



Halkyn Mountain News

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Spring is here!

Rhes y Cae and Moel Y Crio Sheepdog Trials and Show

Please note the date for this event
will be 22nd & 23rd July, 2016.
Do keep these dates free!



Halkyn Library

A big thank you to everyone who braved the dark and awful weather to attend the meeting regarding the library.

The good news is we can keep it going a bit longer.

We are extremely lucky to have a library in the village, as many a town doesn't have the good fortune to have one. Also, a huge thank you to the Community Council for their support over the years and for fighting so hard to keep it going.



Marilyn, Librarian

Issue 165 will be distributed in June 2016; please submit items by May 1st.
You can send items to the new email address hmnews@btinternet.com
or hand them in to the Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn.
If you have any questions you can call Jack McIntyre on 01352 780377

Editorial

A New Year brings New Year's Resolutions, planned in good faith but often forgotten as we head into Spring. That said, perhaps Spring could be a good time to start new things.

Why not join our team and help us continue to produce Halkyn Mountain News?

Over a period of over 40 years, HMN has grown from a single sheet newsletter to the rather chunkier paper that we know today. We have a small team at the helm and a larger group of regular contributors together with occasional and one-off contributors. We have all our advertisers whose support is essential to the paper's continuation. We deliver the printed copies to the homes of our mini army of deliverers who make the final deliveries across the mountain villages.

You don't need to be a writer to join us. You just need to have a little enthusiasm and be willing to help in whatever way you can. The great thing is that you can commit as much or as little time as suits you, provided you can do so on a regular basis, but your contribution will help secure the future of HMN. If you would like to volunteer or want to find out more please contact Robin Smith on 01352 781856.

We currently have vacancies for volunteer deliverers in Rhosesmor and Pentre Halkyn following the "retirement" of Tracey McVey, Alan Evans and Penny Rogers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for doing such a splendid job over the years.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

HMN Editorial Team

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Halkyn Community Council

Halkyn Community Library

The following message is from Councillor Bob Robinson: I wish to update you all on the results of the public meeting held on the 13th January. But firstly, to the attendees at the meeting; another big 'thank you' for attending in such atrocious weather.

In response to such substantial and unanimous public support, the Community Council meeting held the following week after the public meeting had no hesitation in deciding to take over running of the library from Flintshire County Council. We have until July to do so.

I am pleased to be asked to coordinate the process on behalf of the Community Council and have started to contact the various agencies. At this moment it is not clear how much voluntary input will be required, but we would be grateful if anyone would reiterate or advise of your willingness to contribute.

I would also be happy to receive any suggestions whatsoever which might give us ideas as to how to get the best out of the changeover. Also, any suggestions regarding potential funding or possible peripheral activities would be welcome. I can be contacted via the Clerk's e-mail address – as below, or direct on 01352 780775. (*Councillor Bob Robinson*).

Community Charge (Precept) 2016/2017

The Community Council Members agreed to increase the precept from £45,000.00, to £47,000.00 (4.44%) - an increase to a band D property within the community of £1.19p a year (3.59%) (9p a month)). The lower property bands would pay less per month. The Halkyn Community Council band D property charge, will now be £34.32. When increasing the precept, the Councillors considered many aspects, including extra grass cutting (due to the decrease of services presently provided by Flintshire County Council). To also ensure that the area retains the present facilities and services, including the last 'rural library service' in Flintshire. Additional funding this financial year has been utilised to complete various maintenance works and re-lettering on the Halkyn and Rhosesmor War Memorials, at a cost of £1,400, together with over £2,500 part funding a new bus shelter with the Grosvenor Estate.

Donations and Financial Support

The Community Council have provided the following financial donations, since the last issue of the HM News: Marie Curie Nursing Services - £100, British Red Cross - £100, National Eisteddfod of Wales - £100, Wales Air Ambulance - £100

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Halkyn County Councillor

For some of us, three months can be a very long time; for others, it only seems a couple of weeks ago that the winter issue of Halkyn Mountain News was being compiled and now, once again, some of us are racking our brains to write an interesting article for our local news magazine. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to our editorial team for all the considerable time and thought that they give, freely, to provide us once a quarter with a local paper of a very high standard.

November 11th is always too late for a mention in the winter edition, But I want to say how much the Halkyn branch of the Royal British Legion is grateful for the heartwarming support which the people of Halkyn and district showed on Remembrance Sunday; and for their generosity to the Poppy Appeal. Sadly, the death of our well respected and popular President, Mr. Roberts, occurred earlier on, after a painful illness. Our kindest thoughts go to his wife and family on their sad loss. The British Legion also has been deprived of a worthy President.

There has been an "outbreak" of new Highway Speed Limit signs across the Mountain, which hopefully should make the roads safer. The positioning of some has caused "raised eyebrows", but basically it has been a worthwhile project. The Flintshire highways department has to follow very stringent rules, which at times are paradoxical. For some extraordinary reason Rhes y Cae he has been omitted from this road safety exercise but I am hoping that my protestations at this anomaly will soon be rectified and that the route through the village will cease to be a practice track for Silverstone!

May I remind readers that lambing time is very near. It is vital to keep all dogs on leads. This may seem to be a very strict rule but apart from the totally unnecessary injury and pain to the young lambs, these creatures are part of some people's livelihoods. Flintshire is hoping, in the not too distant future, to introduce compulsory DNA testing for dogs, so that owners of dogs which attack sheep and those which foul public areas can be identified. A couple of local authorities have already done this and the Council is awaiting advice and recommendations from them.

Budget time is rapidly approaching, both nationally and locally. One tries to avoid undue pessimism. The outlook is not good. There has been almost impossible pressure put on local government, not only in Flintshire but in other local government areas as well. The professional officials at County Hall as well as a group of councillors who are knowledgeable and experienced in financial matters have striven to produce the least damaging budget. There is one bone of contention on which councillors of all shades of opinion were agreed, the value of each individual in a specific area. For some extraordinary reason which I cannot understand, each individual in Flintshire is worth less than an individual in some of the South Wales local government areas. Therefore, Flintshire receives less from the Welsh Assembly for running the county than do some of the other councils.

Our local casualty is the Halkyn library. It was most encouraging to see so many people attend a special meeting arranged by Halkyn Community Council to discuss the closure of this vital service. More details will be found elsewhere in this paper. The local library will remain as an invaluable asset for the community, thanks to the support of Halkyn Community Council and the body of local volunteers who are determined to keep the library open, for which we should all be very grateful.

Much depends on the results of the forthcoming elections for the Welsh Assembly. One factor which concerns us all in many ways is the future of Flintshire: will it remain as an independent council or will it become part of something much bigger - and more remote? At the most recent County Council meeting I made a carefully considered but passionate plea for Flintshire to maintain its identity. In fact, most councillors agree. I do believe that in some areas of local government it would be advantageous to work with other councils, but basically we need to retain our own unique identity. Even if the plans for much larger local government areas come to fruition, the Welsh Assembly would still create committees for special areas - like smaller counties. Two questions remain unanswered. First, why was Clwyd dismantled in 1995, in favour of the smaller but efficient and democratic counties? Secondly, what guarantee is there that after 20 years or so that local government will not again be reinitiated because the much larger communities are inefficient or too bureaucratic? My apologies, another question: how much will such a massive rearrangement costs us, the local ratepayers?

In spite of so much uncertainty, austerity and very disappointing weather, may I wish you all a pleasant and promising Spring.

Colin Legg, CC Halkyn ward

Bryn Celyn, Berth Ddu, Rhosesmor

My father, Edgar Menzies, a retired Police Inspector from Liverpool Police, bought the above property (which was then a simple two roomed house) in the late 1940's I believe.

Dad wanted to move to Wales when he retired because he had a lifelong interest in HAM radio. His call sign in Liverpool was G5MQ which became GW5MQ whilst he lived at Bryn Celyn.

I wondered if there are any local records of Dad and my Mum living at Bryn Celyn? My sister was born whilst they were living there but, after Mum found out she was expecting another baby (me), she moved back to Liverpool in 1955 and I was born in Liverpool.

I would love to hear any information about Dad and the house. He spent quite a lot of money on it as Mum refused to move into it until it had running water and a proper bathroom!

Hope to hear back from you,

Dot Holden née Menzies

Brynford Community Council

Following a number of enquiries as to the purpose and history of the sculptures erected on Brynford Village Green, the Council has commissioned the services of a local historian to design bilingual, interpretation display panels. The panels will dictate the history of the common and relate to sculptures of the quarry men erected on the village green.

Proposed Cattle Grids, Brynford

The Council has been advised by Mr. G. Williams, Secretary to Halkyn Graziers and Commoners Association, that a financial application to the Aggregates Levy for the provision of 2 cattle grids; 1 at the top of Brynford Hill and 1 Lixwm side of Brynford C.P. School had been approved. The financial grant provides for up to 75% funding for the scheme. Mr. Williams further advised that his Association was writing to other partners in an effort to seek financial support for the remaining 25% of the project costs. Flintshire County Council was in the process of obtaining Tendered Costing for the project and upon receipt of the full project costs and funds raised the Council has agreed to support the project financially.

Setting of Precept for the Financial Year 2016/17

At the January meeting the Council considered its financial budgets for expenditure for 2016/17. The Council agrees its budget requirements in order the Council's services and projects can be funded. For the year 2016/17 the precept was unchanged remaining the same level as 2015/16 at £35.00 per year for a band "D" valued property.

Alan Roberts, Clerk to the Council

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HALKYN MOUNTAIN DVD

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

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

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

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

Graziers News

Good news We have been awarded funding of £3,000 from Chester Zoo for the second year so we will be able to continue our work on the common. If there are any further requests for areas to be cut please contact the secretary on 01352 780008 so that the necessary consents can be arranged with NRW.

The Aggregates Levy Board has passed our bid for funding of the two cattle grids in Brynford. This has now been passed to the Welsh Government Minister for final assessment. We should hear if we have been successful early in February.

As the above fund will only cover 75% of the cost we have had to look for the remainder from elsewhere. Organizations that are going to contribute are Brynford Community Council, Grosvenor Estates and Natural Resources Wales. In order to receive the contribution from NRW they want us to sign a section 15 agreement and as at the present time we do not know what this will entail we are looking for another source for this funding.

We have inspected the areas where Scottish Power have been working this summer and found very little disturbance to the sward on the common which is a vast improvement on the work carried out in late 2014 and early 2015. In one area they removed an overhead line completely by hand, no machinery was used.

There is a project starting on hedge laying/cutting called the Long Forest Project - Hedges in Flintshire. The work is to include planting new hedges, repairing gappy hedges and hedge laying. Any one who is interested contact Steve Bromley at steve.bromley@keepwalestidy.org or phone 07964 118914.

It is noticeable that there are a number of activities being carried out on the common. Please note that as per the CRoW act people are only allowed to walk on the common for fresh air and exercise and the only animal that is allowed to accompany them is a dog. Any other activity including sports must have the consent of the owner of the common and Natural Resources Wales plus the Halkyn Graziers Association.

A recent report from our A.M. has brought to notice that 17 people have appeared in Llandudno Magistrates Court for not cleaning up their dogs droppings, this resulted in each of them receiving a £75 fine and paying £85 costs and £175 court costs.

Finally anyone living around the common will have noticed the work being carried out by the graziers in conjunction with Chester Zoo and Natural Resources Wales. As we are aware that many other people have an interest in the mountain it has been proposed that we should have meetings with members of the community to hear their points of view. If you are interested please contact the secretary on 01352 780008 or E-mail williams-gareth17@sky.com.

Halkyn Graziers and Commoners Association

Grosvenor Estate Update

Anyone who may have ventured out onto the common during the recent wet weather may have noticed some damage to grassland near Aberdo Quarry. We are aware of the damage caused and have expressed our disappointment to D P Williams, who lease the quarrying rights from the Grosvenor Estate. We have requested an investigation into the incident and expect D P Williams to return the land to its original condition as soon as practicable. We will continue to work closely with our partner organisations Natural Resources Wales and Flintshire County Council to support the conservation of this unique environment.

The Grosvenor Estate along with Heritage Lottery Fund have been supporting Flintshire County Council's Countryside Service to put plans in place to renovate three limekilns on the Common. One of these renovations has now been completed at Rhosesmor. Next on the list is the double kiln that you can see from the road between Halkyn and Rhes y Cae.

All required remediation and improvement works to mine features as identified as part of Grosvenor Estates ongoing Halkyn Management Programme have been completed with fences and grilles installed to minimise any potential risks. Capping the open fenced shaft at Windmill, remains a priority and will be completed this summer.

We were disappointed to hear of Natural Resources Wales's decision not to continue to contribute towards the Halkyn Mountain Ranger post from April 2016. Many readers will know Rachael Watson well and will be aware of the important work carried out by her to safeguard and improve the Common and its environment. Grosvenor Estate is very grateful to Flintshire County Council and North Wales Wildlife Trust who will continue with Grosvenor Estate to fund and resource the post for the next financial year.

Halkyn Church Bell Ringers

A chance remark during a conversation between two friends over four years ago went unheeded for a couple of months until, quite out of the blue, it was mentioned again, thus starting the path that led to the ringing of Halkyn Church Bells, as it is today. Fortunately the bells themselves, the bell chamber and the ringing chamber had all been kept in very good condition by the warden and his team. When the suggestion was proposed that a band of people could be formed to learn to ring the bells (the Tower having been silent for some time) it was discovered that one of the clappers was in need of some attention. So the clapper was duly dispatched to Taylors of Loughborough, who repaired it and posted it back to Halkyn. The clapper was then reunited with the bell, so it was all systems go!

We then decided we needed some people who would like to learn to ring.

Word of mouth soon got around and 12 people turned, up keen to be involved. Trouble was there was no-one willing to teach them!

The band were at a loose end for some time until a chance phone call about a different issue produced two people who were willing to teach them. They arrived in January 2014 expecting 3 or 4 people. To say they were surprised to find 12 is perhaps something of an understatement – but nothing tried, nothing gained.

At this point I should explain in a non-silent tower where you have established ringers, one learner would be ringing with 5 established ringers. At Halkyn they were all learning together. It is only through their grit, determination and unflinching enthusiasm that they are where they are today.

Bell ringing can be a very rewarding hobby and you don't have to be musical – or attend church. The ability to laugh at yourself when you make a mistake (which all bell ringers often do!) is a great asset.

Halkyn ringers meet on Thursdays at Halkyn Church from 19.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs. Tea and coffee are provided at half time and the bell ringers would be delighted to welcome you.

For further information contact Roy on 01352 781957

Joyce Jones

Halkyn WI

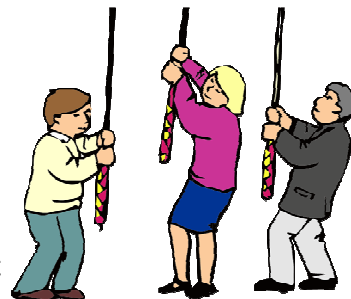
Our January meeting was a combination of voting for which WI resolution each of us thought more important, after that we had some fun with old childhood photos trying to guess who they were. Some of us had been able to bring Grandparent photos to tell a tale or memory of this person, we all found this very interesting. I was lucky enough to have members who remembered my father, his parents and his grandparents!

Glenda Taylor will speak about Agatha Christie at our February meeting, our March meeting is on the 3rd at 2pm, Halkyn Library, the speaker will be Vicky Perfect who is talking about the castles of Flintshire.

In April our meeting time moves to 7:15pm, this is also our guest night where members from other local WI's get invited to join us for a buffet and talk. This year our speaker will be Jill D Currie, who will give an illustrated talk of volunteering at an orphanage and village school in Asebu, Ghana, which she has done for several years.

May is our 82nd Birthday. We meet the second Thursday of this month, the 12th, due to the election voting use of the Library. Now you must realise we are not going to miss a reason for a celebration, and therefore the first Thursday of May becomes our Birthday lunch, the group having chosen where to go in March. Not that the meeting will be forgot en and this year the a cappella group, Mamma G & the Bebop Brunettes will entertain us,... and you, if you wish to visit and get a taste of the WI.

Contact: Fiona E Jones, President. 01352 780462



Halkyn Pensioners Christmas Party – Blue Bell Inn

What a great start to a wonderful day. Wednesday 16th December 2015 was a very mild day for the Christmas festivities. We welcomed to our yearly event some of our pensioners from Halkyn and the surrounding area. Judging by the empty plates (even after second helpings) and glasses and from the thank you cards we have received, it seems the event is both appreciated and very much enjoyed. We really enjoy having a chat and to see everyone having fun and enjoying the afternoon with us, hearing of the new arrival of grandchildren, the walks that some have set out to conquer and achieve and also to hear how people keep in touch with outings arranged using the local facilities – local bus “use it or lose it” is the phrase often used in this regard.

We would very much like to thank all those people who have donated to this event and for the raffle prizes that we received. Who doesn't like to have the winning tickets!

We even had the opportunity to celebrate with Joyce on her 89th birthday.

We really do try to ensure we can offer places to as many pensioners as we can. However, we may not have your details, so please do get in touch to let us know you are in the area. We would love to meet you. Please contact one of the organisers listed below.

Jane Carney – Mayfield, Halkyn – 01352 780088

Roger & Pam McIntee - Ivy Cottage, The Catch - 01352 781802

Jeannette & Phil Brookes - Ffordd Faen Cottage, Halkyn – 01352 780712

Finally, a very big thank you to Steve and Ness for volunteering their premises, the volunteers who made it all possible and for their work throughout the year – Pam, Roger, Jeannette, Phil, Michelle, Clare, Mike and Jane.

***To support fundraising for the 2016 party ...
Look out for our Big Quiz Night which will be
organised later in the year.***

All the very best for the year ahead.

Jane Carney



Halkyn Parish Bingo Group Christmas Party 2015

On Saturday November 28th 2015, I had been invited as a guest to the 15th annual Christmas party for the Halkyn Parish Bingo Group – and what a great party it turned out to be!

The venue was Holywell Golf Club and there were about forty people there. The tables were beautifully set out with individual place names for everyone and there was a wide and delicious choice on the menu.

The atmosphere was great with lively chat and laughter at each table, with each guest enjoying, in addition to the delicious food, a whole bottle of wine of their personal choice.

After the meal had been enjoyed and cleared away, there were games of bingo (even I managed to win a fiver!) and then there was dancing with the music provided by Dee Sounds Disco. The festivities went on until after midnight and then we were all ferried home by taxi.



The whole event is organised each year by Carolyn Bowles who is the driving force behind its success but she is full of praise, not only for the close helpers she has but for all the members of the Bingo Group she describes as ‘a great bunch of people’. They are the ones who, by their regular attendance at the bingo sessions pull together to make each session a success. Their contributions throughout the year help to fund the Christmas party and other events, so that not only is the food and drink at the party provided free of charge to the guests but so are the Stanways taxis that make it possible for guests to travel to and from the event. My personal thanks to Carolyn and all the members of the group who made me welcome.

I look forward to being invited to the next party!

Eileen Tunncliffe



Halkyn Mountain Kids Club & Holiday Club

Spaces Available Now!

We are situated in Ysgol Rhos Helyg Primary School. The club is registered with CSSIW (Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales); all staff are CRB checked and qualified and all certificates are available to see. We welcome children from nursery age up to year 8 in high school.

Holiday club

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

Opening times for holiday club only

8am - 5.30pm Mon - Fri

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

Prices for holiday club only

£21 per child for a full day

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

Opening times for after school club only

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

We have a large hall area where we enjoy. (For after school /holiday club)

Snack time

Parties

Playing games

Arranged theme nights

Arts and crafts

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

A Trim Trail where we enjoy climbing, balancing and swinging

A park with slides, bridges and balancing frames

A large field and playground, where we also have lots of fun with scooters and football matches etc.

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

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

First hour for one child £4.00

First hour for 2 siblings £7.60

Second hour for one child £7.00

Second hour for 2 siblings £13.30

Every child thereafter there's a 5% discount

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



Holywell Art Club

Will hold its annual Spring exhibition at Clwyd Theatre Cymru, Mold, March 7th to April 2nd.

The art club meet every Wednesday at Pentre Halkyn community centre from 10am - 2pm.

The accompanying images are of work that will be included in the exhibition.

Lynda Wilson





Tinytots Playgroup Ysgol Rhos Helyg

Rhosesmor

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

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

We welcome all children from age 2½!

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

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

The cost per session is £7.

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



First session free!

Contact Leanne on
01352 780265

Pentre Halkyn

Community Centre

Bingo

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

Holywell Art Club

Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

Bingo

Thursdays 7:30pm

Line Dancing

Fridays 8 - 10pm

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

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

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**



Rhosesmor Village Hall Timetable

HALL

	ACTIVITY	FREQUENCY	CONTACT
Mon 10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Fortnightly	Lynn Banks 781714
Mon 5.30-6.30	BODEASE-keep fit	Weekly	Lynn Fearnhead 780740
Mon evening	Patchwork Quilting	Twice monthly	Elaine Humphries 781264
Mon evening	Rhosesmor W.I.	Monthly	Mary North 780660
Tues 12-1.30pm	Lunch Club	Fortnightly	Jackie 780490
Tues evening	Yoga	Weekly	Karen 759333
Wed 11:00-12:00	Tai Chi	Weekly	7563985945
Wed pm/eve	PhilsHarmonics choir		
	Age 3-6 4.00 to 4.45pm	Weekly	Phillipa 07660833981
	Age 7+ 6.00 to 7.00pm	Weekly	"
	Adults 7.00 to 9.00pm	Weekly	"
Thurs 9.30 -11.30	Rhosesmor Tots	Weekly	Ellie Rock 07979455672
Thurs afternoon	Silver Movers	Weekly	Ann Williams 780735
Thurs 5.45-6.45	Biscuits Youth Group	Weekly	Lynn Fearnhead 780740
Fri evening	Cubs and Scouts	Weekly in term time	Graham Fredericks 780732
			or Karl 780411
Sat daytime	Jewellery making	Every 4 weeks	Alison Tarry 780842
	Board games	Every 6 weeks	Jon Tarry 780842

COMMITTEE ROOM

Mon 7.30 -9.30 pm	Exploring Faith	Weekly	Rev'd Hugh Burgess 741646
Tues 2:00-4:00pm	Rhosesmor Artists' Club	Weekly	Win Garroch 780824
Tues evening	Meditation	Fortnightly	
Thurs 4:00-5:30	Confirmation Class	Weekly	Rev'd Hugh Burgess 741646
Thurs evening	WI Painting Group	Weekly	Win Garroch 780824
	Precious Petal Workshop Flower Arranging		Eira Boden 07837962354

Please note: All bookings to be arranged with Jon Tarry 01352 780842. The Band Room is also available for use by small bands (up to 5 people) or as a meeting room (up to 12 people).

Heartfelt Art & Craft Fairs

The monthly Heartfelt Art & Craft fairs, held every Saturday between March and December, enjoyed much success last year, fundraising for 10 different, Flintshire based Charities and supporting local artists, crafters, bakers and makers who exhibited for sale their bespoke, handcrafted arts and crafts.

Throughout 2015 the fairs were hugely supported by members of the community and members of the public from across Flintshire and border Counties. Support was also received from local and small businesses, the press and local radio. Public attendance was superb, which is very important, to ensure the fairs are a continued success. As a result of the volunteer run 'Not for Profit' fairs the total raised and donated to local charities and worthy causes was £4500.00

Since commencement in April 2014, Heartfelt Art & Craft has raised and **donated £7445.00** to local charities and other worthy causes.

This year, our fairs in May, July and September will be 'Vintage & Heartfelt Artisan fairs', exhibiting for sale vintage and retro collectables, clothes, books, artisan foods and the traditional art and craft associated with our Heartfelt Art & Craft fairs. In addition, there will be four Vintage and Artisan fairs, to be held at the Stamford Gate Hotel, Holywell on 19th March, 25th June, 6th August and 26th November. We will continue to support and fundraise for local charities at these fairs.

The Heartfelt Art & Craft fairs will recommence on Saturday 12th March, 2016, at Halkyn Parish Hall & Library, when it is anticipated that fundraising will be in aid of the RNLI, Flint branch.

Thank you once again to everyone who offers their support in one way or another, to everyone who makes time to attend, and to all the Heartfelt helpers, without whom the fairs would not be possible. I look forward to welcoming you to our events this year.

For more information regarding Heartfelt Art & Craft fairs, please contact Susan Thomas on 01352 781088 or email heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk

For more information regarding the Vintage & Heartfelt Artisan fairs, please email vintageheartfelt@gmail.com

Blue Bell Walks -

Walkabout Flintshire

For the past three years we have been known as Troedio Clwyd Walks as we were operating in conjunction with Denbighshire. We are now running independently and have reverted to our former name Walkabout Flintshire.

It has been pleasing to see new faces joining the walks in the new year, possibly as a result of New Year's Resolutions and the mild weather.

Unfortunately for us Tim Guy, one of our walk leaders, had an accident and has broken an ankle bone and damaged ligaments. We wish Tim a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back on the walks.

Congratulations to Gabi Husband who recently completed the Walkabout Flintshire Walk Leaders' Training. We hope other walkers will attend future courses.

The Summer Evening Walks start on Wednesday 6th April at 7pm from the Blue Bell Inn. Other Evening Walks take place from The Upper Ship, Bagillt on Mondays and from The Crooked Horn, Brynford on Fridays.

The Annual Sponsored/Donation Walk for Kidney Research Wales will take place on Saturday 23rd April at 10.30am from the Blue Bell Inn.

We will be leading a walk around the historic town of Caerwys and Old Caerwys as part of the Prestatyn Walking Festival on Friday 20th May.

We have provided walks for the Holywell Walking Festival for a number of years and this year we will be joining forces to form the Halkyn and Holywell Walking Festival to be held July 11th - 17th.

Keep healthy, keep happy, keep walking.

John and Vicky Thomas

Biscuits – Halkyn Mountain Parishes Youth Group



We are Biscuits,
the
Halkyn Mountain
Parishes
Youth Group



Following requests from local families we have moved to Rhosesmor Village hall. We meet on Thursdays in term time from 5.45 to 6.45. for fun and games. We also care about our environment and in the holidays we work together to improve life on Halkyn Mountain. We have recently completed our annual painting of the 345 warning posts at the side of the roads on The Mountain. Why do we do this? Because we care about our environment and want to make it safe for all who are driving on our roads. We also believe in showing that we are innovative and creative young adults who make a valuable contribution to our community.

We are proud of our environment, so we take extra steps to ensure that it is how we would like it to be – tidy and safe.

If you're up for the challenge of joining us phone Lynn Fearnhead on 01352 780740 for more info.

How to Sleep Comfortably with Back Pain

Back Pain and Sleep Deprivation

Sleep deprivation is not only bad for your health, it can also worsen existing problems. According to some studies, lack of sleep can make you more sensitive to pain and can cause fatigue, which can make the pain even worse. However, when you have chronic back pain, it can be hard to find a comfortable position for you to fall asleep. Lack of sleep impairs descending pain-inhibition pathways, which are vital in controlling or coping with chronic pain symptoms.

Sleeping Positions to Ease Back Pain

Finding the most comfortable sleeping position to ease back pain may be somewhat of a challenge. Trying one position after another may be a bit frustrating in the beginning because all you want to do is get comfortable enough to fall asleep, but you can't. So here are some tips on how to get a good night's sleep.

1. Avoid sleeping on your stomach.

Sleeping on your stomach puts your spine in an awkward angle. First, because sleeping on your stomach means your neck is rotated to the side and second, because it flattens the normal curvature of your spine. Both of these put a lot of strain on your back and neck muscles, which is why you wake up with worse pain.

2. Use a pillow for support.

For stomach sleepers, if you cannot sleep in any other position, place a pillow under your lower abdomen and pelvis to reduce the strain on your back. You may also try to place another pillow under your head to support your neck, unless it puts a strain on your back.

For side sleepers, draw your legs very slightly toward your chest and put a pillow between your knees.

For back sleepers, place a pillow under your knees to keep the normal curve of your back as well as under your head and neck for additional support. You may also try to place a rolled towel under the small of your back.

You don't need to worry about staying in the same position the whole night. A little movement is helpful in reducing your back pain. If you stay in the same sleeping posture for too long, it might cause you more pain. Besides, you will not be able to sleep well if you keep worrying about your position.

Additional Tips to Help with Sleeplessness Due to Back Pain

1. Invest in a good mattress and pillow

These are important in getting a comfortable sleep. Make sure that your mattress and pillow provide the support that your back needs. It is important to choose something that give equal support from head to toe.

2. Try some herbs that help with sleep

Natural sleep remedies such as herbs do not just help you fall asleep and stay asleep, but they can also promote muscle relaxation. In addition, herbs are known to be a lot safer than over-the-counter

medicines. You could get herbs such as valerian, chamomile, St. John's Wort, hops, wild lettuce, and many others, either as a supplement or in tea form. You could also try some aromatherapy using lavender.

Chiropractic, Back Pain and Sleep

If you are still having difficulty falling asleep because of the pain and discomfort or if you still wake up with worse pain, you may visit the Back Doctor Chiropractic Clinic in Chester or St. Asaph. Chiropractic is not only known to treat the cause of the disease, but it is also known to improve the quality of sleep.

Steve Massey
01745 535854

St Asaph Chiropractic Clinic



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.

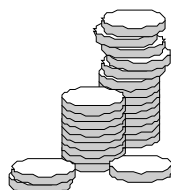
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BlueBell.uk.eu.org
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HALKYN PARISH HALL BINGO

Doors Open At 7.10pm

Come Along and Have Some Fun
A Night of Bingo for Everyone



Light Refreshments Served to You
Cash Pay Outs and a Raffle Too

Halkyn Parish Hall is Where It's At
On a Wednesday Night and Every Other After That



Mar. 2nd & 9th and So On With Me
So Come Along, Eyes Down, A Fun Night You'll See

Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema

The community cinema is now entering its second year and we'd like to thank all the residents from across Halkyn Mountain who have supported the cinema during its first year. We've had really positive feedback and support for the cinema and the number of residents from all across the area attending the cinema has been great.

In case you haven't heard about the Community Cinema yet, its first screening was in January 2015 and it is run by a small group of volunteers from various villages across the mountain. The Community Cinema was set up "to bring the big screen to the small mountain", to enable residents and visitors to have the big screen cinema experience right here on our doorstep. With guidance and borrowed equipment from national organisation, Cinema for All, we set about finding an appropriate venue in late 2014. We were advised that comfy chairs were one of the most important things and we also considered parking, accessibility, licencing and a whole host of factors. After looking at various venues the cinema committee agreed that the Cricket Club/Sports Association on Pentre Halkyn Road was best suited to the cinema's needs and we'd like to express our thanks to the Sports Association for being so supportive of the cinema screenings.

We show films on a **Saturday evening once every two months**, generally towards the end of the month. It's really hard to know what films will be popular and we have and will continue to ask cinema attendees what they'd most like to see. To give you a flavour, to date the following films have been shown: The Grand Budapest Hotel, The Imitation Game, The Theory of Everything, What We Did on our Holiday, Pride, Jurassic World and The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

You can find details about all our screenings, past and future, along with anything else you might want to know about the Community Cinema on our website. Please do also join our Facebook page or Twitter feed to get all the latest information about upcoming films and when tickets go on sale, or you can join our email mailing list via the website, see:

www.mountaincinema.org.uk

www.facebook.com/halkynmountaincinema

www.twitter.com/mountaincinema

Many people are surprised when they hear how much it costs to show each film and don't realise that there is a need for a film licence each time. All public screenings require a film licence, regardless of whether people are charged to watch a film or not, and this licence is a minimum of £100 per film per one screening. There is also venue hire, equipment insurance and a few other costs to be covered too. Everyone involved in running the Community Cinema does so on a voluntary basis and if there is any surplus made at a screening it is put back into the cinema fund.

Tickets for the Community Cinema are priced at just **£4** per person (when bought in advance) and we hope to

keep tickets at this low price whilst still covering the costs involved.

Tickets are available to buy for each screening from The Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn and Pentre Halkyn Post Office & Store and we thank them very much for their continued support with this. Tickets can also be purchased online via the cinema website. Tickets are usually available about 3 weeks before each screening, when posters and flyers will also appear at these venues and on notice boards across the mountain.

Hot drinks, biscuits and popcorn are available to purchase at just £1 each at the screenings, to help towards the running costs of the cinema. Alcoholic beverages are also available to purchase from the Sports Association bar. And thanks to our recent successful Big Lottery Fund Awards for All grant application, the Community Cinema now has a state of the art projector, a large top quality screen, an enhanced sound system and a Blu-ray player – all for the benefit of the Community Cinema patrons to improve the cinematic experience right in the heart of the local community. What more do you need for a great night out right here on Halkyn Mountain? The Community Cinema is for you and we'd like to encourage residents from all the villages and hamlets across the mountain to come along. We hope to see you soon.

Next Screening: The Lady in the Van (12A)
Date: Saturday 19th March 2016 (Doors 7pm Film 7.30pm)

Tickets for the March screening are available now. We expect this one to be really popular, so get your tickets quickly to avoid disappointment. And don't forget to join us on facebook, twitter or the website to keep up to date with news on all future screenings.

Thanks again for your support and we look forward to welcoming you to the Community Cinema.

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



Halkyn Village Hall Pantomime

On the 5 December 2015 we enjoyed two performances of a Christmas pantomime in Halkyn Village Hall. Circo Rum Ba Ba performed for two shows, one at 11.30 and the other at 15.00. The show was organised by several members of the Halkyn Hall Management Team. The act was arranged through the Noson Allan or Night Out scheme from Cardiff. This was the third year that a Christmas show has been put on.

Ticket sales for the shows were good with more being sold for the afternoon performance. Tickets cost £5 per person. After paying our contribution to the show we were able to keep £100 from each show and money from the raffle. This was given to the hall fund.

Refreshments were available after the show. We had some excellent raffle prizes which had been donated by several generous people.

Special thanks must go to Wendy Sigsworth, Karen Morgan-Read & her family, Sharon Davies and Richard and Emma Wood.



The show called, 'Dress Up For Christmas' was performed by a group of three actors of Circo Rum Ba Ba who are based in London. The show started with a wood cutter and his daughter who were getting ready for Christmas. The wood cutter leaves to go into the city to get work, as they have little food and money.

Olive, his daughter, who is brave and adventurous, decides to go the city to find her father. The whole adventure unfolds with hat juggling in Fat Cat Hats, china plate spinning at The Hairy Pear



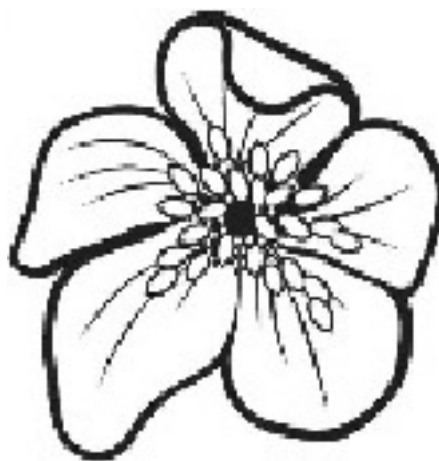
Cafe and opera at the Pig in a Wig shop. The story ends with a Christmas feast at the palace. The Grande Dame magically told the story and the whole adventure unfolded from her sumptuous dress. There was a lot of audience participation from every age group which was great fun.



We intend to have another show this Christmas around the same date. If you would like tickets or information on this one please put a note in your diary or calendar to

visit halkyn.org on the web.

Andy Wood, Management Team member



Hardy Plant Society Clwyd Group

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

The spring programme is:

Tuesday 15th March, 2016 at 7.30 pm

"An HPS Autumn Weekend"

Sue Morris, Diana Williams and Caryl Kennerley (Clwyd group committee members). This meeting will also feature the **Annual General Meeting**.

Tuesday 19th April, 2016 at 7.30 pm

"Ways to Add Wow to Your Garden"

Michele Martin

from Southport. Award winning Garden Designer, Horticultural Advisor, Researcher and lecturer. Those who have met her say she's a character with a good sense of humour. She is passionate about gardens and the benefits they bring us.

Sunday 8th May, 2016 11am to 2pm

Plant Sale

At the Holywell Community Centre, near Leisure Centre and Library. CH8 7TQ

Invited nurseries and members' plants stalls; tombola; refreshments and homemade cakes. Members of the public are very welcome. Free admission and free parking.

Visitors £2 a meeting.

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

Halkyn Library



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

Friday afternoons

1:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Library Online Services via

www.flintshire.gov.uk



Children's Pages

A few words from Ginnie the Donkey

I'm ready for the Spring. It could not come soon enough. We have had so much rain over the last few months my hooves have been constantly muddy, which is not very lady-like for a female donkey of advancing years. Every so often a man called a vet visits me to give me a pedicure. I don't like him doing it but I do like the feeling afterwards. I know that human ladies like having their nails done, so I don't understand why he doesn't treat my human friend's nails when he visits.



A little girl who visits me on a regular basis has nice pink shiny nails. She must have a better vet than mine. I wish I could ask her who he is because I would quite like to try having pink hooves for a while at least.

When I was young, I was very self-conscious about how I looked and would get quite upset if a bramble or piece of gorse got caught in my mane or tail. Now, I don't worry at all about my appearance. I have written before about the many visitors who come to see me. I've become used to all the attention and feel quite like a celebrity donkey. However, I do my best to stay humble and level headed despite so many people keep telling me how lovely I am.

My son Danny is rather vainer than I and he laps up the comments. A lady once told him that he was the most handsome donkey in the entire world. It was three years before he stopped talking about it. She obviously didn't realise that her one friendly comment would test my nerves for months to come.

One good thing about winter is that my human friends provide me with a special winter food called 16 Plus. It's delicious and has a wonderful smell. I have to guard mine from my son Danny as he eats so quickly and once he has finished his, tries to reach mine. Given I am over 32 years old, I think I ought to have double the portion. I don't usually mention my age, but I'm easily persuaded when food is involved. In fact, I think I am about 34 years old, but still a young donkey at heart.

Food is a welcome distraction from gloomy winter days. A kind person recently left me a large bag of apples hanging on the gate. It was a very nice surprise and I didn't see them call so couldn't say thank you.

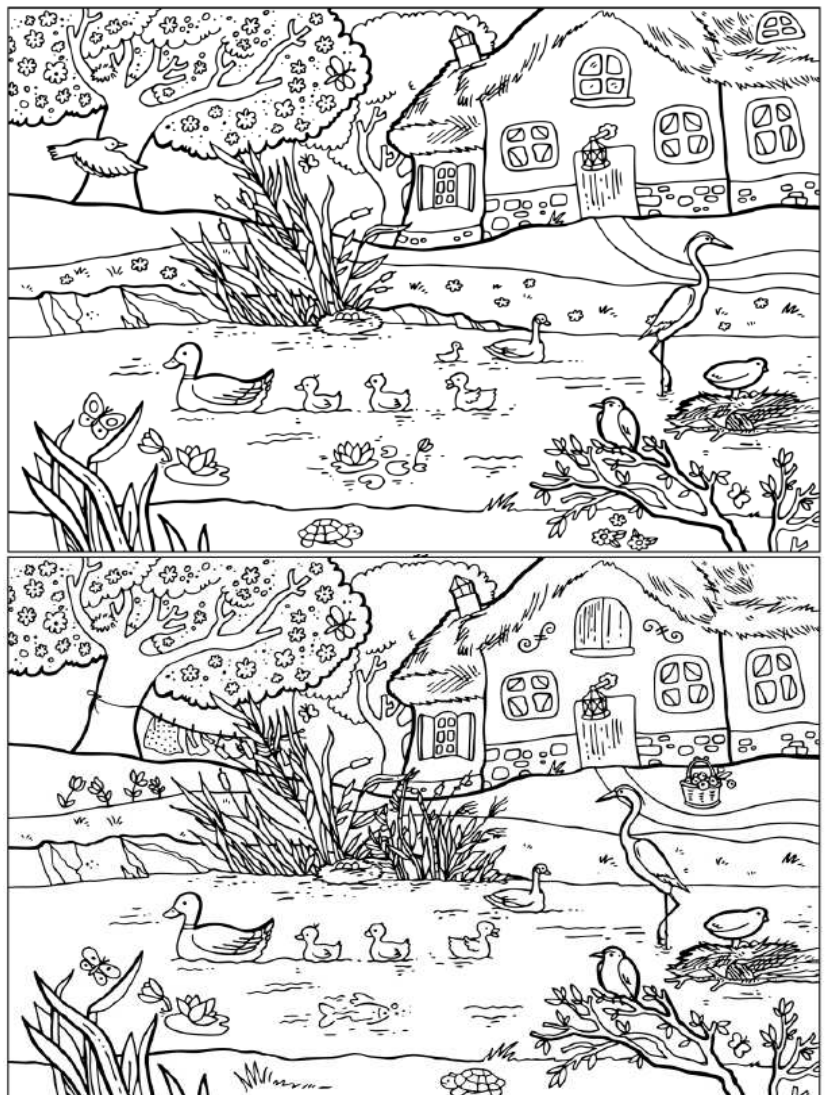
It is funny how sometimes you want something really badly even though you know you can't have it. The other day I really fancied eating a nice clump of tasty daisies and I couldn't get that thought out of my head. I could almost taste them. I will have to wait a while longer. Yes, I'm definitely ready for Spring. Goodbye for now my friends

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?



Spring Wordsearch

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DAFFODILS	EASTER	FLOWERS	GREENGRASS
HAT	KITES	RAIN	RAINBOW
RAINCOAT	SNEEZING	SPRING	SUNSHINE
TREES	TULIPS	UMBRELLA	WIND



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	3.00 pm Evening Prayer ¹	10.00 am Communion	10.00 am All Age Worship	10.00 am Communion	
Rhes y Cae	8.45 am Communion	8.45 am Bilingual Communion	3pm Evening Prayer ¹	8.45 am Communion	

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES

¹ 3pm until the clocks go forward on 27th March when this service will revert to 6pm.

COMBINED AND SPECIAL SERVICES: The next combined service for the three parishes will be at 10.30 on Sunday, 29th May, 2016 at Christchurch, Rhes y Cae. There will also be a joint service on the following Sunday (5th June, 2016) in St Paul's, Rhosesmor at 10.30 to welcome Hugh home from his Pilgrimage. These are communion services, open to all and in a modern form. We would be delighted to see you.

On the last Friday of each month there is a time of prayer for those who are sick and in need. These will be held in Halkyn. Please pass any requests to the Church Wardens.

EASTER SERVICES:

Throughout LENT there will be a service of Compline each Friday evening at 7.30pm: 4 th March – Halkyn 11 th March – Rhes y Cae 18 th March - Rhosesmor	GOOD FRIDAY 09.00 Rhes y Cae 10.45 Rhosesmor 12.00 Lunch at the Red Lion 2pm Halkyn – The Last Hour	There will also be a walk between the churches starting at Rhes y cae following the 9am service
HOLY WEEK Compline with Meditation at 7pm Monday – Halkyn Tuesday – Rhes y Cae Wednesday - Rhosesmor	EASTER SUNDAY 08.45 Rhes y Cae – Communion 10.00 Rhosesmor – Communion 11.15 Halkyn - Communion	
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm Halkyn Communion and stripping of the altar	ALL ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES	

Until the end of Feb for further details of any of these events please contact:

The Rev'd Hugh Burgess on
01352 741 646
hugh@halkynparish.wanadoo.co.uk

Hugh will be on Sabbatical until
4th June, 2016. During this time,
please contact
Mrs J Blain whose number will be on
Hugh's answerphone
01352 741 646

Cynfaen Memorial Chapel Calcoed

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

(C) Denotes Communion Service.

April	3 rd	(W)	Mr Tudor Hughes	
	10 th	(E)	Rev. Marc Morgan	
	17 th	(W)	Rev. T E Williams	(C)
	24 th	(E)	Mrs Delyth McIntyre	
May	1 st	(W)	Rev. Eirlys Gruffydd	
	8 th	(E)	Parch. Eirlys Gruffydd	(C)
	15 th	(W)	Parch. Marc Morgan	(C)
	22 nd	(E)	Mr Celfyn Williams	
	29 th	(W)	Mr Arwel Roberts	
June	5 th		Cyfarfod Pregethu/Anniversary Rev. Robert Wyn Parry (W) 2.30pm (E)	
	6.00pm			
	12 th	(E)	Rev. Marc Morgan	
	19 th	(W)	Mr N Closs Parry	
	26 th	(E)	Mr Gron Ellis	

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

Rhes-y-Cae Village Hall

Rhes-y-Cae village hall is available for
PUBLIC or PRIVATE functions.

Children's parties for 11 year old and under.

Reasonable Rates

Contact Kevin Lewis
01352 780297

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

Capel Salem, Pentre Halkyn

Services at 2pm.

C = Communion

March	6th	Rev. Eirlys Gruffydd	W, C
	13th	Mrs Delyth McIntyre	E
	20th	Rev. Maureen Roberts	E
	27th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W
April	3rd	Mr David B Jones	W
	10th	Rev. Keith Jones	E
	17th	Miss Angela Bebbington	E
	24th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W
May	1st	Mr Peter Sinclair	E
	8th	Miss Angela Bebbington	E
	15th	Rev. Eirlys Gruffydd	W
	22nd	Mrs Maryl Rees	W, C
	28th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W

Capel Bethel y Nant

Service 2.30 p.m. every Sunday
Do come and join us!! Croeso Cynnes!

March	6th	Goronwy Ellis	
	13th	Bryan Jones	
	20th	Shân Morris	
	27th	Maureen Roberts	E
April	3rd	Eirlys Gruffydd	
	10th	Own arrangement	
	17th	Maryl Rees	
	24th	Arwel Roberts	
May	1st	Eric Greene	
	8th	Own arrangement, Cymanfa Ganu Lixwm	6.00
	22nd	Delyth McIntyre	E
	29th	Own arrangement, Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Fflint	

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

St Michael's Church, Brynford

**The Curate,
Rev. Sue Moriarty
can be contacted on
01352 720874**



Cilcain Community Choir

Reflections Of Easter

St Mary's Church Halkyn

Sunday 20th March

3.00 pm

Côr Cilcain is delighted to support Reverend Hugh Burgess

**There will be a retiring collection and we ask for
your generous and kind donations - thank you**

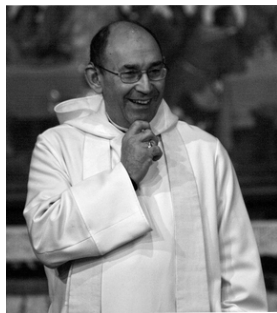


This special performance will be held in support of Reverend Hugh Burgess, who on Sunday 28th February 2016 will be walking 1,500 miles from Halkyn to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in North West Spain in aid of mental health charity, Jamie's Fund.

To support Hugh and donate to Jamie's Fund, please visit:
mydonate.bt.com/events/santiagowalk/280752

From The Rev'd Hugh Burgess

Dear Friends



It is ten years since I first started worshipping in these three parishes and on the 5th July it will be 10 years since I was installed as Priest-in-Charge. It has been, and continues to be, a huge privilege to be here to serve you. I am very grateful for the enormous support, encouragement and love that

people have extended towards me. Of course, not everything has gone well and sometimes people haven't always agreed with things I have done. We all try to do our best and to do the right thing but I am sorry for those occasions when I haven't got it right or when people have felt let down in some way. However, I am very grateful to those people who have raised issues with me directly and allowed me to either apologise or to explain. It's always much easier to deal with problems in this way and I hope that you will always feel that you can speak or write to me if there is something you'd like to raise.

During the past 10 years I have taken time off only occasionally but usually for church work in other places and I have taken very few formal holidays. This year the Church in Wales has very kindly agreed that I can take a three month sabbatical beginning at the end of February. During this time I have decided to complete a 40 year old dream and to make a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella in Northern Spain. This is a 1500 mile walk. I shall be leaving on the 28th February and will be back early in June. In my absence, if you need to talk to a member of the clergy, please contact either the Vicar of Holywell (The Rev'd Aidan Coleman) or the Vicar of Flint (The Rev'd Brian Harvey) either of whom who will be pleased to help. All other queries can be directed to my phone where you will be given an alternate number to call and someone will get back to you.

During my absence services will take place at the scheduled times but may be a different form to that shown in the service list printed in the Halkyn Mountain News. However, there will be at least one Communion Service somewhere in the three parishes every Sunday and there will also be a Communion service in each church on Easter Sunday.

The idea of pilgrimage is a very ancient one. In the middle ages, pilgrimage was about travelling to the shrine of a saint to make penance for something you had done (or perhaps not done) and it might even be imposed as a punishment. For many people, however, the hardship of the road was often less than the challenging life they had left behind and so many pilgrims often didn't go home but continued to travel from one shrine to another. Unlike those medieval pilgrims, modern pilgrims travel as much for the experience of travelling as for arriving at the shrine, although that is still important and significant for most people. I was recently asked (by a reporter) if I was travelling for penance and I replied that even if I was, I wouldn't tell her! But just to quash any rumours, I am NOT doing this as penance for anything in particular!



Santiago, after Jerusalem and Rome, was and remains the third greatest pilgrim site in the world with over 250,000 people going there each year on pilgrimage. The road to Santiago from Halkyn will take me down the Welsh Border, across to Bristol and down to Portsmouth before crossing to Normandy and from there down through central France and by way of the little town of St Jean Pied de Port across the

Pyrenees and then along the north coast of Spain to Santiago in north west Spain. One of the things I most look forward to is meeting people from all over the world and those casual encounters will be very important to me certainly, and possibly to them too. Who knows?

But while travelling I also hope to be raising money for Jamie's Fund. Jamie was a little boy from Halkyn who died, aged 4 in 2011 while on a trip to Africa with his parents. He was a pupil at Rhos Helyg and much loved by many people. Jamie's Fund was set up to support mental health care in Uganda and the fund has just begun to build a new Mental Health unit at Kisiizi Hospital, which should open in August of this year. If you feel able to support Jamie's Fund and encourage me you can donate through the following websites:



<http://jamiesfund.org.uk> or
<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/santiagowalk/280752>

You can also read my blog at:
<https://www.tumblr.com/blog/hughs-pilgrimage>

I wish everyone a wonderful and joyful Easter.
Email hugh@halkynparish.wanandoo.co.uk
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Rhosesmor WI

The ladies of Rhosesmor WI meet in the village hall in Rhosesmor at 7.30pm on the second Monday of every month. If any ladies would like to join they would be made very welcome.

Our meeting on March 14th will feature a talk from member Mrs Win Garroch on her Canary Island Cruise. On April 11th, our guest night and 59th birthday, we will be holding a Beetle Drive.

On May 9th Mrs Janine Kimpton will entertain us with an illustrated talk on North Australia. This summer we have a varied programme for our members. For further details contact Mrs Mary North 01352 780660

Rhes Y Cae News

Our sympathy to the family of Sylvia Jones

It is with sadness that we heard about the death of Sylvia Jones (1921 – 2015) of Gorsedd, who died on 19th October 2015. She had been a partner to Chris Mercier (formerly of Moel y Crio) for many years.

Christmas Coffee Morning Tuesday 24th November

Many thanks to everyone who turned up on such a wet morning – about 35 in all!

Thanks to the Rhes y Cae Village Hall committee for kindly decorating the room in time for the beginning of the festive season. Also, our thanks to all who helped with the baking of such delicious cakes and puddings. We are also very grateful to Homebase & staff, who provided us with an interesting selection of goods and plants. The tables looked very colourful, with red and yellow chrysanthemums. Our sincere thanks go to Joyce Parry who had been busy knitting some lovely Christmas toys. Hugh Burgess came to see us, and it was nice to have his company.

Finally, we want to thank all who contributed in any way to make this a very enjoyable Christmas Coffee Morning. Total raised for Rhes y Cae Church was £400 – excellent!

Over 60's Christmas Party – Saturday 5th September

Although the weather was quite extreme - it was very windy with some heavy showers, there was a good turnout and we were all looking forward to our first Christmas lunch in 2015.

We are very grateful to the Village Hall Committee for giving us such a wonderful afternoon – a three-course meal with wine, followed by tea or coffee with mince pies and chocolate mints!

Many sincere thanks to Ieuan Ap Sion who entertained us with a selection of English songs and ancient and familiar Welsh carols, which he invited the audience to sing along with him. Also, he explained the meaning of "Plygain". The nearest service is held at Lloc chapel at



6am on Christmas morning.

People had kindly donated an excellent selection of high-quality raffle prizes – many thanks to them. Finally, there was a nice atmosphere – everyone appeared so relaxed. We are so lucky that the Village Hall is still open for business!

The photo shows guests enjoying themselves, and in the background the colourful posters of the Halkyn Mountain Parishes Youth Group "Biscuits" – it certainly was very interesting to read. They have been busy clearing up mountain litter and also painting the small concrete blocks on the sides of the roads, so that



motorists, cyclists and walkers can be guided when visibility is rather poor. They have also been busy raising money for the Jamie Devaney Memorial fund for the Kisiizi hospital in Uganda. Finally, the youth group have enjoyed raising funds for the Urdd Eisteddfod held in Flint this coming May.

Church Toy Service Sunday 6th December

Many thanks to all who kindly donated various Christmas toys suitable for young children and teenagers who are in need at Christmas. Toys are given to Social Services to be distributed in this area.

Christmas Carol Service at Rhes y Cae Church Weds 16th December

Our sincere thanks to Rev'd Hugh Burgess and Colin Legg our organist for arranging this special service, and also to the readers and to those who provided the refreshments. It was quite a special moment when Hugh lit the Advent wreath, as the church was so peaceful. But we had moments of joy as we sang the carols!

Thanks to all who helped with the decorating of the church the previous Monday. There was a new addition this Christmas – there were nine star-shaped wall hangings placed around the church, depicting the Nativity story. A lovely thought, and thanks to Peter Jamieson, and Mary Owen of Lloc for the table decorations.



Thanks to all who came to the service, and afterwards enjoyed a chat and a sherry or Schloer with a mince pie and gingerbread.

Noson o Garolau – Mon 21st December

Many thanks to Ieuan Ap Sion for organising this carol service. The chapel was full to capacity with many people having travelled some distances to come to Rhes y Cae! Thanks to Gron Ellis for being the compere, and encouraging the congregation to sing heartily! There were three choirs – Cor y Mynydd (Mountain Choir), Merched Maes Garmon (Girls choir) and Cor Merched y Fflint.

Wonderful to see these young people returning home from various universities, willing to give their time for this carol service.

Many thanks to Nia Williams' Welsh learners, who kindly offered to decorate the chapel. Finally thanks to the young men who did a collection to raise money for the Urdd Eisteddfod in Flint, May 2016, and the ladies who provided the refreshments. Diolch yn fawr Ieuan.

Around the Crib – Rhes y Cae Church

Thurs 24th December

It was lovely to see the church all lit up at 4pm! This service is always very well-attended by young families who take part in the Nativity story, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many young people who have returned home from universities enjoy the atmosphere as well! On the way out, we were all offered chocolates!

Christmas Day Service Friday 25th December

This quiet service was held on Christmas morning, which is a nice start to this special day.

A Wonderful Rainbow! Sunday 3rd January, at 3.30pm

Heavy rain in the sunshine – quite remarkable to see the beautiful colours of the rainbow so distinctly.

Hugh Burgess' Pilgrimage to North Spain

We wish Hugh every success in his new adventure of walking all the way to Santiago De Compostela in North West Spain during the months of March, April and May 2016. Hwyl fawr Hugh!

Future Dates

Big Breakfast – Sunday 3rd April (10am – 1pm)

In aid of Worldwide Cancer Research

Spring Coffee Morning Tuesday 19th April (10.30 -12 noon)

In aid of church funds

Both events held at Rhes y Cae Village Hall

Annual Church Walk – date TBA - watch out for posters

All are very welcome to the above events.

If you have any news for the next edition concerning Rhes y Cae and surrounding area, please ring 01352 780371

Gwyneth Hughes



Rhosesmor Village

The village as a whole has also started coming together to make positive changes in the community, come the spring and summer; the pond that the village community wanted re-instating will hopefully begin to be re-claimed by Mother Nature. There will be more community events in the future to help improve the village for residents and raise funds for the many projects that are now on-going.



The collaboration between the church, village hall and local pub is strengthening and gaining momentum alongside an amazing group of volunteers who have been working tirelessly to improve village life for everyone in our village. Lunch club is held once a fortnight (Tuesdays) in the Village Hall with a good meal and a warm welcome for anybody; resident or visiting. Other events in the village hall include exercise classes, an art club, the WI and a parents and tots group.



In the Church, there is an open door policy and everybody is welcome to visit, regardless of faith. The church is also a major local collection point for the local foodbank which supports so many going through hardship in Flintshire.

If you would like to know more about volunteering for one of the community projects please feel free to speak with Lynn Fernhead at the church or Natalie at the Red Lion Inn.

Red Lion Inn, Rhosesmor

What to Expect

Monday - Quiet drinks, relaxed atmosphere and a warm welcome. Food served 4pm – 9pm.

Tuesday - Traditional village atmosphere, good home-cooked food and occasional food/drink promotions. Our usual crowd gathers for evening drinks and perhaps a sing-along too.

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday - A laid back evening; food, drinks, occasional special offers. Music is adapted to suit clientele.

Friday - Fridays have had a bit of a shake up with different music styles, bands, rock night (RAW) and games like beer pong. An events guide can be found in the pub and on our Facebook page. Open from 4pm – late.



RAW Rock night is the last Friday of every month.

Saturday - Saturday is karaoke night – always a fantastic mix of people and a HUGE selection of songs to choose from.

Sunday - SoulFood, the perfect blending of food and soul music including Motown and Northern Soul. Sunday roasts served midday until 8pm plus our bar menu. **FOOD SERVED DAILY**

Some of our other events for your diary:

Sunday 6th March

Treat mum to a meal at the Red Lion. Pop in for details or check out our Facebook page for more info.

Monday 10th March

A fun-quiz and music bingo on Bank Holiday Monday. A nice way to conclude the Bank Holiday.

Saturday 12th March

Celebrating the launch of our NEW Spring/Summer Menu, we are hosting a tasting evening.

Friday 25th March

Good Friday coffee morning. 10am-12 noon with homemade cakes, biscuits and a selection of teas and coffee.

Friday 8th April.

Local band, Fuse will be here for your entertainment playing the Foo Fighters, Manic Street Preachers and Metallica covers to name but a few. It will be a great night. <http://www.fuseband.co.uk/>

Saturday 23rd April

Flintshire's Real Ale Trail is back again this April celebrating some of Flintshire's best loved pubs and stunning real ales. This bus-based trail costs just £10 a ticket (available from all participating pubs including the Red Lion Inn, Rhosesmor) or from the website www.realaletrailflintshire.co.uk

Monday 18th May

We are currently planning a fishing tournament; open to anybody with a fishing license on May Bank Holiday Monday. Details to be confirmed. A small entrance fee will be necessary to cover expenses. To register your interest, please phone Lu on 01352 331 581.



Rhosesmor Over 60's Christmas Party and Sponsored Walk

Did the sun shine on the righteous or did The Devil look after his own? The weather on the morning of the annual sponsored walk to raise funds for Rhosesmor Over 60's Christmas Party was very wet indeed. We set off from the Blue Bell wearing our wet weather gear but were stripping off by the time we got to our first stop at the Crooked Horn, Brynford. It stayed warm and dry as we carried on walking our usual route, calling in at The Black Lion, Babell; The Fox, Ysceifiog; The Crown, Lixwm and the Village Hall, Rhes y Cae. It started to rain again just before we got back to the Blue Bell! Seven walkers, one Bobby-dog and Jean in the back-up car all enjoyed the day, especially the lovely pork pies and sausage rolls kindly given to us by John and Saffron Hulson.



We managed to raise enough money for the party which again was held at Holywell Golf Club, where we had an excellent three course Christmas lunch followed by coffee and mince pies. Thanks to Andi, Nick and the girls for looking after the 59 of

us so well.

The entertainment was provided by the talented keyboard player and singer Allan Murray and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



And now for the Thank yous ...

Ness and Steve at the Blue Bell for your continued support.

John McVey (Global Lifts) for your generous donation. Every-one who donated a most appreciated raffle prize. Halkyn Shooting School for the contents of the Swear box, all £33 of it!

And of course to all those who sponsored us.

We will end with two very special Thank yous ...

Sally Charlton, who no longer lives in the village, has, over the years, been a great supporter of the party and has raised nearly £5,000 for it. Well done Sal!

Last but definitely not least, John Bellis, who has taken part in 25 walks but was unable to join us this year, and was greatly missed. Hope to see you this year John!

The Committee.

Rhosesmor Christmas Fayre

On 29th November the Rhosesmor Village Fayre kicked off the festive season with an afternoon of merriment. Planned by the village Christmas Fayre committee, a product of the community open meeting in August, the Fayre took place in the Village Hall. It hosted a wide array of local vendors, selling their homemade festive crafts and designs, games for the children (and adults too, if we're honest!), and a huge selection of homemade cakes, biscuits and mince pies that were all tucked into. There were kind donations from local businesses for the raffle, from bottles of wine to meals for two. The fayre was filled with the warm scent of mulled wine as guests perused the stalls and got into the festive spirit, and Sion Corn himself even made an appearance! A café run by the Rhosesmor WI offered a quiet corner for a chat and a cuppa.



The Fayre was a huge success, taking more footfall than the committee ever imagined! More than 300 people from the village and further afield, both young and not so young, turned up. It was brilliant to see whole families together spanning generations, from great granny to the youngest baby. The icing on the cake was the musical evening in the Red Lion afterwards where we could relax and continue to enjoy the warmth of our unique Rhosesmor community. Not only did the Fayre raise in the region of £500 in funds, all to be put back into community projects, but it was really the first event to ring in the festive spirit on the mountain!

Look out in this issue for the next planned community event: Brain, Skill and Chance planned for April.

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



Rhosesmor Community Group

Brain, Skill and Chance -

Pen, Sgil a Siawns

The first ever Rhosesmor "Brain, Skill and Chance" competition will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, April 16th at 7.00 p.m.

In recent months Rhosesmor has seen an upsurge of community-based activities, including a very successful Christmas Fair held in early December, the "Pond Project", Art Club, Lunch Club, Toddlers Group and Keep Fit Class to name but a few.

The next event planned is the Brain, Skill and Chance competition, in which teams of 6 will compete to win the Rhosesmor Community Group Shield. The teams will move around the room tackling a series of 10 minute challenges as follows:

Brain challenges – these rounds could include a general knowledge quiz, word games, faces-in-the-news round, etc.

Skill challenges – testing co-ordination and teamwork.

Chance games – as the name suggests, the scores for these rounds depend on the team's luck on the day!

There will be no individual questions as the marks in each round are awarded to the team as a whole. The aim is to have a fun evening and to continue to develop the community spirit in our lovely village – although teams from neighbouring communities are very welcome to compete too. Maximum of 8 teams can compete; first come, first served.

To enter you need to get a team of 6 friends/family together, think up a name for your team, then phone or email Kath or Gareth Royles (780637 – kathroyles@gmail.com) to book your place. £6 entry fee per team. Tea, coffee and biscuits included.

Rhosesmor Village Hall

Over the Christmas break the whole hall, apart for ceilings and doors, have been repaired and redecorated and in the summer similar important repair work took place including all three entrances, the outside notice board, benches and panels and benches within the picnic area. The hall has now reopened and bookings continue to increase. A recent venture is the "Hot Lunch" group, a fortnightly event which alternates with the Coffee Mornings (Tuesday 12 noon – 1.30pm).

The hall's AGM was held on Tuesday 19th January and was very well attended. Bookings for the hall continue to increase providing an improving bank balance. The issue of Jumble Sales was discussed as this is a popular event and always well attended. The meeting agreed that the next date for this event will be Saturday 9th April, which gives us time to collect donations.

Jon Tarry is the contact for hall bookings on 780842
Geoff North is the contact for jumble sale donations on 780660

Ysgol Rhos Helyg

The infant Christmas production this year was Christmas with the Aliens. It was an excellent show as usual and very well attended.

The Juniors Christmas performance this year was a lovely carol service at the school.

Mrs Aimee Davies and pupils from the Choir were invited to sing carols to the patients at Holywell Community Hospital.

Christmas dinner is a big highlight of the school year and once again it was a fabulous occasion.



A special guest came for Christmas dinner.



The Christmas parties are another anticipated event. The children play traditional party games. Dancing to loud music is another big favourite pastime.



For the Christmas Fair the PTA worked very hard to produce an excellent event. It was well supported and it was nice to see so many members of the community supporting this event.

London Visit - Year 5 and 6 visited The Houses of Parliament in London just before Christmas. Our Local MP David Hanson came to talk to the children about his role in Parliament.



The highlight of the evening was a visit to the West end to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



Chester Roman visit by Years 3 & 4
As part of their topic work Year 3/ 4 pupils parading as Romans in Chester.



What a memorable day.



Gold Certificate Winners

We had 36 Gold winners .

Congratulations for not missing a single day of school during the first term of school.

Forest School

Junior pupils having fun by firstly estimating and then measuring items in the woods.



Snow

As usual the snow brings much excitement for the pupils.....and staff.



Years 4/5 Science

Friction with Jelly-loads of fun.



School Council

The school council visited the chair of Flintshire County Council at County Hall.

Signing the visitors book,



Show Racism the Red Card Seminar

We were fortunate to be selected to attend this fabulous event. There was a lot of preparatory work involvedbut it was well worth it.



Reception Class

Fabulous writing in our Reception Class.



Urdd Swimming Champion



Congratulations to Alexandra on winning the 25 m Butterfly Final in Cardiff recently. What a tremendous achievement.

Coding

Our Junior pupils have been learning about coding and have been creating their own programmes on their ipads.



Internet Safety

PC Mark Jones has been talking to the children about the importance of keeping safe online.



Halkyn Mountain Sports Club News

Halkyn Bowling Club

We are all looking forward to some dry, sunny weather, well we are hoping anyway. Our green looks in excellent condition, so by April we will be trying it out again.

The club is doing well. We have several new members who are all doing well, so we have lots to look forward to. At the end of the last season we didn't know where the Midweek Team would be. We have now been promoted to the next division. We did well, but now we have to prove we deserved it when we face new and better teams.



The club just about holds its own financially. We have to thank Halkyn Community Council and Kingspan for their generous donations, which help us to keep going. The club has two teams in the Veterans League and their matches are played on Thursdays at 2.00pm. We have one team in the Midweek League playing on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. We would love to see some spectators. You wouldn't believe how exciting it can get! There are also club competitions on either Saturday or Sunday. These are popular matches, maybe it's the food that attracts. We have practice sessions on Monday evenings from 6.00pm and Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm. All members have keys so practising can be any time to suit. Anyone would be welcome with lots of help on hand.

We haven't been idle this winter as we have two teams playing in the Indoor League at Flintshire Leisure Centre. Our luck there has been up and down just like our results. We enjoy it, the competition is good for us and the social side is too.

The opening day for our new season is **Saturday March 26th at 1.00pm**. Everyone is welcome, just give it a try. There are two levels of membership - full membership at £35 for players in the teams and social membership at £25 for those just playing in club competitions.

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Halkyn Sports Association

What's on the forthcoming months:

March

Weekly quiz night every **Wednesday from 8.30pm** with buffet.

Wednesday 16th March – HSA community lunch club, doors open **1pm**, 2 course lunch at nominal cost, see locally displayed leaflets for the event. Lunch club is supported by Flintshire voluntary services.

April

Weekly quiz night every **Wednesday from 8.30pm** with buffet

Wednesday 20th April – HSA community lunch club, doors open **1pm**, 2 course lunch at nominal cost, see locally displayed leaflets for the event. Lunch club is supported by Flintshire voluntary services.

May

Weekly quiz night every **Wednesday from 8.30pm** with buffet

Wednesday 18th May – HSA community lunch club, doors open **1pm**, 2 course lunch at nominal cost, see locally displayed leaflets for the event. Lunch club is supported by Flintshire voluntary services. Mountain cinema club every month, look for posted Film details around village.

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

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

You can now follow Halkyn Sports Association on Facebook.

Halkyn Cricket Club

Preparations are now well underway for the forthcoming 2016 season. The club stages its AGM at the clubhouse on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm.

Indoor net sessions have also commenced at Mold Leisure Centre and will continue during March on the following dates Sundays 6th, 13th, 27th between 3pm - 4pm. Any new players for either the senior or junior teams are most welcome to attend.

The North Wales Cricket League commences on Saturday 23rd April; Halkyn 2nd XI make the short trip to Marchwiel. The following Saturday the 1st XI travel to Gwersyllt Park.

In the National Village Cup Halkyn have been given a home tie against Broadbottom on Sunday 1st May.

Halkyn CC would like to thank all their sponsors for 2015 for their valued support given to both the Fixture List and Match Ball sponsorship scheme last year.

For further details on any of the aforementioned items please contact Keith Williams 01352 781523 or 07510296479

Keith Williams, Secretary



Holywell Golf Club

Annual Presentation Night

The Annual Presentation Night and Dinner was held on Saturday 21st November. Following a very enjoyable meal the Club Captain introduced the

evening by welcoming everyone and thanking all those who had been involved in organising and running the events throughout the season that culminate in this evening's presentation of prizes.

The presentation then took place with the winners and runners up of more than 50 Club Major Competitions, Monthly Medals and Charity Medals played throughout the season receiving their trophies, prizes and vouchers. It was gratifying to see so many winners there to receive their prizes, especially so many of our

younger players who had been successful this season.

The final trophy presented was to winner of the club championship, the Duke of Westminster Challenge Cup, Anthony Hitchin.



Children's Christmas Party

A fantastic Christmas party for the kids and grandkids of members was held on Sunday 6th December. The entertainment was provided by Dazzle the Clown and the party food boxes for every child by Andi and Nick. Santa Claus (Steve Whipday) arrived on the Rotary Club float to hand out presents and take orders for Christmas.

Thanks to the organisation by Mark Smale and Carol Saunders a great time was had by all who attended - including the adults!



RGS Presentation and Christmas Party

The Retired Gents Section held their Annual Presentation to the Turkey Trot and Major Trophy Winners on Tuesday 15th December. The afternoon started with a good few drinks before everyone sat down to an excellent Christmas dinner. Following the excellent meal RGS Chairman, Elwyn Roberts, presented the vouchers to all the Turkey Trot winners before going on to present the Major Trophy winners who were able to be at the presentation with their trophies.

Auld Memento - Mr President Ian Smith
Bernard Sullivan Trophy - Mike Brassey & Moi Parry
Arnold Williams Memorial Trophy - Gary Jones
Other Major Trophy winners not present were:
Eric Hewitt Salver - Jim Moorhead,
Ye Olds Bell - John Hewitt,
J.T. Hughes Trophy - Don Fergusson.

(Pictured L-R
Gary Jones,
Elwyn Roberts,
Ian Smith,
Mike Brassey)



Elwyn then spoke of the contribution Brinley Edwards had made to the RGS over many, many years and particularly as Treasurer for the past 18 years before presenting him with a framed original watercolour "A View of

Moel Fammau from Holywell Golf Club".

Gents Locker Room Re-opened

This was a major refurbishment project for the club and started with an email asking members to empty their lockers on the 29th December last year. The plan was to complete the refurbishment in a month and thanks to the co-operation of all members and the hard work by the "Locker Room Working Party" the refurbishment went smoothly and was completed on time.



The "new" locker room completed the upgrade of the gents' changing room facilities that started with the refurbishment of the toilets last year. This brings the facilities for our members and visitors to a 21st century standard that goes with the quality of our course.

The Captain and President officially opened the refurbished locker room on Friday 29th January with members receiving their keys from Matt from Saturday 30th January

Weather Takes Its Toll

Winter has really taken its toll again this year, not with the snow of last year but the persistent rain has defeated even our quick draining course. Unfortunately for our members we have suffered most on Saturdays, losing many of our weekend competitions in December and January. The new winter tee mats have proven a great benefit and playing the on normal greens is always a huge bonus. For visitors, we offer a 'rain ticket', which means if they are rained off we give them a voucher to return another day, free of charge!

We now look forward to the spring and the season officially starting the last Saturday in March when the first monthly medal takes place. The Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday, March 31st when our new officials are elected. (Continued overleaf)

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 29th MAY

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Membership

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

One of the great advantages of being a member at Holywell is that we are twinned with West End Golf Club in Halifax and Athy Golf Club in Ireland. Both of these clubs offer courtesy of the course, i.e. free golf to Holywell members. Added to that we have a list of clubs who are members of the 1906 Club who also offer free golf to Holywell members.

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

Nick and Andi's Sunday Carvery



Why not try our restaurant for Sunday lunch any Sunday, and on the last Sunday of each month our chef Nick and steward Andi will be serving a carvery lunch from 12.30 to 4.30pm.

For £8.95, there will be a choice of roast meats together with unlimited potatoes and vegetables. For the smaller appetite with just one roast meat and one portion of vegetables the price will be £5.50.

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



Don't forget that we are looking for more people to help with delivery of the Halkyn Mountain News.

Either to replace people who have retired from door to door deliveries or to help distribute the copies to those deliverers.

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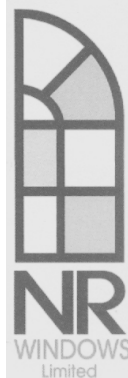
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