



Halkyn Mountain News

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Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and Supporting Show

On Friday 27th July the 67th sheepdog trials took place at Tyddyn, Rhes y Cae. It was quite a pleasant day weather wise. Perhaps it was not as busy as last year but it was well supported with some competing from as far afield as Brussels! The judge was Mr. J Whitely, with his wife Julia doing the important work of clerking for him.

The winners of the second class were:

- 1st Meik Wezernort
- 2nd Gus Dermody
- 3rd Kerstin Schwarz
- 4th Nickey Jarman
- 5th Gwyn Jones Defaidty

The winner of the Gwyn Jones memorial vase for the best 'outrun, lift and fetch' was Gus Dermody.

Very few entered class three this year, for new handlers. It was very nice to see a 12 year old winning, these are the future trialists.

- 1st Elgan Jarman
- 2nd Marleen Goether
- 3rd Anna Jones



Congratulations to all who entered and to the winners in the two classes.

At 6 o'clock the entries for the yearly Terrier Racing started to arrive. It was much better supported the last year, probably due to the better weather! There were three classes for small, medium and large dogs. This included all sorts smooth, rough, curly, and with very excited owners. Siân and Sara were very busy deciding in which class they should compete. It was a fun night, enjoyed by all.

Saturday we had a phone call saying that two of the tents had blown over. One was completely wrecked but the other was salvaged with the President's car holding it down for the rest of the day.

The sheepdog trials started at 8.00am It was a busy day for the dogs, sheep handlers and the judge, who was Mr. Arthur Robert, Bodfari. Ten entries for the first class came from Europe. The runs were of a high standard, the judge had his work cut out to place them in order for the prizes.

- 1st Aled Owen, Llangwm
- 2nd Arwyn Davies
- 3rd Glyn Jones
- 4th John Lightfoot and Hefin Jones
- 6th Glyn Jones

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or hand them in to the Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn, in an envelope marked for the attention of HMN.

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

Editorial

Once again we hope you enjoy this edition and as always we continue to welcome contributions. If you have a story to tell, a life experience to share, a hobby you enjoy or you are a bird watcher, painter, sky gazer or poet, we would love to hear from you. Perhaps you would like to try your hand at reviewing a book, film or local attraction. Please consider writing for Halkyn Mountain News. We are always on hand to help if required.



We rely on the support of a small army of volunteers who deliver Halkyn Mountain News. However, as we all get older it becomes more difficult to carry on with what we have been doing and some of the people who have done a remarkable job of getting the HM News to you have decided it is time to step aside and let someone younger take on the role.

We are currently looking for new volunteers to distribute newsletters four times a year in the following areas:

Buxton Lane (Pentre Halkyn) a small delivery route
19 copies in total.

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17 copies in total.

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We would like to take this opportunity record our grateful thanks to:

Mr M Santi and the late Mrs G Santi, Pentre Halkyn
Mrs A Roberts, Halkyn
and in particular to

Mr J R Baker and the late Mrs R Baker, Rhosesmor,
who have been delivering the News ever since the first issue!

Their help and support in delivering Halkyn Mountain News over many years is greatly appreciated.

The Editorial Team

Halkyn Mountain Fire

On the evening of Tuesday 31 July, a gorse and grass fire broke out at the side of the Pant quarry road about 50 yards from the junction with the B5123 Rhosesmor Road. Fire fighters from Flint Fire Station attended following a 999 call made by a passing dog walker, who had seen the blaze as he approached from the Pant y Ffrith direction.

The call was made at 8.30pm and the fire engine arrived just before 9.00pm

A spokesman for the Fire and Rescue Service later confirmed that the blaze was accidental and affected an area of approximately 60 square metres.

Photo: R.Smith



Charity Bake-Off Event

On 17 June a Stand Up to Cancer Bake Off event in aid of Cancer Research UK was held at Ael y Bryn, Rhosesmor, home of the Hulson family. A total of £600.00 was raised.

Sandra and John Hulson wish to thank all who supported the event and for the delicious cakes that they baked.

Judging underway

A selection of the entries



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Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and Show - continued

The horse section was better supported this year. They arrived early to start on the Showing competitions at 8.30. This meant a very early start for many of the riders. They came from a wide area, from as far afield as Llandudno Junction. The Jumping classes went on all day with the Gymkhana Games bringing a lot of fun for everybody.



The children had been very busy during the first weeks of their holiday. The entries were exceptional, from decorated lanterns, computer work, Lego building; not to mention the third section: cakes, biscuits, pizzas and to balance it out, a healthy lunch box! Flower arrangements and smashing collages - not to forget the named animal made from fruit and veg. This always amazes me, where do they get their ideas? Mrs Glesni Thomas was the judge for this section and the trophy winner was Gethin Williams, Cartrefle.

The overall winner of the produce show was Mr. H. Roberts, Flint. Congratulations to all who went to the trouble to compete and for making the produce marquee a success once again.

The raffle winners were:

- 1st Mrs Shirley Denman
- 2nd Siôn Goldston
- 3rd Tom Williams, 01745560804
- 4th Margaret, 780561
- 5th Dylan, Fron Farm

A special prize donated by The Cherry Pie went to Wendy Sigsworth.

Quite a few energetic children and older people entered the fun run starting from the village green. Congratulations to all who completed it, you did really deserve a medal!

S4C was in attendance this year. Quite a few Welsh speaking people were interviewed for the program HENO. I hope you saw yourself on TV.

At about 3.00pm we had thunder, lightning and torrential rain that lasted minutes then the sun came out again. We had a few stalls attend: soft furnishings, wood items and many games of chance. A good day was had by all who attended.

The chairman, Mr. Brian Coleclough, would like to thank the President, Mr. J E Davies and all the vice presidents, the committee and the ladies' committee for all their hard work before, during and after the show. Also, everybody who competed in any event and to all the people who attended on Friday and Saturday. Without you we would have no show and this would be such a shame as it is your show and the only one on Halkyn Mountain. Diolch yn fawr.

Menna



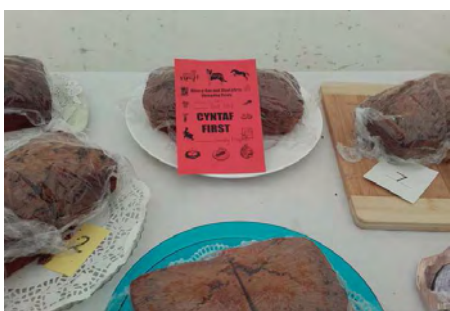
With all the dry weather we did not expect many entries in the Garden section but they turned up with quite a few new competitors entering. This section was judged by Ieuan ap Siôn. The winner was Mr H Roberts of Flint.

There were many more entries in the Handicraft section than last year. The work was of a very good standard.



The Photographic classes had an exceptionally high number of entries. Menna Coleclough won the trophy for this section. Mrs Woodruff was the judge. The

Miscellaneous section had a high number of entries. Once more the cakes and savouries looked very appetising, with bottles of cordial and alcoholic beverages for the judge, Mrs Nest Jones to taste. The winner of this section was Nicola Richardson.



Pentre Halkyn Community Centre

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

Holywell Art Club - Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

Bingo - Thursdays 7:30pm

Line Dancing - Fridays 8pm - 10pm

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

Halkyn Community Council

Chair of Halkyn Community Council



At the annual meeting of the Community Council, Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson (Rhes y Cae) (photo to left) was appointed as Chair of Council for the year 2018 / 2019. Councillor Bob Robinson (Rhosesmor) was appointed as Vice Chair.

Co-option of New Councillor

At the July Council meeting Colin R. D'Arcy, was co-opted as Councillor, for the Pentre Halkyn Ward of Halkyn Community Council. Councillor D'Arcy resides in the Poplars Estate, Pentre Halkyn.

Community Defibrillators

In the last edition of the HMN it was reported that the Community Council were moving forward with an initial installation of a defibrillator in Halkyn, together with other locations within the community thereafter. Following a further pledged donation of £1,500.00, from Tarmac Quarry the Council have agreed to install four defibrillator units at the following locations: Halkyn Parish Hall, Pentre Halkyn Community Centre, Rhes y Cae Village Hall and Rhosesmor Village Hall. The defibrillator units will be housed in a stainless steel cabinet, on the outside wall of the buildings – to ensure accessibility at all times. The Council Members thank the Management Committees of the various Village Community buildings, for their agreement to install the units at the premises.

Criminal Offences Reported Within the Community

The following offences were reported to the Community Council by North Wales Police:

Pentre Halkyn: a male caught in car having been driving whilst taking drugs; Rhosesmor: one suspicious circumstances; one anti-social behaviour; second report of suspicious circumstances; Halkyn: one suspicious circumstances; Theft at the Britannia Inn, Halkyn – money stolen; alleged drink drivers leaving the Britannia Inn: Pentre Halkyn; one drugs offence; one theft; one anti-social behaviour: Rhosesmor; one suspicious circumstances – possible badger baiting; one theft – purse from house: General offences across the mountain: Off road biking; increase in badger baiter activity.

Planning Decisions

The Community Council passed comments in relation to the following planning applications, which had been received from Flintshire County Council: **(1)** Application number: 058255 - for change of use of paddock to house camping pods for holiday lets, at Foel Farm, Rhosesmor **(2)** Application Number: 058300 - for the demolition of existing attached garage, erection of 2 storey side extension and single story rear extension, at Oaklea, Pentre Road, Halkyn **(3)** Application number: 058411, for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of residential property building works, at land side of 10 Willowfield Estate, Pentre Halkyn **(4)** Planning Application Number: 058522 - for the proposed erection of single storey dwelling, inclusive of all associated works relating to, at 19, Bryn Eithin, Pentre Halkyn. The Council response to the above applications, can be found in the Council Minutes - which can be viewed - as per the below web site address.

The following planning decisions have been received from Flintshire County Council:

(a) Application number: 058192 – for approval of details reserved by condition 12 etc., at land side of the Bungalow, Rhosesmor. Approved. **(b)** number: 057947 – listed building application at Rose Mount, Halkyn. Approved. **(c)** number: 057993 – conservation of existing Grade 11 listed saw mill into one dwelling, at Gwysaney Saw Mill, Rhosesmor. Approved. **(d)** number: 057950 – change of use of former Rhes y Cae School into two self-contained holiday cottages. Refused. **(e)** number: 057992 – variation of condition 1 attached to planning number 056322, at Fron Farm, Hendre. Withdrawn. **(f)** number: 058101 – approve details reserved by condition 6 attached to planning number 056415, at Ael y Bryn, Moel y Crio. Approved. **(g)** number: 058178 – proposed new escape door to first floor etc., at Britannia Inn, Halkyn. Withdrawn. **(h)** application number: 057999, for amendment to house type Plot 9, at land to the rear of The Stores House, Rhes y Cae. Approved. **(i)** application number: 057994, for listed building application for proposed conversion of existing grade 11 listed saw mill into one dwelling, at Gwysaney Saw Mill, Denbigh Road, Rhosesmor. Approved. **(j)** number: 058371, for non-material amendment, at Swallowdale, the Nant. Refused. **(k)** application number: 057714, for erection of dormer style bungalow at 19 Bryn Eithin, Pentre Halkyn. Withdrawn. **(l)** number: 058300, for demolition of existing attached garage, erection of 2 storey side extension etc., at Oaklea, Pentre Road, Halkyn. Approved.

New Bus Shelter in the Windmill

Following a substantial delay in the bus shelter being delivered – it has finally been erected in the Windmill. Whilst at the time of going to print, the shelter is still awaiting windows



together with a gate to the front.

The bus shelter was jointly funded by Halkyn Community Council and the Grosvenor Estate. Prior to the installation, permission had to be given by Natural Resources Wales – together with Ecological reports and method statements.

Donations and Financial Support:

The Community Council have granted the following donations: Towards the upkeep of the Cemeteries at the following Churches: St. Mary's Halkyn, St. Paul's, Rhosesmor, Christchurch, Rhes y Cae - £270 to each Church. Rhes y Cae & Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials £300. Rhosesmor Village Group £1,000 – towards Community projects. Rhosesmor Pensions Fund £300 – towards Christmas Lunch. Halkyn & District Over 50's Club £57 – for purchase of Neighbourhood Watch Signage.

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Brynford Community Council

Best Kept Communities Competition 2018

As in past years Brynford village and Brynford C.P. School entered into this year's competition. With the help of many local residents and businesses many of the green spaces have been tidied up, flower boxes provided and placed on the village green. Parts of St. Michael's cemetery had been set aside from regular maintenance to encourage wildlife and nesting boxes had been erected in the trees. Pupils of Brynford C.P. School had been exceptionally busy building their own flower display planters, raising and planting numerous types of plants and creating a wildlife garden.

Following the judges site visit the Council has been informed that Brynford C.P. School has been awarded First Prize in the schools category. Brynford village has been awarded a Certificate of Merit in Section A of the competition.

The Council wishes to thank all the residents, pupils and teaching staff who participated in this year's event. In preparation for next year's entry a working group meeting has been arranged for the 9th October, 2018 for 5.30pm at Brynford C.P. School. The purpose of the meeting is to look at the success of this year's entry and begin planning next year's entry. All residents who may be interested in participating are welcome to attend.

Brynford Heritage and I-Beacon Project

On the 4th July, 2018 with the assistance of staff and pupils of Brynford C.P. School a launch event was held on Brynford village green in celebration of the completion of the digital heritage trail.

Following the successful grant application made by the Council a £6,000 lottery grant was awarded to develop the heritage and i-beacon trail.

With the help of Mrs Lorna Jenner, Project Lead, the pupils of Brynford C.P. School undertook research work on the history of Brynford and helped create the Heritage display panels that were officially unveiled by Councillor Jean Davies aided by pupils who performed a playlet dressed in period costumes of times gone by.

The I-Beacon Project is a digital trail that can be accessed by smart phones via a hub located at Brynford Pet Cemetery.

The trail consists of 10 beacons located within the community, each providing historic information on its location and setting. Leaflets on the project can be obtained from Brynford Pet Cemetery and Brynford Village Stores.

B.T. Telephone Kiosk Outside Brynford C.P. School

The Council has completed the formal adoption of the kiosk from B.T. The Council would be interested to learn of any suggestions that residents may have for the use of the kiosk. One proposal is to have tourist and heritage information leaflets displayed in it. Please advise of any suggestions.

Retirement of Councillor Malcolm Flynn.

Following over 30 years of serving the community as a member of Brynford Community Council, Councillor Malcolm Flynn has advised the Council that he has decided to retire.

At the June meeting of the Council the Chairman and all fellow Councillors expressed their sincere thanks to Malcolm for all the support and service he has provided to constituents over so many years and wished him a very long and happy retirement.

Street Lighting Maintenance.

The Council maintains the majority of the amenity lighting within the community. Should any faults arise to lights within your area could these please be reported to any local member or the Clerk of the Council in order that repairs may be undertaken?

Council Meetings.

The General Public are welcome to attend Council meetings.

The Council meets normally on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Brynford C.P. School for 7.00pm.

At the commencement of the meeting members of the public in attendance can raise any issues relating to Council business.

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County Councillor

Dear Constituents

8pm Saturday 28th July 2018

As I prepare to write my contribution to the Halkyn Mountain News, the wind speed is almost down to 'Dead Calm' or 'Light Air' (1–3 mph Beaufort Scale). Only a few hours ago there were moments when the wind speed reached 'Stormy Wind' (32–38 mph) at times during the Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials. This is a typical example of the vagaries of British weather.

Once again this annual event was a great success and a very happy and memorable occasion. The success of the Show is a tribute to the hard work and very careful preparation by Mr. Brian Colclough and his able team. Every one of us is grateful for their dedicated efforts on behalf of the Mountain community. Praise should be given to the folk, young and old who participated in this event. The produce tent was like an Aladdin's Cave; the gymkhana displayed skill and style; and, of course, the sheepdog trials were both fascinating and inspiring. It was most fortunate that the weather did not break until the following day when there was a much needed rainfall.

There is no doubt that the previous week's weather was hotter than we usually experience and, naturally, 'Climate Change' receives all the blame, because it is a topic of interest and concern this summer.

There is a tendency in some quarters to magnify or exaggerate this phenomenon. Certainly the climate is warming up at the moment but it must be pointed out that climate can also become cooler. Climate Change is a natural and permanent feature on our planet. Over the past 25,000 years the climate has been warmer than it is now, four times, including a brief interlude or 'interstadial' towards the end of the last Ice Age, called the Windermere Interstadial, before the final re-advance of the ice.

Several factors are involved in changing climate, though, at present, the human factor seems to be the most prominent, and the most adverse. It is the duty of everyone to do their best by avoiding unnecessary and harmful activity which contributes to Climate Change but we must not become arrogant in claiming that humans alone are the cause of adverse Climate Change. Nor should we harm our environment by careless disposal of litter and other harmful material.

Paradoxically, some scientists suggest that areas of the Northern Hemisphere may experience colder weather if all the Arctic ice melts into the North Atlantic thus causing the Gulf Stream/North Atlantic Drift to move southwards. The principal point of this paragraph is that we should not be panicked into fearing a far more serious development of Climate Change: our world has a habit of reacting to major events by reversing natural processes.

I must apologise for a mistake in the previous Halkyn Mountain News: Flintshire receives approximately £120 per person less than the average given to County Councils in Wales. There are some County Councils in South Wales which receive over £100 more than the average payments. Very simple arithmetic reveals how small is Flintshire's share of money raised from County

Council tax which placed an intolerable burden on members of the Councils, both salaried managers and the Leader and Cabinet. In July, Flintshire Councillors received a comprehensive 'Presentation' on how the Council tax system is calculated – too long and complicated to repeat here.

There is general dissatisfaction from many Councils but it is only to be expected that those Councils who are the larger beneficiaries are not keen to agree on a smaller but fairer distribution. Some factors are size of population; of age of same; numbers of people out of work; industrial development, etc. Hopefully, in the fullness of time, the Welsh Assembly will develop a better and more equitable and rational system.

Considerable concern has been raised about the excessive speeds along the B5123 from the Bluebell Inn to Ysgol Rhos Helyg, in spite of a speed limit of 30mph, clearly indicated by a lighting-up warning signal, and even a suggested 20mph nearer the school. Again, very simple arithmetic shows that the amount of time saved by illegal speeding is amazingly small: is this really the price a child might have to pay with its life? A senior manager has promised that a 30mph limit will be installed in Rhes y Cae in December 2018, or January 2019 at the latest. This was in response to a rather frustrated query about the promised installation this summer. This urgent action has been delayed by a single objector to the 30mph limit, involving the Council in expensive legal proceedings and causing delay.

So far there has only been a small heathland fire near the Crooked Horn Inn, but we must be careful on preventing fires on the Common. Such fires can easily be caused accidentally and without intent. Some years ago an empty glass bottle in the window of a local shop, now sadly closed, acted like a magnifying glass, and caused a serious fire. This was extinguished by the most prompt action from the Fire Brigade.

In spite of the many negatives in this article, may I still wish all the constituents in Halkyn Ward a pleasant autumn; and to those children changing schools, or even starting school, a happy and an encouraging start to the new academic year.

Colin Legg

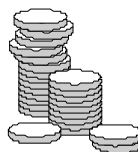
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Hannah Blythyn AM

It is a pleasure to be updating residents in Halkyn Mountain with events and issues in the constituency and the Assembly once again.

It has been a fully packed calendar of events and engagements both at home in Delyn and in Cardiff Bay and as ever I've had the pleasure of meeting and engaging with residents and organisations across our area. I pledged to be an accessible and visible Assembly Member so I'm pleased to keep constituents up to date with what I'm doing to stand up for the community that shaped me.

As a proud North Walian, I will always work hard to make sure that our area remains on the agenda in Cardiff Bay and earlier this year, I brought together some of our region's diverse businesses, organisations and tourist organisations at the Pierhead Building to exhibit their offers to a national audience.

The North East Wales Day in the Bay event highlighted the unique successes of our area and how our region is on the up – directly benefiting from infrastructure investment as part of the Welsh Government's Economic Action Plan.

We are proud of both our industrial heritage as well as the beauty and culture found on our doorstep and I will always make sure that I am your strong and effective voice for North Wales in the National Assembly, working hard on behalf of all our communities.

The Welsh Government's Superfast Cymru project has enabled access to fast fibre based broadband to almost 733,000 homes and businesses across Wales. Of these, more than 717,000 locations are able to achieve speeds of at least 30Mbps with the remainder achieving speeds of over 24 Mbps.

This means that more than half of the homes and businesses across Wales can now access fast fibre based broadband, which they simply wouldn't have been able to do before.

Deploying broadband on this scale and at such pace, particularly in rural areas like Halkyn Mountain, has proved challenging and there is more work to be done to ensure all our communities are connected.

Julie James AM, Minister for Skills and Science, confirmed to members that an announcement on further developments and a successor programme to Superfast Cymru is expected in the autumn and constituents who have any issues surrounding broadband access can get in touch with me or my team.

I was pleased to see the First Minister pledge to continue to make Wales a world leader in gender equality and women's rights following a review by Chwarae Teg and the Wales Centre for Public Policy. The report, which is the first phase of a two-part review, found that while much has been achieved in Wales, gender inequality remains of feature of life in our country.

I'm proud to be part of an Assembly that is leading the way on representation for women and the Welsh Government has a track record of ensuring that women's voices are front and centre in our politics and in our policies.

Despite the huge strides that have been made here in Wales, there is still much work that remains to be done and challenges to be overcome.

In this historic year, marking the centenary of some women achieving the right to vote, I held an event bringing together a range of organisations and representatives to discuss equal pay in Wales and set out ideas for how we can lead the way.

We owe it to young women across the country to ensure more female voices are heard in public life and to create an environment in which more young women feel empowered and their ambitions are not limited.

Looking ahead, I'll continue to be accessible and visible across our constituency, reaching out to all corners of Delyn.

Until our next update, keep an eye out for my weekly column in the Leader newspaper as well as my social media pages for future updates and when and where to meet with me to discuss what matters to you.

In the meantime, residents who may be seeking advice or wish to raise local issues are always more than welcome to pop into my constituency office in Flint.

We recommend the best times to visit are between 9am and noon and 2pm-5pm, Monday to Friday. You can also get in touch with me by writing to: Hannah Blythyn AM, 38 Church Street, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5AE, by emailing me at hannah.blythyn@assembly.wales or by calling 01352 762102.

You can also find me on Facebook at Hannah4Delyn or on Twitter @HannahBlythyn

Blue Bell Walks

Our Summer Evening walks on Wednesdays at 7pm continue to the end of September.



An extra walk was completed on the evening of the Summer Solstice when we walked to the top of Moel-y-Gaer where we enjoyed wine and nibbles whilst watching a beautiful sunset.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Annual Donation Walk in Aid of Kidney Wales. The sum raised for kidney research and dialysis was £151.

John and Vicky Thomas

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**



Ranger Update

I thought it would be nice to give readers of the 'News' a reminder of why from a wildlife point of view the common is so special and why we do the management works we do up here.

Halkyn Mountain Common is nearly 1800 acres in size. It was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation (SSSI/SAC) over a decade ago. The reason for the designation is to protect and improve what are considered the 'special features' of the area, which are the limestone or calcareous grassland, the lead-rich or calaminarian grassland, the dry heath and the great crested newt.

The main targets for management are to control the encroachment of scrub, which includes too much gorse, bracken and dare I say it, but trees also. Any management carried out while improving the quality of the designated 'features' will not change the overall nature of the landscape that has been created by man over centuries, through mining and grazing. We aim to curb the succession to woodland and maintain the open nature of the common.

What is succession? – That, put simply is nature doing its stuff. It's the progression from bare ground over time to a forested land.

Why stop nature, why not let it continue? – We have so many different types of habitat in this country, all in varying stages of succession. If man didn't intervene to a certain extent we would lose any number of different species and habitat types.

For example, if we didn't clear weed from the ponds on the common during the winter, they would become victims of succession and eventually dry out, leaving nowhere for amphibians and other water habitat species to breed.

If we didn't crush some of the common's bracken during the summer it would get denser and taller and have such a deep layer of leaf litter that no spring wild flowers would stand a chance.

If we didn't cut some of the gorse, eventually those areas would revert to woodland, which while valuable as a habitat are not as rare and special as the grassland and heathland that is so typical of the common.

Be assured that any management works carried out are always subject to rigorous scrutiny by Natural Resources Wales, before consent is issued, which always carries with it numerous conditions to guarantee the protection of any species of note that may be affected by the works.

Also be happy in the knowledge that we do not want to eradicate all gorse or all bracken or all trees, but we need to maintain a mosaic of species of vegetation, which will, ultimately be more favourable to a wider variety of species of wildlife.

Due to the SSSI/SAC and the fact that livestock do graze the common the use of herbicides is restricted and is only used in special circumstances; for example to control invasive garden variety cotoneaster, which loves limestone grassland and left unchecked will spread to the detriment of native species such as rock rose, dog violet and bird's foot trefoil. I spot spray

regrowth in the growing season after cutting back the major growth in the winter so this means that very little herbicide is needed.

You know the old saying that you can't make an omelette without breaking a few eggs. That is so true of any habitat management works we carry out on the common. When they are done initially, whether it's reprofiling and clearing weed from a pond or flailing gorse it always looks very drastic. But there's another saying which says...time's a good healer. Given time things always start to look better than before. With pond clearance, by the end of the summer things won't look so raw. Gorse may take a couple of summers before the weed species, that generally come after gorse has been cleared, are under control and a nice mix of grasses, wild flowers and heathland species are all living in harmony. Bracken tends to be a tougher customer. Should you get chance please visit Foel Ffagnallt and see the difference, it really is a hill of two halves. The half furthest away from the road facing Rhes y Cae has been crushed for a number of years. It has now reached a much lower density and height that numerous wildflower species are able to flourish. Plus it has reduced to such an extent that we no longer need to crush it, so we have now turned our attention to the other side of the hill closest to the road.

I do hope you aren't suffering from information overload and that you can now appreciate the method behind what some think is madness and it is all starting to make sense and so enabling you to enjoy the common that bit more than you did before.

Rachael Watson

Halkyn Mountain Common Ranger

HALKYN MOUNTAIN DVD

The **all new** Halkyn Mountain DVD is now available to buy.

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

The DVD's are priced at £5 each plus £1 P&P. Please make cheques payable to "Flintshire County Council".

Alternatively you can pop into the Visitor Centre at Wepre Park and pick up your copy and save on the postage.

The DVD contains all the films created as part of the Lead & Lime Heritage Lottery and Aggregates Levy projects. Including Victorian Halkyn – Life in a Lead-Mining Community, starring over 40 members of the local community.

Please note that these films are available to view for free at www.halkynmountain.co.uk or on the Halkyn Mountain channel on YouTube.

Ranger's pictures of the pond restoration
at Rhosesmor.

These pictures are taken from the north:



Before restoration work in September 2015



During restoration work in November 2015



After restoration work in June 2018

Halkyn Parish Hall

Private Functions and Meetings

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

**For more information ring the new caretaker
Colin Roberts 01352 781762**

Weekly Diary

Monday

Yoga 6:30 - 8:00 pm.
Contact Jenny 01352 780681

Tuesday

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

Zumba 6.00 - 7.00 pm.
Contact: zumbawithvix@gmail.com

Snooker Club 7:30 pm.
(New members welcome)
Contact Andy Wood 780159)

**The Snooker Table is also available for hire
Contact Colin Roberts 01352 781762**

Wednesday

1st Wednesday in the month
Church Coffee Morning 9.30 - 11.30am.

Modern Line Dancing 12:45 - 14:45 pm.
Contact Julie on 07712149439

Bingo (every other Wednesday) 7.30 pm.
(For more information on the Bingo call:
Carolyn on 01352 781765)

Thursday

Halkyn W.I. 7.15 pm April to Oct
2:15 pm Nov. to March

Friday

Post Office 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Library 1:30 - 7:00 pm.

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

Weekend

Halkyn Mountain Cinema
Saturday 10th November
"Darkest Hour"
See item in HMN for contact details.

Heartfelt Art & Craft 2018 10 am - 3:00 pm.
Next Fair Saturday 13th October
Christmas Fair Saturday 8th December

(Contact: Sue Thomas on 01352 781088)
or email: heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk

Cymdeithas Natur Mynydd Helygain ***Halkyn Mountain Nature Conservation Group***

Exotic and beguiling orchids have a unique power to captivate. Orchids are special, but it's difficult to say exactly why. Most of them are rare but some are actually quite frequent. They're mysterious; it's often thought they flower only every seven years and are parasitic on other plants, neither of which is true. Most of them are beautiful. In Britain 54 species are currently known. Many of them mimic wild creatures: fly, frog, butterfly, spider or even the shape of a man. The undisputed queen of our wild orchids is the Lady's Slipper Orchid. This stunning species is a victim of its own beauty. A single native clump grows in Yorkshire, the sole survivor of a legacy of collection in the 19th century. Orchid seed is like dust and it often takes many years for the plants to grow and flower.

The discovery of the Bee Orchid on Halkyn Mountain was exciting and to see one for the first time is unforgettable. Over the past few years the secret locations of the Halkyn Mountain Bee Orchids has been carefully monitored throughout its growing season. In 2017 over 90 plants were identified. The rosettes grew well throughout the spring and things looked promising for a successful flowering during the first two weeks of June. Several flowering spikes were produced on the mountain, but unfortunately none survived to set seed due to being grazed. This year 83 plants were counted and the colonies carefully identified on a map. Monitoring was on-going from May to August with the numbers of each colony recorded. Thirty eight Bee Orchids flowered over this period. Sadly only three flowers survived to eventually set seed. However, by the end of August these valuable seed heads had been eaten!

A fabulous Halkyn Mountain Bee Orchid



Therefore what needs to be done to secure a future for these beautiful, wild orchids on Halkyn Mountain? The last remaining Lady's Slipper Orchid in the secret location in the Yorkshire Dales was protected by a small metal cage and was therefore able to produce seed, thus saving the plant from extinction in Britain. Would this, perhaps, be an acceptable possibility? We will keep you updated on future developments. The

group welcomes all interested parties to share their knowledge and suggestions.

Our very rare butterfly - the small Pearl Bordered Fritillary - has fared quite well in its two sites in Rhosesmor and Rhes y Cae. Numbers are not large but, thankfully, do not seem to be decreasing.

Dr. Goronwy Wynne from Licswm won the 'Book of the Year' prize for Wales and appeared on T.V. recently in an hour long programme from Cardiff. His book, "Blodau Cymru" (The Flowers of Wales) is the fruit of a lifetime studying the plants of Wales. Dr. Wynne appeared on the S4C programme "Heno" in August featuring the Stainless Thistle, which reaches its most northerly location in the whole of Britain in Rhes y Cael! What a claim to fame.

Halkyn Mountain Conservation Group

Rhosesmor Village Hall

Regular users of the hall will have noticed that we have hung new curtains in the main hall. These were organised by Winifred Garroch our long serving chairman. Hopefully, during the Christmas break, matching curtains will also go up in the Glynn Morris room and bandroom. The original curtains were hung in 2005 as part of the hall refurbishments. They were examined on removal and found to be in excellent condition. As a result, they have found new homes in the local community. The new owners all welcomed them at no charge.

In the past months, Winifred Garroch has also spent considerable time and effort trying to organise post office facilities on a regular basis in the hall. Despite her hard work, problems completely out of her control continue to frustrate her efforts. Hopefully, this will change soon.

Halkyn Community Council are planning to install defibrillators on the outside walls of a number of village halls including Rhosesmor. The Village Hall Committee have approved the idea and sometime, in the near future (hopefully within 2 months), the appliance will be on the front wall near the kitchen window, as a power supply is required from within the building.

If we are to hold a Jumble Sale in early 2019, we desperately need donations of jumble on a large scale. Please, if you do not want to donate unwanted articles to "charities", consider the Village Hall as all income helps us run the hall for the benefit of the local community. Please phone me on 780660 if you want donations collected and stored in the hall cellars. Finally, once again thanks to John Thomas for his efforts in maintaining the grass banks and hedges around the hall. Also thank you to John Tarry for his efforts in managing bookings and fee collection. If you wish to hire a room at the hall, please contact John Tarry on 780842.

G. R. North
Rhosesmor Village Committee Secretary

My Life on the Mountain

After reading the article in the Halkyn Mountain News from the 'Halkyn Mountain Nature Conservation Group' I would like to share my experiences.

I have grown up on Halkyn Mountain. I have played as a child and been a farmer's daughter then a farmer's wife there all my life, getting on for 70 years. As children at Rhes y Cae school we played on the mountain during play times. There was no schoolyard then, no health and safety aspect. We played in the bracken all the way up to the Chiny. We would hear the hand bell being run and would run into class. Happy days. All the girls had yellow socks, not white as they should be, owing to the sheep muck around the school from where the mountain sheep would take shelter.

The sheep numbered thousands then. My father always had about 250 ewes plus their lambs, Ship Inn had hundreds, as did Alyn Watkins, Ffordd Gefn and Paynes to name but a few. We also grazed our ten milking cows on the mountain. They would be turned out after milking in the morning and go up to Foel Ddu, Chwaral Las and the Debra. These were the Tyddyn's cynefin (Smallholding's habitat or hefting areas), as all the graziers had their patch.

There were no grids on the roads then and my father would be up at the crack of dawn to bring the sheep back to the mountain. They would have travelled as far as the Ffagnallt, Licswm and sometimes over to Pentre Halkyn. Some grids were put in by the graziers association. I don't know if everybody knows about the Halkyn Graziers Association, they have been formed for well over 50 years now and have made sure that the mountain is well grazed, keeping the gorse and bracken down. Also they would graze the small shoots of rough trees that seem to be taking over the mountain and making it into a wilderness. The grazing was also good for all the flowers that we used a pick as children. It would give them room and light to grow. Now everywhere is so overgrown the flowers just get choked.

The J.C.B. (Joint Consultative Board for Halkyn Common) worked tirelessly with the graziers, who all have grazing rights on the mountain according to their acreage. They have done a lot of good work over the years to maintain the mountain. They also work in close partnership with the N.R.W. (Natural Resources Wales) because, as we know, nothing can be done without their permission.

We are also very lucky to have our Ranger, who looks after the mountain for the Duke of Westminster, the graziers and the public.

As for the lack of birds on the mountain, that is due to some extent to the increasing number of birds of prey hovering over and eating the small birds. This is a general observation, I have seen a lot fewer birds at my table on the lawn due to this fact. As they hover a hush comes over the area - as the Welsh poem "Y Cydyl Coch" (the Kestrel) tells us. I could go on for hours.

I am very glad that more grids for Halkyn Mountain are in the pipeline. I do hope that they will materialise and the mountain can continue to be enjoyed by all and be grazed by the farmers and small holders who make their living off the mountain, as they have done for many hundreds of years.

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Heartfelt Art & Craft Fairs

Spring saw the return of the charity fundraising Heartfelt Art & Craft fairs, held at Halkyn Parish Hall & Library. The re-launch on 14th April, was superbly attended and fundraising was in aid of the animal rescue charity, North Clwyd Animal Rescue. (NCAR). As a result of this fair £719.28 was raised and donated to the charity. The community support was outstanding. The second fair of the year was held at the Parish Hall on Saturday 23rd June, when once again attendance was excellent. At this fair, fundraising was in aid of the life saving charity, North East Wales Search and Rescue (NEWSAR) and £500.80 was raised and donated to this worthy cause.

In addition to fundraising for charities, the fairs continue to support local, extremely talented artisans, who exhibit an eclectic range of amazing arts, crafts, photography, ceramics, jewellery and lots of other bespoke, hand made creations. Continued good attendance at the fairs is important to ensure a successful event, which is indicated in the amount we can raise and donate to the charities in attendance. With no entry fee, funds are raised through the sale of refreshments, home baked cakes, tombola and a raffle, as well as other donations.

Thank you to everyone who attends our fairs, shares the news, bakes cakes and generally offers welcome support.

We look forward to welcoming lots of visitors to our remaining fairs to be held between 10am and 3pm, on Saturday 13th October when fundraising is in aid of Cancer Research UK, and our Christmas fair, which will be held on Saturday 8th December, in aid of a local children's charity, Flintshire Deaf Children's Society (FDCS).

Please help us to further raise awareness of our fairs by sharing news of the events with your friends and family.

A warm welcome awaits. Thank you.



Local volunteers fundraising for the animal rescue charity NCAR.



Volunteers fundraising for NEWSAR

Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema

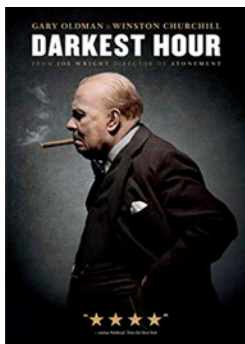
Showing to a full house in May and July we presented *Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool* and *The Greatest Showman* - from opposite ends of the movie spectrum, they demonstrate the range of quality films available to you right here on Halkyn Mountain.

Don't forget - tickets are only £4 in advance (or £5 on the door) and all income goes towards covering our costs (film licence fees, venue hire, insurance etc), as the community cinema is run by a small band of volunteers.

Keep an eye out for our next film **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society (12)** on **Saturday 1 September, 7.30pm** (doors open 7pm). Lily James plays a free-spirited writer who forms a life-changing bond with the eccentric Society when she decides to write about the book club they formed during the occupation of Guernsey during WWII. From the producers of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, and with an all-star cast including Michiel Huisman, Katherine Parkinson, Matthew Goode, Tom Courtenay and Penelope Wilton, comes a compelling romantic drama with an intriguing mystery at its heart.



After that, we have **Darkest Hour (PG)** on **Saturday 10 November, 7.30pm** (doors open 7pm). During the early days of World War II, with the fall of France imminent, Britain faces its darkest hour as the threat of invasion looms. The fate of Western Europe hangs on the leadership of the newly-appointed Prime Minister, Winston Churchill (Oscar winner Gary Oldman). While manoeuvring his political rivals, he must confront the ultimate choice: negotiate with Hitler and save the British people at a terrible cost or rally the nation and fight on against incredible odds. This is the dramatic and inspiring story of four weeks in 1940 during which Churchill's courage to lead changed the course of world history. Put the dates in your diary for these great films coming to Halkyn



Mountain! Tickets go on general sale about 2 weeks before each showing, and can be purchased from the the Blue Bell Inn or online via the community cinema website.

For more information, please go to our website and sign up to the mailing list, or follow us on facebook and twitter.

www.mountaincinema.org.uk

<http://www.facebook.com/halkynmountaincinema>

<http://www.twitter.com/mountaincinema>

We hope to see you at Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema soon! And if you are one of our regulars, thanks for supporting us!

Rob Hughes, Secretary
- Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema Committee

3 Parishes Joint Holiday 2019

Greenhouse Centre, Poole, Dorset

<http://www.the-greenhouse.org/house>

MONDAY 1st JULY – FRIDAY 5th JULY 2019

(30th June if stopping over on the way down)

(4 Nights, 5 Days at venue - PLUS stopover en route)

COST HALF BOARD £270 approx

(small variation for en-suite, and travel and hotel room x 1 night en route would be extra)

(All prices approximate to be confirmed nearer the time)

Excellent Value

Full of Charm,
Greenhouse is set within comfortable, peaceful surroundings in beautifully laid out gardens and with a welcoming staff team and excellent menus for all.



Built in the 1850's this classic Victorian home is tucked between Bournemouth and Poole in a leafy suburb of wide avenues and tall redwoods. The Greenhouse is a quiet and beautiful location with high ceilings and where the sea air can be smelled through the pines and is an ideal South Coast getaway. It is just a short walk from Westbourne town centre, boasting quaint pubs, endless eateries and curiosity shops. A further walk will bring you to beautiful

Sandbanks beach with stretches of golden beaches. Alternatively enjoy Branksome Park's delightful woodland walks.



Closer to home, enjoy an early morning or evening swim in the heated pool which nestles in the well-tended garden, so don't forget your swimwear. The garden also has its own prayer walk, summer house, a pond and a greenhouse to be explored by keen gardeners and if there is a chill in the air you can sit in the large conservatory attached to the house.

As ever, the evenings will be spent (for those who wish) in home grown entertainment, often accompanied by great hilarity. There will be a full itinerary, again by choice or, you can simply 'do your own thing'.

If you live on Halkyn Mountain this holiday is available to YOU.

A £30 deposit secures your place plus completion of application form. More details will be given nearer the holiday itself and a more detailed brochure will be available in the New Year when costs will have been firmed up. However, address any interim queries or for an application form, to Helen Taubman 07780 706 726 - helentaubman@hotmail.com

A regular savings plan can also be via a fixed term standing order, thus spreading the load.



Art on the Mountain – We're Wild@Art

A group of local artists will be holding an open studio event in Halkyn Parish Hall and Library during two weekends in September. This event will form part of the annual North Wales Helfa Gelf (Art Trail), where artists from all areas of North Wales open their studios to the public throughout the month of September. This particular group produces portrayals of various aspects of nature, wildlife and rural scenes using a range of different materials and goes by the name of 'Wild@Art'. The group members are: Ann Williams – gouache, Wendi Trasmundi – glass, Rachel Farr – mixed media and David Wildblood – pastel. All the artists are more than happy to discuss their work, give handy hints and tips to beginners, and they will all have examples of their work for sale, plus they can accept commissions. The studio will be open on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of September and Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of September from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Admission is free, and delicious refreshments will be on sale in support of North Clwyd Animal Rescue (NCAR). We are very pleased to be having North Clwyd Animal Rescue to run our refreshments and every penny earned will be going to feeding all the unwanted and stray animals they look after. All our artists are dog owners and animal lovers and this cause is dear to my heart because this is where my own dog 'Milo' came from.

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



Wild@Art

Helfa Gelf 2018

Art Trail

Presenting local artists:

David Wildblood - pastels
Wendi Trasmundi - glass
Rachel Farr - mixed media
Ann Williams - gouache



FREE ENTRY

Halkyn Parish Hall & Library

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th September 11–5pm
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September 11–5pm

We are a group of four artists, each inspired by wildlife and the countryside, and working with very different techniques and media. See work in progress, chat with the artists, and enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake with us.



Refreshments for sale in aid of North Clwyd Animal Rescue

www.ncar.org.uk









All artwork will be for sale, and we will accept commissions.

'CHEESY' QUIZ NIGHT

WHEN: Saturday 13th October
Doors 7:30pm / Quiz starts 8pm

WHERE: Halkyn Parish Hall

COST: £4 per person + some cheese!
(just pay on the door)

TEAMS: Maximum 4 people per team

FUN QUIZ NIGHT ACCOMPANIED BY YUMMY CHEESE

Bring along a piece of cheese, fruit cake, pickles, etc to add to all the others and you can then enjoy from the selection. We will provide crackers and hot beverages.

Please feel free to bring your own alcohol.

ALL WELCOME... COME ALONG AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE SOME FUN, EAT LOTS OF CHEESE AND HELP SUPPORT THIS LOCAL GOOD CAUSE.



FUNDRAISING QUIZ IN AID OF THE HALKYN PENSIONERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

See [Facebook.com/halkynmountainevents](https://www.facebook.com/halkynmountainevents) for further info

Overheard

I have always been fascinated by random snippets of other people's conversations because these little gems of a longer conversation are intriguing and often surreal. Recently, I was waiting in a long queue at my local bank and standing behind a young girl, who was speaking quite loudly (doesn't everyone!) on her mobile phone. For much of the call she had her back to me and I couldn't hear clearly what she was saying but, at one point she turned around to face me, presumably to check how long the queue was. Then, with some concern in her voice she said, "Is Grandma still in the garage?"

The rest of the conversation was lost to me as that one intriguing question had me wondering for the rest of the morning what on earth Grandma was doing in the garage!

My imagination worked overtime as I tried to conjure up possible scenarios. Could Grandma, dressed in large blue overalls and wearing a purple hairnet, be on all fours trying to fix the exhaust on her Ferrari? Could she be knitting balaclavas for soldiers or pink bonnets for babies? Was she making marmalade or brewing elderberry wine? Perhaps she was spraying Banksy-like paintings on the garage walls?

Or, most sinister of all, was she, like the madwoman in Jane Eyre, kept locked away from the rest of the world in a garage rather than an attic?

The possibilities seemed endless and I couldn't help wishing that I could go home with the girl and find out what Grandma was actually doing in the garage! I can't wait for the next random snippet I overhear!

Eileen Tunnicliffe

Capel Bethel y Nant

Do join us every Sunday at 2.30

September	2nd	Cyfarfod Gweddi
	9th	Huw Powell-Davies
	16th	Goronwy Ellis
	23rd	Eric Green
	30th	Cyfarfod Gweddi
October	7th	Shân Morris
	14th	Glyn Thomas
	15th	Maryl Rees
	21st	Maureen Roberts
	28th	Bryan Jones
November	4th	Cyfarfod Gweddi
	11th	Angela Bebbington
	20th	Marion Simkin
	27nd	Delyth McIntyre

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

Cynfaen Memorial Chapel, Calcoed

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

September

4 th	(E)	Rev. Maureen Roberts
9 th	(W)	Parch. Marc Morgan
16 th	(E)	To be arranged
23 rd	(W)	Mrs Maryl Rees
30 th	(E)	Rev. Marc Morgan

October

7 th	(W)	Parch. Marc Morgan
14 th	(E)	Harvest Festival To be announced
21 st	(W)	Parch. Marc Morgan
28 th	(E)	Rev. Maureen Roberts

November

4 th	(W)	Parch. Marc Morgan
11 th	(E)	Mrs Delyth McIntyre
18 th	(W)	Mr N Closs Parry
25 th	(E)	Rev. Marc Morgan

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



**Rhosesmor
Tots**
Play & Chat

**Every Thursday 9.15-11.15
at Rhosesmor Village Hall**

**£2 for parent & toddler(s)
50p for parent & baby**

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

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

Capel Salem, Pentre Halkyn

Gwasanaethau/Services at 2pm.

C = Communion, W = Welsh, E = English

September	2nd	Rev. Marc Morgan	C	W
	9th	Rev. Hugh Burgess		E
	16th	No Service		
	23rd	Mrs. Delyth McIntyre		E
	30th	No Service		
October	7th	No Service		
	14th	Rev. Marc Morgan		W
	21st	Mr Bryan Jones		W
	28th	Mrs Maryl Rees		W
November	4th	Rev. Maureen Roberts	C	E
	11th	Mr Peter Sinclair		E
	18th	Rev. Marc Morgan		W
	25th	Mr Bryan Jones		W

1st Halkyn Mountain

We are a small group and meet in
Rhosesmor Village Hall every Friday
during term time and we would like to
invite boys and girls to join us.

Cubs: Fridays 6:30 pm –
7:30pm.

Scouts: Fridays 7:30pm – 9:15pm.

Cubs can start at the age of 8yrs and Scouts from the
age of 10yrs.

Come and make new friends, take part in indoor and
outdoor activities and learn new skills.

For information or a chat contact Christine Cowley
01352 780192 or 07518957747 or
joycowley@btinternet.com




Tinytots Playgroup
Wales Preschool Playgroup Association

Tinytots Playgroup
Learning Through Play

Tinytots Playgroup
C/o Ysgol Rhos Helyg,
Rhosesmor
CH7 6PJ
01352 780265

Rhosesmor WI

We meet in Rhosesmor Village Hall at 7.15pm on the second Monday of every month, except August. We have recently had an interesting outing, with lunch, on the Mill House canal boat in Chester. It was a beautiful sunny day and we all had a lovely time. There are no meetings in August as this is our holiday month; the following is our autumn schedule:

September 10th will be a surprise as the speaker is not yet booked.

October 8th we will have an art evening with Mrs Winifred Garroch.

November 12th is our annual meeting and we will also be making Christmas decorations with Mrs Pauline Broughton.

For further information about the WI please contact Mrs Mary North 01352 780660

Halkyn W.I.

We enjoyed a lovely Afternoon Tea in July at 'Chocks Away', Hawarden Airport. The staff took very good care of us, the food was marvellous and plentiful enough that a lot of us took boxes home with us.

Unfortunately, one of our members fell on her way to the car. The staff of Chocks Away came out to help and the Airbus first responder was called and attended till the paramedics arrived. Our member was taken to hospital and was kept in for a few days. Not the end of a wonderful afternoon one would want, but we cannot thank the Chocks Away staff enough for their kindness and help.

Our next Meeting is **Sept 6th at 7:15pm** with speaker Mary Athews talking on the Galapagos Islands.

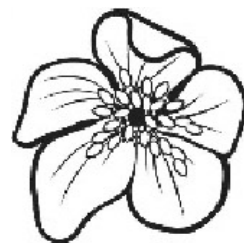
Oct 4th at 7:15pm is quiz night

Nov 1st at 2:15pm is the Annual General Meeting followed by a speaker.

Dec 6th at 2:15pm is Beetle Drive fun with prizes, Christmas snacks and Christmas Raffle.

Any queries please contact Fiona Jones; 01352 780462

Hardy Plant Society Clwyd Group



Who are we?

We are a friendly gardening club, not too serious or stuffy!

We enjoy talks and garden visits.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm at the Holywell Community Centre (by the Leisure Centre) on the third Tuesday of the month. There are also plant sales, a raffle and refreshments at meetings.

Visitors welcome - £3. Membership available.

Information on 07768 423 965

or clwyd@hardy-plant.org.uk

or www.hardy-plant.org.uk/clwyd

The autumn programme is:

Tuesday 18 September talk on Bulbs Flower All Year Round by Davis Toyne.

Tuesday 16 October talk on Flowers of the Peloponnese autumn bulbs and spring orchids by Jack Swan.

Tuesday 20 November talk on the Making of a Show Garden by Carolyn Hardern.

Programme can be subject to change.

Rhosesmor Community Garden of Remembrance

The garden is now in full bloom but unfortunately it is unlikely that the beautiful display of large poppies will survive until November 11th. Opposite the path leading

to the garden, there is the window installed in 1924, below which is the stone inscribed with the names of the men from Caerfallwch who lost their lives in the great war, including Robert Roberts and Hugh Hughes who do not appear on the cenotaph positioned on the island opposite St. Paul's Church. Thank you to all who donated seeds, bulbs, cuttings, plants, shrubs and money and to those who continue to maintain the garden.

John Thomas



Rhes y Cae News

Annual Church Walk

The walk was held on Saturday 30th June starting at 10.00am from Talacre Community Centre. We were greeted by Freda Bevan who is one of the Trustees - she was friendly and helpful. About 11 people turned up - some of the regular walkers were unable to come, but they gave us donations - many thanks. It was a very enjoyable 3-mile circular walk to the Point of Ayr.



Our sincere thanks to John Thomas, our leader, who told us about the history of the area. On our way, we visited the RSPB Bird Hide, and there were some interesting views over the Dee Estuary. We returned to the Community Centre about 12 noon for a light lunch. Many thanks to Wendy and Rob, Judith, Brenda, and Mary for their generous contributions of food for our lunch - very much appreciated. Finally, to thank everyone who so generously donated. Total monies raised was £288 for Church funds.

Church stalls at Rhes y Cae show

Many thanks to all who contributed "Trash or Treasure" gifts for our stall. Also to Brenda and Rita and Sue who helped on the day. Children really enjoyed the game and finding out what was in the parcels! There was also another stall with a "Nails" game and also some interesting purchases suitable for the summer! Our grateful thanks to Peter and Doreen Jamieson for coming along to help us again. Total monies raised was £219.



Village Hall stall at Rhes y Cae show

The pick a lollipop game proved popular again this year, as did the Lucky Squares game - the winner was Nia Davies. Lots of people tried their hand at 'Splat the Rat', with varying degrees of success! Grateful thanks to everyone who came and supported us - total monies raised was £150.



Future Events

Church Christmas Coffee Morning at Rhes y Cae Village Hall on Tuesday 27th November at 10.30am

Christmas coffee Morning - In aid of Village Hall - date to be confirmed

Over 60's Christmas lunch - Rhes y Cae Village Hall - date to be confirmed

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

Please let me know if you have any information to put in the next edition by November 1st 2018.

Many thanks

Gwyneth Hughes 01352 780371

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

Halkyn Library

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

1:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Library Online

Services via

www.flintshire.gov.uk



Strength and Flexibility: The Keys to a Healthy Back

Movement is life. We were designed to move. When we do not move, we start to die. The same goes for the microcosm within us. Every cell and tissue in our body is in constant motion. Tissues that become static begin to stagnate and eventually perish.

The spine is designed to move. Each vertebra is connected to the next by a disc and 2 facet joints. It is similar to a snake, which is not surprising as we evolved from the same source. For optimum health our backs should be mobile at every joint. Our spines should be as fluid and flexible as a snake. However, they are not. This may, in part, be due to our upright posture which puts more stress on the spinal muscles and joints.

You may have noticed that young people are flexible while older people are stiffer. The older we get the more our backs stiffen up. This is because the fibres that cover our spinal joints get thicker and more brittle over time. These fibres are a kind of scar tissue and those parts of the spine that get more stress on them due to our habitual postures or repetitive work activity, tend to develop more scar tissue. This is called "wear and tear" by some people and may be the first stage of arthritis.

Chiropractic treatment releases the adhesions that form on people's spines giving them more mobility. When you have a more mobile spine you suffer less pain. Many people think that a chiropractor's job is about relieving back pain. It is not. It is about restoring mobility. Reduced pain is a by-product of chiropractic treatment.

The first stage in restoring health to your back is to improve mobility. When your back is more mobile it is important to work on your core strength. Core stability exercises, such as taught in a Pilates class, help to strengthen the muscles that support the spine. They also help to develop neurological control over these muscles so that they contract to protect the back at the right time. (It doesn't matter how strong a muscle is, if it contracts at the wrong time it is useless!)

A mobile spine and strong core are the two essential components of a healthy back. One without the other is insufficient. If your spinal joints are inflexible your spine is like a solid broom handle. The muscles around it, that move the vertebrae, are ineffective if the joints cannot move. On the other hand, a flexible back without a strong core is unstable.

When your back is flexible, strong and stable then all you have to do is to use your back the way it is meant to be used. That is to be active in your daily life. Keep your whole body moving as much as possible. The beauty of being pain-free is that you don't have to think about your back, you can just get on with the things you want to.

Steve Massey, St Asaph Chiropractic Clinic 01745 535854

A Few Words from Danny the Donkey

Phew! The weather has been so hot this year. The grass changed from lovely luscious green to dry gold and brown in a short while. I was quite pleased to see the rain for a change.

The fine weather has meant that I have received many visitors. One of my regular visitors is a little boy with blond hair who walks up the mountain with a man and lady. I can remember the man coming to see me when he too was a young boy. I have been pleased to see that the little boy has a fondness for dogs as two of my best friends are dogs. Dogs are generally intelligent creatures, and while they are often too active to stop for a long conversation, we do have some enjoyable chats. On the subject of chats, one day recently, as I was pondering life in general while munching on a tasty thistle, I became aware of two ladies having a conversation by the fence. One correctly remarked that I had a section in the Halkyn Mountain News and she commented to her friend that she had cried when she read about the death of my mother Ginnie. I was deeply touched by this and would have offered her a bite of my thistle but by the time I thought about it, I gulped and it was gone.

Their conversation did set me thinking about my page which you are now reading. Writing implements and hooves just don't go together so I rely on dictating my thoughts to my human friends. I have to trust that they will print what I say, but it did set me thinking that they would also have the opportunity to attribute words to me which I hadn't said, either intentionally or by mistake. I am not a natural worrier but it did set me worrying of the potential consequences of them getting things wrong. I

really REALLY love carrots. What if they were to print that I didn't like carrots and my visitors stopped bringing them? It is too depressing to think about and would take a full three months to correct in the next edition!

When you live on the mountain, there is always time to observe life, the world and everything. As it's summer, my human friends spend more time at home. Their behaviour often mystifies me. A good example was one afternoon they spent several hours chopping away at grass and nettles. They put a lot of effort into it and by the time they finished had all the ingredients for a wonderful feast. However they then put it all onto a compost heap and didn't eat any of it. What a waste of time!

On the subject of behaviour, I must apologise to anyone who has heard me making a noise recently. I befriended a blackbird who told me all about her love of singing, especially early in the morning. She told me it made her feel good to sing. I am more of a shouter than a singer but thought I would give it a go. She wasn't very impressed with my efforts and a nearby pheasant that was nibbling the grass, lost a couple of feathers as he quickly escaped by musical tones. I also heard one of the ewes' comments in language that is unsuitable to repeat. Perhaps I will give it another try one night when nobody is about.

Bye for now,

Danny

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



Special thanks are due to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Flintshire County Council, The Mountain Parishes of Halkyn, Caerfallwch (Rhosesmor) and Rhes-y-Cae, the Halkyn Mountain Common Ranger and The National Museum of Wales and to all who have contributed to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their support in the Rhosesmor Heritage Week and its forthcoming film and publication of Rhosesmor Through Time.

On Monday 4th June Caradoc and Branwen arrived and set up home in the roundhouse in the grounds of Ysgol Rhos Helyg at the base of Moel y Gaer hillfort. We met the Deceangli tribe around the campfire and learned about their ancient way of life. Historical weapons, crafts, storytelling and living history brought the sights, sounds and smells of Iron Age Britain to life. If you were out on Moel-y-Gaer during the week you might have come face to face with the Deceangli tribe, pupils of Ysgol Rhos Helyg, re-enacting the Iron Age village life. The school was inhabited all week by the 'tribe' clad in their authentic costumes made over half term. Thanks to the expert skill of Woodland Classroom (woodlandclassroom.com) each year group participated in forming their Iron Age community in the roundhouse and Polly Snape (drama director and educationalist - pollysnape.co.uk) and Year 3 produced a top class film soon to see its premier in Ysgol Rhos Helyg. Well done parents and carers for your hard work, impeccable research and costume design. Here they are looking out from their 360 degree vantage point on the Mountain top and model of the hillfort made by the children of St Paul's Church Sunday School.



woodlandclassroom.com



Heritage Week took us back through the legacy of the rich history at the roots of our existence in Rhosesmor on Halkyn Mountain. Here are some of the memories of the events of the week.

Monday 4th June a guided walk with the Halkyn Mountain Ranger took us through the Industrial Heritage of the village, passing the lime kiln on The Wern and re-living mining times on the mountain.



Tuesday 5th June - the Sunset Walk. Thirteen of us left the village and headed for the hillfort on Moel y Gaer with Fiona Gale as our guide. The evening was beautiful, sunny, warm and with a light breeze. On the way up we stopped once or twice explore the hillfort and then, once there on top of the reservoir, we learned about the archaeological excavations which happened in the 1970s. The remains of three Iron Age villages were found, one on top of the other. It was a perfect evening, wonderful light and with beautiful views of the Clwydian Range, Llantysilio Mountain and the Cathedrals in Liverpool... because of the warmth (not something we can often say about Halkyn Mountain!) the views of the Cheshire Ridge and Peak District were a bit murky. We left the top of the hill to return to the village just before sunset and were at the bottom by 9.15pm when it was still light and warm. A beautiful evening stroll.

Wednesday, June 6th opened the gateway into Halkyn Mountain's long forgotten past. 17 people gathered at the Village Hall in Rhos y Cae for a geology walk, led by Councillor Colin Legg. Colin has lived and visited the mountain for over 70 years and has always had a fascination for the geology and the 350 million year old limestone that makes up most of the bedrock of the mountain. It is the limestone and the associated lead that has led to the landscape we have today. Colin showed us fossils, crinoids that make up the beautiful Halkyn Marble, Brachiopods and corals that are in the limestone, as well as Galena the ore from which the lead was smelted. We discovered areas of lead mining with bell pits, leats and piles of waste 'spoil' material, and in one area of mining spoil found calcite and quartz, crystals that are associated with the limestone, as well as some of the special plants of the Mountain like spring sandwort and thyme. Once again we had a beautiful evening with wonderful light and found ourselves back at the village Hall after 9pm, wondering where the time had gone.



Thursday June 7th pupils from Ysgol Rhos Helyg investigated the permanent and indelible church records and traced the occupations of those who had lived in the village, their means of transport and the improving state of their health over the centuries. Many familiar family names cropped up with evidence of their living here throughout the times recorded. These and other stories were remembered again in the evening cheese and wine in the event 'Our Family and the Mountain' in St Paul's church, with an impressive display of over 200 photos of village life in Rhosesmor dating from the latter part of the 19th century to the present day. Church records were available from 1pm to 6pm and at 7pm local characters told their stories, moving and amusing, about days gone by in this exceptional community, punctuated with the top five hymns sung in the chapel, church and of course the pub, back in the day.



Friday 8th June took us on a walking tour of key places in the heart of the village and ended with another trip back in time in the roundhouse. The evening Iron Age Tales in the Roundhouse at Ysgol Rhos Helyg took us to the very hearth of life on our mountain, Moel-y-Gaer. Catgen the story teller and Caradog and Branwen of Woodland Classroom welcomed us first into the garden and working area of their roundhouse home in the school grounds. We were able to watch them work, cook and could taste their food. We were then invited to a story telling session inside the roundhouse, sitting like family with them around their cauldron. The tastes, sounds and smells of the Iron Age made a truly unique occasion on our journey in Rhosesmor Through Time.



Sunday June 10th saw Rhosesmor Vintage Day, the finale to an amazing week.

The day was opened by Mr Noel Jones of Jones Balers, previously key employers and benefactors. Ysgol Rhos Helyg was buzzing inside and out. Vintage cars, vintage stalls, Olde Worlde Sweet Shop, memorabilia displays and vintage games such as Shove 'alfpenny, Hook a Duck and Splat the Rat were kept busy all day. Local history films of Rose Queen Festivals, mining history and Jones Balers provided entertaining viewing. Heritage mountain walks led by Caradog and visits to Branwen in the roundhouse kept the Iron Age theme alive while another viewing of the 200+ photos was available in the classroom where Afternoon Tea was served to a very high standard. The National Museum of Wales study of Halkyn Marble to be seen in St Mary's Church Halkyn, often unrecognised on doorsteps and mantelpieces in old dwellings on the mountain. Local crafts and spinners demonstrated their skills and we were entertained by PhilsHarmonics children's choir and folk group 93rd Minute.



The next stage of our Rhosesmor Through Time project will be resumed in September when Ysgol Rhos Helyg launch the premier of their film and the heritage group will bring together the memories they have collected from the Rhosesmor Memories meetings to produce a lasting, printed record of Rhosesmor Through Time.

The special thanks owed to the Heritage Lottery Fund and our supporters can best be expressed in the words of the children of Ysgol Rhos Helyg as they describe their week:

"We became the Deceangli tribe. We transformed into warriors, guards, slaves, hunters, gatherers, crafters, carpenters and millers! Everyone in the village had a job, even the children! The clothing was itchy and warm but the tribe made it themselves, how intelligent!"

Every child in school had the opportunity to journey in the footsteps of their ancestors, learning was hands on and informative. Year 3's film has us all intrigued. We can't wait to see the finished product. We are delighted to have had such a phenomenal experience and look forward to working with you again.

Diolch yn fawr! Mrs Thomas' Year 4 and all of Ysgol Rhos Helyg.



Ysgol Rhos Helyg

Another school year over, -where has the time gone? I feel that we have had a very successful year. We have continued to build on the fabulous inspection report that we had from Estyn exactly 12 months ago.

You can find out all about the school through our Twitter feed: **@ Rhos Helyg School.**

Miss Ann Lloyd

Retires today after 35 years at Rhos Helyg. We thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future.



Year 4/5 Beach Trip

Mrs Thomas and her class visited the Aquarium and beach as part of their topic work.

You can't go to the seaside without having an ice cream!



Nursery Trip

The Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Greenacres at Hawarden. The tractor ride was the main highlight, closely followed by the sheep race!



Nursery Project

As part of their topic the children hatched some butterflies before releasing them.



Dancefest

Pupils from Year 2 attended the annual dancefest festival at Theatr Clwyd and performed a fabulous dance to Elton John's music "I'm still standing".



Foundation Phase Summer Trip

The Foundation children visited two places this year on the same day! Firstly, they visited The Candle Factory. The children made their own candles from scratch. They really enjoyed this process. Then they went on to the Ice Cream Farm.



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School Gardens

We have had another really productive year in the school gardens. We have grown our vegetables from seed in our poly tunnel and we have already harvested most of our crops.

Junior gardens looking great.



We have re-vamped our poly tunnel

and have created an additional growing area.



Harvesting our crops



Heritage Week

The local community staged a whole week of events centred on the rich heritage of Halkyn Mountain. It was a truly fabulous week with many highlights. Pupils visited the Church in Rhosesmor to study old historical documents sourced from the archives.



In truth working with local re-enactors James and Lea, who transformed our Roundhouse into a typical Celtic roundhouse filled with copies of artefacts from that Celtic period, was the highlight of the week for the children. The past was truly brought to life.



Celtic shields

Cooking Celtic style!



Sports Day



Since we moved our Sports Day to the end of May the weather had been great and this year was no exception. Everyone loves the day, parents like to cheer their children and the children are proud to compete in front of their parents.



We took a team to Deeside to compete in the Mold and Buckley Sports Day.



Drama

We were pleased to welcome a touring theatre company to the school recently to perform a production of The Wizard of Oz. It went down a treat.



Attendance

Congratulations to the 5 pupils for receiving their book token for having a 100% attendance for the year.

Cemex

Staff from one of our local quarries recently visited the school to discuss safety on the roads and in and around the quarry.



They brought their lorry with them and the children were given the opportunity to sit in the cab.

Cemex organised a poster competition for the children and here we can see the winner receiving a bike from Mick, one of the Managers of Cemex.



Mary Poppins

was our summer show this year and once again the show was a roaring success.



Transition

As part of year 6 transition work they were involved in a rocket project with staff from Mold Alun.



Year 4/5

We have been working on a joint topic with Ysgol Cae'r Nant and recently visited them to do some drama work.

Technique

The juniors visited Wrexham this year for their



Summer trip. They had a great time doing lots of interesting experiments and problem solving.

Moving On

Our best wishes to staff and pupils who are moving on – all the best for September.



Halkyn & District Bowling Club

Who would have thought at the beginning of the season that we would have no matches rained off for 2 months, it's been wonderful? We haven't won all our matches by a long way but we have enjoyed them all. The 'A' and 'B' teams are just about holding their own but the midweek team is having a bad season, we have lost some of our best players.

That has made a big difference to all our teams, we are desperate for new players.

Frank Cobb Trophy - On a glorious sunny afternoon our second competition of the year was held. The eventual winner, and retaining the trophy, was Andy Jones.



Singles Day - On July 7th the members competed for both the Sheila Statham Ladies Singles Trophy and the Peter Anwyl Men's Singles Trophy. The number of members who competed



Three Way Vets - The annual singles competition held between veteran members of Halkyn, Flint and Oakenholt Bowls Clubs was held at Halkyn on 15th May. In a change from the previous three day event, this year the competition was

competed for in one day and was a pairs competition.

The winners were the home team pairing of Jo Woodruff and Arthur Jones.



Britannia Shield - There is another new name on the honours board, Eirlys Edwards. Eirlys and partner Mick Carpenter won the Britannia Shield on 18th May.



was very good considering the clash with a certain football game. The weather was extremely hot, and the green was the fastest it has been for a number of years. Although this is the first

time we have held both competitions on the same day, the organisation was perfect, and everyone enjoyed the day and the weather. As is traditional the men showed their appreciation for all the work done by the Ladies by catering and waiting on the Ladies during the day.

The rearranged **Sheila Statham Ladies Singles Trophy** has been held, and there was a new name on the trophy and on the honours board. Eirwen McDermott was the victor on a very hot day at the bowling club.



Peter Anwyl Trophy - The winner of the Peter Anwyl Men's Singles Trophy was Mick Carpenter beating Andy Jones in the final, in what was a reversal of the result in the final last year.



Hale Trophy - Congratulations to Julie Lewis and Bill Worrall on winning the Hale Trophy on 26th May. In a near replay of last year's final, with the only change being Bill partnering Julie this year, Bill and Julie beat Andy and Gladys in the final.

Fred Evans Trophy - On Saturday 21st July the Fred Evans Doubles Trophy was competed for. The turnout was the best of the season so far, and that along with a number of very close games meant the competition took 6 hours to complete! The eventual winners were Jo Woodruff and Arthur Jones who overcame Gladys Bunnell and John Thomas in the final.



Ivor Williams Trophy - In a change to the scheduled round robin the Ivor Williams trophy this year was held as a doubles competition. The eventual winners were Wyn Lewis and Andy Jones.



Three Way Vets – This week 10 players from Halkyn entered the 3 Way Vets tournament at Flint. We had some very close matches and Mick Carpenter just lost in the final. It was a good tournament played over 3 days.

Holywell-being - As part of Holywell and District Transition Group's 'Holywell-being' event the club hosted a stall to promote the game of bowls. The event was arranged to promote the health and well-being of local residents. The stall, manned by many members during the day, attracted a steady flow of visitors including local MP David Hanson. We hope to see some of the visitors at the green soon.

Our 100 club winners were Iris Thomas and Muriel Jones with £15 each and the June winner was Jean Roberts with £15.

On Friday 27th July Halkyn Bowls Club held its first ever quiz night as part of our fund raising this year. This was light hearted event with plenty of keen interest and some lively debate about the answers. It was a very enjoyable night organised and run by Pat & Eirwen McDermott and together with the proceeds of the raffle ended with a healthy contribution of £170 towards our club funds.

Our bowls pavilion has been needing some T.L.C. The conservatory floor was unfinished, rough concrete and impossible to clean. Now we have a beautiful new floor covering and the two toilets have also been redone with the same covering. This has been made possible by a generous £500 donation from our Community Council and another £500 donation from the Cemex Quarry. This has made such a difference and we are extremely grateful to both.

There is still plenty of time in the season to have a go, surely the sun has inspired you all. Don't worry if you've never tried bowls before we now have a qualified assistant coach to help and ensure you enjoy our game.



New Club Coach -

Congratulations to Mick Carpenter on achieving the level of Assistant Coach. The course was overseen by the Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association Coaching Society. An assistant coach is able to coach players within their club. We are sure all members will benefit from the knowledge Mick gained on the course. We hope having an assistant coach within the club will help new players get to grips with the basics of the game of bowls quicker and have them competing with the more experienced bowlers.

For more information see our website www.halkynbowls.wales

or contact Bill Worrall 710702, Julie Lewis 781212 or Jo Woodruff 781276.

Holywell Golf Club

Captain and Past Captains Retain Trophy

Holywell did us proud at Mold when they retained the team trophy they won by just one point from Hawarden with Padeswood and Buckley coming third. Since the inaugural playing of the trophy in 1977 which Holywell won they have now taken the honours four times. The best three scores were recorded by our Captain Richie with a brilliant score of 40 stableford points; this was then backed up by Kevin Leech and Gary Jones.



The picture shows the team receiving the trophy and their prizes. From left to right Gary Jones, Tony Godden Northop GC (the association's Vice-Captain) Richie Alli and Kevin Leech.

Gents Seniors Open 5th June 2018

Holywell welcomed 100 players in the gents seniors open. More than half of the players that attended were from other clubs.

Congratulations to Dave Thomas who had a hole in one on the 11th hole. The winners were Malcolm Arnott and Chris Neve, 2nd Brian Law and Richard Salisbury, 3rd Berwyn Parry and Bill Roberts, 4th David Charnock and Tom Deniston, 5th Wayne Rawlins and Tom Heyes and 6th Peter Williams and Dave Roberts.



HSS Welsh Seniors Qualifier

Congratulations to Kevin Leech and Pat McDermot. They scored 41 points and they will now represent Holywell at the National Finals that will be held at Denbigh in September. GOOD LUCK!

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Junior Section

12 Hole June Medal Red And Yellow Tees

1st Junior Captain Callum Owens-Jones, 2nd Junior Vice-Captain Haydn Jones and 3rd William Griffiths.

Silver Tees

1st Harri Orhan, 2nd Mia Davies 3rd Cameron Haslam. Mike O'Boyle, Moi Parry and two of our junior organisers coached 80 children for two hours at a sports festival at St. Winefride's, Holywell several pupils have since been attending the free coaching lessons given by our professional Josh Charnock. Two of our juniors had success at the UFGC Flintshire County Championship at Mold Golf Club on June 1st. Sian Jones won the girls' trophy her handicap went from 22 to 14 in that week. William Griffiths won the 36-45 event. Sian plays for the Denbighshire and Flintshire county girls.

Junior Open 24th June 2018



It was a glorious day for our Junior Open and our juniors that took part were a credit to their parents and their club. Sixty juniors from 9 golf clubs played and there were some great scores and results from Holywell juniors. Well done! Best gross Brooklyn Smith (Southport and Ainsdale golf club), Best Net Bradley Smith (Southport and Ainsdale golf club), and 3rd Joseph Kelly (Mold). Sian Jones (Holywell) won the girls 18 hole competition and Harri Orham won the 12 hole competition with Harrison Prior the runner up. Silver tees winner was Isiah Flewitt (Hawarden) best Holywell Junior for the silver short course competition was Thomas Griffiths.

A big thank you to our many members, friends and parents who helped and supported us on this successful day. We do appreciate it.

On Tuesday 26th June 60 children from 4 local Primary Schools, St Winefride's, Ysgol Maes Y Felin, Glan Aber and Ysgol Gwynedd were welcomed to Holywell Golf Club. This is all part of a scheme to get local children interested in different sports they spent an enjoyable afternoon being coached.



Junior Results Sunday 22nd July 2018

Yellow/Red tees 12 holes

1st Callum Owens-Jones, 2nd Harrison Prior and 3rd Mia Davies.

Silver Tees 9 holes

1st Harry Orhan, 2nd Caiden Morris and 3rd Georgia Payne.

Well done to all, especially Caiden and Amelia who played really well in recording their best scores this season.

Holywell Captains Weekend

The club Captains celebrated their special days last weekend, Club Captain Mr Richie Alli and Lady Captain Mrs Linda Leech.

Captains Day 21st July 2018

A shot of rum and some calm weather meant a fantastic day all round on Saturday for Richie Alli's Captain's Day. Along with some fantastic scores on the day it was brilliant to see so many golfers digging deep and giving to two fantastic charities; Holywell Community Hospital and Fisher House UK. Overall the day raised around £900 that will be split between the two charities. So, a big well done to all the members who contributed so generously.



Well what a day! The shot of rum given to the competitors on the first tee did wonders for some with some fantastic scores throughout the divisions. A big well done to Peter Grundy who, with a fantastic score of 42 points won the overall prize on the day he won on a back 9 count back from Tim Saunders who equalled the course record with a stunning round of 6 under par to match Pete's 42 points. Congratulations to Peter and Tim as well as the other prize winners:

Overall Winner – Peter Grundy – 42pts

Division 1, 1st Tim Saunders 2nd Mark Bennett, Division 2, 1st Dave Bithell 2nd Pat McDermott, Division 3, 1st Gron Hughes, 2nd Sam Scott.

Lady Captain's Day 22nd July 2018

The sun also shone on the Sunday for our Lady Captain, Mrs Linda Leech, when she celebrated her Lady Captain's Day. Members and guests from other clubs joined our Lady Captain. The ladies then joined Linda in the clubhouse and after a great meal the prize winners were announced. The winner was Janice Cain, 2nd Sian Jones and 3rd Joanne Jones. The visitors prize went to Hazel Crain, best front nine Joanne Pugh, best back nine Ailsa Hughes, nearest the pin on the 4th Joanne Jones and nearest the pin in two on the 16th Lady President Lorraine Redman.



Pictured from left to right Jan Cain, Joanne Jones Sian Jones and Lady Captain Linda Leech. Lady Captain's charity was the Renal Unit, Glan Clwyd and £100 was raised.

Holywell Ramblers

New members are always welcome. Further information on the club and our walks programme, including a full description of each of the above walks, can be obtained from our website

www.holywellramblers.org.uk

* These walks are suitable for dogs.

Meeting Points for car share are (1) the car park adjacent to Holywell Community Hospital (2) Northop Village car park (3) Junction 29 on A55

Halkyn Cricket Club

Both senior teams have enjoyed playing in the fabulous weather this year, this makes a welcome change from the previous wet cool summers.

On the field however, both the senior teams have struggled to find momentum. Player unavailability and the football World Cup have all impacted on the teams results.

The one bright note was a resounding 122 run victory by the 2nd XI v Marchwiell 2nd XI on Saturday 26th May. The highlight was an outstanding unbeaten 124 by Shaun Gibson he was well supported by Vishal Mony with 31.

Marchwiell were then stopped on 94. Youngsters Josh Edwards and Daniel Williams were both amongst the wickets.

Halkyn 1st XI, under new captain Rana Dey, have been unlucky to taste defeat on a couple of occasions in closely contested games. It is hoped that fortunes will change as we enter the final third of the season.

Halkyn CC Clubhouse

A reminder that the clubhouse is available for hire. A fully licensed bar ideal for parties, christenings, wakes and weddings. For further details contact Jane Williams on 01352 781523 or 07732 325 033.

Keith Williams, Secretary

Day & Date	Walk Title	Grade & Distance	Leader & Tel. no	Car Share location and time	Start Time
Sun 26 th Aug*	Aber Falls from Llanfairfechan	Mod/ M'tain 9 miles	Ron 01352 715723	Nthop/Holywell/J29. 9.00/9.00/9.15	09 45
Sat 1 st Sept	Eryrys & Nercwys Forest	Easy 7 miles	Barry 01352 840204	Holywell/Nthop. 9.15/9.30	10 00
Wed 5 th Sept*	Rhuddlan to Rhyl	Easy 5.9 miles	Gill 01352 713972	Holywell. 9.15	10 00
Sat 15 th Sept*	North Berwyn Way	Strenuous 12 miles	Lawrence 01352 762162	Holywell/Nthop. 8.15/8.30	10 05
Sat 22 nd Sept	Arenig Fawr & Moel Llynant	Strenuous 10 miles	Vaughan 01745 857365	Nthop/Holywell/J29. 8.30/8.45/9.00	10 00
Sun 30 th Sept*	Dwyrdd Estuary Circuit	Strenuous 11 miles	John 01352 757366	J 29. 9.00	10 15
Wed 3 rd Oct	Llandegla Circular	Moderate 6 miles	Maureen 01352 761018	Holywell/Nthop. 9.15/9.30	10 15
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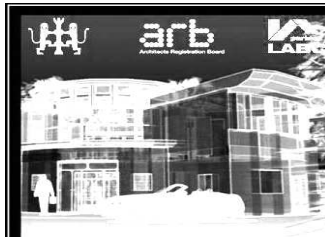
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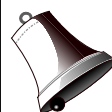
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