meets every fortnight and keeps in contact by phone and email to ensure we meet our deadlines. We are dependent upon receiving submissions from our regular contributors as well as one-off contributions. Our advertisers are important as they provide the income to meet the cost of printing. Once printed and collected, the copies are sorted into the required batches for delivery to our faithful army of volunteer deliverers.

If you have not contributed before, we would love to hear from you. Do belong to a group that never gets a mention? If so, please contact us. If you know of any former residents who would still like to keep in touch and read Halkyn Mountain News, it is available online at www.halkyn.org.uk



The Editorial Group
Robin (with Meg), Peter, Jane, Liz, Jack and Eileen

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Halkyn Councillor, Colin Legg

Saturday afternoon 25th July was a tonic for everyone on the field at the Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Annual Sheepdog Trials. The sun was shining though the morning had seemed doubtful. People were happy and contented, renewing old acquaintances, and there was a buzz of excitement and activity. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr Brian Colclough and his band of voluntary helpers for making this an occasion of which Rhes y Cae should be proud. An immense amount of thought and hard work goes into preparing for this event. Other villages on the Mountain can equally be proud of various activities and achievements. Although Rhes y Cae has lost its school, post office and bakehouse, there still remains a vitality in the village for which we should be grateful.

July has been very disappointing, it has been unusually cold and wet. People have admitted to turning their heating on or lighting fires. An incessant wind, quite biting at times, has added to the unpleasantness of the weather. Too much should not be read into this feature of our weather. Almost 200 years ago Britain experienced the "Year Without a Summer" (1816). For many the results were disastrous, failure of the harvest, hunger and disease, all exacerbated by large numbers of soldiers seeking employment after the end of the Napoleonic Wars. There have been several instances since then, even in our own time, but not so devastating.

There is no doubt that global warming is taking place, but some people who should know better (especially Hollywood film makers) exaggerate and distort the possible consequences. It does anger me when 'climate change' and 'global warming' are wrongly used as alternatives for the same weather feature. Global warming is one factor in climate change, but we must remember that climate change has existed for millions of years. Our daily weather has a real and immediate impact on us. However, the precision and accuracy of weather recording is a fairly recent scientific advance. For weather roughly prior to 1850 we have to rely on writers like Gilbert White of Selbourne, and going even further back to the manuscripts written by observant monks in the monasteries.

I am only writing this in a local publication to try to allay the anxieties which some folk have because of the alarmist, and frequently inaccurate, forecasts of some of the Press, whose knowledge is either minimal or incorrect. The trouble is that what they write makes good 'copy' in newspapers or popular scientific journals.

A more serious and local concern is the question of local government reorganization. Several questions arise:

1. Is it really necessary to have a major reorganization? This is the third in nearly 40 years. Lord Faulkner once said, "If it is not necessary to change, it is necessary NOT to change."
2. How much will it cost? Very seldom are projections of costs for future plans accurate. Frequently the actual costs exceed the original prediction by 10, 20 or even 50 per cent or more.
3. If previous reorganisations have not been successful, what guarantee have we, as council-tax payers, that

yet another reorganisation, with all its accompanying problems, confusion and expense, will be the final perfect conclusion? There is very considerable opposition in council, across all parties, to these unacceptable proposals.

4. If there is over-staffing and duplication at the moment, which is now doubtful, surely the councillors themselves can make the necessary reductions. Also the five councils in North Wales are already working in collaboration, e.g. waste disposal.

It is claimed that £150 million will be saved, which is approximately £7 million pounds per council, a large sum, but how much will the costs of reorganisation be?

An even more serious problem, affecting many parents and children in our area, has arisen recently: school reorganisation and 'modernisation'. It was quite a bombshell when it was announced that several Flintshire schools, possibly as many as 16 in the county, would be considered for closure or amalgamation. Brynford, Lixwm and Ysgol Rhos Helyg are on the list. More imminent closure faces Flint Mountain and Llanfynydd primary schools which is being vigorously, opposed by parents, governors and staff.

It is still a better reflection for me that Ysgol Rhes y Cae was closed a couple of years ago, despite the whole-hearted and desperate opposition of the local community. It is therefore almost impossible for me to consider the present alarming situation objectively and without bias. I will again do all I can to help schools under threat, as will many other councillors. In fact a considerable number of the Education Committee (LLDSC) are against closures, but the official policy seems to be set in concrete. Although there is a clear and legal procedure to be used, which the education department will follow meticulously, all the discussions and consultations are really a sop to give the impression that local feelings and wishes are considered. However, there seems to be a hidden agenda to close the smaller schools, no matter how good they are, and the fight to save these vital assets in our villages is almost impossible to win.

The root of the problem is money. Social values, which cannot be quantified, are not considered. Local village schools are essential for the welfare and life of rural communities. Sadly it will be left to social historians, well into the future, to judge and assess the damage done to our communities.

On a more cheerful note, as can be seen in this edition of the Halkyn Mountain News, all the villages are active in various ways. The regular film shows projected in Halkyn Cricket Club, and an interesting range of dance classes are but a few of the social opportunities in the area and, most importantly, please make the fullest use of your local library in Halkyn Village Hall. Public libraries are also on the 'hit list' in this superficial economy drive.

I wish you all a very pleasant Autumn, and trust that we have some really good weather to enable us to prepare for winter.

Every good wish to you all,
Colin Legg, Councillor

Halkyn Community Council

New Chair and Vice Chair of Halkyn Council

Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor was appointed as Chair of Halkyn Community Council, for the ensuing year - 2015/16. Councillor Mrs. Jones-Taylor represents the Rhosesmor Ward of the Council area. Councillor Mrs. Jones-Taylor thanked Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth, for her previous two years as Chair of the Council. Councillor David Hughes, from Pentre Halkyn was appointed as Vice Chair.

Visit by Natural Resources Wales Representative

Ms. Bethan Beech (Natural Resources Wales - Team Leader Protected Sites NE Wales), was welcomed to a recent meeting of the Council. Ms. Beech explained that in 2002 the Mountain became a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and further related to the historical aspect, including the limestone. The mountain is very gorse dominated. The Halkyn Graziers Association has been awarded £3,000 by Chester Zoo, to assist with work on the mountain. Ms. Beech further advised that NRW wished to consult with the residents of the community, to ensure that they are aware of the issues faced on the mountain, together with the plans of NRW for the future of the mountain. Councillor Howard Morris stated: that the management of the mountain had changed enormously over the past few years. Ms. Beech replied, agreeing that the mountain did require more management, and whilst the area will be gorse dominated, there are many other plants on the mountain that require more space. The Councillors suggested the following ways to reach out to the residents: Halkyn Mountain News article and/or leaflet; attendance at the craft fairs held at the Halkyn Parish Hall; contacting the various local groups.

Community Street Lighting - Repair & Maintenance

Many residents will be aware that there have been a number of street lights out of order for many, many months. The Community Council have recently completed a tendering exercise, and have subsequently appointed the Flintshire County Council, Street Lighting Department, as the Council's street lighting repair and maintenance contractor. Out of the 15 outstanding faults 10 were repaired within one week. The outstanding 5 faults relate to a new lamp in Pentre Road, Pentre Halkyn (following the demolition of the lamp by an unknown vehicle), together with 4 lamps awaiting parts - including the lamp on Halkyn Village Green area.

Halkyn Council Cemetery - St. Mary's Church

The Halkyn Community Council have agreed to enhance the Council owned Cemetery adjacent to St. Mary's Church in Halkyn, and over the next few years many thousands of pounds will be spent on this work - as follows:

- a. The Council have accepted a quotation from a local contractor to remove the soil that had been deposited around the edges of the cemetery by grave diggers employed by a number of local Funeral Directors. In particular, the far right hand side of the cemetery where the soil blocked a culvert drain. This work has now been completed, and resulted in over 70 tonnes of soil being removed.
- b. The next stage of the project will be to return the

Cemetery to a 'Lawned Cemetery' in keeping with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Visitors to the Cemetery will have noticed that a number of graves have sunk, whilst other have not, which has resulted in a number of graves with humps. During this second stage, the soil on the first row of graves (nearest the wall to the St. Mary's Church cemetery) humped graves will be skimmed and the soil spread on the dropped graves. The whole row will then be flat and subsequently re-turfed. Any flowers on the graves will be removed to the back of the graves, and placed back following the completion of the work. The Council will complete this work in stages. It is not possible at this time, to estimate the length of time for the work to be completed.

- c. Whilst there will be a notice displayed in the cemetery advising of the work to be carried out, it is not possible to write to the holders of Exclusive Rights. In particular, as the first burial was in January 1993, and many of the original Exclusive Rights holders will no longer be the actual holder. Should anyone wish to discuss the work to be carried out at the Cemetery, please contact myself, as Clerk to the Council - details below.

Review of Subsidised Bus Services

The Flintshire County Council held recently in County Hall, Mold, a 'Community Transport and Public Transport Workshop' The presentation advised in relation to the lesser funding being received each year from the Welsh Assembly and wished the delegates in attendance to discuss various options to continue with core bus routes. One suggested core bus route would run along the A541 Mold to Denbigh, which is presently funded by both Flintshire and Denbighshire County Councils. If agreed, the bus would travel along the A541, would not deviate off the A541 to the various villages, including Rhosesmor, Halkyn and Pentre Halkyn - there would be 'hub' bus stops along the route, for instance, a hub in Rhydymwyn. The County Council were suggesting that volunteers provide transport from Rhosesmor, Halkyn & Pentre Halkyn, to meet the A541 service in Rhydymwyn. A similar 'hub' would be established in Holywell. The County emphasised that there would be funding for start-up costs, the changeover would be a phased approach. The County will hold further workshops in the future.

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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.

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01352 780309**

Flintshire Considers Development

Flintshire County Council has made available a huge amount of information relating to the thoughts and criteria concerning the Local Development Plan (LDP) for the county.

'First look' list of possible development sites

The Council has compiled a Register of submitted Candidate Sites, which is available to view in hard copy at Council Offices in Mold and Flint, at Contacts Centres and at libraries. It can also be accessed on a computer by entering the following into the address bar of an Internet browser:

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Planning/Candidate-Sites-Register.aspx>

The page that opens, entitled Candidate Sites Register, provides a link to a map showing sites which have been considered for possible development.

Alternatively, the details for each settlement in the county can be accessed from a list on the lower part of the page. Click on a settlement in the list to see the submitted Candidate Sites in that settlement. For each settlement a document will open up containing a schedule for each site, containing key information about the site and a plan showing the site boundary.

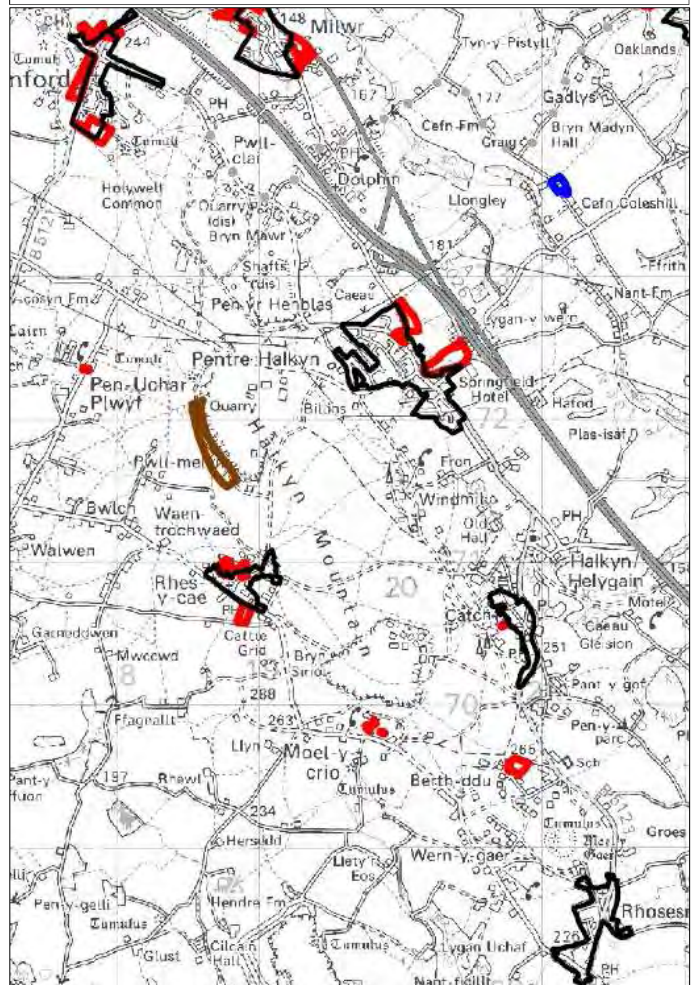
The Register is being made available for information only

If, following assessment of submitted sites, a particular site was to be included in the LDP then there will be an opportunity for representations to be made when the Plan is formally consulted upon later in the process.

You should find that each of the district councils has already made an initial response to these lists - note that inclusion in a plan does not mean development is likely, but residents might want to contact their councillors if they want to make initial arguments against specific sites.

While contacting councillors is fine, formal responses to Flintshire County Council will not be accepted - such representations can only be made when a site has been included in the forthcoming Local Development Plan.

The map below shows a small section of the whole, Flintshire map and depicts the settlements in 'our' Halkyn Mountain area.



The Cinnamon Trust

The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their pets. We seek to keep owner and pet together for as long as possible with the help of a national network of volunteers who assist when day to day care poses a problem.

We are trying to find some dog walking help for a resident of Pentre Halkyn and wondered if any readers of the Halkyn Mountain News would be able to offer assistance. If so that would be fantastic.

Our aim is to relieve the owners of any worry concerning the welfare of their pets both during and after their own lifetime making us unique amongst charities.

All volunteers help in the ways that are most appropriate to them. Teams take it in turn to visit housebound

owners, to take dogs for daily walks, volunteers foster pets as one of their family when owners face a spell in hospital, they take pets to the vet, clean the budgie's cage out. We take any problem posed in day to day care of pets. Contact me direct on 01736 758707 or email sallycollins@cinnamon.org.uk.

The volunteers can gain access to our volunteer page on our website or www.cinnamon.org.uk or by emailing us at volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk

Any help you are able to give will be very gratefully accepted.

Sally Collins
The Cinnamon Trust
01736 758707

Graziers News

I must admit to being very disappointed, despite requests from myself, Grosvenor Estates and our County Councilor which appeared in the spring edition of this publication, we are still losing sheep to dog attacks.

There have been a number of such instances this summer across Wales and at least one dog has been shot. A report in the Daily Post stated that the police are no longer going to take a softly-softly approach to this problem. If you have any problems with sheep worrying contact SCCH 3405 Carol Richards on 07880 156948. NRW intend to try to get a section 15 agreement again. I assume it will not be like the last one. I will try to keep you all informed of what they are proposing as and when they tell me.

Chester Zoo fund.

We will resume work on the mountain in mid September. I will shortly be visiting, with Cerios Davies, those who have shown an interest to sort out consents. There is a chance of further funding from Welsh Government. I have sent the information they required and am now waiting to hear from them.

Scab Prevention Measures

As is normal practice the mountain must be cleared of **ALL** sheep on **Sunday 16th September 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. If using a dip, then the best advice from DEFRA is that the sheep should remain immersed for at least 1 minute to allow the liquid to penetrate the skin. Spraying is not considered to be effective against scab.

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 AGM of the association will be held on 24th September following our normal monthly meeting which will start at 7.30pm.

If you wish to make nominations for officers of the association or raise any matters or concerns it would be helpful if you would inform the secretary on 780008 prior to the meeting.

All graziers and holders of registered rights are welcome.

Halkyn Graziers and Commoners Association

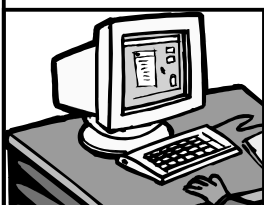
Halkyn Library

The library is a facility for all local residents, young and old, and is now open **once a week**



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

Library Online Services via
www.flintshire.gov.uk



Superfast Cymru

I've been asked by Superfast Cymru to update you about Superfast Broadband in the area and have discovered that over 20,000 Flintshire premises have access to superfast broadband! Can you believe that?



There is more broadband to come as well so, in the not too distant future, the vast majority of residents and businesses will be working with and enjoying all the digital world has to offer.

Some of the deployment in Halkyn is a while away yet. Once the dates are firmed up over the coming months I can provide more specific Halkyn deployment news. For your information, cabinet 5 Halkyn is live and accepting orders and cabinet 6 will be live in the next few weeks.

There is a significant amount of Fibre to the premises (FTTP) scheduled for Halkyn too.

The importance of getting on line cannot be over stated. In a recent survey of businesses in Cornwall, half of respondents had said that they had sold more as a result of being on line and a quarter of those were selling overseas.

At home, many different exciting technologies and services are competing for our attention – whether it's on demand TV, shopping for the best deals, gaming with people all over the globe or video chats with friends. The lists of things you can do is almost endless.

As you have moved about the county recently, you could not have helped seeing the teams from Openreach working to bring the network across the county. It is no straightforward task and requires a lot of careful planning, co-ordination and execution to ensure a community can benefit.

The rural parts of Flintshire will receive a service as well as the towns. Although good progress has been made, BT has a lot of work still to do. Deployment will continue in Flintshire through 2016.

If you would like more information, go to www.superfast-cymru.com. There is also a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/superfastcymru and a Twitter feed, @superfastcymru. Like us and follow us for the latest news.

Superfast broadband will change Flintshire, making it an even better place to work and rest.

Superfast Cymru is a partnership between BT and the Welsh Government, with funding from UK Government, the European Regional Development Fund, Welsh Government and BT.

Steve Marquis

Grosvenor Estate Update

Grosvenor Estate regularly carries out improvement and safety works on Halkyn Common to make sure that local people and visitors can continue to enjoy using the land and do so safely.

Over the coming weeks, commencing on the 10th of August, we will be fencing the disused Pen yr Henblas quarry. This work will be carried out by Three Shires Ltd, which is a trusted contractor of Grosvenor Estate. Grosvenor Estate and Three Shires Ltd will be working with Natural Resources Wales and the Halkyn Mountain ranger to complete the work to a high standard. There will be access points on well trodden paths for personnel and sheep access points for grazing sheep along the fence line.

As some readers may be aware, two large gorse fires broke out on Halkyn Common during June. These fires affected about 200 square meters of gorse. North Wales Fire and Rescue Service say they have been inundated with such incidents following the recent dry spell. We kindly ask everyone to be extra vigilant during the summer months, and take particular care not to accidentally cause fires on the Common.

We are disappointed to report that there has been a recent increase in fly tipping on Halkyn Common. Clearing this illegal litter often falls upon us at Grosvenor Estate in conjunction with the Halkyn Mountain. If anyone sees such activity please inform us or Flintshire County Council so that we can address the issue promptly and effectively. We appreciate that it is only a small minority of people who disrespect the landscape in this way, and are thankful for you in the communities around Halkyn for your ongoing cooperation in identifying and tackling this problem.

Gravestones – Halkyn, Rhosesmor and Rhes y Cae



Every few months we check gravestones in the Churchyards to ensure that they are safe. Unfortunately a number of stones in Halkyn have proved to be unsafe and a number have already had to be

laid flat. There are a number of other stones (19 in total) that are considered to be dangerous. These have been labelled and black and yellow tape attached. These will be laid flat in the next two to three weeks. Similar work will be done in Rhosesmor and Rhes y Cae.

The recent death of a child in a Glasgow cemetery reinforces the importance of ensuring that stones are safe.

The Church is responsible for ensuring safety but not for any remedial action to stabilise the stone. This is the responsibility of the owners of the stone who are normally the family. Any remedial action that the family arranges would need to be in line with current legislation and therefore should be undertaken by a qualified monumental mason after consultation with me.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN A GRAVESTONE IN ONE OF THE CHURCHYARDS THAT HAS BEEN MARKED WITH BLACK AND YELLOW TAPE, PLEASE COULD YOU CONTACT ME TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The Rev'd Hugh Burgess
01352 741 646

The Three Causes of Spinal Pain

What causes spinal pain?

While there are some people who experience only mild, short-term spinal pain, which can be relieved by rest and lifestyle modification, there are also some individuals who suffer from chronic, long-term symptoms. Spinal pain, if severe, can be very debilitating such that it can affect an individual's day-to-day activities, as it causes a lot of discomfort and limits the range of motion. Like other types of pain, spinal pain can have a multitude of causes.

Muscular

This is caused by injuries or strains to the ligaments and muscles, especially to the lower back. Possible causes of this would be sports and/or sudden increase in an individual's physical activities. Viral illnesses such as flu can also cause spinal irritation, which often includes the neck and back. This is called myalgia.

Degenerative Changes

In order to form a strong, yet flexible structure, the spine is composed of vertebrae, connected by intervertebral discs, joints, as well as ligaments. As we age, we experience spinal degenerative changes. One of the most common causes of these changes during the middle age (aside from muscular pain), is wear and tear

of the intervertebral discs. Wear and tear is a result of repetitive, strenuous movement, and often occurs in the cervical region (neck) and/or the lower lumbar spine. Even though the spine is a biological structure, ageing affects its ability to repair or heal itself because along with ageing, bone spurs and disc bulges develop.

Injuries

Spinal pain may be a result of some type of fracture or trauma to the spine. Most people assume that their problem is caused by an accident, whether it be a sports-related accident, work-related, or even those that occur at home. However, it is important to note that these accidents, in many cases, are purely the trigger of the degenerative problem an individual already has. Another type of injury that produces spinal symptoms is whiplash. This is an injury to the neck caused by a motor vehicle accident. Patients commonly experience a whiplash injury when their vehicle gets rear ended. Manual labour, which includes repetitive bending and heavy lifting, is also said to cause spinal symptoms. Typically, in spinal pain cases, either medication or surgery is suggested, but for those who prefer non-surgical treatment, chiropractic manipulation is an excellent option. Chiropractic care is one of the most common therapeutic treatments for spinal pain.

Steve Massey St Asaph Chiropractic Clinic
01745 535854

Halkyn and District Over 50's Group

The group has had a very successful year so far with a very pleasing increase in membership numbers. In the past few months, we have welcomed a number of interesting speakers with topics ranging from 'Halkyn's Industrial Past', which took us through 2000 years of lead mining on the mountain, to a very entertaining talk on 'The Derbyshire Froth Blowers' – a society with an intriguing set of rules such as: 'each member is allowed to blow the froth off their own beer – and that of another member, as long as they are of a peaceful disposition'. Even the members' dogs had rules ranging from being urged to: 'protect my owner' and to refrain from: 'biting holes in Ford cars'.

Members have also enjoyed a variety of trips, including shows and plays at various theatres, a day out to the Lake District and a recent memorable outing to The Mill Hotel in Chester for a lunch cruise on a canal barge, where we all enjoyed a delicious 5 course meal while appreciating the leisurely pace of life on and near the canal. We are already planning a return trip there for Christmas lunch.

Future trips are already in the pipeline, including a day out to the Peak District and a visit to Blists Hill Victorian Village where your modern currency is exchanged for old, and you can enjoy a cuppa for 2d! This is a friendly and enthusiastic group which meets at The Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn at 2pm on the first Monday of each month (except for Bank Holidays)

For further information, please contact Eileen Tunnicliffe (Secretary) on 01352 781184.

Halkyn W.I.

The past three months have seen Halkyn WI members enjoy a varied programme of speakers and events. In May we held our Birthday Lunch at the Talardy Hotel St Asaph and a talk on the early development of Intensive Care in Liverpool. June delivered a very lively account of the life of a maid at Erddig Hall, and one of our members gave us a summary of her visit to the WI Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Many of us attended a Federation Craft And Afternoon Tea event in Shotton, where Irene Cross won first prize. In July our speaker was from the Thomas Pennant Society.

We are looking forward to a Centennial Dinner at The Springfield Hotel in August and Afternoon Tea to celebrate WI Day in September, plus talks on the history of lace making and the Ladies of Llangollen. We meet at 7.15pm on the first Thursday of the month until November when we change to meeting at 2.00pm. We also hold Craft Classes at the village hall every Thursday at 2.00pm. If you are interested in any of these do come along. We are always delighted to greet new members.

Contact No. Eleri Wilson 01352 712573

Blue Bell Inn

A very BIG thank you

May I start by giving my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their moral and practical support while Ness has endured a totally unexpected bout of illness that has seen her in hospital for a significant period. I'm pleased to say that she is well on the mend now and should be back behind the bar soon if things go according to plan (when did it ever do that? fingers crossed!). Thankfully Tom has returned from a successful time at university to pitch in running the Blue and care for Ness while she's convalescing. It's been something of a trial but the light at the end of the tunnel shines ever brighter.

Blue Bell Sunday Lunch Pack!

I know we're well known for keeping fit with our free guided walks, but Tom says he needs to expend a little more energy! With all these lovely hills Halkyn Mountain is the perfect environment for off-road running. Tom is a keen off-road distance runner (and part time Tough Mudder lunatic) and he is contemplating starting a Sunday lunchtime running group. Tom lead groups training for Tough Mudder events in Aberdeen and has competed in a number of 10k and other distance events too. This is what he's

thinking ...
'Hello. The plan is to get together some like minded folks of varying degrees of fitness (new to experienced runners) to run together to encourage each other to develop their running, enjoy some company and learn from each other. With some of your input I will be developing some mountain running routes that would



cater for the different distances and provide some stretch for those that want it. We'll finish off with some rehydration at the Blue and chat. We kicked off our first runs in August and are running every Sunday at 11.30am. Please do contact me at

Tom@BlueBell.uk.eu.org

- ring on 01352-780309 or drop in to have a chat.
Tom

Free Guided Walks

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

Vicky Thomas also holds **free** weekly **Nordic walking**

sessions every Saturday at 1pm. Nordic walking is tremendous exercise and we'll teach you for free and provide Nordic walking poles too!

Music

Our music here at the Blue is of exceptional quality with the majority of musicians and singers making a living from their music. It's of a session quality and we provide it to you for free (with the odd raffle to support expenses)! We've had some tremendous special events with Rose Price (Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel and other nights), the Ronstadt Generations (Linda's brother) distributed across our equally fantastic regular events. Rose has another special Beatles night lined up, so do mark the date and join us for a sing with **Beatling with Rose Price, Adrian Dear and Chris Lee** on Saturday 12th September at 8:30pm. Rose Price & friends will also be celebrating the seventies in song in November!

I've just had a long discussion with Michael Ronstadt and sadly the Ronstadt Generations are unable to return to the UK again this October (but will hopefully be back in 2016). However, Mike and I have just cooked up a plan! We're going to endeavour to try a live two-way link to the states. We'll be able to interact with the guys and they can play for us via the wonders of fibre broadband!

Of particular interest to the singers amongst you who like joining in with the choruses, **Shanty Nights** are repeated every month **on the 4th Thursday (Feb 26th, Mar 28th etc)** and are hosted by local harmony singers **Ar Y Gweill** who sing sea and other working songs in English, Welsh and occasionally Zulu! The evening is usually started off by a lovely local folk group called **the 93rd minute** who have a varied repertoire including some very well known traditional folk songs.

I hope you can get down to our folkish type music every Thursday from a variety of regular singer songwriters. Blues on the 1st Thursday, Original Folk on the 2nd, Reflections (50s/60s popular music) on the 3rd, shanties on the 4th and the outstanding Jim Bazley on the 5th Thursday. Jim is a world class guitarist and will be here next on Thursday October 29th if you missed him in July.

Phil Hotchkiss runs a great **singing night every Friday** with a growing range of songs from: the shows, the likes of David Alexander and then right up through the decades to the current day. Phil will have a go at anything and has been adding five or six songs a week with over 150 to choose from!

We're hoping to bring back some smooth Jazz on Saturday evenings once a month. Trad Jazz is of course at the heart of every Sunday afternoon here with Mad Ed's Hot Five and the Rantin' Dogs celtic folk group, together monthly on the 2nd Monday.

Just in case of snow

PARKING: if you can park considerably please do use our car park if you can't park at home (do leave your phone number so we can contact you if the need arises) and please don't park in front of the cellar as delivery

wagons may have problems with heavy barrels.

PARCELS: If we're in (and we usually are) have your parcels delivered here and come and get them during opening hours (or ring on 01352 780309 if it's urgent). Note that your parcels can be from any delivery company and not just the Royal Mail/Parcel Force (although we recommend them for reliability).

If you've any other ideas like this, let us know and we'll endeavour to help.

Post Office Local at The Blue Bell Inn

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

Other bits...

Fantastic news: We were voted again to be the local CAMRA Pub of the Year 2015 and we're still hitting the national headlines (for all good reasons) as The Telegraph gave us the accolade of one of Britain's best pubs for cider!

We'll close now by saying that...

Our annual Morris Dancing bash will be in September. The next Cheese Night is at 8:30pm on Saturday 3rd October.

Be prepared for conkers in October along with our cider festival and cider pressing.

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

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

The Post office will operate until 8pm each night with the exception of the free banking where you can withdraw/deposit money at any time we're open for free (no more card charges!). Where it is practical we will endeavour to extend all of the Post Office services we can beyond 8pm, in any event we'll do our best to help you.

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

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

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

Glan yr Afon Inn



The Glan yr Afon Inn was purchased in December 2012 by Chris and Karen Wright from Pentre Halkyn. Although we had previous business interests in the area, Merseyside and North Wales Fencing, we had never dreamed of buying a pub. We saw the Glan yr Afon was closed down and wanted to bring it back to life. This was a new, challenging venture for us, some might call it a mid life crisis!

We purchased an 8 seater minibus and registered as a taxi with Flintshire Council. This is available mainly at weekends and ensures that you can relax on your evening out knowing you can get back home at the end of the night.

We started with redecoration and made some small changes to the bar and restaurant. The seven en-suite letting bedrooms were in good condition and slowly we started getting guests to stay. As the rooms became busier, mainly with contractors from Gwynt y Mor, we refurbished the remaining rooms upstairs and created a further four en-suite bedrooms. Again we became full to capacity so looked to change the seldom used function room. This created a further three rooms making a total of fourteen rooms. Although we lost our function room we can still cater for small parties in the restaurant. The contractors we had staying were long term and it was an entertaining and enjoyable time for ourselves and the staff. Some of the contractors were due to be leaving in Spring 2014 so we contacted Visit Wales and were assessed by them and achieved a 3* status, so now we have a mixture of contractors and holidaymakers staying at the Glan yr Afon.

Our restaurant is open every lunchtime and evening. On Sunday we open from 12 until 8pm serving Sunday roast, all day if it lasts that long! Head Chef, Tim Wilkes, also has a selection of weekly specials available to tempt you. It is advisable to book first. The bar serves real ale and one of our bestsellers is Facers Flintshire Bitter which as the name suggests is brewed in Flint.

During our time in the Glan yr Afon we have held various fundraising activities, our next one will be Halloween Party on 31st October with all money raised going to North Clwyd Animal Rescue. It is lovely to see the tremendous support from local people who have helped put The Glan back on the map.

Rhes Y Cae News

**Annual Church Walk in "Thomas Pennant Country"
Saturday 23rd May at 10.30am**



We were very fortunate with the weather – a lovely morning with no wind! We went to Whitford church and Paul Brighton (Secretary of Thomas Pennant Society) gave us a very interesting short talk on the life of Thomas Pennant (1726 – 1798). Pennant was a travel writer and zoologist (he took a great interest in wildlife) and was born in Downing Hall near Whitford. He travelled the country either walking or on horseback. Then, Frances Taylor (churchwarden) gave us an insight concerning the people of Mostyn Hall. John Thomas took the walking group (about 22 of us) to see Moses Griffith's grave. He was an illustrator for Thomas Pennant. Pennant was possibly buried near the organ in Whitford church.

We went on a nice leisurely walk via Pennsylvania Lodge across lovely countryside. So many beautiful wildflowers to see, especially the bluebells in a small wood. We could see the Pharos on the hillside. Pharos is a round stone structure, reputedly a Roman lighthouse built to help ships navigating up and down the Dee Estuary; possibly a 17th century watchtower built to give warning of pirate raids!

We walked through farmland with many curious brown cows – no problem! Then back on the road to Whitford where John Davidson, Peter Jamieson and Roy Newhouse saw a young sheep tied up in wire fencing. They managed to rescue her without any injury – what a relief!

Then we took our cars and travelled to Maen Achwyfan near Sarn – a carved Celtic cross from the 10th century. To this day pilgrims still visit on their way to Bardsey Island (Lleyn Peninsula).



It is maintained by Cadw, and well worth a visit. Further information to be found in the "Rural Walks in Flintshire" booklet in our local libraries.

Then we proceeded to the Masonic Hall at Rhewl near

Mostyn – a former primary school until closed in 1955. Our sincere thanks to the Brotherhood for allowing us to have our buffet lunch there, especially to Roger Calverley for all his help in showing us around – a very interesting building.

Many thanks to John Thomas for making the walk so enjoyable. Finally thanks to Brenda, Doreen and Rita for helping with the food, and also Rob our photographer! It was lovely to meet past parents of Ysgol Rhes y Cae. Many thanks to all who donated generously to our church funds. Total monies raised was £365.

Coffee Morning at Rhes y Cae Village Hall.

It was well attended – about 20 people supported this event. The flowers looked lovely on the tables – they were from Jill Thomas' garden! Many thanks to the village hall committee who work hard by keeping the village hall in good condition. Also thanks to all who gave raffle prizes.

Coffee Morning in Colin Legg's garden at Minffordd Tuesday 21st July 10.30 – 12 noon.



There was an excellent turnout! We were fortunate with the weather, although it tried to rain! We all had a very enjoyable time with Colin serving us tea or coffee like a professional waiter! Many thanks to all who donated raffle prizes and also to Doreen, Dorothy and Brenda for producing lovely cakes and trifles. Colin thanked everyone for supporting this event and finally the Rev'd Hugh Burgess thanked Colin for all his efforts. Total monies for church funds were £174 including donations. Many thanks to all.

Church stall at Rhes y Cae show – Saturday 25th July

Our grateful thanks to Peter and Doreen Jamieson for organising this event.



Also our thanks to all who contributed parcels for the 'Trash or Treasure', and to Homebase, Mold, for their support, and also to young Josh who helped Peter with 'Hook a Duck'. Many thanks to all who supported us. The total raised was £266.

Diamond Jubilee Commemoration Stone – Tuesday 9th June

This stone seat was placed on Rhes y Cae village green at 6pm - our grateful thanks to local stonemason Gwyn Davies.

This was witnessed by members of the committee namely Colin Legg, Peter Jamieson, Wendy Hughes and Gwyneth Hughes.



The stone is shaped for two people to sit comfortably. Shortly a plaque will be placed to give information to local people and visitors. The Diamond Jubilee Committee account will now be closed.

Future Dates

Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Rhes y Cae Church – Wednesday 30th September at 7pm, followed by: Hotpot Supper at Rhes y Cae Village Hall at 8pm. Any queries contact Jill Thomas 780061

Christmas Coffee Morning – Tuesday 24th November 10.30 – 12 noon at Rhes y Cae Village Hall.

If you have any news for the next edition concerning Rhes y Cae and surrounding area, please ring 01352 780371 – deadline will be November 1st.

Gwyneth Hughes



Cuppa Cake & Craft

Ysceifiog Village Hall CH8 8NJ

Come join us for Tea and Cake
Browse stalls of unique handmade gifts
From local crafters

Refreshment proceeds to charity

2pm to 5pm

Future Dates:

20/09/2015

25/10/2015

29/11/2015

For further details please contact
cuppacakeandcraft@outlook.com

Enjoying Life in Rhosesmor Village

Following an exploratory meeting with a few Rhosesmor residents, it quickly became clear that there was a strong interest in trying to make our village more than 'just a place on the way to somewhere else' and to stand up in its own right.

The meeting was held to consider the village 'spirit', with the hope of trying to generate a 'community' feeling in Rhosesmor. Between us, we have varied ages, knowledge, skills and experiences, and it seems a vibrant enthusiasm for our village.

This has been publicised by a 'the Village' newsletter, delivered to all households in Rhosesmor.

The ideas and suggestions generated (some are included below) show that there is a general recognition of things which could make village life more 'together' and enjoyable, and some things about the village to take pride in.

*Rhosesmor Tots group
Flower arranging workshops
Luncheon club
Gardening and flower boxes
Art group
Transport network for elderly
Help with young families' activities/school age children
Village trail/information boards/leaflets/ coloured markers village heritage and walks
Regeneration of village pond
Poppies growing around the memorial
Village benches – Develop outside pensioners bungalows
Improve bus shelters
Fruit and veg growing – Northop college?
Community gardening days/Helping elderly with gardens
Use spare space to grow community veg
Visit garden open days
Community allotment
Veg swap/Village shop
Fun day/party in the park, with competitions, music, food, fun, etc.
Local history museum: mining/Moel y Gaer/underground caves/
Jones Balers
Young families' activities
Men's group – meet and eat
Cookery classes
IT classes for everyone
Homework/revision club
Youth club
Messy church
Aerobics class with baby daytime
Zumba for adults – evening*

Of course there will be many more ideas that we've not thought of, but are important to you.

If the work for these projects is shared, then it'll not be so hard to make it all happen, to everyone's benefit. Some things are already in place, for example, the Rhosesmor Tots group meet in the Village Hall, and a Flower arranging group has started in the Wern. There is a village facebook page, Rhosesmor Village, and one for the Red Lion, which will aid communication.

It'll start it off with a meeting, in the Village Hall from 10:00 to 12:00 on Saturday the 29th of August for all residents of Rhosesmor and surrounding area who are interested to come along and share their views, opinions and suggestions.

Rhosesmor W.I.

We held our W.I. Centenary picnic, in June, in a gazebo at Windy Ridge, Rhosesmor, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manning. It was a very pleasant evening, although it ended with the usual rain.

We shall start our Autumn programme on September 14th with Mrs. Vicky Perfect from Flint who will tell us about Flint Castle.

On October 12th, our Treasurer, Mrs. Win Garroch, has a talk and slides of her Far Eastern cruise earlier this year.

Our President, Mrs. Pauline Broughton, will entertain us on November 9th with Christmas decorations.

As usual, we meet on the 2nd Monday in the month at 7.15pm in Rhosesmor Village Hall.

Any ladies are welcome to join us. Your contact is Mrs. Mary North on 01352 780660

Rhosesmor Village Hall

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, we will have had some summer weather. We need it at the hall in order to carry out external repairs and refurbishments that are necessary. This year the three external doors and frames together with the noticeboard will receive our attention. As long as we get about a week of dry days and nights the hall should be ready for the autumn which is our busiest time of year.

Can you help? One of the facilities provided in the main hall is a book exchange/swop, which is used by all hall users but particularly the Silver Movers and coffee morning groups. Unfortunately, we are coming to the end of our book stock and need more books (paperbacks preferably, but hardbacks are acceptable). If you have any books that you are happy to pass on please phone 780660 and I will willingly collect them. Note, the above is also true of jigsaw puzzles.

Thank you all for supporting the hall with your attendance and help.

*Geoff North , Secretary
Rhosesmor Village Hall Committee*

The Red Lion Inn, Rhosesmor

In September we will have been here 2 years and what a great time we have had so far and we hope to stay here until we're old and grey (worryingly, a few grey hairs have appeared but we'll keep putting the dye on!). We have recently made an amendment to our opening hours; closing on our quietest day (Wednesday) to pursue work/life balance, get out in nature, get involved with community activities and have time with family and friends. We do apologise for any inconvenience. Exceptions can be made for private functions. We were very happy to welcome in a few ladies from Rhosesmor Women's Institute lately by special arrangement, such a lovely bunch of ladies, we do hope to see you again soon.



On occasion we do get visitors from all over the world staying at our neighbours' bothy. They love the scenery and often pop into the Red Lion for lunch or a few holiday drinks. I was delighted to read a few reviews that mentioned the Red Lion and described us as a "welcoming pub" "amazingly homely" and one reviewer say we serve "the best burgers." Reading things like this fills us with pride and we hope every person who visits us has a great experience to take away with them. Throughout the week, the pub plays multiple roles as somewhere to grab a bite to eat, meet with friends or be entertained. With so much going on we would advise people to follow RedLion Rhosesmor on Facebook – or pop in and talk to us!

Mondays: Dog walk meets at 6.30pm

Tuesdays: A traditional quiet night primarily for older patrons. Sometimes night fishing meets here.

Wednesdays: Open by arrangement

Thursdays: Various

Fridays: Karaoke-Disco,

Saturdays: Karaoke Disco

Sundays:

Sunday lunches served all day.

Booking advised: 01352 331581



Special Events

As we approach our second year managing this characterful little pub we are feeling optimistic about the future. Our 2 year anniversary coincides with 'International Talk Like a Pirate Day' so we're going to have a big pirate themed party on Saturday 19th September, dress up, drink rum and have a giggle. Everyone is welcome, unless you've been naughty here and told to walk the plank.



In the same week, the Rugby World Cup begins and we will be screening all games and running a few special offers during the games too. Last year there was a great atmosphere with a bit of banter between me (English), my partner (Irish) and our customers (mostly Welsh of course). Hazard a guess at who got the most stick?



Our DJ Russ may act like he is in his 20s but he will be 61 years old in September and by his own admission, it is a miracle he has got this far so we'll be celebrating with him on Saturday 26th September.

On Sunday 11th October we will be trying something a little different. We will be hosting a 1920's Murder Mystery Night. This will be a ticketed event and includes the game, food, a free drink on arrival and entertainment

provided by specialist 1920's musician Anthony Mason who plays ukulele and piano.





The next few months and years promise to be an exciting time for Rhosesmor. Recently a group of residents got together to talk about how life in the village could be improved. The theme running through our discussions was how, in recent years, the village community spirit had faded a little. There had been a time when people knew their neighbours and people helped one another, prayed together, drank together and celebrated together. This spirit has not completely vanished but we, as a community, could make a greater effort to do more.

Residents along with those at the village hall, church and pub have been discussing ways to improve the village in terms of events, supporting the elderly, the environment, activities for children and young people and many other issues. By the time this article has gone to press there will have been an open village meeting in the village hall to bring as many residents into the discussion as possible. In addition to this 'Rhosesmor Village' is now on Facebook, connecting interested parties and keeping everyone up to date with events and activities in the village. All residents of

Rhosesmor are encouraged to 'like' the page and get involved.

Down at the Red Lion, snuggled around the fire, so many people have said they want to see changes that bring the community together. Well, one of the most profound quotes is from Mahatma Ghandi ... "Be the change you wish to see in the world." There is little point reflecting on the good old days if you don't act on them and who better to start the flame of community spirit than the community itself? A great example of this is a group of parents who wanted a tot's and parents activity. Within 3 weeks they had organised themselves and it is up and running at the village hall every Monday.

Another group of people were interested in reinstating the pond at the back of the playground so visited the site and discussed options with the Ranger who has approached the landowner for permissions and possible funding.



Others are interested in making Moel y Gaer a heritage site with better signage for walkers and perhaps events relating to the past whilst some want more activities such as luncheon clubs, book clubs and this brand new flower arranging club.



It is never too late to get involved with the community around you. Pop in to the church and speak to Lynn Fernhead, or the Red Lion and speak to Natalie Edwards and they will be able to put you in touch with more people with similar interests and projects that will unite this fantastic village, just like 'the good old days'.

Halkyn Mountain Kids Club & Holiday Club

SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!

We are situated in Ysgol Rhos Helyg Primary School. The club is registered with CSSIW (Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales); all 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.

A nature reserve with a round house, yurt and pond area



Prices for after school club only. Open 3.10pm till 5.20pm Monday to Friday.

First hour for one child £4.00

Second hour for one child £7.00

First hour for 2 siblings £7.60

Second hour for 2 siblings £13.30

Every child thereafter there's a 5% discount

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

Biscuits Try a New Sport!

After a gruelling day of painting the wayside posts in Rhosesmor **AND** Rhes y Cae the Biscuits group were rewarded with yet another challenge – a two hour session of racketball. Thanks to expert coaching from Rev'd Hugh Burgess and Jim Devaney the new skill was mastered very quickly and some budding champions were clearly identified. Energies were immediately

replenished with an appetising feast in the racketball venue. Thanks a million to both coaches for their time and generosity.



A Modified Menagerie

The GM sheep is better Than the average common ewe.
Their wool is so consistent And it's shrink resistant too.
They're free of all diseases, Choose fleeces white or tinted.
Their milk cures diabetes And the meat comes ready minted.
This fowl from our laboratory Lays eggs at a break neck pace.
They come out ready lion stamped Of illness there's no trace.
Their feathers are the softest yet, Their tog rating's quite high
And their veins all run with gravy For a faultless chicken pie.
Have you heard how the GM cow Can serve up milk or cream.
They graze on weeds and protein feeds, They are a farmers dream
They're programmed to be house trained; Goodbye to all that slurry.
They quietly queue at a bovine loo And their meat makes smashing curry.
The GM pig is larger than Your Tamworth or large white
Their growth rate is prodigious And they never, ever fight.
They source new bits for humans There's livers, kidneys, hearts
So now you always have the choice of mixed grill or spare parts.

Steve Blakesley

Children's Pages

A Few Words from Ginnie the Donkey

I'm not one to grumble but I do suffer from a condition that means my coat does not moult naturally like most other Donkeys. This does not cause me any problems as one of my human friends is always on hand to give me a trim. I do appreciate his help but it has to be said that he is more used to trimming hedges than donkeys and he lacks any stylistic merit in this area. I guess this is my way of explaining why I am currently sporting a new style of coat. While I have said before that I am not a follower of fashion, I have never discussed the possibility of being a fashion leader. Let me be the first to tell you that for this summer the "bedraggled" look is in!

It has to be said that sheep have their woolly coats cut very smartly each summer. I don't know who cuts theirs but I wish they could also cut mine. Although, having second thoughts, they do have their coats cut very short – much shorter than is acceptable for a donkey of my standing.

It seems that summer has only just arrived and yet some of the local birds are already talking about migration. They talk about the journey taking days. How they can fly for so long I don't know. I don't know where they are planning to go for the winter, but guess it must be somewhere far away like Flint. I haven't ever been to Flint or very far from my field at all, but I hear

humans talking about it. It seems strange to me that some birds like to change homes for the winter while others are not bothered by the cold and are happy to stay. I guess it must be nice and warm in Flint.

It is always nice when schools close for the summer as more children come and visit me. I think they have heard about my liking for carrots and often bring me some which I always enjoy. Some children know my name and others come to the fence and shout "Donkeeeee!". I'm glad they shout as I am rather deaf these days and even more deaf if I happen to be enjoying a juicy thistle or a particularly nice patch of grass. If I hear, I am always happy to meet and greet.

I love being visited by children and adults too, but I hate the other summer visitors – the flies. They are so annoying. Over the years I have developed my tail-swishing technique to try and ward them off but it is never quite enough. I must have swallowed quite a few over the years –ugh! What a thought. I don't speak fly but if I did, I think I might be quite rude.

Bye for now,
Ginnie

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

Spot the Difference

There are 10 differences between the two pictures. Can you find them all?





Autumn Wordsearch

H	T	B	X	T	N	Y	E	L	L	O	W
B	R	O	W	N	S	E	J	J	S	L	S
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C	J	S	Y	I	L	G	B	O	R	K	E
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RAKE	SCARECROW	BROWN
YELLOW	SQUIRREL	LEAVES
APPLE	RED	BONFIRE
HARVEST	ORANGE	ACORN



We are a well established playgroup based in Ysgol Rhos Helyg in Rhosesmor.
We are open during term time each morning, 8.50-11.45am.
We welcome all children from age 2½!

We give your child the opportunity to make friends, develop new skills and have fun learning through play.
All staff hold childcare qualifications and have a valid CRB check.

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Bingo

Every Monday at 1.45pm for the over 50s
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Holywell Art Club

Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

Bingo

Thursdays 1:30pm

Line Dancing

Fridays 8 - 10pm

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

Halkyn Parish Hall

Private Functions and Meetings

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

For more information ring:

Sharon Davies 01352 781350.

Weekly Diary

Mondays

Nia Dance Class 10:30 - 11:30 am

Contact Julia 781941

Yoga 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Contact Jenny 01352 780681

Tuesdays

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

Snooker Club 7:30 pm

(New members welcome Andy Wood 780159)

The Snooker Table is also available for Hire

Contact Sharon Davies on 781350

Wednesdays

Modern Line Dancing 12:45 - 14:45 pm

Contact Julie 07712149439

Bingo (every other Wednesday) 7.30 pm

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

Thursdays

Halkyn W.I. 2:00 pm

Fridays

Library 1:30 - 7:00 pm

Halkyn Brownies 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Contact Karen 716027

Saturday

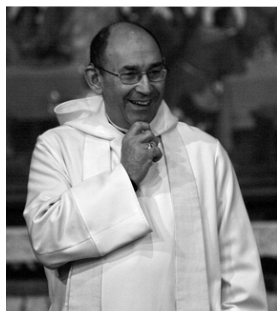
Heartfelt Art & Craft 10 am - 3:00 pm

From 14th March every 2nd Saturday of the month

(Contact: Sue Thomas on 01352 781088)

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

From The Rev'd Hugh Burgess



Rhydymwyn August, 2015
Dear Friends

Recently there was significant disruption in Calais as the result of people trying to get into the Channel Tunnel terminal. Many gallons of ink were used writing about every conceivable aspect of the break-in but nowhere did I see

anything about the individual people who were trying to get to this country. There may have been coverage but, if so, I'm afraid that I missed it.

One of the things that frequently strikes me about "The News" is the way that the Press - and I suppose therefore, the "General Public" - loves a demon. Included in the current list of demons seem to be refugees, asylum seekers and migrants of all kinds as well as "benefit cheats" and people involved in criminal activity of various kinds. Some of these groups are, I suppose, more understandable than others, but it seems to me that it's very easy for us to group people together and to talk as though every asylum seeker, refugee, benefit claimant or indeed criminal is the same. The language used and the ideas expressed can become quite inflammatory. However, if we always categorise people and speak in this way, we are in danger, I think, of losing sight of the fact that every group is made up of individuals and we risk dehumanising both them and ourselves.

In every society there are those who come up against the law and even at the individual level it is very easy to demonise them, too. I am aware of young men, for example, in our own communities who have got into fights or taken property that doesn't belong to them as well as more serious offences of one kind or another. The courts clearly deal with the offence and that is entirely right and proper, but how do we deal with the individual involved? Do we demonise them and punish them further? How do we deal with their families? Do we assume that the family is guilty by association?

There is an old saying that we should "love the sinner and hate the sin" which we might translate into more everyday-speak as "see the person as different from their behaviour or action".

This is hard, I know, but the ability to see beyond a person's actions and behaviour and to recognise the human being underneath is, I think, an important part of building a healthy community. This is not to condone anti-social activity or criminal behaviour but for those who admit their offence, take their punishment and who seek to make redress we do, I think, need to extend both a certain amount of forgiveness and to recognise that underneath there may be a weak and vulnerable human being who has made what might be a very serious mistake. Loving the sinner and hating the sin is certainly not an easy path but is, I feel, a far more healthy path than creating demons and monsters in our communities.

Gosh - that was all a bit heavy! On a (much) lighter note, I have been delighted to watch the changes

happening in Rhosesmor where a number of people have begun an initiative to strengthen the community. It is exciting to see the new Parent and Toddler group and the Floristry Workshop, as well as other initiatives, getting underway. This is really exciting and I look forward to hearing about other developments as they get underway. As you probably gather, I find anything to do with the growth of "community" exciting and these initiatives, which have come about because a few people thought it would be a good idea to see what people want and need, are really encouraging. Perhaps the stories that come out of Rhosesmor in the next few months might encourage you to start, or get involved, in new community initiatives.

Some months ago, we had cause to take down a tree in the churchyard in Rhes y Cae. I know this upset a number of people. Unfortunately no-one spoke to me directly about this but I'd like to reassure people that this is NOT something that we did lightly or on a whim. In this case professional advice was that the tree needed to be removed for Health and Safety reasons and so we obtained permission through the Church Authorities (in this case the Archdeacon of St Asaph) and the tree was taken down. We do not have a general policy of removing trees if it can be avoided. I would like to repeat my appeal that if you have an issue with the Church in any of the parishes, you write or call me to discuss it. This is so much easier than hearing concerns through the grapevine.

I wish everyone a good autumn

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Halkyn Mountain Parishes Service Times

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

Every Month ▶	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
Halkyn	10.30 am Morning Prayer 11.15 am Communion	11.15 am Communion 5pm Evensong	11.15 am Communion	11.15 am Morning Prayer	10.30 Combined Service – This rotates between churches.
Rhosesmor	6.00 pm Evening Prayer ²	10.00 am Communion	10.00 am Family Service ¹	10.00 am Communion	
Rhes y Cae	8.45 am Communion	8.45 am Bilingual Communion	6pm Evening Prayer	8.45 am Communion	

¹ During school holidays the Family Service may be replaced by an alternative service

² When the clocks go forwards in the Spring, Evening Prayer at Rhosesmor will revert to 6pm

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES

COMBINED AND SPECIAL SERVICES: The next combined service for the three parishes will be at 10.30 on Sunday, 29th November, 2015 at St Paul's, Rhosesmor. This is a communion service, open to all and is in a modern form. We would be delighted to see you.

At 7.30pm on the last Friday of each month there is a time of prayer for those who are sick and in need. Until the end of October these will be held in Rhosesmor and thereafter in Halkyn. Please contact Hugh Burgess with any requests for prayer.

At **Brynford**: at 6pm on 1st Nov there will be a special Deanery Service to mark All Saints and to remember those who have died, particularly in the past year.

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.

Rhosesmor Church is open every day for quiet reflection, just a look round, Foodbank drop-off or to buy. There will also be a special Open and Gift day on Saturday, 19th September, 2014. Please do drop in to meet us.

Rhes y Cae Church : Gift Day – 26th September, 2015. Again, please do drop in.

HARVEST FESTIVALS:

Bryn Ffynon Farm, Rhosesmor: Deanery Harvest Festival - Sunday, 20th September, 2015
at 3pm - Open to all and informal celebration.

Rhes y Cae: 6.30 pm Wednesday, 1st October, 2014 followed by Harvest Supper

Halkyn: 11.15am, Sunday 5th October, 2014, followed by Bring and Share lunch

Rhosesmor: 6pm, Sunday, 5th October, 2014 followed by ploughman's supper

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: This year Remembrance Sunday is on 9th November and the service will be at 10.15 at St Mary's, Halkyn, followed by the laying of wreaths in Halkyn, Rhes y Cae and Rhosesmor.

For further details of any of these
events please contact:
The Rev'd Hugh Burgess on
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You can also get details of events and find
out more about us on our web-site
www.halkynparishes.org.uk

Cynfaen Memorial Chapel Calcoed

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

(C) Denotes Communion Service.

September	6 th	(W)	Mawl Wasanaeth
	13 th	(E)	Rev. Jenny Hurd
	20 th	(W)	Parch Marc Morgan (C)
	27 th	(E)	Rev. J Bryn Jones (C)
October	4 th	(W)	Parch John Barnett
	11 th		Diolchgarwch Harvest Festival 2.30 pm Cymraeg 6.00 pm English Rev. Eric Green
	18 th	(E)	Rev. Marc Morgan (C)
	25 th	(W)	Mrs Maryl Rees (C)
November	1 st	(E)	Mr. Gron Ellis (C)
	8 th	(W)	Parch Marc Morgan (C)
	15 th	(E)	Miss Angela Bebbington
	22 nd	(W)	Parch J Bryn Jones
	29 th	(E)	Mrs. Delyth McIntyre

Please make a note of our Bi-lingual Carol Service
to be held on the 20th December.

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

Capel Salem, Pentre Halkyn

Services at 2pm.

C = Communion H = Harvest Festival

September	6 th	Rev. Maureen Roberts	E
	13 th	Mr Tegwyn Williams	W
	20 th	Mr Peter Sinclair	E
	27 th	Mr Goronwy Ellis	W, C
October	4 th	Rev. Maureen Roberts	E
	11 th	Rev. Thomas Evans Williams	W
	18 th	Rev. Keith Jones	E, H
	25 th	Mr David Barker Jones	W
November	1 st	Rev. Eirlys Gruffydd	W
	8 th	Rev. Maureen Roberts	E
	15 th	Mr Tegwyn Williams	W
	22 nd	Mrs Delyth McIntyre	E
	29 th	Mr Bryan Jones	W

Capel Bethel y Nant

We meet every Sunday at 2.30pm
Do join us.

Medi 6ed	Eirlys Gruffydd
Medi 13eg	Own arrangement
Medi 20ed	Own arrangement
Medi 27ain	Delyth McIntyre
Hydref 4ydd	Cyfaifod Gweddi
Hydref 11eg	Robert Parry
Hydref 18ed	Bryan Jones
Hydref 25ain	Goronwy Ellis
Tachwedd 1af	Bryan Jones
Tachwedd 8ed	Cyfaifod Gweddi
Tachwedd 15ed	Glyn Thomas
Tachwedd 22ain	Eirlys Gruffydd
Tachwedd 29ain	Arwel Roberts

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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.



Hand washing sessions

As part of our Healthy schools initiative we invited a member of the Environmental health team to school to discuss the importance of hand washing. They were able to demonstrate invisible germs to pupils by using a special gel and a torch.

Hopefully everyone will wash their hands more carefully in the future!



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.

Junior trip

The junior trip this year was to The International Eisteddfod at Llangollen. The pupils had a great day.



Sports day

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves competing in front of a large crowd of appreciative parents and grand parents.



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.



The Lion King

The junior show this year was The Lion King. What a fantastic evening we had at the school. The production was great and the performance from the cast was fabulous.



Geography Field Trip

Once again our Year 6 pupils spent a transition day at Loggerheads with other year 6 pupils who will be going to Mold Alun high school. They had a wonderful time doing things like measuring the speed of the river as they got to know new friends.



Memorial garden

Pupils have been working hard to create a memorial garden at school to commemorate the sacrifice made by many during the First World war.



Mini beast hunt

Pupils from early Years have enjoyed doing a mini beast hunt.



Nursery trip

The Nursery pupils enjoyed their first school trip to Greenacres. The tractor ride was a great success.



Full attendance

We had fifteen pupils who managed to be in school every single day with not one day missed in the school year. Last year only eight pupils managed full attendance, so a big improvement this year. Truly fabulous.



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. Our chair Of governors, Mr Bob Robinson kindly presented our leavers with a small commemorative gift. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a buffet during their last week.



Retirement

Mrs Janis Walker is leaving after 25 years service. We wish her well in her retirement.

Halkyn Mountain Sports Club News

Halkyn Sports Association

Forthcoming events at club

Halkyn mountain cinema club – tickets available locally, 26th September - film showing - Pride

Quiz night is every Wednesday at 8.30. The £120 jackpot was won and will restart from August. Everyone is welcome.

HSA Year end March 2015 finances have been signed off by the accountant and can be viewed at club.

Halkyn Radio club going very well, meeting every Wednesday at 7.00pm, new interesting technology giving worldwide coverage. Newcomers are welcome.

HSA Luncheon club update

HSA community lunch club in conjunction with FLVC and Flintshire County Council Social Services starts on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at the club. The lunch club will be open at the club from 12.30. A two course lunch will be served at nominal cost. This will provide social inclusion within the community of Pentre Halkyn, Halkyn and surrounding areas. It is envisaged the lunch club will be initially open on the First Wednesday of each month. Further information will be displayed in the local post office.

Anyone wishing to book an event at the club can contact Deb Paul on 01352 780756.

Halkyn United FC

Building for the future

Halkyn United brought Graham Duffield into the club half way through last season with the 1st team bottom the league, the Reserve team a shambles and players walking away from the club weekly. Since then Duffield has replaced the whole of the reserve team management and playing staff and brought quality players to the club to complement the hard core of loyal and very good players that were still there.

Over the summer a massive re building phase has taken place and the club is now looking to a very bright playing future. The club have signed some excellent players like Richie Walker, Brazilian Lucas Cruz, local lads Jon Edmonds and ex Wrexham player Ross Tate. Once you add these to a squad that has players like Damon Griffiths, Jake Williams, Sam Redshaw, John Duffield, Jimmy McGlone and the list goes on, the recipe for success is there. One of the most important signings for the club is Jack Seery as manager of the reserve team as Jack has brought in two very good young coaches to work alongside him, who in turn have attracted a number of very good young players. When all the above is added to the excellent off the field work that is being done by the executive committee the time is right for the local community and businesses to get involved at Halkyn United and let's put Halkyn back on the map.



Halkyn Cricket Club

1st XI

Following a promising start when the 1st XI won their first THREE matches a slump in form then followed. Whilst Halkyn have been restricting the oppositions score a failure to chase down these scores has been costly. Halkyn 1st XI currently lies in NINTH position in Division Two with a third of the season remaining. Leading run scorer to date is Timmy Davies supported by Alex North and captain Graeme Settle. Leading at present with the bowling honours are James Beresford and Graeme Settle.

2nd XI - Magnificent Seven

Halkyn 2nd XI pulled off an unlikely victory against Chirk 2nd XI at the end of June.

Due to some unfortunate late withdrawals Halkyn's seven players took to the field against Chirk's TEN players. Halkyn won the toss and decided to bat first eventually posting a respectable 120-1 from their rain reduced 30 overs. An opening partnership of 105, between captain Keith Williams and David Odgers, was the highlight. Some excellent bowling and fielding then saw Halkyn restrict Chirk to 79-9.

Halkyn 2nd XI currently lies in a mid-table position. Leading run scorer is Keith Williams whilst currently David Odgers has taken the most wickets. It is very pleasing to see young players Kieran McLeod, Daniel Williams and Josh Edwards all progressing, whilst newcomers Gary McLeod and John Griffiths have also settled in well.

Halkyn Cricket Club 2nd XI

Back row Left to Right: Ryan Matthews, Tony Green,



Keith Williams (Capt.), John Griffiths, Gary McLeod, Darren Pass

Front Row Left to Right: Shaun Gibson, Daniel Williams, Josh Edwards, Kieran McLeod, David Odgers (V.Capt.)

Halkyn CC Juniors

New players are most welcome. We are currently running two teams at U9 and U11. For more details please contact Jane Williams 01352 781523 or 07732325033.

Halkyn CC Presentation Evening.

This will take place at the clubhouse on SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM.

Keith Williams, Secretary

Halkyn and District Bowling Club

We are more than halfway through the season and enjoying the bowling immensely. The results have been a lot like the weather – very mixed. To be honest the vets teams are holding their own about halfway up the league, and the midweek team is doing extremely well close to the top. In early June we hosted a 3 day tournament with Flint and Oakenholt with some close exciting matches where the final was won by Denis Strong. It was a satisfying few days – not forgetting the bacon butties.

Halkyn also entered the 3 way tournament at Flint on 6th July then at Oakenholt on 27th July with several of our bowlers taking part. There were some very close matches and some good results and although we didn't quite reach the final we were in with the prize money. A good part of our season are the club competitions. These are different types of matches which are competitive, fun and of course feature good food. The results of these are:

Britannia Shield – Wenna Worrall, Keith Roberts, Bill Worrall

G Davies Trophy – Bill Worrall

Frank Cobb Trophy – Mick Carpenter

Hale Trophy – Gladys Bunnell, Andrew Jones

Sheila Statham Cup – Muriel Jones

Ivor Williams Trophy – Mick Carpenter

Men's Singles – Andrew Jones

Fred Evans Trophy – Bryn Evans, Arthur Jones

We had a visit from Prestatyn Ladies Team and Halkyn held out for a win. There was a lot of friendly rivalry and of course plenty of good food to follow. The 100 Club winners were J. Jones, B. Hart and Della Jones.

It is the end of July as I write this and we are still waiting for some summer, we will keep our fingers crossed that the best may still be to come.

Anyone with an interest or queries about the club please contact Bill Worrall 01352 710702 or Linda Kirkham 01352 740454.

Jo Woodruff



Holywell Golf Club



The club has had a very busy time since the last report enjoying some very good golfing weather as well as some of the more normal wind and rain of Halkyn Mountain. This of course makes the challenge of the golfing season so varied, not only day to day but even between those starting in the morning and those in the afternoon, one calm and fine the other windy and wet; but which would you chose a.m. or p.m.?

Golf Taster Day - We held a free golf taster day on Sunday 31st May and it was a great success. Many people, young and old, came to the course and had a try in the

portable driving net and also out on the course where our professional, Matt Parsley, and other members looked after everyone who wanted to try their



hand and swing a club. We have a very active "Starter Group" so if you have you ever wanted to have a go at golf why not come and join us. You will be well looked after and will be able to meet like minded people who start from never having played to going as far as they want. We meet twice a week, Sunday and Wednesday morning during the winter and Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings during the summer. You don't need any equipment; we'll supply you with it at the start.



President's Day - Club President Ian Smith held his President's Day on Saturday 23rd May when a great day's golf in some very fine weather was enjoyed by more than 130 competitors. The evening's presentation was held, supported with excellent food from Nick and Andi and great entertainment from Stringfellows. - with Ian Smith and Jordan Mapp-Jones.



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Captain's Tour - The 2015 Captain's Tour took place when Club Captain, Pat McDermott took a group of golfers to Wetherby, Leeds where we played 3 great courses starting at Sandmoor GC.



Day 2 took us to Moor Allerton GC with the final day at Scarcroft GC where a close fought final day finished with our Club Professional, Matt Parsley, completing a great tour finishing as the overall winner with a great score of 100 points. (Pictured - Matt being congratulated by the Captain)



Captain's Day - This year's Captain's Day was held on 11th July with Club Captain Pat McDermott greeting over 160 golfers, gents playing from 7 a.m. including Captain's guests coming from Wales, England and Scotland to join him, and the ladies playing a 9 hole competition to complete the day. The day was followed by a very well attended evening's presentation, buffet and entertainment. The Captain presented the prizes to all the day's winners. Pictured receiving his prize from the Captain is the overall winner Colin Roscoe. Mr President, Ian Smith, congratulates 2015 Captain Pat McDermott on a successful Captain's Day where all proceeds from the day competition and evening's raffle, over £700, are donated towards the Captain's Charity, which for 2015 is MacMillan Cancer Support.



Lady Captain's Day - Lady Captain Stephanie Jones welcomed the lady members on to the first tee as they prepared to enjoy a good day's competition. Twenty ladies completed a closely contested game with the eventual winner being Mrs Lorraine Redman with 36 points. The day was rounded off with the ladies enjoying a fine meal followed by the presentation of prizes. Pictured is Lorraine receiving her winner's prize from the Lady Captain.



North West Cancer Research Charity Day - Holywell Golf Club held its annual charity golf day on Friday 31st July to raise much needed funds for very worthwhile cause, 54 teams from around the area took part in the 4BBB Stableford Competition throughout the day which was followed by the presentation of prizes and a raffle. Holywell Captain, Pat McDermott, welcomed everyone to the club before handing over to club's event organiser Mr Kevin Carney who thanked all those involved in organising and supporting the event with particular thanks to Lady Vice Captain, Mrs Gill Jones, who organised sponsorship of the tees and prizes and the ladies of the NCWR Holywell Fund Raising Committee for organising the raffle. The Club Captain presented the prizes to the winning teams. Pictured are the overall winning pair of Jon Kendrick and Charlie Payne with the Club Captain. Finally after drawing the raffle the NWCR co-ordinator thanked everyone for a marvellous effort and announced that the total raised for the day was approx £2700.



Membership - Whether you are an avid golfer, a social golfer or you just want to get into golf as a great way to get into the fresh air and get fit, we will welcome you to a very friendly and well run golf club.

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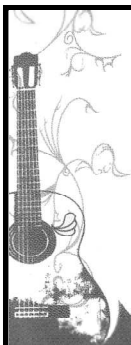
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