



Halkyn Mountain News

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Halkyn Parish Hall Trustees & Management Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON MONDAY
18th NOVEMBER, 2019

IN HALKYN PARISH HALL

AT 7.00PM

**RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND**

Please submit items by November 1st for issue 179, which should be out in December 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.

At the time of writing the weather is changeable and is going from one extreme to another. Despite this, there is still much going on in our mountain community. This includes the installation of new cattle grids, or should they be called sheep grids in this case? While these are intended to prevent sheep from moving into certain areas, only time will tell how effective they will prove to be.

Some years ago, the BBC reported that sheep on the Yorkshire moors had taught themselves to roll 8ft (3m) across hoof-proof metal cattle grids. A resident reported that "They lie down on their side, or sometimes their back, and just roll over and over the grids until they are clear. I've seen them doing it. It is quite clever". Perhaps our local sheep may develop similar skills.

If any reader witnesses the same on Halkyn Mountain and can provide a photograph, we will certainly print it on the front page of a future edition!

As always, this edition is available at the Halkyn Community Council website www.halkyn.org.uk where photographs can be viewed in colour.

The Editorial Team

Rhosesmor W.I.

Ladies met for a picnic in June at the village hall. The next day we enjoyed a tour back stage at Theatr Clwyd followed by afternoon tea. Our next meeting is Monday September 9th at 7.15 then on October 14th when will be decorating calico bags. All are welcome to join us, contact:

Pauline Broughton 01352 780 883

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Rhes y Cae & Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials & Show

Well, in 68 years of the show I don't think that we have ever had such dreadful weather. The rain was torrential all day but when the going gets tough the tough get going! Everybody put on their macs and wellies and got on with it.

On a more positive note, Friday was OK. The sheepdog trials started at 9.00am and went on until 6.30. The winners were: 1st E Wyn Edwards; 2nd Gayle Forester; 3rd Jack Roberts; 4th Elgan Jarman; 5th Barry Hopwood. The best outrun, lift and fetch, and winning the Gwyn Jones vase, was Eryl P Roberts. The best new handler was Elgan Jarman. Quite a few young people took part, it is very uplifting in this day and age. Congratulations to all of them.

At 6.30 the Terrier racing started. There were not quite as many as usual, perhaps the hot weather during the week was the reason. Plenty of fun for all, the dogs, the owners and the spectators had a good time. Many ran their dogs in a few races to try and get into the final and receive a trophy. The food van was still open so some people could have a chat and paned.



Saturday started dry but soon the rain came down. The produce tent was well supported as usual. Some very well worked items were exhibited in the handicraft section. There were also many interesting snapshots to look at. This year we had a new judge in this section, Mrs. Pauline Broughton, Rhosesmor. I think that she quite enjoyed the experience. The winner of this section was Menna Coleclough.

The entries in the miscellaneous section were down a bit on previous years but people said that it had been too hot to put the oven on! However, the exhibits were of a high standard. Mrs. Nest Wyn Jones, Halkyn, was the judge for

this section. She has done this work for us for many years now and takes everything in her stride. Diolch yn fawr, Nest. The winner of this section was Mair Morris, Rhosesmor.



A new judge for the garden section this year, Mr. David Lloyd Davies, Moor farm, is a keen gardener and a very experienced competitor. Owing to the weather some classes were well entered others were a bit slow. We had a very good class of onions, peas and beans.

The floral section was great with eleven fantastic vases of garden flowers. They were a credit to every competitor. The arrangements were well thought out and the fragrant smell of the sweet peas hit you as you came near. The floral judge was Mrs. Emma Davies, Licswm. Emma is also a regular judge in this section. The winner of the garden section was Mary Jones, Licswm; she was also the show's overall winner.



The children's section was excellent this year, they had really pulled out all the stops with very fierce competition (all in good fun!). The animals made from fruit and veg were marvellous; also the farm collage. The cooking was of a high standard for those so young. Da iawn pawb! Mrs. Glesni Thomas, Sychdyn, was the judge. She did have her work cut out. Gethin Williams, Wern y Gaer, was the trophy winner. The girls were all saying, "Look out next year Gethin"!



The sheepdogs carried on through all the rain. Dogs, sheep and competitors, looking quite bedraggled by the end. A special thanks to Gareth Denman for being in the shed to take the entries and time-keep for two days; also to the people who were at the top of the field letting out the sheep. The winners were as follows:
Class 1 - 1st Bryn Jones; 2nd Bryn Davies;
3rd Gwyn Lightfoot; 4th Arwyn Davies;
5th Aled jarman; 6th Kerstine Schwarz. Well done to them all.

Owing to equine flu, stringent checks had to be made as to whether all the horses had been vaccinated beforehand. This gave everyone peace of mind and everything went well. Thanks to all who made the day go according to plan.

Quite a number of stalls attended. Plenty to try your luck at and an ice-cream was a must!

A good few braved the weather and did the Fun Run, returning soaked to the skin.

The Chairman, Brian Coleclough, would like to thank the President, Mr. Gwyn Williams O.B.E, Caeau, for his support; also all the Vice presidents. This year we had to ask for support to help cover the ever increasing costs of putting on the show. Thank you to Halkyn Community Council, Ysceifiog Community Council, Grosvenor Estate, Boweld, the Cherry pie and Hillcrest Motor Company.

A special thank you to the committee, who worked so hard before, during and after the show. It takes a week of hard work to stage the event. Thanks also to: the ladies committee who take charge of the produce tent, making sure that everything is in place; the stallholders for their support and to everyone who attended as competitors or as the general public. Let's hope for better weather next year.

Diolch yn fawr i bawb!
Menna

Capel Salem, Pentre Halkyn

Gwasanaethau/Services at 2pm.

C = Communion, W = Welsh, E = English

Sept.	1st	Rev Marc Morgan	C W
	8th	Rev. Hugh Burgess	E
	15th	No Service	
	22nd	Mrs Delyth McIntyre	E
	29th	No Service	
October	6th	Rev Marc Morgan	W
	13th	No Service	
	20th	Mr David Barker Jones	
		Harvest Festival	W
	27th	Rev. Hugh Burgess	E
Nov.	3rd	Rev. Marc Morgan	W
	10th	Mr Peter Sinclair	
	17th	No Service	
	24th	Rev Dr Jennie Hurd	

Capel Bethel y Nant

Services 2.30pm every Sunday

Do come and join us

September	1st	Prayer Meeting
	8th	Huw Powell Davies
	15th	Delyth McIntyre
	22nd	Prayer Meeting
	29th	Maureen Roberts
October	6th	Huw Powell Davies
	13th	Shân Morris
	20th	Maryl Rees
	27th	Robert Parry
		Harvest Service
November	3rd	Glyn Thomas
	10th	Shân Morris
	17th	Huw Powell Davies
	24th	Angela Bebbington

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

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 Cinema
**Saturday 7th September
"Green Book"**
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

From your County Councillor

Greetings. There is one certainty if you live in the British Isles: the uncertainty of the weather. For the best part of July the weather was fine, though at times a little too hot. Then came the weekend of 26th to 28th, when it rained almost unceasingly. I remember as a student that the lecturer told us that the usual 'frontal system' took four to six hours to pass over us. It was such a disappointment that for the weekend of the Sheepdog Trials the frontal system was almost stationary. In spite of the inclement weather the organisers of the Rhes y Cae and Moel y Crio Sheepdog Trials and Show produced a worthwhile occasion which was a credit to them. We all owe them a tremendous vote of thanks for all the many hours of hard work and preparation which they put in over the previous months. Warmest thanks are also due to the public who supported the occasion with stalwart loyalty. As usual, the 'Produce' tent revealed much ingenuity, care and skill. It is a pity more people don't take part though the children showed much enthusiasm and creativity in several sections. Hopefully, next year the weather may be rather more considerate and more folk will enter the various sections. It is so important that events like this continue. Its value cannot be measured but it does help in an intangible way to consolidate and strengthen the community spirit.

There is one display tent I wish to bring to people's notice: "Community First Responders". There are about 350 Community First Responders in North Wales including a very active group of these good philanthropists in the area of Halkyn Mountain and Brynford Common. The members of this organization are all volunteers, well trained in first-aid emergency care and they are **local** people. When a 999 call is made, if it is appropriate, they are alerted simultaneously with the ambulance service but being practically on the spot they provide much needed and essential help before the ambulance arrives. With the best will in the world it can take a quarter of an hour or more before an ambulance can reach the incident. The time lapse can be critical and this is where the First Responders are so invaluable. This group of dedicated men and women deserve our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Because they are so self effacing and quietly efficient they do not receive the civic appreciation they deserve. Remember, when a patient faces a serious emergency every second counts for them and the simple helping hand from the community First Responder can make a vital difference to their lives.

Local issues continue to demand my attention. I will not bore you with them yet again but I do reassure you that I battle on trying to solve people's civic problems. Disappointment, frustration, even misbelief at some of the illogical, irrational or incredible responses make Victor Meldrew's "I don't believe it!" perfectly legitimate and normal. Dog fouling; motorcycles and rubbish/litter on the Common; increased speeding in 30mph areas; potholes; service bills in some council properties; the list is never ending and I sympathise with folk who are nearly distraught with anxiety.

Before the publication of the December edition of the Halkyn Mountain News there may well be fundamental changes to our way of life. Some people may well be very pleased but there will be others who will be equally displeased and there could well be quite a number of people who are still mystified. We shall just have to knuckle down to new circumstances and hopefully, over a period of time, much of the bitterness will have dissipated. Some prophesy that the farming community may be in serious trouble. We may well find food prices get much higher or even find it harder to buy some items of grocery to which we are accustomed. All I can say is that I hope the changes will not be too harsh for people to cope with and I shall be keenly alert for any distress among constituents on Halkyn Mountain and I will do my best to alleviate their problems.

Whatever happens, may I wish you all a very pleasant autumn?

Colin Legg C.C.

Halkyn Mountain Artists



Jeni Taylor, Marjorie Scott, Jean Walker & Lynda Wilson will be taking part in the Flintshire Art Trail for one weekend in September.

They will be opening their studio doors at Pentre Halkyn Community Centre on the 14th/15th from 11am to 5pm.



Why not call in and take a look at the excellent variety of work whilst relaxing with tea and cake.



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.



New Chair and Vice Chair of Council

Councillor G. T. Robinson (Berth Ddu) was elected as Chair of Halkyn Community Council for the period 2019/2020. Councillor Robinson thanked Members for his election as Chair of Council, and thanked the retiring Chair, Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson (Rhes Y Cae), for her year in office and for the way she had conducted the meetings.

Councillor Brian Coleclough (The Nant) was elected as Vice Chair of Council for the period 2019/2020.

Traffic at Ysgol Rhos Helyg School)

The area from Halkyn along the B5123 road to Rhosesmor has been designated a 'Live Area' for the North Wales Police Go Safe Speeding Team. **The Community Council wish to bring to residents notice the vacancy for a School Patrol Officer for Ysgol Rhos Helyg.** Further information can be obtained from Flintshire County Council Tel: 01352 752121.

Visit by Halkyn Mountain Living Landscape Officer

Mr. Saul Burton advised Members of his knowledge of the area for his position as Living Landscape Officer. The post was funded by the European Union. Part of Mr. Burton's remit was in relation to the following: 1. Installation of five new cattle grids – with the first to be installed in Wern Road. This will allow more grazing opportunities on the mountain. 2: Managing the gorse and bracken while preserving the SSSI areas, to endeavour to increase the amount of stock in the area, including the number of graziers.

Councillors discussed with Mr. Burton

Economic concerns/Slowing down of the evolution aspect/Graziers have been discouraged from breeding sheep on the mountain/Landscapes concerns.

Criminal Offences Reported Within the Community

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

Halkyn: 1 x theft from motor vehicle – of the number plates. No suspect identified, no CCTV and no CSI opportunities; 1 x anti-Social behavior environment – 4 x off-road bikes behind the Blue Bell pub – No identification of the riders/VRN's or supporting vehicles; 1 x anti-social behavior in Pant Quarry - approximately 12 males swimming in the quarry refusing to leave. Officers attended and moved the youths on; 1 x Road related offence outside Blue Bell Pub – anonymous phone call that male was slumped in his car in the pub car park with headlights on. Officers attended and male was asleep in car. Breath sample was taken it was found that he was 3 times over the legal limit for alcohol. Arrested and taken to custody.

Pentre Halkyn: 1 x Drugs Offence – in The Nant area. Local farmer has found between 45/50 bin bags of

cannabis waste dumped in field; 1 x drink/drug driving – A55. Driver tested positive for drug driving and was arrested for that and also possession of cannabis; 1 x ASB Environment – Aberdo Quarry – Off road bikes been driving around the quarry and surrounding Roads – Vehicle Registration number reported – anti-social driving notices being considered by Rural Crime Team; 1 x Suspicious Circumstances – Maes Llygan - two males acting suspiciously on a driveway, peering down the side of a house; 1 x ASB Environment – Off Road Bikes x 3 and a Red Land Rover causing a nuisance on the mountain; 1 x Suspicious Circumstances – suspicious vehicle on Allt Y Plas, possible drug dealing. Vehicle details passed over and traffic unit alerted to stop vehicle; 1 x Anti-social behavior environment – Quad bikes on the mountain (grid reference given). 1 adult and 2 children with Black Nissan Navara parked close by, VRM given. Warning letter sent to owner of vehicle; 1 x Suspicious Circumstances on Springfield Hill. Caller thought they saw someone potentially trying to get into their neighbor's car. Male was described as tall wearing a big, dark jacket; 1 x Anti-Social Behavior Environment – Cemex Quarry. Off road bikes in the area for 20 minutes.

Rhes-y-Cae: 1 x Dangerous Dog – Infant bitten by brown boxer type dog walked by a lady in her 60s wearing a purple jacket, purple hat and grey pants; 1 x Anti-social behavior environment – local resident reporting anonymously that a male has been riding around the Trem Y Foel area of Rhes y Cae on a red, off-road bike on the road without a VRM and up to the common, often with his black Labrador. House to house enquiries carried out, male identified and sent warning letter; 1 x Suspicious Circumstances. Caller reporting suspicious vehicle green Peugeot 206 in the area – VRM given. Local residents in Nannerch apparently saw the same vehicle around 02:00hrs that morning. Registered keeper's house was checked overnight and car was not there, negative area sightings. However the car details have been passed to Roads Policing for observations and intel; 1 x ASB Environment - 2/4 off road bikes with 4/5 males with no helmets doing circuits in the quarry. Caller noticed vehicles with the bikes, however did not give the details to NWP. Negative sightings when officers attended.

Rhosesmor: 1 x Dangerous Dog – Pant y Ffrith – dog sheep worrying across fields. Dog and owner identified and dealt with via LEAD initiative warning letter; 1 x Theft – Ifor Williams trailer stolen in process of moving from one house to the other when leaving old house unattended; 1 x ASB Nuisance – 4 x trial bikes riding around the mountain. No further details.

Planning Applications:

The Community Council passed comments in relation to the following planning applications, which had been received from Flintshire County Council:

Application number: 059596 - for change of use from shooting range to holiday lodges, at Pen Y Parc Farm, Pant Y Gof, Halkyn. Planning Application number: 059487 - for removal of condition 11 – following grant of planning permission 056419, at Pant Y Pwll Dwr

Quarry, Pentre Halkyn/Applications by Tarmac (Pant Asphalt) – for the following out of hours working: 23rd and 24th March, 30th and 31st March; Application number: 059741 – for proposed single storey rear extension to existing dwelling, at Hollie Bach, Rhes Y Cae; Application number: 059800 – for proposed garage conservation to residential accommodation, including windows and doors, at 17 Llys Dedwydd, Pentre Halkyn; Application number: 059833 – for single storey side and rear extension, at Terfyn, Wern & Gaer, Moel Y Crio; Application number: 059866 – for demolition of existing timber framed bungalow and associated garage/outbuildings. Proposed erection of dormer bungalow with associated ramps/retain walls etc., and temporary permission for siting of a static caravan during construction, at Silvermere, Pentre Halkyn; Application number: 059790 – for proposed erection of a car port and store, at Gwern Y Gaer, Wern Road, Rhosesmor; Application number: 059906 – for a double garage, at Glasdir View, The Nant; Application number: 059997 – for the retention of 2 x 2000 litre LPG containers – 3040 x 1450 x 1450mm, on access road to Little Chef, Halkyn; Application number: 060004 – for retrospective application for the change of use of agricultural land to touring caravan storage, at Fron Farm, Hendre; Application number: 059992 – for change of use of agricultural land to commercial use (B8) (Storage), at Pistyll Farm, The Nant.

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:

Application number: 059016 – for details reserved by condition number 3 – attached to planning permission no: 057994, at Gwysaney Saw Mill & Stable, Rhosesmor. Approved; Application number: 059440 – for two storey extension at, Ffynnonfa, Rhosesmor. Approved; Application number: 059441 – for a single storey side extension, at, Ffynnonfa, Rhosesmor. Approved; Application number: 059476 – for reconstruction of approach path to the south porch etc., together with other work, at St. Paul's Church, Rhosesmor. Approved; Application number: 059264 – for retrospective application to ground floor and other work, at Little Chef, Halkyn. Approved; Application number: 059322 – for demolition of external stores and other work, at Nant Cottage, The Nant. Approved; Application number: 059487 – for removal of a condition 11 following grant of planning permission 056419, at Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn. Approved; Application number: 059790 – for the erection of car port & store, at Gwern Y Gaer, Rhosesmor. Approved; Application number: 059741 – for single storey rear extension, at Holly Bach, Rhes Y Cae. Approved; Application number: 059738 – for approval of details reserved by condition no. 3 (materials) attached to planning permission no. 058815. Approved.

Flintshire StreetScene:

Mr. Neil Hickie (Flintshire County Council Street Scene Officer) provided the Council with the following update: (1) Shone's Lane Area, Berth Ddu – installation of new dog bin. Awaiting site meeting with Councillor G. T. Robinson; (2) Cae'r Fallwch, Rhosesmor. Give way lights faulty – matter passed to street lighting; (3) Caeau

Gleision Lane, Halkyn – road sign lit continuously - passed to street lighting; (4) Bryn Rodyn to Rhes y Cae, Halkyn – potholes. Work order issued; (5) Haven Garage, Pentre Halkyn. Visibility issue with sign – discussed further with Council Members; (6) A5026 and B5123, Pentre Halkyn to A541 through Rhosesmor. Faded white lines – being address and part completed to date in part; (7) A5026, fronting Haven Garage, Pentre Halkyn – potholes. Have been temporarily repaired, road has been placed on resurfacing programme for this year.

Council Members brought the following concerns to the attention of Mr. Hickie:

(a) A number of conifer trees are affecting visibility (b) Speeding concerns in Pentre Halkyn – could signage be improved (c) Discussion in relation to the installation of bench seating in Rhosesmor. The Clerk advised that this had been discussed by the Council previously, whereby the Community Group had been advised to consult with the County Council, as to the area to site the bench seating – with Council Members providing a number of possible areas (d) Flooding concerns with a grid in the Black Lion area in Rhes Y Cae (e) Concerns with dog fouling in a number of areas. The Clerk advised in relation to an e-mail from a resident in Rhosesmor – who was concerned with dog fouling – with a request for a dog bin to be sited at the junction between the area of the Village Hall and where the Church meets with Wern Road. Mr. Hickie advised that he would endeavour to have a dog bin placed in this area. Councillor Miss. Jean Davies advised that the County Council do supply No Dog Fouling signage.

Donations and Financial Support

The Community Council have granted the following donations: £100 - Flintshire 50+ Action Group; £250 - Rhes Y Cae & Moel Y Crio Sheepdog Trials & Show; £1,000 - Rhes Y Cae Village Hall (towards refurbishment); £100 - St Kentigern Hospice, St Asaph.

Phillip Parry,
Clerk to Halkyn Community Council
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E-mail: halkyn.council@btinternet.com
www.halkyn.org.uk

St Michael's Church, Brynford

The Congregation of St Michael's Church, Brynford would like to thank the local community for their kind and generous support for our recent Anniversary Collection. The anniversary service held on July 7th was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the welcome social event at the end of service where we had lovely food and drinks (cheese & wine).

Please check our notice board for up and coming events, we would love to welcome friends old and new.

We have an active over 55 club which meets the 1st Tuesday of the month 2.00pm until 4.00pm. If you would like to join us you will receive a very warm welcome.

Alice Davies Wright 01352 714362 (Warden)
Yvonne Hewitt 01352 710183 (Church Secretary)

Many thanks
Yvonne Hewitt

Rhosesmor Village Hall

Recently, we were forced to close the hall for a week in order to unblock the sewer throughout the site.

(5 manholes and adjoining cement ducting completely blocked.)

In that week we had to call Welsh Water out twice. As a result of their efforts they discovered that a broken sewer pipe, under the main road passing the hall, had caused the blockage. It was clear that the problem had resulted in the build up into the hall over a considerable period.

It was made worse by the fact that the sewers had been hand built in 1911; cement shaped by hand to form the ducting. The rough cement surface and joints/bends all easily snagged wet wipes, etc. and formed a solid mass. We now await Welsh Water to mend the sewer.

I suggest if you own a property of similar age to the hall that you do a periodic check down a manhole to ensure you don't have a problem slowly building up that will need attention soon.

The advice of Welsh Water was to reopen the hall, but to check periodically for any build up of sewage. If it occurs, call them out again. Luckily, it is the quiet period for the hall, and everything seems to be flowing nicely.

*Geoff North, Secretary,
Rhosesmor Village Committee*

Rhosesmor Community Garden of Remembrance

This summer our garden has been a breathtaking spectacle of colour, scents, bees and butterflies and with the amazing wild flower area under the trees above the garden and the new seating area with shrubs it is a truly very special place!

We welcome all to come and sit a while, enjoy, reflect and remember loved ones passed.

Pick some flowers if you wish.

"As I leave the garden I take with me a renewed view and a quiet soul".

If anyone wishes to donate a plant in memory of a loved one please contact Viv Barlow - 07740 553 601



Halkyn Mountain Living Landscape Officer

Forthcoming Events

Navigation for beginners Saturday 5th October

Come and learn the basics of navigation using a map and compass. After a classroom session in the morning we will venture out onto Halkyn Mountain and have a go for real.

Suitable for 12 yrs upwards. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact saul.burton@flintshire.gov.uk for details

Spoon carving Saturday 9th November

Carving your very own spoon from green wood using hand tools is very satisfying! Come and learn the basics and you'll leave with a practical and unique wooden spoon.

Over 18s only.

Contact saul.burton@flintshire.gov.uk for details

Basket making Saturday 12th October

A practical session, learning how to make your very own basket out of willow.

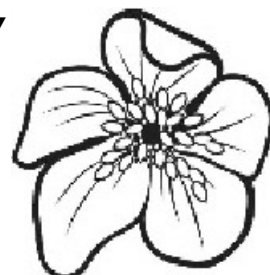
Contact saul.burton@flintshire.gov.uk for details

Booking is essential for all events.

Further information such as times and locations will be given at the time of booking.

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, members free.
Membership is available.

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

The autumn programme is:

Tuesday 17 September

Gardeners' Question Time, Mystery Panel

Tuesday 15 October

Wildlife Gardening without the Wilderness,
Jill Cawthray

Tuesday 19 November

Don't go to Sleep in Winter, Kevin Pratt

Programme can be subject to change.

My Country Cottage - part 2

The Owners

In a previous HMN, I dealt with the tenants of our cottage, Bryn Awel in Moel y Crio. In this edition, I would like to deal with the actual owners of the cottage, the Parry family.

The cottage was built sometime between 1820 and 1840, when it was in the ownership of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Forests and Woods, and was originally designated as a woodcutter's cottage. It was originally bought by William James, a butcher living in Sarn, in the parish of Ysceifiog, in 1846 for £50, before it fell into the hands of the Parry family in June, 1866, namely to Thomas Parry of Gwernaffield, a blacksmith. Thomas, and his wife, Mary (nee Jones), had four children, one of whom, Charles, inherited the house when his father died in 1914.

Charles was born in Ysceifiog in 1851, and married Jennet Alma Lloyd (1856-1937). The couple had 11 children, and both died on the same date and in the same year at Brynffynnon, Nannerch, where Charles was a farmer. It would appear to have been a dairy/arable farm, as the children who worked on the farm with them are given titles such as teamsman (horses), dairy work, and shepherd. Can anyone throw any light on what seems to have been some sort of accident for them both to die on the same day and date? The farm didn't seem to be doing too well, as the probate of his Will leaves a value of only £5.

The estate then falls into the hands of his son, Thomas Parry (1878-1952), living at Groesfaen, Babell, and married to Elizabeth Mary. At this time, our cottage, Bryn Awel, another property (Nursery Croft) in Berth Ddu, and another property in Pantglas (now part of Sychdyn), formed part of the estate passed down. As Mary Elizabeth Blackwell was at the time tenanted

Bryn Awel, that was kept by Thomas, who died in 1952, and the family sold it after her death in 1969.

Nursery Croft, said to be a dilapidated building, was sold to its tenant Maud Mary Edwards on 29th March, 1943, when probate was granted.

There is no mention at this stage of the property at Pantglas, a house with 13 acres, which I presume was kept in the family ownership, although a housing estate now sits where the property was.

Thomas was still living at Groesfaen at the time of Charles's death, but he seems to have done better than his father in the farming line, leaving an estate valued at £6,569.15s.8d. His wife, Elizabeth Mary, outlived him, as she is one of the trustees of his Will, but I can find no record of her death date. There seem to have been no offspring of their marriage, as the estate was handled by the Midland Bank (as trustees), Myfanwy Howatson (nee Parry), and John Lloyd Parry, his brother and sister, as co-executors.

Bryn Awel was sold to John and Martha Morris on the 28th September, 1970, and has been in private ownership ever since.

I have been visited by Charles Lloyd Parry, a son of Thomas's brother, William Lloyd Parry, and who was told by his friend Aled Jones, from Rhosesmor, that I was researching the family. Charles used to farm The Bryn in Cilcain, having retired some years ago to live in Rees Heath. Although over 90 now, he brought me the family bible and allowed me to photograph some of the inscriptions. My thanks go to him and to Aled Jones, for telling him about my research.

Any information on the family, or location of the places mentioned would be greatly appreciated.

Jean Walker
01352 781277

Every Memory Matters to Paint the Picture of the Past

As one of the team of archivists in the Holywell and District Society I am looking for people to share their memories of the town with me.

Any memories you have of Holywell and the area will be treasured and recorded for future generations: where you lived, any teachers or doctors you remember, your religious worship, what entertained you, characters of the town (and there were many), wartime memories, where you played - in fact anything you can remember to help paint the picture of your past.

No memory is too small and it could lead to another for someone else!

However unimportant you may think your memory is it is unique to you and adds to the fabric which has made this area the treasure it is.

We are at number 13, Bank Place cottages in Holywell every Monday morning from 10 o'clock - just ring the bell. Or I could come to you and write down your memories for you and perhaps help you remember more.

We would also like you to share your pictures of

Holywell - its people and places. They will be scanned and given back to you straight away.

We can't wait to hear from you and look forward to you sharing your memories with us.

**WE ARE LIVING HISTORY AND WE OWE IT TO
FUTURE GENERATIONS TO LEAVE BEHIND THE
STORY OF OUR TIMES!**

Please contact me on 01352 711240 or email
yarnell2017@gmail.com

Thank you,
Andrea

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

A Few Words from Danny the Donkey

I rather enjoy surprises. Living on the mountain, surprises generally come along in the form of apples and carrots brought to me by kindly visitors. Less pleasant surprises are more varied – a sheep with a strange cough waking me during the night or biting a thistle only to find a slug on it. Occasionally surprises can take stranger forms and last week was a good example.



I am not the greatest fan of seagulls. They are noisy, disruptive and have few manners, so when one landed beside me I was not very impressed and did not particularly want to strike up a conversation. The seagull however appeared to be on a mission. "You're a donkey right?" he asked. Sarcasm doesn't come naturally to me but on this occasion I was nearly tempted to say "No I'm a large rabbit" but I have always tried to be polite and I happened to be in a good mood that day. Instead I responded "You are correct". "Thought so, that's good", said the seagull in reply, "I have a message for you".

At this point an annoying fly settled on my nose and I sneezed the loudest sneeze I have done in years. There was a loud shrill noise and the seagull flew away in rather a hurry leaving a rather messy patch where he had been a few moments before. It wasn't my intention to scare him but it was clear that I had done so because he never returned.

Since last week, I have thought hard wondering who might have sent me a message and what that message was. I can't think of anyone I may have known who has moved away and would trust a seagull messenger. I have wondered whether it might have been a scam and he was secretly trying to find out information to identify where I keep my secret store of carrots (or should I say pieces of carrots as my willpower isn't particularly strong). If he had managed to find out where my store

was then he would probably have shared the information with other seagulls and they could have cleared my store in seconds.

I was talking to one of the elder ewes over the fence only yesterday and she advised me never to share any information about my carrot store. She suggested that it would be wise to use a memorable name which only I would know referred to my carrot store. This gave me something else to ponder. I thought about names that nobody else would associate with my favourite food, something that would be difficult to guess. I decided on "Sheep poo".

I soon learned that this was a bad decision of mine when I was passing the time of day with the cat which lives with my human friends. He was basking in the sun near my stable and asked me whether I was having a good day? I replied that I was and that I had been keeping an eye on the sheep poo to make sure that the seagulls didn't take it. "I knew it" he responded, "You have finally lost it". He not only looked confused but quickly ran away giving me the strangest look as he went. I realised what I had said and have decided it was less confusing to go back to just calling them "carrots".

I never did find out what the message had been. I don't expect it would have been life-changing. Life doesn't change that much here on the mountain. Having said that, there is always something new to talk about. A sheep has just informed me that a strange shiny contraption has appeared in the road, preventing them following their usual route. Apparently, there is now a competition among the sheep to find a way of crossing over it. There is much bleating over the subject so I will probably have more to tell you in the next edition.

Bye for now,

Danny

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

Stand Up to Cancer Bake-Off

A fundraising 'Bake-Off' event was held at Ael y Bryn in Wern y Gaer on Sunday 9th June. It turned out to be a very successful day with the added bonus of the sun shining and no rain! The afternoon was filled with games, a raffle, tombola and of course the cake competition.

All the cakes were delicious and really everyone was a winner, but first prize was finally awarded to Mr Saul Moreton of Pantymwyn who baked a Sicilian Citrus cake.

The Hulson family would like to thank everyone in the community for their kindness in supporting the event. A grand total of £760.45 was raised and donated to Cancer Research UK.

Sandra Hulson



Halkyn Mountain Nature Conservation Group - Bioblitz June 2019

We had a wonderful talk from local distinguished resident, Dr. Goronwy Wynne the week before our massively successful Bioblitz at Halkyn at the end of June. Goronwy is a famous botanist, and started by telling us that 'Mynydd' in Welsh not only means 'mountain', but can also refer to an open moor, common land with few buildings as well - just like the Halkyn area. Stretching approximately from Brynford to Rhosesmor, comprising 2,000 acres established as Common Land with rights for local people to graze.

He said that all the plants depend upon the local geology, or rocks. He held up his right hand and likened it to the geology of Flintshire - the thumb is the Wirral - the space between it and the other fingers is the Dee estuary. Then he said 'I'm lucky, I've got four fingers - the index finger goes up to the Point of Ayr and down to Mold, it follows the line of the coal measures. The middle finger is the sandstone and Millstone grit of Gronant and Gwespyr, then shale of Mynydd Cloddiau and the Limestone of Halkyn mountain to Loggerheads.

Limestone gives rise to a lot of interesting plants and the insects and birds that feed upon them.

Halkyn has had a history of much grazing that has suppressed this in the past. Now, the rough grazing not being so economically viable, a lot of wildlife has begun to return, so we held a 'Bioblitz' to encourage local people to get interested in spotting the wildflowers, butterflies, moths and other insects, the birds and the fossils in the rocks. You can get a phone app now that takes the photo and sends it with the grid reference

from the satellite (that you use for Sat Nav) to the local record centre.

The Bioblitz happened on the 30th June, starting at Halkyn parish hall. There we had displays of locally found fossils, photos of local rare orchids, and stands manned by the new habitat manager, North Wales Wildlife trust 'Living Landscapes' project and Cofnod - the North Wales Biological Records centre, as well as displays of the moths caught the night before and lots of activities for children- as well as a tea and cakes sitting area!

Some of our group and expert guests took groups out over the mountain to look at the plants and animals and fossils, and to learn about the industrial past of the area and how this has had an effect on the wildlife present.

Our next event will be a wildflower identification day for all beginners, including children over 6 years old. This will be held at Halkyn Parish Hall on 3rd August starting at 10 am. We will have a fun introduction to how to recognize the 5 different plant families on the mountain, including a card game, then after your packed lunch that you can bring, we will go out for a short walk to put these new skills into practice. There will be a nominal charge of £2.50 per person to cover the hire of the hall.

After that we plan to take regular monthly guided walks on the mountain to look at all kinds of wildlife- please let us know which day of the week is suitable for you - telephone Colin on; 01352 781762
Or email Jan at Jan@7wells.org

Houghton Weavers at Rhosesmor

On Friday 12 July, the Barn at Bryn Ffynnon Farm, Rhosesmor resounded with the songs, stories and jokes of the famous Lancashire folk group, The Houghton Weavers. They delighted the audience with a repertoire of well-known songs at a charity concert in aid of Deeside Hospital organised by Netta and Wynne Rowlands.

The Houghton Weavers are probably one of the best known folk bands in the UK and have appeared regularly on television and radio.

Sadly, the lead singer Tony Berry died on 13 June, but his fellow band members fulfilled the booking. Before the performance began, a moment of silence was held as a mark of respect. Despite reeling from their loss, the Houghton Weavers wowed the audience with their slick delivery of songs interspersed with stories and jokes which filled the barn with laughter. Their sterling performance in the homely and intimate setting of Bryn Ffynnon Barn, left the audience wanting more. The band clearly demonstrated their superb guitar and keyboard skills and their repertoire included songs such as "Uncle Joes Mint Balls", "Streets of London" and "Meet Me on the Corner".

Netta Rowlands who organised the event with her

husband Wynne and a team of helpers, thanked the Houghton Weavers for the wonderful entertainment. The Band quipped about the remoteness of the location and how they might have difficulty finding their way home. The applause from the appreciative audience for both the Houghton Weavers and Netta confirmed that an excellent evening had been had by all

HALKYN MOUNTAIN DVD

The updated Halkyn Mountain DVD is available. 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.

Rhes y Cae News

Annual Church Walk



Saturday 15th June, in aid of Rhes y Cae Church funds. We met at the Upper Shippe Inn in Bagillt on a sunny morning. Our grateful thanks to John Thomas for leading the walk, and to Vicky and John for making a board for us – see photo! We walked along the coastal path with beautiful views over the Dee, and lots of historical information about the docks and the industries on the way. Everyone was amazed to see the amount of water flowing out of the end of the Milwr Tunnel!



Thanks to Judith, Brenda and Wendy for helping with providing sandwiches and other goodies for our lunch, and to Rob of the Upper Shippe for a warm welcome.

Village Hall and Church Stalls, Rhes y Cae Show



We all felt that we were very unlucky with the weather on the day. But we were also very pleased with the amount of support from the people who were there in spite of the rain. We had a variety of games and activities, including Trash or Treasure, Splat the Rat, 100 square, Lucky Lollipops, and Pick a Nail from the

Bale, which all attracted plenty of interest. Our thanks to everyone who participated, and all who ran the stalls or contributed prizes.



Church Stall

Summer Pre-loved Sale



Saturday 27th July, Rhes y Cae Village Hall. This was a new event, organised by a group of local people from the village. The proceeds were all donated to Village Hall funds. There was a great array of goods on sale, from clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery and household items. Many thanks to everyone who had a stall, or helped out in any way, and to all those who called in at the hall to support the event.

Future Dates

Rhes y Cae Church Harvest Service

Sunday 20th October at 3pm, followed by afternoon tea.

Cheese & Wine Evening

Rhes y Cae Village hall Friday 25th October at 7.30pm.

Details to be decided – look out for posters!

Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of Church funds

Tuesday 26th November at 10.30am.

Village Hall monthly coffee mornings

Will resume in September – dates to be confirmed.

Salsa Dance Class

On Wednesday evenings during school term time you will find men and ladies dancing to the hypnotic rhythm of Salsa music at Rhes y Cae Village Hall. You are welcome to drop in between 7–9pm to see what's happening in these fun and relaxed dance sessions. First session Wednesday 4th September.

Clwb Salsa Dance Classes are on Facebook.

Enquiries: Trevor 07980 060388.

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

Wendy Hughes wendy.hughes@mytegfam.com

Mountain Community Cinema

Our cinema-goers enjoyed Stan & Ollie in July, appreciating the great performance of the Coogan/Reilly double-act: "Another fine film you've gotten us into".

The next cinema showing heading your way is the Oscars 2019 Best Film winner 'Green Book' (12A) on Saturday 7th September, 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). Dr Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) is a world-class African-American pianist, who is about to embark on a concert tour in the Deep South in 1962. In need of a driver and protection, Shirley recruits Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), a tough-talking bouncer from an Italian-American neighbourhood in the Bronx. Despite their differences, the two men soon develop an unexpected bond while confronting racism and danger in an era of segregation. Tickets are only £4 in advance (or £5 on the door). All income goes towards covering our costs, as the community cinema is run by a small band of volunteers.



Our last film of the year will be screened on Saturday 9th November. We haven't decided what it is yet, so watch out for information in the usual places!

Remember, tickets go on general sale about 2 weeks before each showing, and can be purchased from the Blue Bell Inn or online via the community cinema website. Light refreshments (including popcorn!) are available on the night. 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!

*Rob Hughes, Secretary
Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema Committee*

Weather from Shirley Walls

On Thursday 25th July, the hottest day of the year, when 30°C was recorded at Hawarden, Shirley noted the temperature in Berth Ddu was 29.3°C.

Her late husband, Len, used to provide an annual weather review to the Halkyn Mountain News and Shirley still keeps an eye on his meteorological instruments.

Blue Bell Walks

On a pleasant evening, the annual Summer Solstice Walk to the top of Moel-y-Gaer hill fort to watch the sunset whilst sipping a glass of wine and enjoying cake and nibbles proved popular once again.



In August we celebrated the 15th Anniversary of the Blue Bell Walks.

Eighteen months after the start of the Walkabout Flintshire Walking for Health free, led walks in Mold and Flint, requests for an evening walk led to the start of the Blue Bell Wednesday evening walks. Walkers recorded the distance walked in their Log Books. Bronze, Silver and Gold badges were awarded for completing 25, 50 and 100 miles respectively. From the very start, these walks proved popular and disappointment was expressed at the end of September when the walks ceased through lack of daylight. The desire to continue walking and clock up mileage to earn badges led to the Blue Bell Walks starting on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. These walks continue throughout the year with two walks on each occasion, so catering for all abilities. (We call the walks 'the fast walk' and 'the fast enough walk'). We are grateful to all trained volunteer walk leaders who have helped to make the Blue Bell Walks such a success. The benefits experienced by all participants have been greatly appreciated and they would welcome newcomers to join them.

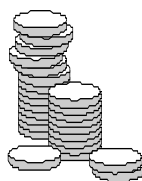
HALKYN PARISH HALL BINGO

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*

*September 4th and 11th and so on with me.
So come along. Eyes down. A fun night you'll see.*

Graziers and Commoners News

Rhes y Cae, Windmill, Moel y Crio and Rhosesmor graziers will surely be gladdened to see the first of the "new era" cattle grids in place on the lower Rhosesmor part of the road at Waen-y-Gaer, since mid-July. The second Rhosesmor grid is scheduled for installation at Ochry-Foel kiln in early August, followed by the third in the vicinity of Plas Yr Rhos/Rectory and Berth Ddu, thus effectively preventing sheep from straying off the common into Rhosesmor. The remaining grid locations will ensue in due course.

After August the removal of sheep from the common will occur on the evening of Saturday 14th September for the annual synchronised scab control treatment. The sheep will then be re-introduced onto the common after 2pm on Sunday 15th September.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS COMBINED PROCEDURE IS ADHERED TO, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE SHEEP ON HALKYN MOUNTAIN REMAIN FREE OF SCAB. Because of the time factors involved it is essential that ALL sheep are treated at the same time to prevent re-infection from flock to flock.

Later on this same month we will be holding an annual general meeting at Rhes-y-Cae village hall at 19.30 Thursday 26th September. All graziers and commoners welcome.

Halkyn Mountain Graziers and Commoners Association

Rhosesmor W.I.

Ladies met for a picnic in June at the Village Hall. The next day we enjoyed a tour back stage at Theatr Clwyd followed by afternoon tea. Our next meeting is Monday September 9th at 7.15 then on October 14th when will be decorating calico bags.

All are welcome to join us, contact Pauline Broughton 01352 780 883

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

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 Parish Hall Management Committee

Hello! This is the second update from the Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee. As mentioned in the last edition of the Halkyn Mountain News, we hope to provide a short update for each edition to let you know about anything new happening at the hall.

If you want to contact the committee at all, you can do so via email to halkynparishhall@gmail.com and if you want to enquire about booking the hall for an activity, event or party then please do contact the caretaker, Colin Roberts, on 01352 781762.

The hall will be getting a new boiler installed soon along with an improved hot water system for the toilet facilities. We also hope to make some improvements to the lighting in the near future too. The committee agreed at our last meeting to trial a regular - once a month - 'Games Night' in the hall. This will probably be held on the first Friday of each month and will be open from around 8pm - 10.30pm. At the time of writing this article, we're not quite sure when this will be launched so please do go and look on the 'Halkyn Mountain Events' Facebook page for the latest information. The idea is the hall will be open to residents of Halkyn Mountain to come along and play a variety of games in the hall for a small donation. As well as use of the snooker table, there will also be table tennis, darts and dedicated corners set up for board games and also card games.

If you can think of anything else we can offer as part of the Games Night, or if you want to donate a board game or anything else, please do let us know. We hope you will come and join us in this new social activity in the hall. Whilst it is primarily aimed at adults, children are welcome to attend but anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.

Clare Madders, Secretary
Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee
halkynparishhall@gmail.com



**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

Birthday Honours List

Annwen Jones, formerly of Pentre Halkyn has been awarded an OBE in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list. She is the Chief Executive of the 'Target Ovarian Cancer' Charity, having been instrumental in its establishment in 2008. She is cited for her services to Charity.



Over 7,400 women are diagnosed each year across the UK and, tragically, 11 women die every day from the illness. Target Ovarian Cancer has become a multi-award winning charity and has developed a unique face to face support programme for women across the UK. It has trained over 50% of GPs in Best Practice for earlier diagnosis of ovarian cancer. It has also funded over £1.25million of research through the UK's first ever open research grants programme in ovarian cancer. This raising of awareness and earlier diagnosis has been instrumental in saving many women's lives. Annwen is also Vice-Chair of the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition and a co-founder of World Ovarian Cancer day.

Last year the Charity was honoured to receive a visit from HRH the Duchess of Cornwall to mark its first 10 years of achievements.



On receiving her award Annwen said she saw the honour as "a tribute to the extraordinary and inspirational women with ovarian cancer that we work with every day".

Annwen is the youngest daughter of the late John and Olwen Jones. She was born in Maes Lygan, Pentre Halkyn and has a brother, Elfed, and sister, Glenys. She attended Rhos Helyg School and Ysgol Maes Garmon in Mold. She then graduated from the University of Manchester and later completed a Masters Degree in Business Administration at Henley Business School.

She has lived in London for many years but her heart is still in the Halkyn area. She regularly travels home to be with the family. Indeed on the day the Honour was published she immediately caught a train back to North Wales to celebrate with her family. All her family are so proud of her achievements, especially in a field where what she does really matters to the lives of so many women who otherwise might never be diagnosed in time for curative treatment.

Do you know the symptoms of ovarian cancer?



If you experience any of these symptoms regularly and they are new for you, it's vital to see your GP

Early diagnosis saves lives

Find out more at: www.targetovariancancer.org.uk/symptoms

TARGET OVARIAN CANCER

Back Pain and Computers

We are all spending more time in front of a computer. Sitting for long periods without a break puts stress on the body, particularly the back and neck. Symptoms of spending too long on the computer include pain, tingling, aching, burning sensation, and muscle spasms in the back, neck, arms, legs or head.

These symptoms do not usually mean that you have a serious condition, but they are warning signs of trouble ahead. Discomfort means something is wrong. Physical discomfort is not an abstract process. If you are feeling pain, however minor, it means that structures of your body are damaged. Minute fibres in your muscles, ligaments or around your joints are tearing. Fibres in your body are continually being torn and re-growing, this is normal, but if you keep putting strain on the same fibres, the amount of damage starts to build up leaving scar tissue around your joints and, in the long term, arthritis. Sitting in the same poor posture regularly for 20 years will give you arthritis. There is no doubt about this.

"If you are suffering from back or neck pain while you are on the computer then you should think about adjusting your posture, taking regular breaks and doing some therapeutic exercises," says St Asaph chiropractor, Mr. Steve Massey.

It is important to set up your workspace so that you

automatically sit in a good posture. The top third of the monitor should be level with your eyes and the keyboard should not be at too steep an angle. Set your workstation up so that you do not have to sit or bend too much. Make sure that everything you use frequently is in easy reach. Too often people find themselves twisting into an awkward position to view a second computer or reaching up continually to get books down from a high shelf and then returning them. You should sit up straight on the chair rather than slump, so that your vertebrae remain aligned and you keep the correct curvature in your lower back. A lumbar support can help with this. Relax your shoulders; don't let them rise to your ears. Try to position yourself so that your elbows, ankles, knees and hips are at right angles and that your wrist and forearms are in a straight line. Don't let your wrists bend back towards your arm.

Take time to stretch regularly to let out tension in your jaw, neck, shoulders, arms, wrists, lower back, hips, legs and ankles. Don't keep your eyes glued to the screen, glance around from time to time. Take short breaks and walk around the room. Go outside for a few minutes to stretch your legs and get some fresh air to clear your head. If you would like a sheet of computer stretches, please contact our clinic and I will be happy to send you one.

Steve Massey,
St Asaph Chiropractic Clinic, 01745 535854

Hannah Blythyn AM for Delyn

I stood outside the Senedd alongside campaigners, Trade Union and Assembly colleagues fighting against the proposed scrapping of free TV licenses for over-75s. Almost 4,000 households in Delyn will be hit by the decision by the UK Government to scrap free TV licenses. I'm particularly angry that older residents on fixed incomes will be hit hard by this decision which will affect so many people in Delyn. In doing this, the UK Conservative government have broken their manifesto promise to over 75s while trying to lay the blame at the BBC, but the fault lies with this Government which through its agenda of cuts and austerity, risks plunging more and more pensioners into poverty. I also spoke with representatives from BBC Wales during an event at the National Assembly for Wales regarding the need for news coverage to reflect all corners of Wales - not just Cardiff and the surrounding areas. This is an issue that has been raised with me by constituents time and again and it was promising to hear that BBC Wales is acknowledging concerns regarding news coverage in North Wales. I also raised how important it is to guarantee better FM signals for listeners in North Wales.

I was really pleased to welcome some of North East Wales' successful and growing food and drink producers to the Senedd in a 'Discover North East Wales' event – in particular the contributors from my own constituency of Delyn. The event was well received and well attended and I'm pleased to have been able to provide the platform to showcase what we have to offer in our corner of the country to a wide and influential audience. It was great to get feedback from attendees that they'd been able to make useful connections, learn more about potential support available and identify new business opportunities for their products. The growing food and drink offer of the region not only adds to our amazing tourism offer that I'm a keen advocate of, but also provides jobs and is a key contributor to the local economy.

I used my first fundraising dinner at the Springfield Hotel in Halkyn to support North West Cancer Research - an independent charity supporting those fighting cancer

across North Wales and the North West of England. Since 2000, the charity has funded £39 million of research and supported hundreds of clinicians, doctors and students in the fields of basic, translational and clinical research. I'd like to extend my thanks to the fabulous staff at the Springfield Hotel, as well as all those who attended and donated raffle and auction prizes, from businesses to trade unions as well as friends and residents.

It's really positive to see the work being done to tackle single-use plastics and protect our environment. If we each do our own little bit, it can make a big difference, but the onus is on all of us to take action – from government to grassroots and everything in between. Wales leads the UK when it comes to recycling and is third best in the world but we have ambitious plans to build on our record by reducing, re-using and recycling to become number one in the world. The Welsh Government has launched a Circular Economy Fund to help Wales reach the milestones of 70 per cent recycling by 2025 and 100 per cent recycling by 2050. The £6.5 million fund will offer grants to businesses of any size seeking capital investment funding to increase their use of recycled materials in manufactured products, components or packaging. Since I announced the Welsh Government's ambition and support for us to become the world's first Refill Nation last year, the number of water refill stations has increased from 10 to over 1,000. I'm proud of a simple initiative that's making a significant difference and it's great to see communities in Delyn taking action on this.

Motorists who park on pavements with no consideration for the safety of pedestrians or cyclists could soon face action. The Welsh Government is putting together an expert group to explore ways of clamping down more widely on illegal parking across Wales. I know this is something that frustrates a lot of residents across Delyn – particularly outside schools – but this is not about penalising motorists, it is about making sure our communities are safer and helping people to embrace an active travel approach as part of a wider response to the climate emergency.

Mark Isherwood AM

Back in 2016 I was delighted to become Wales' Species Champion for the Curlew, the largest European wading bird, instantly recognisable on winter estuaries or summer moors by its long, down curved bill, brown upperparts, long legs and evocative call.

The North Wales Moors hold the largest population of breeding Curlews in Wales. Sadly, in recent years the species has seen significant declines and is disappearing from areas of the uplands. The population in Wales has fallen by 81 per cent and continues to fall by over 6 per cent annually, with country-level extinction expected by 2030. The Curlew is listed as globally 'Near-Threatened' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species and is a Red-listed Bird of Conservation

Concern in the UK. The 'State of Birds in Wales' report 2018 indicated that more than three quarters of the Welsh Curlew population has disappeared over the last 25 years, with no hint of this trend levelling out.

Because of the seriousness of this crisis, there was a major conference in Builth Wells in January 2018, attended by 120 participants from across conservation, farming, game and rural policy sectors in Wales. That has led to regional workshops and local meetings, and to the establishment of Gylfinir Cymru/Curlew Wales, a collaborative initiative made up of 16 organizations, encouraging a range of stakeholders to come together to help reverse the declines of Curlew. As the Chair of the Welsh Ornithological Society told me, "Given the plight of the Curlew, we can't wait. We must work with the Assembly and Welsh Government to bring in a special Curlew prescription as soon as possible."

Mark Isherwood AM- continued

Last June I also joined environmentalist and 'Curlew Moon' author Mary Colwell and the RSPB's Global Conservation Director, Martin Harper, on the Panel at the Hay Festival Curlew Event, 'Curlew Moon - Saving Our Most Endangered Species', to celebrate this iconic species and to discuss the action needed to stop it edging towards extinction.

The UK regularly hosts up to one quarter of the global Curlew breeding population and the Curlew is now considered the most pressing bird conservation priority in the UK. In response, the RSPB has initiated a Curlew trial management project to test whether a combined package of habitat management and predator control can successfully recover Curlew populations on their breeding grounds. This involves six study areas in the UK, including the one I have visited in the North Wales uplands.

I attended a 'Curlew Country' presentation in Shropshire, a lowland project to bring Curlews back to Shropshire and the Welsh Marches at which the evidenced need for predator control was highlighted. They called for more and better monitoring of breeding curlews, use of electric fences to protect nests, support through agri-environment schemes for farmers on whose land curlews are nesting and head-starting chicks in captivity prior to release into the wild.

Last month I attended the first ever Curlew Summit at 10 Downing Street, alongside Lewis Macdonald MSP, Species Champion for the Curlew in the Scottish Parliament; Jake Berry MP, Species Champion for the curlew in Westminster; and the Lead Specialist Adviser for Ornithology in Natural Resources Wales.

At the Summit we heard that sufficient resource will be required to advise, encourage and assist groups of farmers to come together to deliver, monitor and champion Curlew and biodiversity across landscapes, and that there is a need to understand the multiple and multi-species benefits from an ecosystem resilience, cultural and natural heritage perspective, that can be delivered through curlew conservation action.

We also heard that we are at a critical time for the Curlew, and perhaps have only 15 years left; that we should all be involved in co-designing a scheme, with tests and trials; that we require a needs-based mechanism for farm payments, a smart-based and measurable approach; and that we need co-ordination of actions, working at scale and together, including statutory agencies and across the UK. I emphasised the critical importance that the Welsh and Scottish Governments be invited to become involved fully at the first moment that DEFRA or any UK agency is brought into this. I also emphasised the need for the 4 UK nations to integrate their work on this, involving the Welsh and Scottish Governments in respect of their devolved responsibilities in these areas.

As Mary Colwell, who was present, subsequently said to me, "It is so shocking that Wales may only have 15 years left of the haunting call of the curlew.

Heartbreaking". I totally agree, it is heartbreaking. We can do something about it, but it is not only about the Curlew, it's about the farm support schemes that follow and the multiple food production and species benefits that can result.

The Curlew's distinct and ethereal song is a familiar sound that is deeply ingrained within our culture. It is essential that we act together now to stop these beautiful birds from wading into extinction.



Mark Isherwood AM and Patrick Lindley, the Lead Specialist Advisor for Ornithology in Natural Resources Wales, at the Curlew Summit.



Mark Isherwood AM at the Curlew Summit with environmentalist and 'Curlew Moon' author Mary Colwell, Lewis Macdonald MSP, Species Champion for the Curlew in the Scottish Parliament and Jake Berry MP, Species Champion for the Curlew in Westminster.

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**.

The School Year has come and gone in a flash. It has been another very successful year for everyone associated with the school.

Healthy Schools Award

We are extremely proud to have been awarded the **Welsh Network Award of Healthy Schools Scheme National Quality Award** by the Welsh Assembly Government for our outstanding work in embedding Healthy School principles and philosophies into every day school life.

We have been working towards this award since 2008 and are one of a very few schools throughout Wales to have been awarded this prestigious award.

Please visit our website to read our report written by inspectors commissioned by the Welsh Government.



Junior School Trip



The Junior trip to the seaside was a huge success. The children loved walking on the beach and playing on the sand. They also enjoyed eating ice creams in the sea breeze.

A thoroughly enjoyable traditional trip to the seaside.



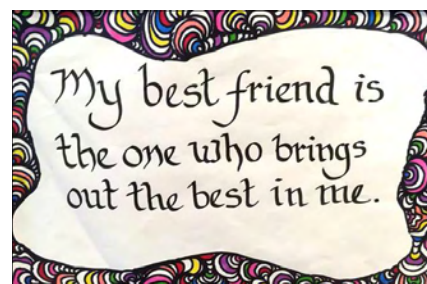
Infant Trip

The Infants had a lovely time at the Welsh Mountain Zoo.



Friendship Week

The children spent a week as part of our Personal and Social work, looking at what makes a good friend.



Lots of discussion occurred around this topic, and the children produced some lovely work on this important aspect of life.

School Fair

The Summer fair is another important event in the school year and this year we were able to hold the event outside in the lovely sunshine for only the third time in twelve years!

Each class made things this year in order to sell and raise money for their class. The older children learnt about basic business principles in buying raw materials in order to make things and looked at costs, profit and potential loss.

This class had bought white mugs and tiles and then decorated them and packaged them in order to sell them at the fair.



Whilst another class made some beautiful felted brooches.



Another class came up with the idea of a human fruit machine!



The summer fair, as always, was very well supported and was a huge success.

Topic Work

The older children in Year 5 and 6 have been looking at the amounts of sugar in foods and noticed that the recommended daily amount of sugar (25 grams) was easily exceeded by eating a few treats.



In most cases two treats contained more than 25 grams of sugar. The work clearly had an impact as some packed lunches are now much healthier.

Water play in the Early Years was a big hit.



Nursery have enjoyed making their own sandwiches

Eco Club

Our Eco club continue to do fantastic work and have been looking at trying to make our lunchtimes waste free. Plastic could be reduced and recycled as could paper and tin foil.

We have signed up to Walkers recycle scheme. If we recycle food too that makes us waste free.



Transition Day

Our Year 6 Pupils spent the day at Loggerheads with the local consortium schools and staff from Mold Alun. They had a great day during their Geography field trip.



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Ysgol Rhos Helyg - continued

Climbing Club

Our climbing club continues to thrive. Here are some of the pupils enjoying a session at the Boardroom Climbing Centre.



Gardening Club

The gardening club once again has proved very popular with the children.



Each class has their own garden and the school gardens are looking well.

Preparation is always the key.



Sports Day

We have moved the date to May for the last few years as the weather has proved to be better and once again the weather was spot on. A great day of competing was had and rapturous cheers and applause was heard all day.



Even the parents got in on the act!

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Learning First Aid Skills



The children have been learning some very important first aid skills this week with St. John's Ambulance Service.



Attendance

Congratulations to the eight pupils who received book tokens for having a 100% attendance for the year.

Moving On

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

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

Tinytots Playgroup
Wales Preschool Playgroup Association

Tinytots Playgroup
Learning Through Play

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



HALKYN MOUNTAIN KIDS CLUB & HOLIDAY CLUB

We are situated in Ysgol Rhos Helyg Primary School. The club is registered with CIW (Care Inspectorate Wales); all staff are DBS checked and qualified, all certificates are available to see.

We welcome children from nursery age 3yrs up to year 8 in high school 14yrs.

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

Snack time Playing games Arts and crafts

Parties Arranged theme nights

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

A Trim Trail where we enjoy climbing, balancing and swinging

A park with slides, bridges and balancing frames

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

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



Holiday club

To book your child/ren in please see 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 parents/guardians)

Prices for Holiday Club only £25 per child for a full day; £16 per child for half a day (till 1pm)

After school club

Opening times for After School Club only 3.10pm – 5.20pm Mon – Fri Term times only.

Prices for After School Club only

1 child for half a session (3.10pm till 4.20pm) fees are £5.50

1 child for full session (3.10pm till 5.20pm) fees are £8.50

2 siblings for half a session (3.10pm-4.20pm) fees are an extra £4.95 making a total for 2 children £10.45

2 siblings for full session (3.10pm-5.20pm) fees are an extra £7.65 making a total for 2 children £16.15

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/

Halkyn Mountain Living Landscape Project Update

I thought I would let you all know what has been happening and what we have coming up as part of the Halkyn Mountain Living Landscape project.

What has been happening?

The eagle eyed among you will no doubt have seen that we have installed two cattle grids in Rhosesmor – one on Wern Road and another by the lime kiln near St. Paul's Church.

The purpose of the cattle grids is to allow us to open up more of the mountain to grazing by sheep. Grazing for conservation is an age old landscape management technique and is crucial to maintain the ecological importance of the mountain landscape.

However, this relies on finding the correct level of grazing. Unfortunately, this has not been the case across Halkyn Mountain in recent years.

A decline in grazing over the years has meant that gorse, bracken and scrub have encroached into many areas. Sheep do not graze these areas and instead, stick to the more open parts of the mountain. This results in a mixture of both over and under-grazing.

If an area is over-grazed, the sheep eat all the flowers and it will eventually lead to a loss of biodiversity. Under-grazing leads to areas being swamped by bracken and gorse. This also reduces biodiversity as the flowering plants do not thrive under a dense canopy of gorse or bracken.

So, what is going to happen?

Plans are in place to install a third grid at the southern end of the common, near the Old Vicarage in Berth Ddu. At the northern end, we plan to install two in Brynford, although the plans for Brynford have been complicated by the installation of a water main.

Halkyn Mountain is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) due the grassland habitats. In England and Wales it is estimated that between 1932 and 1984 we have lost 97% of the unimproved grassland (unimproved means natural grassland that has not had

fertiliser applied). Therefore, it is crucial that we work to protect and enhance what little we have left.

As part of the Living Landscape project we will be carrying out some vegetation management over the autumn and winter months. The purpose of the work is to even out the distribution of the grazing in a bid to prevent the under and over grazing.

We will be cutting gorse in certain areas to break up the dense canopy and allow more light in for the flowering plants. This will be done in a visually sympathetic way i.e. not in one big block, to protect the appearance of the common.

As the mountain is a SSSI/SAC, management is closely supervised by the governing body Natural Resources Wales (NRW). We have worked closely with NRW in drawing up the vegetation management plans and all work is carried out with prior consent from them.

As advised by the late Douglas Adams – **Don't Panic!** We won't be completely eradicating the gorse or bracken across the common. Gorse and bracken do have an important role to play in providing food and shelter for our wildlife, both flora and fauna.

The ideal situation is to prevent the over-dominance of one or two species and create a patchwork or mosaic of different habitats across the mountain. This mosaic aspect to the vegetation is better for the flowers, insects and birds which make Halkyn Mountain such a special and beautiful place.

Saul Burton

Halkyn Mountain Living Landscape Officer

Brynford Rams

The newly formed Brynford Rams (formerly Holywell Juniors) held their Presentation Night in the Crooked Horn in Brynford; a well attended evening with all parents and guardians supporting their players. All players received some award ranging from Most Improved to Players Player. The Manager, Gareth Roberts, thanked everyone for coming. That included the parents and guardians for supporting, the committee for organising, Jayne Roberts for her hard work and the Pierces (Crooked Horn) for providing the venue.

The main thanks went to the players for their hard work and commitment throughout the season. We look forward to the new season playing under our new name Brynford Rams.



Halkyn Cricket Club

Halkyn CC 1st XI are currently enjoying a successful campaign. Currently lying in 2nd place in Division Two. Some excellent all round team performances have resulted in only one league defeat to date. The outstanding individual performance belonged to Ben Roberts who struck his maiden league century, 106 not-out at home to Mynydd Isa C.C. He has followed this up with the best club bowling performance of the season 8-13 at home to Llay 2nd XI. It is hoped that Halkyn 1st XI can maintain their consistent form and achieve promotion to Division One.

Halkyn CC 2nd XI enjoyed a couple of early victories early in the season but have struggled to add to this since. New players are improving and it is hoped that a couple more victories will be achieved during the later stages of the season.

Halkyn CC Midweek XI are also enjoying a very successful season in Division Three of the Chester Midweek League, with only two games remaining they currently top the division. One more victory will clinch the title for Shaun Gibsons team.

A big thank you to our Match Ball Sponsors HILLCREST MOTORS, HOLYWELL and BLUE BELL, HALKYN for your support. It is once again greatly appreciated. For further information on sponsorship please contact Keith Williams on 01352-781523.

Halkyn CC Clubhouse

A reminder that the clubhouse is available for hire. We have a fully licensed bar, ideal for parties, christenings and wakes. We offer the clubhouse free to any community groups/schools and have a reduced hire rate for children's parties (Under 13).

For further details please contact Jane Williams on 01352 781523 or 07732 325033 mob.

Keith Williams, Secretary

Holywell Rambling Club Autumn Programme 2019 – Summary

Day/Date	Walk Title	Grade & Distance	Leader & Tel. no	Meet location and time
September				
Thurs 5th **	A walk along the Dee	Easy 5 miles	Annette/Alison 01352 711377 07702 389900	Northop 9.30
Sat 14th	Marchlyn to Ogwen	Strenuous 8 miles	Vaughan 01745 857365 07739 151650	N'thop/H'well/J29 8.30/8.45/9.00
Sun 22nd	Pilgrims & Druids	Mod/Mount 7.5 miles	Ron 01352 715723 07967 513268	N'thop/H'well/J29. 9.00/9.00/9.15
Sat 28th	Surf & Turf	Easy 8 miles	Lawrence 01352 762162 07950 586262	N'thop/H'well/J29. 9.00/9.00/9.20
October				
Sun 6th **	Moel Eilio Circuit	Strenuous 8.5 miles	Vaughan 01745 857365 07739 151650	N'thop/H'well/J29. 8.15/8.30/8.45
Wed 9th	Ramble around Pantasaph	Easy 5-6 miles	Ron 01352 715723 07967 513268	Pantasaph 10.00
Sat 12th **	Aber to Bethesda	Mod/Mount 8.75 miles	Lawrence 01352 762162 07950 586262	N'thop/H'well/J29. 8.30/8.30/8.50
Sun 20th	Trefor	Easy/Mod 5.5 miles	Sandra 01352 741750 07895 785615	Northop 9.40
Sat 26th **	Moel Siabod	Strenuous 7.5 miles	Margaret 01352 720477 07972 949127	Northop/J29. 8.40/9.00
November				
Sun 3rd **	Nant y Plwm waterfalls & caves	Mod/Mountain 10 miles	Toni 07767 323649	N'thop/H'well. 9.00/9.15
Wed 6th **	Parkgate circular	Easy 5.5 miles	June & George 01352 840809	H'well/N'thop. 9.15/9.30
Sun 10th	Llanefydd	Moderate 6.5 miles	Janet 01745 890453 07518 022595	H'well/Llanefydd 9.20/9.50
Sat 16th **	Autumn Idyll	Moderate 8 miles	Peter 01352 716886	N'thop/H'well. 9.30/9.30
Sun 24th **	Offa Wat and their dykes	Easy/Mod 8 miles	Ron 01352 715723 07967 513268	H'well/N'thop 9.00/9.15
Sat 30th	New Brighton to West Kirby	Moderate 8.5 miles	John 01352 737366 07954 272561	H'well/N'thop 8.30/8.45

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

** Dogs are welcome on these walks.

Meeting Points for car share are:

- (1) The car park adjacent to Holywell Community Hospital
- (2) Northop Village car park
- (2) (3) Junction 29 on the A55.

Halkyn & District Bowling Club

We must start our report for this issue by thanking Grosvenor Estates, Tesco Stores, The Crown Inn, Lixwm and the local community for supporting us through this year. Grosvenor Estates supported us with a grant for the purchase of a much-needed new mower for our green.

Tesco Stores and the local community supported us through the Tesco Bags for Help Token Scheme in which we came second and thus Tesco's award allowed us to purchase an essential grooming kit attachment for



Club President Muriel Jones and Greenkeeper John Thomas with the new mower

the mower and conservatory furniture for the clubhouse. The Crown Inn, Lixwm have generously partnered with us and supports us with raffle prizes which greatly helps our fund raising though the year. We are a small bowls club open to all members of the community who wish to



join us and are very grateful to all who have helped us. Without this support we would struggle, and we hope this will ensure the continuation of the club for future generations of bowlers.

100 Club Draws

The winners of our monthly 100 club draws were: May - K Worrall £15, June - Iris Thomas £30 and July - D Hughes £15.

Club Teams

We have had some mixed results this season with all our teams, much like the weather we have played in, some good, some not so good. We do however all

enjoy the competition each week. The **Midweek Team** are not doing too well this season having only won two matches but we are not bottom of our division so there is still hope. The **Vets A Team** and **Vets B Team** are both currently sixth in their respective divisions so a fair place to be.

Club Competitions

These are played every two weeks and are summarised below:

Frank Cobb Trophy

Saturday 4th May saw a large turnout and a lot of very close games which led to a long day of bowls at the green. The eventual victor was Pat McDermott (Left) who beat Jo Woodruff (Right) in the final.

In the consolation competition a new format was trialled that led to a final competed for by 3 players.

After 2 hours Eirwen McDermott came out on top.



Britannia Shield

Congratulations to Mick Carpenter (Left) and John Thomas (Right) on winning the Britannia Shield on Sunday 19th

May. The competition reverted to an earlier start due to the large turnouts we have been having this season,

and the dew was still lying on the green as the competition started. The weather got better and better as the day progressed, which led to the green conditions changing as we went on. John and Mick beat Eirwen McDermott and Wyn Lewis in the final under the afternoon sun.



Granville Davies Cup

There was a new format for our second singles competition of the year, the Granville Davies Cup, on Saturday 1st June.

The round robin format was replaced with a straightforward singles knockout. The day was very enjoyable with a number of close games. The eventual victor was Andy Jones (Left) who overcame Mick Carpenter in the final.



Three Way Vets

This is a competition between Flint, Oakenholt and Halkyn bowls clubs held at each club during the season annually. It is played in one week with qualifying rounds on Monday and Tuesday with the top four on each day going to the final day on Friday. Halkyn hosted the competition in the week beginning Mon 10th June and there were players from all three clubs qualifying for the final's day on Friday. After some very close games the final took place between Steve Round from Oakenholt and Wyn Lewis from Halkyn with Steve (Right) taking the honours on the day.



Surprise Sunday

This is a day when the Competitions Organiser tries to come up with a fun day to test everyone's bowling skills. This year, Sunday 16th June, Pat decided on a Champions League of Halkyn Bowls Club. Players were drawn into two Groups A and B, with each player in each group playing all the other players in their group. The final was then played by Group A winner Andrew Jones (Left) who overcame Group B winner Bill Worrall to win the day.



Hale Trophy

Congratulations to Tony Henson and Wyn Lewis on winning the Hale trophy on Saturday 29th June. The competition was close on the day with Tony and Wyn running out deserved winners.



Ladies & Men's Singles Day

This was played on Sunday 27th July in glorious sunshine. The ladies **Sheila Statham Trophy** – has a new name on it this year after Julie Lewis (Right), who bowled consistently well throughout the competition, beat Wenna Worrall in the final.



The men's **Peter Anwyl Trophy** – was retained by last year's winner Mick Carpenter (Right) when he overcame Wyn Lewis in what was a close final right up until the end.



Fred Evans Trophy



On Saturday 27th July after all the glorious weather of the past weeks it was very much a change to be bowling in a steady downpour for the whole day. We still had a fun day and some great bowling which finished with a very close final eventually won by Wyn Lewis (Right) and Mick Carpenter (Left).

90 Years Young

Our President, Muriel Jones, had a surprise when she came to our usual practice on Tuesday 30th July. Muriel would be 90 later in the week and we all got together to give her a birthday afternoon to remember. This was a bit difficult as she had been insistent that she did not want any fuss; but you can't let such a birthday go without celebrating it. Muriel was surprised and did enjoy meeting everyone, including some senior past members of the club.



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



President's Day

There were 132 golfers who joined President Alan Williams to celebrate his President's Day. The weather was calm and this was reflected in the scoring with plenty of scores in the 40s. Congratulations to Dan Hayes who was the winner of the President's Cup with a fantastic score of 45 points. The other winners were Division 1, 1st Jon Kendrick, 2nd Kevin Wilson Division 2, 1st Paul Seaburg, 2nd Kevin Hayes and Division 3, 1st Mark Pritchard and 2nd Bill Lawson. Congratulations to all the winners.

Captain's Tour

This year the Captain's tour ventured to Southport to play at Formby Hall Golf Resort. There were forty members who attended full of vigour and enthusiasm. Many came back battered and bruised by the course and its many water hazards. Congratulations to the winner Tim Allison.



Captain's Day

Club Captain Mike Green held his Captain's Day and over 130 players took part; many returned for the evening barbeque. There were a few early showers but largely it was a pleasant day. The sun even came out around 6pm just in time for the barbeque.

Mike greeted all the players on the first tee with a quick short of their choice and then sent them on their way down the first. Mike then took over the role of head chef at the barbeque with help from Trevor Pye. It was the early starters who set the pace and were not passed despite the weather improving thought the day.



The overall winner was Mark Holland; winner Division 1: 1st Martin Haywood, 2nd Matthew Kendrick; Division 2: 1st Thomas Collins, 2nd David Bell; Division 3: 1st Goronwy Hughes and 2nd Ivo Civicchioni. Nearest the pin on the 12th Cliff Edwards and nearest the pin on the 15th was donated to the Captain's Charity after a competitor's error there were nine birdie twos. The ladies prize went to Joyce Eakins. The Captain's Charity this year is Nightingale Hospice.

Lady President's Day

There was a great turn out for our Lady President Lorraine Redman. The course was in excellent condition and the Lady Members and guest enjoyed a great day. The winner of the Silver Division was

Pauline Porter and the winner of the Bronze Division was Stephanie Jones. Our lady President's chosen charity was Nightingale House and £171 was raised. The ladies section is only small at Holywell but the turn out on these special occasions is fantastic.



Ladies' Min Tour

The ladies joined their Lady Captain, Nerys Jones, on the ladies tour to Carden Park. The weather was very kind to the ladies this year and they all enjoyed their night away. The results for the first day were: 1st Lady Vice Captain Sue Collingwood, 2nd Brenda Williams, 3rd Joanne Jones. On the second day: 1st Maureen Bibby, 2nd Veronica Wrench and 3rd Helena Rowley. The scores for the two days are combined and the overall winner was Sue Collingwood and she was presented with the Green Jacket.



Holywell Ladies' Open

Holywell hosted a successful Ladies' Open. The ladies enjoyed a great day, the weather and the welcome was very warm. The winners were Joanne Jones (Holywell), Pat Bennett (West Derby) and Veronica Caulton (Huyton and Prescott); 2nd was Fay Sanders, Veronica Wrench and Sian Jones all from Holywell. The visitors commented on how much they had enjoyed the day and they thought the course was in excellent condition.



We hope the next ladies open will be as successful.

Lady Captain's Day



Holywell ladies and friends came together to celebrate Lady Captain's Day and the weather was kind to them.

The Lady Captain, Nerys Jones, was on hand to greet all the competitors and later welcomed all of them when they returned for a meal and prize giving. They were also joined by past members and friends. The Ladies enjoyed an excellent meal and then the presentation took place. First place went to Stephanie Jones who won on a count back from Shirley Williams, 3rd Brenda Williams. Lady Captain's charity is Good Companions and £110 was raised. The picture shows Lady Captain with the winners.

Seniors' Open

There were 88 brave seniors that took part in the Seniors' Ope. Nearly half were visitors to Holywell with many commenting on how good the course was playing despite the deluge of rain that fell. The winners were from our professionals' old club at Shropshire. They scored an impressive 43 points to win by 1. 1st Steve Wallis and Stephen Potter, 2nd Graham Williams and Mal Reed, 3rd Jim Adamson and Michael Burley, 4th Brian Johnston and Martin Stanley, 5th Ralph Gatrell and Roy Smallman and 6th D Jones and P Evans.

Holywell Juniors

Holywell Junior Open

Holywell once again hosted its annual open day and 58 juniors from Flintshire and Denbighshire took part. It was a brilliant day. There were three separate competitions on the day: 18 hole yellow and red tees, 12 hole red



tees and a nine hole silver tee. It was great to see so many kids having such a great time playing golf at Holywell. A massive thank you has to go to the Junior Organisers Mike Boyle, Mal Reed, Moi Parri and their helpers. The President, Mr Alan Williams, welcomed all the juniors and visitors and Lady Captain Mrs Nerys Hughes assisted in presenting the prizes.

The John Lamb Rose Bowl

The juniors competed for the John Lamb Rose Bowl. This is one of the juniors major competitions. The red tees winners were 1st Harrison Prior, 2nd Oliver Jones and 3rd Cian Hughes, and the silver tees 1st Rhys Roberts, 2nd Ashton Moore and 3rd Rhys Jones.

Primary Schools Summer Festival

Children from local primary schools Maes Glas, St Winifred, Lan Aber and Bagillt Merllyn attended a festival of golf at Holywell. Our Club professional, Josh Charnock, and junior organisers were on hand to encourage the juniors. The aim of this festival is to get juniors interested in playing golf and hopefully they will eventually join the club. Holywell has a thriving junior section. This is the second festival that Holywell has hosted.



Holywell golfers excelled themselves this year winning external competitions and reaching the finals in some knock out competition.

Holywell Scratch Team Reach Finals

The team of Tim Saunders, Rob Jones, Chris Pierce, Alastair Ross and Jake Massey took on Rhuddlan at Mold GC for a place in the finals. They won comprehensively as the first four players won their matches. Congratulations to the team on reaching the Welsh Team finals that will be held at St Pierre in August.

Members Success

Congratulations to Chris Pierce who came 3rd in the Aberconwy Trophy. The tournament is played over two days with 36 holes at Conwy and 36 holes at Maesdu. As a result Chris's handicap has been reduced to scratch.

The Rhyl Cup

Holywell Golf Club hosted the Rhyl Cup, this is an open for all Lady Members of Wales Golf affiliated clubs and over 60 people attended. The winner was Joanne Jones from Holywell. The organisers thanked Holywell for letting them host the Rhyl Cup and they said the feedback for the condition of the course was excellent and everyone enjoyed the event. They also asked Carol to pass on their thanks to all the staff and Holywell Ladies who helped on the day and made them feel so welcome.



Holywell Lairds Team

The Holywell Ladies Laird team has reached the final at Mold in August they will play against Denbigh. This is a brilliant achievement for us as we only have a small Ladies section at Holywell and for the Ladies to produce such a winning combination and only lose one of their five matches is excellent. They were led by our Vice Captain Sue Collingwood.

Juniors



Congratulation to Georgia Payne who won her qualifying round of the Mini Masters at Wrexham and she is now in the final at the Celtic Manor in October. This is not the first time that a junior from Holywell has qualified in this event, this just proves we have a thriving junior section. Josh our professional and the junior organiser hold coaching lessons for the juniors every Wednesday evening, weather permitting, and they are well attended. If you would like your child to take part just ring Josh on 01352 710040.

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