



Halkyn Mountain News

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Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and supporting Horse and Horticultural Show

Dates for Your Diary

The Annual Show will take place at Tyddyn, Rhes y Cae
on Friday and Saturday
26th & 27th July.



The Sheepdog Trials will start at 9.00am on the Friday, and will go on all day until 6.30pm when the Terrier racing will start. Do start training your dog - any breed, any size. Do come along for a fun night out!

The Sheepdog Trials will continue at 8.00am on Saturday with the Horse Show commencing at 8.30am with showing, jumping and gymkhana games to enter.

We hope that all the sowing and planting of your vegetables has taken place by now and they are well on their way to being prize winners this year!

As soon as the schedules are out you can get your 'crafty' ideas on the go; also practice your baking skills - I am sure the family will enjoy sampling them.

Please encourage the children to compete. It is the ideal way to keep them occupied for a few days.

On Saturday, for the energetic, the Fun Run will commence from the Village Green between 12.00 and 12.30.

The schedules will be available during June at shops, pubs and garages or from committee members, or phone the secretary, Menna Coleclough, Pistyll Isa Nant, on 01352 780 271.

Please do support your only local show to take place on the Mountain.

Please submit items by August 1st for issue 178, which should be out in September 2019.

You can email items to hmnews@btinternet.com

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 780 377

Editorial

Welcome to another edition of Halkyn Mountain News. While approximately 1,800 copies are printed and distributed throughout the mountain villages, we know that we have many other readers online. As always, this edition is available at the Halkyn Community Council website www.halkyn.org.uk where photographs can be viewed in colour.

We know that many former residents like to keep in touch by reading HMN online and that some residents pass on their copies to friends and relatives far and wide.

It is with regret that we report the death of a former Rhosesmor resident who remained a reader and supporter of HMN following her move to Rhydymwyn. Mrs Gwyneth Foulkes formerly of Tub House, Rhosesmor, died peacefully in hospital on 6th April, aged 90 years. She was wife of the late Les Foulkes, Mum to John and Sue, and Nan to Rhys and James. The funeral service was held at St John's Church, Rhydymwyn on 18th April followed by committal at Northop Crematorium.

Mrs Foulkes was one of our readers since the first edition over 40 years ago. The Editorial Team offers sincere condolences to her family.

The Editorial Team

Errata

In the March issue I revised the advert for Celyn Farmers Market but omitted the word Hall, suggesting that the market was held in St. Mary's Church. The market is, of course, held in St. Mary's Church Hall, Mold.

Also in March, the item on Rhosesmor Village Hall states incorrectly that the **Outreach Post Office** is available every Friday when, in fact, it is available every **Wednesday between 2.00 and 4.00pm**.

I apologise for these errors and hope no-one was inconvenienced by them.

Jack McIntyre

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The sender of any article and/or pictures that they do not want to appear on the website must tell the editors when submitting the article and it will be removed from the website version.

Halkyn Community Council

Community Defibrillators



Community defibrillators are installed on the outside walls of the following buildings:
Halkyn Parish Hall, Pentre Halkyn Community Centre, Rhes y Cae Village Hall and Rhosesmor Village Hall



Criminal Offences Reported Within the Community

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

Halkyn: 1 x Criminal Damage – Travel lodge, Halkyn – Car broken into overnight, nothing taken but back window smashed. **1 x Theft** from Motor Vehicle – Travel lodge, Halkyn – Damaged driver's door lock to gain access to vehicle. TomTom sat nav taken and silver travel mug. **1 x Theft** from Motor Vehicle – North Wales Fencing – 3 gates with padlocks damaged and entry gained to a van on site. Power tools stolen.

Pentre Halkyn: 1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle – Springfield Hotel - Tools taken from vehicle overnight. **1 x Theft** – Billy Jeans Cafe – Workers setting up temporary traffic lights for the night when White Vauxhall Astra with yellow light on top approached and stole three batteries from the traffic lights. Two batteries were dropped whilst making off but managed to keep hold of one. **1 x Theft** from Motor Vehicle/Criminal Damage - Windmill - welder and sockets taken from work van. Back window of car also smashed. **1 x Suspicious circumstances** in Brynford Road - Suspicious vehicle black Nissan GTR. **1 x Drink/drug driver** on A55 - arrested for driving under the influence of drugs. **1 x Common assault** at Springfield Hotel.

Rhes y Cae: 1 x Public Order/Suspicious Circumstances – 2 young white males driving in a grey Corsa stopping beside members of the public and shooting at them with a bb gun. Males apprehended, gun confiscated. **1 x Fraud** in relation to telephone calls.

Rhosesmor: 1 x Road Disruption – Complaint about speeding along road from Blue Bell area towards Ysgol Rhos Helyg. **1 x Interfere** with Motor Vehicle/Unauthorized Taking of Motor Vehicle

Overnight someone had tried to take trailer off tractor on farm and has looked in tool box in back of tractor. Another tractor has also been moved to down the lane. Rural crime team dealing. **1 x Attempt Burglary** – Rhos Helyg – Damage marks around windows in attempt to gain entry. No entry gained.

Rhosesmor War Memorial

Request for further information in relation to the following names:
Hugh Hughes,
Charles Douglas,
Mason Robert Roberts,
Charles Williams.



Unfortunately, no information has been received following the report in the last edition of the Halkyn Mountain News in relation to the above names, and in particular, as to the military titles. The Community Council will now place a suitable plaque within the cenotaph area with the above additional names.

Planning Applications:

The Community Council passed comments in relation to the following planning applications, which had been received from Flintshire County Council: **(1)** Application number: 059200 - for the proposed two storey rear extension to existing dwelling, at Warren Bank, Wern Road, Rhosesmor. **(2)** Application number: 059264 - for retrospective application seeking full planning permission for ground floor extension and minor external alteration – at Little Chef, Halkyn. **(3)** Application number: 059306 - for the demolition of existing billiard and utility rooms and erection of extension to rear elevation with rooftop terrace, at Maes Alyn, Rhosesmor. **(4)** Application number: 059322 – for demolition of external stores, demolition of existing porch, erection of 2 storey extension over external store footprint and link to house, at Nant Cottage, Nant Road, The Nant. **(5)** Application number: 059476 - for the reconstruction of approach path to the south porch which is to include for an easy access ramp, new steps and handrail and installation of drainage including septic tank, at St. Paul's Church, Rhosesmor. **(6)** Application number: 059441 - for single storey side extension for use as 'Granny Flat', at Ffynnonfa, Wern Road, Rhosesmor. **(7)** Application number: 059440 - for a 2 storey side extension for use as a 'Granny Flat', at Ffynnonfa, Wern Road, Rhosesmor. **(8)** Application number: 059488 – for the erection of new filler storage silo, at Pany Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn.

The Council response to the above applications can be found in the Council Minutes, which can be viewed at the web site address at the end of this article.

Planning decisions from Flintshire County Council:

(1) Application number: 059200 - Proposed two storey rear extension to existing dwelling, at Warren Bank, Wern Road, Rhosesmor. Approved. **(2)** Application number: 059254 – for application for approval of details reserved by condition No.5 (Landscaping) and No7. (details of static caravan) attached to Planning Permission ref:058831, at Glasdir View, The Nant. Approved. **(3)** Application number: 057455 – for application for the approval of details reserved by condition nos 18 (landscaping), 19 (Aftercare Scheme) and 21(Restoration Masterplan Scheme) attached to planning permission ref:055218 Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn. Approved. **(4)** Application number: 057463 Application for the approval of details reserved by condition nos: 19 (control of dust), 20 (control of noise), 23 (blasting), 32 (Restoration Masterplan Scheme) and 34 (Aftercare Scheme) attached to planning application ref: 054768 – at Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn. Approved. **(5)** Application number: 059010 Proposed rebuild of existing derelict outbuilding and wall, at Moel Y Crio Farm, Moel Y Crio. Approved.

Visit to Council by Street Scene Officer:

Mr. Neil Hickie (Flintshire County Council Street Scene Officer) was welcomed to a recent meeting of the Community Council – who provided the following report: **(1)** Number of pot holes within the Community Council area. The pot holes have been prioritised and will be attended to – including near the Old Stores, Pant y Gof, Blue Bell to Middle Lane, Rhes y Cae, Bryn Rodyn and The Nant area. Mr. Hickie advised in relation to the criteria required for pot holes to be repaired. **(2)** New dog bins will be considered in the Halkyn and Berth Ddu areas.

Council Members brought the following concerns to the attention of Mr. Hickie: **(1)** Old garage road sign in The Nant, near to Billy Jean's, is an obstruction to traffic views. **(2)** Road traffic sign in the area of Cae Gleision Lane is illuminated 24/7. **(3)** White lining at the top of Springfield Hill. Mr. Hickie will consult with his superior to ascertain the timescale for the white lining.

The Clerk thanked Mr. Hickie for his assistance with the salt bins in the Council Cemetery at St. Mary's Church, Halkyn – together with reporting the damage to the notice board in Pentre Halkyn.

Donations and Financial Support

The Community Council have granted the following donations:

- £100 - Flintshire Citizens Advice (Mold).
- £250 - Caerwys Agricultural Show.
- £1,000 - Halkyn United Junior Football Club.
- £200 - Wales Air Ambulance.
- £100 - Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2019 Welsh National Eisteddfod.
- £100 - Llangollen International Eisteddfod.
- £100 - Urdd Gobaith Cymru – 2019 National Eisteddfod.

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Brynford Community Council

Best Kept Community Project 2019

Project meetings are being held on a regular basis at Brynford Pet Cemetery, the next ones are Tuesday 6th May and Tuesday 4th June for 6.00pm. A number of local residents are supporting the project group and bring forward a number of proposals to improve the local neighbourhood and community. One of the proposals was to improve the entranceway to Hafod-Y-Bryn Estate. A new gate by the cattle grid and plans to improve some of the garage doors are in place.

A new bench seat has been provided on the amenity land near the former Llyn-Y-Mawn Inn, Brynford Hill. Over the next few weeks planted flower boxes will be appearing near the village Brynford gateway signs. If any residents wish to adopt a plant box and keep it watered and weed free please contact me.

On Saturday the 6th April, 2019 a community litter pick was held with over 20 local residents in attendance resulting in many bags of rubbish being removed. A very big thank you to all these volunteers and Flintshire County Council, Brynford Pet Cemetery and Holywell Golf Club who supported the event.

The competition judging for this year's event will be taking place the 1st week in July. Any support that residents can provide by keeping gardens and adjacent boundaries well kept would be very much appreciated.

Park and Ride Facilities – Glan Clwyd Hospital

The Council had been informed that the park and ride facilities at Glan Clwyd Hospital would be terminating at the end of March 2019. The Council had brought this matter to the attention of Mr. D. Hanson M.P. and Hannah Blythyn A.M. advising that this was a much-needed service that should be retained. Both Mr. D. Hanson and Ms H. Blythyn had raised the concerns with the Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board.

A response had been received that the current park and ride facilities were always a temporary facility whilst extensive refurbishment works were being undertaken to the hospital. The current Lease Agreement for the land being used for the car parking expires on the 31st March, 2019 and the land owner was not in a position to renew the agreement. However, an extension of time had been agreed until the end of June 2019.

In addition to this by that time a further 120 car parking places on the hospital site would be brought back into service following the removal of contractor's compounds from the site by that time.

Alan Roberts

Clerk to Brynford Community Council

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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 caretaker
Colin Roberts 01352 781762**

Weekly Diary

Monday

Yoga

6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Contact Jenny 01352 780681

Tuesday

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

Zumba

6.00 - 7.00 pm.

Contact: zumbawithvix@gmail.com

Snooker Club

7:30 pm.

(New members welcome)

Contact Andy Wood 780159)

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

Wednesday

Modern Line Dancing 12:45 - 14:45 pm.

Contact Julie on 07712149439

Ukulele Tuition

5.45 - 6.45pm

Church Coffee Morning 9.30 - 11.30am

1st Wednesday in the month

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 Conservation Group

Bioblitz - Sunday 30th June 10am to 4pm.

Halkyn Mountain Cinema

Saturday 13th July

"Stan & Ollie"

See item in HMN for contact details.

Heartfelt Art & Craft 2019 10 am - 3:00 pm.

Saturday 14th September & 30th November

(Contact: Sue Parry-Harwood on 01352 781088)

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

News from Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee

Hello! This is the first update from the Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee. We hope to provide a short update for each edition of the Halkyn Mountain News.

Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee is a small group of local volunteers, most of whom are regular users of the hall for a variety of activities such as Brownies, Halkyn W.I., Heartfelt Art & Craft Fairs and Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema. The committee meets four times a year and we work with the hall caretaker, Colin Roberts, to resolve any issues, to make improvements to the hall and to try and encourage more users. The Community Council are the actual Trustees of Halkyn Parish Hall.

Colin is the day to day contact for hall bookings, etc and his contact details can be found in the 'Weekly Diary' column for the hall that appears in every edition of the Halkyn Mountain News. However, if you want to contact us about anything else to do with the hall then please do so - halkynparishhall@gmail.com - and we'll try to help.

As you may have seen on the outside of the building there have been a couple of recent changes. We now have some signage to say what the building is and, like many public buildings and public spaces across the UK, we also now have a defibrillator. Both of these have been put in place via Halkyn Community Council.



If you are interested in being trained on how to use the defibrillator please do contact us on the email address provided above.

Internally the hall was recently redecorated thanks to quite a lot of volunteer hours with a paintbrush and we also hope to make improvements soon to the heating, hot water and lighting in the hall.

Whilst there are lots of different activities already taking place in Halkyn Parish Hall, on a weekly, monthly/ bi-monthly or one off basis, we are always keen to encourage new things. Hire charges are very reasonable so please do get in touch if you want to hold an event or maybe have an idea for an event that you would like to run past the committee. Please do also let us know if you have any ideas for other improvements that could be made to the hall and its facilities, for the benefit of the local community in and around Halkyn.

Clare Madders, Secretary - Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee
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Your County Councillor

I apologise most sincerely for a number of mistakes in my letter in the previous edition of Halkyn Mountain News. The editors of this paper have an almost impossible task in trying to decipher my handwriting. They do an excellent job in any case in producing this journal every quarter, giving their time and expertise freely, for which we owe them many thanks.

Sometimes people wish to bring a matter to the authorities at County Hall. If you have a problem, complaint or any other topic connected with the County Council, the most effective way is to ring 01352 701 234. The receptionist should then be able to switch you through to the relevant department. Your enquiry, complaint or comment is then **recorded**. You should then receive an acknowledgement within 10 working days (that is within a fortnight). At the same time let your councillor know what you've done, including date, department and subject. I have to admit that I did not realise that if I was acting as your councillor, my intervention was not automatically recorded. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that action will follow as a matter of course. Also, trying to get through to reception can sometimes be most frustrating; the two pronged 'attack' is the most effective. Also, the more people that do contact the powers that be, the better will be the chance of a successful result. Additionally, direct contact is much clearer than a message through a third person.

It is not generally known that most of the council departments have been moved to the former Delyn council offices in Ewloe (St. David's Park). The heads of departments are still located at County Hall. A large part of the present County Hall is scheduled for demolition; it is claimed that it is too expensive to run. There seems to have been an alarming lack of consultation over this decision.

Hopefully, by the end of July this year the long needed speed limit will be installed for Rhes y Cae (previous dates given were for July 2018; and then December/January just past). Speed limits are at least a deterrent, though the one past Ysgol Rhos Helyg is frequently ignored. The amount of time gained is infinitesimal when exceeding the limits over a short length of road. What is vitally important is that the injury, or worse still, the death of a child (or adult, or animal) is **final** and **irredeemable**. On the whole, driving across the common, both Halkyn and Brynford, is satisfactory, especially by locals. More frequently it is traffic using the mountain as a shortcut between the Denbigh road and the A55 expressway that is noticeably poor and very careless.

It is very important that parents should warn their children to be extra careful when cycling. Gone are the days when a younger child could happily and safely ride on almost traffic free roads; rather like Peter Marriott, from the Miner's Arms, when he was very young, riding his tricycle between the Miner's

and the Stores.

Our roads have been made much safer by the cutting back of the gorse, which was a hazard at bends in the road. We are very grateful for this invaluable and essential work.

Potholes! What can one say? I feel a kind of guilt complex developing because I am constantly ringing up the Highways area manager on the subject. He does try to do his very best with inadequate funds and resources. Parts of some roads need remaking completely. In my opinion the money which is being spent on the High Speed Railway (London to Manchester or Leeds) would be much better spent on restoring our roads to their former high standard of safety.

Unless one is a farmer or a keen gardener, a person may be unaware of the exceeding dryness of the ground. We have had less rainfall than is usual: rather surprisingly "Fill Dyke" Friday is usually the driest month. Even the groundwater, held permanently below the surface, is diminishing, which will adversely affect well water supplies. This is yet another problem for our farmers. Most people do not realise how difficult or how uncertain farming can be, and yet farming is a most important occupation. It is crucial we support our farmers as much as we can, by respecting their work and avoiding harm to their animals or damage to their crops.

Finally, the majority of the young people in our area deserve praise and respect. There are so many ways in which they serve the community; as does Ysgol Rhos Helyg. Climate change, which not only involves global warming but also global cooling in previous centuries, is a most serious problem. Older generations have a sacred duty to today's youngsters to leave the world in as good a condition as it was in our youth, if not better. Unfortunately, there are some well intentioned people who develop things out of proportion. We must all do what we can to decrease pollution, but it must be done sensibly and rationally. The very worst thing that can happen is for people to panic. It has been said before but it is important to remember that on four occasions during the past 25,000 years the climate has been warmer than now. The outstanding example occurred roughly 10,000 years ago, when the temperature rose by up to 10° Celsius in about 100 years. Pollution is evil but there are several other factors involved in climate change.

This is a good opportunity to thank those local people who walk on the mountain and collect the disgusting amount of litter which is left behind by others.

May I wish everyone a really wonderful late spring and summer; and don't forget to attend the Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and Show at the end of July.

Colin Legg (C.C.)

Hannah Blythyn AM

Hannah Blythyn is a Welsh Labour politician, she is the Member of the Welsh Assembly for Delyn.

I made my first committee appearance in my new government roles before the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee to discuss barriers facing small home building firms. The committee is doing very important work around this subject and the Welsh Government is looking forward to seeing the recommendations it makes and how they can be taken forward, as well as building on work done already.

The Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill has passed stage four of the legislative process in the National Assembly. The bill has key aims of making renting reasonable, affordable and transparent and restricts, in particular, up-front costs tenants can face when moving into or between homes. Many residents, particularly young people and those on lower incomes, have too often been at the sharp end of letting fees and this Bill rebalances the relationships between tenants, landlords and agents, removing any doubt about what costs need to be budgeted for when renting. Subject to the Bill receiving Royal Assent, the Act will come into force by the Autumn and make renting fairer and better, reduce costs to a minimum and serve to clamp down on rogue agents and landlords. This is the latest move by the Welsh Government to ensuring housing is fair, affordable and accessible for all, including the ending of Right to Buy – on which our own Flintshire County Council has been a trail blazer - to protect social housing; and working towards building 20,000 new homes by the end of this Assembly term.

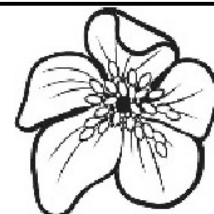
It was really good to welcome Mold Alun student Kathryn Frings to shadow me at the National Assembly for Wales as part of Chwarae Teg's annual LeadHerShip programme. This was a really good opportunity to give students like Kat an insight into life as an Assembly Member and discuss how the National Assembly and Assembly Members work for everyone. The LeadHerShip programme offers young women the chance to get their voices heard and while we've made good progress in Wales towards achieving equality there is more to be done and visibility is so important so I hope this programme can go some way to inspiring more young women to play an important role in shaping the future.

It was great to meet with students to discuss the possibility of lowering the voting age to 16. The Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill would give 16 and 17 year olds the opportunity to vote in all elections in Wales from 2021. With the establishment of the Welsh Youth Parliament, this is the latest step to open up our politics to young people – a key priority for me - and give them a greater say at the heart of our democracy. And in this 20th year of devolution in Wales, it was really good to work with our own Welsh Youth Parliament member for Delyn, Tommy Comber, and speak to students from High Schools across Delyn about how they want Wales to look in the next 20 years. This was a really successful event and something I'm keen to establish annually to ensure young people continue to have their

say in how our country moves forward. Visiting schools and engaging with our young people is one of the best parts of being Assembly Member for Delyn and once again this summer I'm looking forward to welcoming Kathryn to my office for a work experience placement.

The Welsh Government has delivered its commitment to the people of Wales to raise the capital limit in residential care to £50,000. From this week, Welsh residents will be able to keep up to £50,000 of their savings, investments or other capital to use as they wish, without having to use this to pay for their residential care – two years ahead of schedule. The capital limit used in local authority charging for residential care has now risen from the current limit of £40,000 to £50,000, enabling residents to retain a further £10,000 of their savings, investments and other capital, with more than 1,500 care home residents benefitting from the two increases to date. Wales has the highest capital limit for residential care anywhere in the UK, and a single limit that protects the capital a person holds at or below £50,000. Compare that to England where the upper limit is frozen at £23,250 for almost the past decade. The Welsh Government provided councils with a further £7m funding a year - included in the local government settlement - to raise the capital limit to £50,000, bringing the total funding provided to support implementing the care limit increase to £18.5m a year.

Hardy Plant Society Clwyd Group



We are a friendly gardening club.
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 admission.
Membership is available.

Information on 01352 375385
or clwyd@hardy-plant.org.uk
or www.hardy-plant.org.uk/clwyd

Exclusive Garden Visits over the summer:-
for Group members, invited friends and family

19th June (Wednesday) 11am and 1.30pm
Trefriw and Dolgarrog

13th July (Saturday) 11am Cilcain
(National Garden Scheme - open to public)

23rd July (Tuesday) 7pm Gwernaffield, Mold

4th August (Sunday) 2pm Burton, Neston
Contact Clwyd Group for further details

Tuesday 17th September,
Gardeners' Question Time

Programme can be subject to change.

Mark Isherwood AM

Mark Allan Isherwood is a Conservative member of the National Assembly for Wales for the region of North Wales.



We constantly hear stories about politicians fighting each other over party lines, but rarely see reports about them working together. Cross-Party Groups may be set up by a minimum of three Assembly Members from different Parties in respect of any subject area relevant to the National Assembly for Wales (Welsh Parliament). A similar arrangement applies to All-Party Groups in the UK Parliament. The groups are run by Assembly Members, though many involve individuals and organizations from outside the Assembly in their administration and activities.

I am the elected Chair of six Cross-Party Groups in the Assembly, Co-Chair of a seventh, and a member of several others. I Chair Assembly Cross-Party Groups on Autism, Neurological Conditions, Disability, Hospices and Palliative Care, Funerals and Bereavement and Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency. I co-Chair the Assembly Cross-Party Group on Violence against Women and Children, and I am a member of a number of Cross-Party Groups, including those on older people and on deaf issues.

The work of these Cross-Party Groups is paramount and I receive lots of casework from your area and across North Wales related to my cross-party group work. I seek to bring the meetings of the Cross-Party Groups I Chair to North Wales whenever possible, and over the years I have made repeated calls in the Assembly Chamber for more Cross-Party Groups to meet outside of Cardiff. It is vitally important that Cross-Party Groups are held in locations that are easier for people and organizations to attend and I have found that when I do Chair Cross-Party Groups in North Wales, there is always popular engagement.

In recent years I have held several meetings of the Cross-Party Autism Group at locations in North Wales, the most recent being at Wrexham Glyndŵr University, where agenda items included the North Wales Integrated Autism Service and the Autism (Wales) Bill.

I have been campaigning for autistic people's rights for many years and I am pleased to work with many members of the autistic community here in North Wales. Although Autism is neither mental health nor learning difficulty, too often people with Autism fall between stools as there is nowhere else to go. Every day, my office is contacted by Autistic people suffering anxiety, pain or trauma following their engagement with public services. They express their concern to us about a lack of autism understanding and acceptance, especially with regard to overload, stress, anxiety, and difficulties around change. These Cross Party meetings provide them with a platform to put forward their concerns, hopes and ideas for the future.

I was able to raise concerns in the Assembly Chamber highlighted by 'Save the Welsh Independent Living

Grant' campaigner, Nathan Lee Davies, at the Assembly Cross Party Group on Disability meeting in Wrexham earlier this year.

Also this year, as Chair of both the Cross Party Autism Group and the Cross Party Group on Disability, I met with Transport for Wales Rail Services to discuss access to travel for both people with visible conditions and people with hidden conditions who require reasonable adjustments to remove the barriers they face in trying to access services equitably.

And as Chair of the Assembly Cross Party Groups on Neurological Conditions and on Disability, it was a pleasure to recently attend – and an honour to present the medals at – the Parkinson's UK Cymru North and Mid Wales Boccia tournament in celebration of World Parkinson's Day on 11th April. Twenty-two teams took part from across North and Mid Wales, representing nine Parkinson's UK Cymru support groups and branches, including Flintshire and Wrexham. *(Ed: Boccia is a precision ball sport contested at local, national and international levels, by athletes with severe physical disabilities.)*

In the Chamber earlier this year, as Chair of the Assembly Cross Party Groups on Hospices and Palliative Care and on Funerals and Bereavement Care, I called on the Welsh Government to ensure that appropriate bereavement support is available to everyone, regardless of the setting or circumstances of their loved one's death.

A significant proportion of bereavement support is provided by our charitable hospices in Wales, with some 2,300 families supported in 2017-18, but it is understood that families whose loved one dies in the acute setting after receiving intensive and critical care are missing out on the bereavement care they need through lack of signposting or availability. This is certainly a concern that has been raised with me by the adult hospices in North Wales, which also told me that the Health Board had not consulted them on their Palliative Care Plan.

These examples provide a small insight into the instrumental work of Assembly Cross-Party Groups, of which there are over 70 (for a full list of all the Assembly Cross Party Groups visit <http://www.assembly.wales>). While the number of meetings of these groups being held outside of Cardiff has increased in recent years, I will continue in my quest to ensure that more take place here in North Wales in the future.

If you need my help, please email
mark.isherwood@assembly.wales
or ring 0300 200 7219

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**

However Did We Manage To Survive?

Clearing out some old magazines the other day, I came across this article which I am sure will strike a chord with those readers 'of a certain age'. It certainly brought back to me memories of a more innocent and uncomplicated age where fancy food and fashionable trendy restaurants were unknown.

I have added some extras of my own, memories of good hearty food now replaced in many instances by fast food or expensive concoctions in posh restaurants.

Eating In the UK in the Fifties

Pasta had not been invented.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

Pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.

A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter.

Rice was a milk pudding and never, ever, eaten with vegetables or meat of any kind.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something only the poor people ate.

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Dog food did not come in a tin or special bag; the dog ate what we ate.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and was never green.

Coffee was Camp and came in a bottle.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Only Heinz made beans.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Indian restaurants were only found in India.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

'Kebab' was not even a word never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available; it was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol cost then, they would have become a laughing stock.



The one thing we never had on our table in the Fifties.....was elbows.

How grateful I am to have been young in the Fifties!

Eileen Tunncliffe

Pentre Halkyn Community Centre

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

Holywell Art Club - Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

Line Dancing - Fridays 8pm - 10pm

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

Halkyn Library

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

Friday afternoons

1:30 - 7:00 p.m.



**Library Online Services
www.flintshire.gov.uk**

Unusual Birds Seen In Rhosesmor

Two creative people from Rhosesmor have unleashed six unusual birds in their book series, ***Birds Behaving Badly***. Author Steve Blakesley and illustrator Natalie Griffiths collaborated to produce six remarkable stories about bantam cockerels, space invading chickens, a fidgety heron, a grumpy parrot, a rook lacking motivation and an attention seeking peacock.

This last story was given especially to their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex because they feature in this cautionary tale.

The books were commissioned by Findel Education to help children with their emotions. They have proved popular with local schools. If you would like to read these stories, you can find them in Mold library and W.H. Smiths online. The colourful humorous illustrations and comical rhyming stories will find a broad appeal for children and their mums and dads.



HALKYN MOUNTAIN DVD

The **new** Halkyn Mountain DVD is now on sale. You can order your copy from Rachael Watson at Wepre Park Visitor Centre, Wepre Drive, Connah's Quay, CH5 4HL.

The DVD's are £5 each plus £1 P&P. Make cheques payable to "Flintshire County Council". Alternatively you can pop into the Visitor Centre at Wepre Park 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.

1st Halkyn Mountain Scout Group

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



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 – 9:00pm.

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 on:

01352 780 192 or
07518 957 747 or
joycowley@btinternet.com



Blue Bell Walks

Thank you to all those who supported the 10th annual 'Walk for Life' in aid of kidney dialysis research and transplants in Wales.



The 60 and 90 minute evening walks on Wednesdays at 7pm from the Blue Bell have proved popular following a wet early April.

Some walkers find the evening walks suit their life pattern and join us at Bagillt on Mondays starting from The Upper Ship at 7pm and Fridays starting from The Crown Lixwm also at 7pm. (The Monday and Friday walks are of 90 minute duration only.)

The Annual Summer Solstice Walk to the top of the hill fort will take place on Saturday 22nd June. Join us for drinks and nibbles as we watch the sun set (clouds permitting). Meet at the Blue Bell car park at 8.30pm.

John and Vicky Thomas



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

Wildflower Guided Walk - Thursday 13th June at 1pm

Join the Ranger and Flintshire's County Ecologist for a walk, where you will learn about the mountain's ecology. Meeting point provided when booking.

Booking essential – Wepre Park 01352 703900.

Halkyn Quarry Tour - Wednesday 3rd & 17th July at 5.30pm

A fantastic opportunity to visit the heart of a working limestone quarry. Courtesy of Cemex.

Wear sturdy footwear or wellies if wet. A very popular event so book early!

Booking essential – Wepre Park 01352 703900.

Children's Pond Dip - Wednesday 31st July & 7th August at 1.30pm

Join the ranger to see what creatures live in one of the mountain ponds. Wear wellies.

Dipping equipment will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking essential – Wepre Park 01352 703900.

Industrial Heritage Guided Walk - Wednesday 28th August at 1pm

Discover the spectacular countryside of Halkyn Mountain Common and its fascinating industrial history with the ranger. Meeting point provided when booking place.

Booking essential – Wepre Park 01352 703900.

A Few Words from Danny the Donkey



I have often referred to my chats with other animals and birds on the mountain. They keep me well informed about all that is going on. I do my best to pick out the facts from the gossip, which can be challenging at times. I think I communicate quite well with my human friends and am quite successful in letting them know when I am ready for my meals or fancy a carrot or two. However, I have never mastered communicating with them to a level to be able to chat. I do however understand most of what humans talk about (although it doesn't always make sense) but have had no success to date in responding.

It is clear to me that most humans have no idea that I can understand what they are saying. They often talk about me as if I wasn't standing next to them. I'm happy to say that comments about me are positive but the comments they make about other humans are a different matter. Two ladies who pass by regularly often talk about their fellow human whose name is "Husband". I don't think I have ever knowingly met him, but he is known to many other ladies as I often hear them discussing him as they pass by. I feel I know him well from all the comments I have pieced together: Husband is apparently a messy eater. I don't know whether to take it as a compliment or not, but he has been likened to eating in a similar way to me. I can only assume this means that he chews his food thoroughly and has a great appetite for thistles.

Husband also drinks too much. I don't know why this would be a problem as there is usually plenty of rain on the mountain. My water butt is also topped up by my human friends, so I assume his will be too.

Husband also has a problem with wind. I can sympathise with that but count myself lucky at being able to take shelter in my cosy stable when gusts become unbearable. Husband was also very good looking "in his day" but over the years has put on weight. Like me, I guess he finds it hard to resist carrots and apples. Husband has also been known to stray. I guess one of the ladies left the gate open and he got out. I have done the same once or twice during my lifetime, but I don't really know the way to anywhere and was glad to be helped back to my field by my human owners. The lady who talked about Husband straying didn't sound at all pleased. I do hope she didn't tether him when he returned.

Apparently Husband isn't very good at looking after himself. If I could speak I could recommend the human they call "The Vet" who kindly comes to give me a hoofcure every few months. If he asked her to do the same and if he also gets brushed once a week, I'm sure he would be fine.

One lady said that Husband "wears the same clothes day in day out". I do exactly the same. I have my new winter coat which I wear during the coldest months but am happy to trot around without any clothes for the rest of the year. Another lady commented that Husband is always in his shed. I suspect that's an exaggeration. He probably only sleeps in the shed, or shelters there on wet and windy days.

I think I might like Husband if I were to meet him. We seem to have a lot in common.

Bye for now, **Danny**

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

Community Action Days

Saul Burton (*Halkyn Mountain Living Landscape Officer*) is organising the following **Community Action Days** to tackle the litter across the common. The more volunteers that turn up the more effective we can be.

Rhosesmor	
Date	Saturday 15 th June
Meeting Point	Ysgol Rhos Helyg
Time	9.30
Areas covered	Wern y Gaer Moel y Gaer Rhosesmor Berth-ddu Moel y Crio

Rhes y Cae	
Date	Saturday 13 th July
Meeting Point	Opposite the play area
Time	9.30
Areas Covered	Moel-Ffagnallt Rhes y Cae Road to Pentre Halkyn Road to Halkyn Road to Moel y Crio

Halkyn	
Date	Saturday 22 nd June
Meeting Point	Blue Bell Inn
Time	9.30
Areas Covered	Halkyn The Catch Windmill Road to Rhes y Cae

Holywell Common	
Date	Saturday 20 th July
Meeting Point	Layby by Pen Yr Henblas
Time	9.30
Areas Covered	Martins Hill & Buxton Lane, north to Holywell Common and Brynford

Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema

We've now shown half of our films for 2019! We began in early January with the sing along version of **Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again**, then in March we had a sold out screening of **A Star is Born**. In May we showed the critically acclaimed heist movie **Widows**.

Our next screening is coming up on **Saturday 13th July** when we will be showing **Stan & Ollie**, starring Steve Coogan and John C Reilly. Stan and Ollie is the heart-warming story of what would become Laurel & Hardy's triumphant farewell UK tour in 1953.

Tickets for **Stan & Ollie** (PG) will go on general sale at the end of June and will be available for



purchase from The Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn or online via the cinema website - www.mountaincinema.org.uk - still at the great price of only £4 per ticket.

It's also our AGM on 13th July. This will take place at 3pm, after cinema set up, in Halkyn Parish Hall. All welcome.

The mountain cinema is here for everyone from anywhere across the mountain and beyond, so please do come along and enjoy a great night of big screen entertainment right here on Halkyn Mountain with our huge 13ft x 7ft screen, our high quality projector, great surround sound speakers and Blu-ray quality films.

You can keep up to date with all the news about YOUR mountain cinema by heading over to the website, following the social media channels or signing up to the mailing list ...

www.mountaincinema.org.uk
www.facebook.com/mountaincinema
www.twitter.com/mountaincinema

Clare Madders
Chair - Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema

What's in a Name?

When William of Normandy conquered England in 1066 he set about recording his new kingdom in a book - the 'Domesday Book'. This book was completed by 1086 and was extremely detailed. It recorded every town and village in England as far north as Yorkshire and Lancashire; every landowner and what they owned: households, farms and woodland.

His researchers did not, however, get very far into Wales - only to the part in which we now live as it was recorded as part of Cheshire. Halkyn was recorded as Alchene and Brynford as Brunford. Even certain farms were named, for example Trelyniau. There was no mention of Holywell; but Mostyn, written as Mostone, and Flint, written as Babintone, both appear.

Centuries later, when the land was enclosed and fields created, names were given to those fields. Many of the old names still survive today with most including the word cae, meaning field.

Moel y Crio is a most interesting name. Moel means a bare hill, while crio means 'to cry'. Ask a Welsh speaker what Moel y Crio means and they will tell you 'the crying hill or mountain'. This would make some sense especially as the name for the road from the church down to the cattle grid in Rhes y Cae is called Waun Drochwaed, which means 'Bloodbath Valley'. This might suggest that battles have taken place there in former times - no such thing! Moel does mean a bare hill, but 'crio' has been misunderstood for the old word 'creuau' meaning 'depressions in the ground' or holes. So, Moel y Crio has come from Moel y Creuau, obviously 'the hill of holes'. The area is, of course, full

of old mine shafts and depressions.

The old name for Rhosesmor was Caerfallwch - the fort of Mallwch. The hill fort is, of course, Moel y Gaer, but who was Mallwch?

Ieuan ap Sion

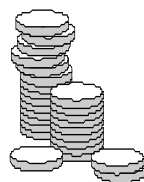
Ed: If you want to research more about the Domesday book and local place names look online at opendomesday.org and you can search each of the entries in the Domesday book and see images of the original entries with a translation of the details.

HALKYN PARISH HALL BINGO

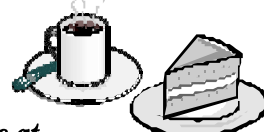
Doors Open at 7.10pm

Come along and have some fun

A night of Bingo for everyone



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



Halkyn Parish Hall is where it's at

On Wednesday night and every other after that

June 5th and 19th and so on with me.

So come along. Eyes down. A fun night you'll see.

Graziers & Commoners News

Gareth Williams 1947-2019

Our long serving and diligent secretary passed away on Friday 15th March 2019 after a long and cruel illness which was fought bravely. Several graziers attended his funeral on Wednesday 27th March, accompanying his family members and representatives of several conservation organisations, in tribute to a man of Halkyn who truly cared for Halkyn Mountain and was a great servant to the local farmers, graziers and commoners.

Looking back through his contributions to the Halkyn Mountain News, it was obvious he was concerned by the lack of respect shown by some visitors to the area, for example – littering, fly tipping, irresponsible off-landers, and particularly the loss of sheep to dog attacks (HMN Issue 162 – Autumn 2015). He would have been heartened to read an article circulated in the national newspapers of Wales by the Farmers Union of Wales in mid-April 2019 which highlighted the latest FUW campaign named: - “Your Dog, Your Responsibility”, which is designed to give greater powers to the police in order to reduce this problem.

“The vast majority of dog-owners are considerate and law abiding, but a few have no concern for the damage that they and their animal can do. It is also important to note that all dogs no matter their breed or size have the potential to attack, injure and kill livestock. Figures from North Wales police show that 89% of all dog attacks on livestock happen when dogs stray from home. FUW have now won the support of Ceredigion MP Ben Lake who has pledged to put forward a Private Members Bill in Westminster to bring forward new legislation which will criminalise dog owners whose animals attack livestock, including compensation for farmers.

There are currently four main pieces of law covering livestock attacks, but all are antiquated. As the law stands at the moment there is very little that can be done to recompense the farmer or ensure that the dog involved is prevented from re-offending. FUW believes that introducing these new laws reflects the seriousness of the crime and it is hoped that they will act as a powerful deterrent to irresponsible dog-ownership.

There were 449 cases of livestock attacks between 2013-17 in North Wales alone, but there continues to be under-reporting by farmers due to a lack of confidence in the legal system. Around 15,000 sheep were killed by dogs in 2016 (UK figures). At £75 per carcase this equates to a loss of £1.13 million. Other losses include abortions, loss of breeding stock and the cost of veterinary bills. Hopefully changes in legislation will give Welsh and English police the powers to properly deal with offenders and provide a deterrent which reduces the incidents.

The FUW wants:

Mandatory recording of dog attacks on livestock by all Welsh police forces.

Changes to the current limited fines – currently a maximum of up to £1,000.

Fines should be proportionate and should allow for full compensation.

Police forces to be granted the power to obtain DNA samples from suspect dogs.

Powers to confiscate dogs.

Legal responsibility for dog-owners to report attacks to prevent badly injured sheep being left to suffer.

Failure to report an attack should be an offence.

Power to ban an owner from owning another dog.

Powers of dog destruction after conviction with 1953 Act.

Other proposals include a change to the definition of “arable land”, as attacks are only enforceable on arable land, and if a farmer is moving sheep between fields on a public highway legislation isn’t valid. A wider definition of “livestock” is also needed as certain animals such as deer, llamas and alpacas are not covered by the 1953 Act. There also needs to be a proper definition of “under close control” as it applies to dogs being walked near livestock.

Next Graziers Meeting:

Thursday 27th June 7.30pm Rhes-y-Cae

Capel Bethel Y Nant

CYMANFA GANU

Bilingual

Nos Sul Mehefin 16 June - Am 7.00 o’r gloch

Arweinydd/Conductor:

Mrs Nesta Ellis, Gorsedd

Eitemau/ Items:

To be arranged

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**



**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

Rhosesmor Parish Memorial Garden

This spring saw a wonderful show of colour from the great variety of plants. Thanks to all those who have donated and planted seeds, shrubs, plants and bulbs. The tending and watering of the tubs and raised beds is much appreciated.

The garden is being extended to accommodate the seat kindly donated by Tiger Tim and its employees. Small low maintenance shrubs will be planted around the hard base.

John Thomas

Cofio Rhosesmor Memories



Saturday April 6th 2019 saw a memorable gathering of current and former members of the Halkyn Mountain community as word spread about the publication of the commemorative booklet created in the Rhosesmor Memories meetings. A living record of the contribution made by this community to make Rhosesmor the village it is today, Cofio Rhosesmor Memories, is a selection of photos and anecdotes shared during those meetings with scrumptious cakes provided by Rhosesmor's Cooks and Bottlewashers.



You can support future heritage work in our local primary school, Ysgol Rhos Helyg by buying this one-off publication for £3 at any of the following outlets: Red Lion Rhosesmor, Blue Bell Inn Halkyn, Crown Inn Lixwm, Britannia Inn Halkyn, Glan yr Afon Inn Dolphin, Greenfield Valley Museum Heritage Park, Rhydymwyn General Stores, The Book Shop 33 High St. Mold, Theatr Clwyd bookshop. Special thanks to these for their support.



We are indebted to the Heritage Lottery Fund and all the players of the National Lottery for making this project possible.



Rhes y Cae News

Village Hall Coffee Morning Tuesday 19th March

There was a good turnout on a bright morning, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. A big thank you to Alwena Sherratt for selling her lovely hand-made cards in aid of village hall funds, and thanks to everybody who donated raffle prizes and to all who came along.

Rhes y Cae Church Easter Coffee Morning



Enjoying a chat

Tuesday 9th April, at Rhes y Cae Village Hall. Many thanks for everyone for coming to support the coffee morning – there was a very good turnout!



The stalls were very busy, with plants, delicious homemade cakes, and 'Trash or Treasure'. The hot cross buns seemed to go down very well! Many thanks to all who helped to make it such a successful occasion, especially Peter and Doreen Jamieson, who continue to support events even after moving away. Total monies raised was £317.

Big Breakfast – Rhes y Cae Village Hall



Sunday 14th April. This was the 9th Big Breakfast organised by the Hughes/Kendrick family, and yet again it was a huge success! People came from the local area, and from further afield to support the event, and enjoyed a great selection of delicious food. This year, the Big Breakfast was held to raise money for MIND, the



chosen charity for Megan Hughes, who is running the London Marathon on Sunday 28th April. Donations are still coming in, but so far, the total raised is just over £800. A fantastic result! Thanks to everyone who supported us in any way.



Future Dates

Village Hall Coffee Morning – Tuesday 14th May, Rhes y Cae Village Hall, 10.30 – 12.00. All are welcome, in aid of Village Hall funds.

Quiz night - Details to be confirmed.

Annual Church Walk Saturday 15th June. Meet at The Upper Shippe Inn, Bagillt at 10.30 for a walk led by John Thomas. Light refreshments will be served after the walk at the Upper Shippe. In aid of Rhes y Cae Church funds.

Summer Pre-loved Sale Saturday 27th July Rhes y Cae Village Hall, 11am – 3pm. Bric a brac, clothes, shoes etc. If you would like to reserve a table please contact Shirley – mobile 07809122574. Tables cost £5.

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.

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 780 297

New Trees in Rhes y Cae

Grosvenor estates have planted four new trees on the village green in Rhes y Cae, two Wild Cherries and two Hornbeams. They have been carefully planted and enclosed in beautiful, metal surrounds.

They look well. However, planting trees in April is risky; November and December are the best months for planting trees. It remains to be seen whether or not they will survive.

They need a good watering once a week. Therefore, we need a rota for this job to make sure these trees have the best chance of surviving their first year. So, local residents living fairly close to these trees, please get in touch as soon as you see this article so a rota can be set up.

Grosvenor Estates have done their bit; it's now up to us to do our bit. Remember, we need many more trees in order to help stem the frightening possible consequences of Global Warming.

*Phone 01352 780510
Ieuan ap Sion*

Halkyn W. I.

As I am writing this at the end of April I can tell you we had a great Guest Night with Penny Brett-Roberts, a very enjoyable talk "Ballgowns on the QE2" which had us all in stitches. Once again our membership provided a wonderful buffet spread, a special thank you to those who made their dishes from scratch. It was much appreciated by our guests and members alike.

By the time you read this, we will have also been to The Stamford Gate, for our 85th Birthday Lunch in May.

Our next Meetings are;
July 4th at 7:15pm, speaker is Dr Rebecca Andrews, "Five ways to well being".

August there is no meeting; we wish everyone a lovely summer and happy holidays.

September 5th at 7:15pm, speaker is a favourite of ours, Mary Atthews, "Journeys in Peru".

All women are welcome, any questions please contact:
Fiona Jones on 01352 780262

Halkyn Mountain Nature Conservation Group

Halkyn Mountain Bioblitz - 30th June 2019

A Bioblitz is an event where a number of specialist naturalists record all of the wildlife species in a particular area. There are several important objectives. The first is to establish a baseline of records, which can be used to compare changes in the environments and habitats over future years – and possibly to compare with historical records. The second is to discover whether there are any unusual or rare species or habitats needing special conservation measures.

This baseline of records is added to **COFNOD**, a database where sightings and recordings of wildlife are kept to provide information used to look at trends in numbers of rare butterflies, plants, etc and inform on what may be done to enhance the environment for these to flourish.

These events are also invaluable training sessions, where the more expert can improve their own knowledge, while the less expert can develop their own more-limited skills. At most bioblitzes, there are programmes of walks and mini-expeditions, where skilled leaders take groups of people round, and point out the wildlife that is so often overlooked.
(Please note no dogs to be brought along on the day, sorry.)

They are also great social events, where local people of all ages can meet in a friendly, cooperative, social atmosphere - there is always a lot of laughter and fun.

Our Bioblitz on Sunday **30th June** will be based at **Halkyn Parish Hall** where we will have stands displaying local wildlife and fossils. You can drop in any time between **10am and 4pm** and there will be activities for kids and refreshments, wildflower plants photographs and books for sale. You will be able to talk to local experts about the current management plan for the area and see reptiles, butterflies, moths and plants collected locally in the days beforehand.

There will be a number of guided walks throughout the day to go and see some of these in the wild. So do come along - whatever the weather there will be new things to see and find out about! We are always looking for people to join our group to help with recording or to add expertise in your field of knowledge.

Please come along for a look at your mountain and its wildlife.

See the Facebook page for photos and more information at:

Halkyn Mountain Nature Conservation Group
www.facebook.com/Halkynmountainconserv

Brynford Litter Pick

It was a bright and sunny morning on Saturday 6th April and local residents were out in force for the Brynford community litter pick. The event was part of Brynford Community Council's Best Kept Village campaign. The idea is to engage the local community and help engender a sense of pride in the village.

About 20 people turned out to lend a hand and get some fresh air and exercise whilst helping to improve the appearance of the village. Everyone was surprised by the amount of rubbish that was collected from the Common. It can be very hard to judge how much there is until it's all in one big pile!



Thanks must go to Neil Hickie from Flintshire County Council's Streetscene team for providing litter pickers, gloves, bags and hi-viz jackets for roadside safety. Streetscene officers also collected the large pile of



rubbish from the car park by the Village Green. Thanks also to John from Brynford Pet Cemetery for helping to gather the bags of rubbish ready for collection.

Holywell Golf Club kindly opened their doors for sandwiches and refreshments for the volunteers after the event, although I was unable to take them up on their offer due to prior commitments!

It was good to see residents coming together to work towards the improvement of the village and it helps to develop a sense of community too.

Saul Burton

Halkyn Mountain Living Landscape Officer

“Let’s NOT off-road!”

My third article in this edition of the Halkyn Mountain News is about another perennial problem – off-road vehicles.

Off-road vehicles with either two or four wheels cause problems on the common, mainly erosion and disturbance to wildlife and to other users.

Unfortunately the problem is a tough nut to crack. The police are struggling in the wake of unprecedented cuts to both staff and financial resources over recent years and reports of off-road vehicles on the common, understandably, do not come very near the top of their list of priorities.

Many people feel that it is not worth reporting incidents to the police as they are so under-resourced that they may be unlikely to attend. However, all crime numbers are logged on their system and if they get a rash of incidents for the same area, it will serve to highlight that there is a problem. After all, they cannot do anything about it if they do not know about it. If patterns emerge with regards to times of day or specific vehicles such information will help the police target their modest resources more strategically.

We are working with the land owners – Grosvenor Estate, the local police and local communities to pull together a co-ordinated approach to try and tackle the issue. I would like to urge local residents to be vigilant and report any incidents of misuse by off-road vehicles to the police via the non-emergency number 101. When reporting incidents to the police, please make a note of:

- The date, time and location (if you can provide an approximate Ordnance Survey grid reference that is very useful). A report of “bikes on the common” is next to useless as the common is a big place!

- A description of the vehicles involved (including registration numbers if they have any) and the drivers/riders if possible.
- If you can safely get pictures of vehicles and registrations that is great evidence. However, I would strongly urge all residents to avoid getting into any potential conflict situations.

When you report it, please ask for a crime number. If you are unsure of how to find a grid reference, have a look at a website called <https://gridreferencefinder.com> All you need to do is zoom into the map and right-click on the location and it will give you the grid reference.

I can assure you that the local police are aware of the issue and are taking steps to combat it. If we as local residents can help them by providing detailed reports, it can only be beneficial. If you could spread the word among local residents that would be very useful. Riding dirt bikes on the common has been going on for years and is firmly embedded into the local traditions in some areas. It will take a concerted effort of education and vigilance to overcome such behavior.

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Thinking about extending your house?

By Adrian Waters BAHons DipArch(Kingston) RIBA

As a sole-practitioner with my studio on Halkyn Mountain I am involved with a wide variety of local projects. If you've been thinking about having your house extended you'll find it useful to read how changes to town planning law of October 2013 could benefit you.

Were you aware that some proposed domestic extensions that come within certain criteria are deemed to meet the Town & Country Planning Act and as such don't need a specific planning consent? These are termed Permitted Development. These criteria in essence are that if your extension doesn't exceed certain measurements you don't have to go through the drawn-out process of applying for and receiving planning permission. Many modest extensions would clearly come within the criteria and you could get on with building and complying with building regulations.

If your proposal looks close to falling foul of just one of the criteria the recommendation is that the home owner seek the Planning Department's confirmation that a full planning application would not be needed; a process known as applying for a "Certificate of Lawful Use or Development-Section 192"(or LDC), in other words – confirmation of what you are thinking of doing would be legal. On 1st October 2013 the criteria for Permitted Development in Wales were changed to bring what was allowed closer to the amended criteria that England has enjoyed for some years. The revised part of the Act is 14 pages long and there is a Welsh Government guidance document 67 pages long! Simpler? More beneficial – it seems to be. Read on...

The shape of our houses and situations within gardens vary: one or more storeys, detached, semi-detached, terrace, corner plot, hard on the roadside, sloping garden, and so on. So careful consideration of each case is needed - in broad terms the changes will mean that, where previously a property's 'allowance' would be used up in one single-storey flat roof extension; now a property could have numerous extensions of a certain size to the sides, rear and roof without specific planning permission, just so long as the criteria are met.

The Act is written in the negative rather than the positive; in other words – it lays down what you are not allowed to do. The Guidance tries to put a positive spin on the Act and show us what we can do within the restrictions. The following is an overview of the guidance.

PRINCIPAL ELEVATION - The starting point in determining what will be permitted by the Act is to establish which side of your house is which in terms of the Act. Firstly find the "Principal Elevation", this is often the side of the house with the front door and/or the most windows (but there is a long list in the guidance to help decide). No extensions (apart from a small draught lobby) are allowed in front of the "Principal Elevation". If you did want to extend in front then you'd have to make a full planning application.

WHICH IS WHICH - Now consider your house as a rectangular box: when standing looking square on to the Principal Elevation the "Sides" are the two ends of the building to the left and right running away at 90 degrees to the Principal Elevation, the "Rear" is the opposite side from the Principal.

FOOTPRINT - The size of the proposed extension's 'footprint' (area covering the ground) once all other limitations have been taken into account can be up to 50% of the total garden space. Once you've understood the above, in broad terms there are now opportunities for:

REAR EXTENSIONS – Single storey. Width, up to that of the Rear Elevation. Depth, up to 4 metres (13'1"). Overall Height, not greater than the existing property or 4 metres (13'1") whichever is lower, eaves not higher than the existing property and up to 3 metres (9'10") at or within 2 metres (6'6") of the boundary.

REAR EXTENSIONS – Multi-storey. Width, up to that of the Rear Elevation. Depth, ground storey as above, upper storeys to a depth of 3 metres (9'10"). All must be at least 10.5m (34'5") from any boundary. Height, top storey eaves can be up to the existing properties eaves, ground storey no more than 4 metres (13'1") and up to 3 metres (9'10") at or within 2 metres (6'6") of the boundary.

SIDE EXTENSIONS – Single storey. Width, you can extend to both sides (ends) and each can be up to 50% the width of the Principal Elevation as long as the extension doesn't come within 5 metres (11'0") of a boundary. Depth can be up to the depth of the existing property and in some cases plus the permitted depth of Rear Extension. Overall Height, not greater than the existing property or 4 metres (13'1") whichever is lower, eaves not higher than the existing property and up to 3 metres (9'10") at or within 2 metres (6'6") of the boundary.

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ATTIC EXTENSIONS & OUTBUILDINGS– Can be achieved within the amended Act, but probably best to call me.

OTHERS - No verandas, raised platforms, balconies or roof terraces; although 'Juliet Balconies' are allowed.

MATERIALS - There are a number of clauses relating to what you can build the extension of. The simplest but not only route is to match or mimic the existing house.

TOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Unfortunately Flintshire County Council have issued a letter advising that they will not give pre-application advice on Permitted Development and LDC applications to homeowners or their agents.

HELP IS AT HAND - If you've found the above bamboozling and would welcome some initial specific no obligation advice please give me a call, on: 01352-780379, Monday-Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm (office hours please).

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Gwasanaethau/Services at 2pm.

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	16th	Mrs. Maryl Rees	W
	23rd	Rev Dr Jennie Hurd	W
	30th	Mr Goronwy Ellis	W
July	7th	Mr Bryan Jones	W
	14th	Mr David Barker Jones	W
	21st	Mr Peter Sinclair	E
	28th	Rev. Marc Morgan	W
August	No Services		

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Gwasanaeth 2.30 Service Do join us every Sunday

June	2nd	Glyn Thomas
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	16th	Cymanfa Ganu, Nant 7.00pm
	23rd	Angela Bebbington
	30th	Eric Greene
July	7th	Own arrangement
	14th	Shân Morris
	21st	Own arrangement
	28th	Own arrangement

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Holiday club

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

Opening times for holiday club only

8am - 5.30pm Mon - Fri

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

Prices for Holiday Club only

£22 per child for a full day

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

Opening times for After School Club only

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

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

Snack time

Playing games

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Parties

Arranged theme nights

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

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

Prices for After School Club only. Open 3.10pm till 5.20pm Monday to Friday Term time only

1 child for half a session (3.10pm till 4.20pm) fees are £4.50

1 child for full session (3.10pm till 5.20pm) fees are £7.50

2 siblings for half a session (3.10pm-4.20pm) fees are an extra £3.60 making a total for 2 children £8.10

2 siblings for full session (3.10pm-5.20pm) fees are an extra £6.30 making a total for 2 children £13.80.

A 5% discount will be given to any other siblings thereafter.

For more information contact Sian Davies or Sarah Rowland (Senior Playworkers) on 01352 780 265 or 07591 239 511 or Email us on Halkynmountainkidsclub@gmail.com or even visit our website at

www.ysgolrhoshelyg.com/holkyn-mountain-afterschool-club/



Ysgol Rhos Helyg

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

St. David's Day Eisteddfod at Rhos Helyg

Due to a late half term our Eisteddfod was not held until March 8th this year! However, it was still a fabulous afternoon of competing.



The Art and craft work was once again of a really high standard.



Cymraeg Campus Award

We are proud to receive the Cymraeg Campus Bronze award for our efforts in Welsh. We are one of the first Flintshire schools to receive this National Award. The



school has worked hard through its pupil led committee to create a Welsh ethos at the school which celebrates Welsh Language and culture at Rhos Helyg.

We are now working towards the Silver award.

Eco Work

The Eco club have been pond dipping both on Halkyn Mountain and in the school pond.



The high Sheriff of Clwyd presenting two of our pupils with certificates for their Clean up Clwyd posters



Keeping Fit

Pupils from Year 5/6 at Toe 2 Toe Gym at Holywell were put through their paces recently through a series of challenges to

improve their strength.

It was very tiring but enjoyablefor most!

Financial Education



Sarn Education recently came to the school to provide a workshop on money matters to the children. It gave the older children an insight into the financial world....it may make them appreciate things a little more!

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Perseverance Day

The pupils were recently given a number of challenges to complete in order to teach them the importance of perseverance. All the challenges proved to be a little difficult.

A rubik cube



Writing with least dominant hand



Hula hooping

Blue Planet Live

We took the opportunity to watch an episode of Blue Planet Live that was made especially for children.



Designing and Making Parachutes

Pupils have had lots of fun designing and making their own parachutes in order to test them using a fair test.



Cleaning Dirty Water



Lots of fun was had in turning the dirty water to clean water through filtration



Passover

Pupils firstly researched Passover before presenting their work on Keynotes on the I pads.



Eco Club

The children have been busy picking litter that has mainly been blown on to the school grounds.



Film Club

The children have put their skills to good use in creating their own short films.



Easter competition

Congratulations to the pupils for winning an Easter egg for their creativity in decorating an Easter egg. Thank you to the PTA for providing the prizes.



Being creative

Easter craft.



Having lots of fun making their favourite toys.

Tudor Baking

Lots of fun and lots of mess making Tudor Tarts as part of topic work.



Viking Day

We worked with re-enactors to turn our roundhouse area into a Viking settlement for the day. The children



learnt how the Vikings did things. It was a truly wonderful day, the children came to school dressed as Vikings.



A battle scene.



Climbing Club

The children putting their skills to good use at the Boardroom, - climbing the 10 Metre walls with ease.



Sports Clubs

Halkyn Cricket Club

Halkyn 1st XI began their 2019 campaign with a win at the delightful setting of Marchwiell Hall. The game was played in fantastic early summer sunshine. The hosts, Marchwiell, won the toss and invited Halkyn to bat. Halkyn 1st XI made the most of this invitation and compiled an impressive 178-6. Opening batsmen Simon Penney 50 and Ben Roberts 54 set a solid foundation to the innings with a 87 run partnership. Alex North also added a useful 23.

In reply Halkyn's bowling attack soon had the Marchwiell batting in trouble reducing the hosts to 20-4. However a fifty run partnership between Nick Husbands and Ryan Williams led a slight recovery. Eventually Marchwiell were halted on 139 -8, 39 runs short of victory. Pick of the Halkyn bowling attack were Ben Roberts 3-19 Graeme Settle 2-32 and Gareth Thomas with a miserly 1-18.

Halkyn CC Clubhouse

A reminder that the clubhouse is available for hire. We have a fully licensed bar, ideal for parties, christenings, wakes and weddings. We offer the clubhouse FREE to any community groups or schools and have a reduced hire rate for children's parties UNDER 13.

For further details please contact Jane Williams on 01352=781523 or 07732325033.

Keith Williams, Secretary



Halkyn & District Bowling Club

An unexpected beautiful day at the beginning of April started the new season off for Halkyn Bowls Club. We had a very successful ceremony with our new President, Mrs Muriel Jones, welcoming everyone, old and new, before formally opening the green to great applause. Muriel said how honoured she was to be asked to be our President and to open the green for a new season. She encouraged everyone to enjoy the day and look forward to a successful season.

We have been fortunate this year, that following various events last season and publicity posters throughout the villages, we had several new people come to our opening day. Everyone joined in an informal "target" bowls competition and all said they enjoyed it. We are glad to say that a number have already joined us and we look forward to seeing them all regularly.



Our first club competition of the year took place on Easter Sunday and we were pleased to welcome some of our new members to their first taste of our competition bowls. We could not have asked for better weather and after a lot of very closely contested matches the final was played between Tony Henson and John Thomas, and Mick Carpenter and Bill Worrall, with Mick and Bill eventually winning another closely fought match. Picture shows Mick left and Bill centre receiving their trophy.

We are fielding two veteran's teams that play on Thursdays and one midweek team that plays on Wednesday evenings. We do sometimes struggle to maintain the numbers for the teams, but we will battle on and with a lot of luck and good play we will not let the club down. Needless to say, our new members will be a great asset to keeping the club's teams going for the future.

At the end of last season, we had a full green makeover, a big expensive job that should show great benefits as the growing season gets properly underway. It still needs some finishing touches but soon we hope to have our great green back.

To anyone interested please come along to see what goes on. We have practices on Monday evenings from 6pm and Tuesday afternoons from 2pm. You will be assured of a warm welcome and we also have a coach to show you how it's done and help you enjoy the game. Once you have joined the club the green is available for practice 24-7. That's an offer you can't refuse.

For more information see our website www.halkynbowls.wales or contact Patrick McDermott 781057, Julie Lewis 781212 or Jo Woodruff 781276.



Holywell Golf Club



Season starts with the Captains drive-in

Members and friends of Holywell Golf Club joined our new Captains for 2019-2020 for the annual Captains drive-in. The weather stayed fine and they all managed excellent drives.



The picture shows the Captain Mike Green, Lady Captain Nerys Jones and Junior Captain Haydn Jones. We wish them all the best for their coming year.

There is usually a fastest round competition after the drive-in but it had to be postponed to a later date as the Captain was unable to play as he is recovering from an operation.



Holywell Ladies

The weather was not very welcoming but the Ladies braved the rain to kick off their golfing season with the Lady Captain versus lady Vice Captain's competition. Lady Captain thanked the ladies for their support and she congratulated her team for their success in winning the competition.

The picture shows Lady Vice Captain

Sue Collingwood presenting the trophy to Lady Captain Nerys Jones. We hope they both have a wonderful year and the weather stays fine.

Holywell Ladies and Holywell Senior Section

On Tuesday 5th March Holywell seniors invited the Ladies section to join them in a Texas Scramble. This is a venue that always proves to be very popular and this year was no exception. There was a great turnout of 48 players and many commented at how much they enjoyed the day. Congratulations to the winning team Olive Stevenson, Mal Reed, Kevin Leech and Jim Moorehead.

Holywell Juniors - Junior presentation

Due to bad weather the planned competition before the Annual Junior Presentation was not able to take place, so a quiz was held.

Major competition winners:

John Lamb Rose Bowl	Harrison Prior,
Bamford Trophy	Haydn Jones,
Centenary Cup	Callum Owen-Jones,
	Kimberly Clark, Sian Jones,
Stamford Gate Trophy	Callum Owen-Jones,
Cyril Jones Rose Bowl	Zac Elliot-Jones,
F.E.Morris Salver	Callum Owen-Jones,
Alan Newton Scholarship	Cian Hughes,
The Skills for life Trophy	Caiden Morris.



Mr President, Alan Williams, thanked our retiring Junior Captain for being a great Junior Captain and wished all the best for the coming year to the new Junior Captain,, Haydn Jones.

Juniors first competition on their new silver tee

On Sunday 24th March the Juniors enjoyed their first competition on the new silver tee course that now covers the back nine. They now have an 18 hole silver tee course.

The winners were:

Division 1: 1st Cameron Francis, 2nd Harrison Prior and 3rd Mia Davies.

Division 2: 1st Oliver Jones, 2nd Georgia Payne and 3rd Haf Davies.

Well done to everybody who took part.

April Monthly Medal - 14th April

The winners were Red tees: 1st Haydn Jones, 2nd Harrison Prior and 3rd Oliver Jones.

Silver tees: 1st Tom Comber, 2nd Rhys Roberts and 3rd Georgia Payne.

Well done to all the winners and to everybody who braved the cold weather to take part.

Josh the club's professional along with the junior organisers are doing a fantastic job encouraging the youngsters He is giving free lessons to juniors on a Wednesday evening and all juniors are welcome.

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Gents Open 4ball Better Ball

The first open of the year was held at Holywell and 172 players took part. This consisted of Holywell members and 59 visitors, which might well be a record for an open at Holywell. A big thank you must go to the Golf and Social Committee, especially Dave Thomas who, as ever, has been fantastic in organising the start sheet and doing the scoring helped by volunteers from the club.

The Winners were P. Jones/F. Jones, second S. Booth/M. Holland and third A. Neath/I. Walker.

Congratulations to all of the winners. The picture shows last year's Captain Richie Alli with the first group of the day at 7.30am.



An Officer and a Gentleman Arrives in Holywell

On Sunday 14th April, Holywell was the venue chosen by Mike Monaghan (Monty) for his inauguration as Captain of the Mollington Golf Society for 2019-2020.

The society was formed when the Mollington Golf Club closed in 2106. The members thought it would be a good way of keeping in touch. Monty said that on some occasions they dress up to raise money for charity, so he thought it would be good laugh to dress up on Sunday.

The weather was not very welcoming but Monty said that they had a great day and were made very welcome and well looked after by the staff at the club.



Holywell Rambling Club Summer Programme 2019 – Summary

Day/Date	Walk Title	Grade & Distance	Leader & Tel. no	Car Share location and time
June				
Sat 1st **	Llanfairfechan to Porth Penrhyn	Easy 9.75 miles	Lawrence 01352 762162	Nthop*/Hwell/J29. 9.00/9.00/9.20
Wed 5th	Above the Dee Valley	Moderate 5 miles	John 01352 757366	Northop*. 9.30
Sun 9th **	Nantlle Ridge linear	Strenuous 10 miles	Vaughan 01745 857365	Nthop/Hwell/J29*. 8.40/8.45/9.00
Sat 15th	Trearddur Bay to Four Mile Bridge	Moderate 11 miles	Bryn 01352 711309	Nthop/Hwell*/J29. 8.15/8.30/8.45
Sun 23rd	Ponderosa Llantysilio circuit Pt 2	Mod/Mountain 8 miles	Toni 07767 323649	Holywell/Nthop*. 9.00/9.15
Sat 29th **	Conwy Mountain & more	Mod/Mountain 7 miles	Peter 01352 716886	Nthop/Hwell*/J29. 9.10/9.15/9.30
July				
Wed 3rd **	Neston Circular	Easy 5.5 miles	Gill 01352 713972	Hwell*/Nthop. 9.00/9.15
Sun 7th	Foel Gasyth	Moderate 9 miles	Janet 01745 890453	Nthop/Hwell. 9.00/9.20
Fri 12th	A evening on Snowdon	Strenuous 7 miles	John 01352 757366	Northop*/J29. 14.00/14.20
Sun 14th **	Cwm Cynfal & Llyn Morwynion	Mod/Mountain 8 miles	Ron 01352 715723	Nthop/Hwell*/J29. 8.30/8.30/8.45
Sat 20th	Nant y Frith	Moderate 6 miles	Flo 01244 534445	Hwell/Nthop*. 9.15/9.30
Sat 27th **	Carneddau Circular	Strenuous 10 miles	Vaughan 01745 857365	Nthop/Hwell/J29*. 8.40/8.45/9.00
August				
Sun 4th	Rhualt	Mod/Mountain	Maureen 01352 761018	Nthop*/Hwell. 9.20/9.40
Sat 10th **	Bangor Seafront to Y Felinheli	Easy 7.5 miles	Lawrence 01352 762162	Nthop*/Hwell/J29. 8.40/8.45/9.00
Thurs 15th	Sunset on Y Gop	Easy 5 miles	Ron 01352 715723	Trelawnyd C P. 18.20
Sat 17th **	Chester to Ellesmere Port	Easy 9 miles	Ron 01352 715723	Bus Stop, Queensferry. 9.50
Sun 25th **	Cwmorthin and its Nuttalls	Strenuous 8.5 miles	Margaret 01352 720477	Nthop/Hwell/J29*. 8.25/8.25/8.45

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

*Walk leaders are at these Meet Points. ** Dogs are welcome on these walks.

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