

# *Halkyn Mountain News Newyddion Mynydd Helygain*

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Entering the Summer season we can enjoy longer daylight hours and much warmer days. Fruit is developing on trees and vines, grass in the fields needs harvesting, flowers are bursting out around us and vegetables are growing fast. Insects are busy finding nectar and birds are working hard to feed their young.



Map yn dangos y Pump Pentref ar Fynydd Helygain:

Helygain, Brynffordd, Pentre Helygain, Rhes y Cae, Rhosesmor

Map showing the Five Villages of Halkyn Mountain:

Halkyn, Brynford, Pentre Halkyn, Rhes y Cae, Rhosesmor

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Please submit News and Advertising items by 1st August

We look forward to receiving your calendar of events going into the Autumn and beyond

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### ***Dear Readers,***

Hello and welcome to our Summer issue of the Newsletter.

Wow, the year is halfway through and what a year it has been. We have moved from a lambing season during a time of 10 inches of snow and almost blizzard conditions to, at the time of writing, some glorious hot dry days with sometimes just the right amount of rain.

As you can see from our cover pages, not only has the UK royalty been celebrating but so also has the Halkyn Mountain News Team. We have had our teamwork and effort rewarded by Halkyn Community Council by the presentation of its 1st ever Community Award.

There are many other groups and individuals deserving of these awards and we hope to be able to report on the success of other recipients in the future. We continue to appeal for assistance and contributions from the Brynford area, although we have had some more and encouraging participation recently. We have still very little news of the activities and happenings concerning schools, churches organisations and businesses in this community and would love to be able to report about them.

We hope you enjoy our celebratory issue and will watch out for the next issue, Autumn, where the cover pages are to be designed by the pupils of Ysgol Rhos Helyg. On which note, we will be looking out for a design for the front panel of the Winter issue – please contribute suitable photos/pictures on a Winter/Christmas theme from which we can select. Happy reading and see you again in the Autumn.

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### **Introducing the Production Team**

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Moving into the Summer months special thanks has to go to our army of volunteers who tirelessly in wet & dry, cold & hot distribute each edition of the newsletter.

We need from our readers contributions of articles, news and reviews so that we can continue to produce a high quality Community magazine now and into the future.

We hope we can look forward to receiving the continued support of the local business advertising which is so important to the financial future of Halkyn Mountain News.

### **A few words from Danny the Donkey**

I have always enjoyed my food and sometimes I even dream about it. I know I am very fortunate to have never had to worry about food as it both grows in my field and it is provided for me by my human friends. I have an interesting and varied diet and some days will take myself off on a wander to search for a tasty morsel that may be out of immediate sight.



It does appear that humans think a lot about food too, as they often talk about it.

Over the years I have learned so much from overheard conversations, many of which I have tried to explain here in the Halkyn Mountain News. However, some take me a very long time to fathom as they don't always make sense to me, certainly not without many hours of pondering. A young couple walked alongside my field recently and one commented to the other that it wasn't easy to find someone to deliver pizzas and other food to her house as it was too far away and difficult to find.

I don't know what a pizza is but guessed it must be a type of food, but nevertheless I thought her comments were very strange as I have never had such a problem. My human friends have delivered food to my stable every day for as long as I can remember. Indeed, if they don't deliver it at the usual time, I only have to bray a little and it quickly arrives. It is a very efficient service. I wish they had

been outside and within earshot of the conversation as I am sure they would have offered the couple a bucket of food to take home themselves. The couple kept talking about a “takeaway.” Strangely they sounded quite positive but I know I would be quite upset if I had been given nice food only for someone else to take it away. I wondered that perhaps her food is indeed being delivered but someone is taking it away before she sees it. I guess I will never know. I could also have suggested that they write in the Halkyn Mountain News as it has worked for me. I only have to mention my fondness for carrots and apples and humans come to visit and deliver them to me.

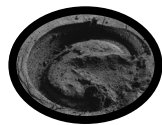
The young man who was walking with her must have been bored by the food conversation, as he quickly changed the subject to hens. I heard him say that his favourite was Chicken Chowmaine. This seemed a little odd to me as I happen to know the names of all the hens in the coop which is just a short trot from my stable and none of them are called Chowmaine. I wonder if there is another coop near to where they live. I haven’t heard mention of one before. Anyhow, his attempt to change the subject worked as she continued the conversation, moving on to sheep. She said she loved Lamb Rogan Josh. There are many new born lambs on the mountain at the moment so I haven’t yet learned the names of many. I must ask one of the Ewes to point this lamb out to me since the human spoke highly of it. Rogan Josh is a very trendy sounding name so it’s probably one of the younger ewes’ lambs. Anyway, it made my day to hear humans talking so fondly of animals.

Ha! By coincidence, one of my human friends has just brought me some lovely golden hay. It smells wonderful. Sometimes I pretend to be a pretentious donkey and take a nibble and say, “oh what a lovely September vintage, with hints of nettle, wild parsley and a whiff of rabbit dropping”. It’s just my way of entertaining myself, but then I laugh and nearly choke on it.

Stay safe and may you always have carrots.

Bye for now from **Danny**

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



## We Want Writers!

Why not join in and write an article for HMN? Something on ‘life on the mountain or heath as seen by different generations’ or ‘changes in farming over the years’ could be interesting.

Contact Ian Jones: [giandmjones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:giandmjones@yahoo.co.uk)

Memory Lane has proved popular - more stories welcome. Contact: [wendysigsworth@gmail.com](mailto:wendysigsworth@gmail.com)

More Youth Biog Articles are needed - send them to [wendy.whitmore5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendy.whitmore5@yahoo.co.uk)

## Pentre Halkyn Community Centre

### Ty Croeso

The Church drop-in centre in Pentre Halkyn will be hosting a quiz night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. There will be prizes for the winning teams. Teams of up to 4 persons. The cost will be £4 per ticket and light refreshments will be provided.

This will be a fun filled evening suitable for any age as long as you have some general knowledge and can join in with others for a laugh. There will also be a raffle.

The event is at Pentre Halkyn Community Centre, off Martins Hill.

Tickets are available at the centre any Monday between 9.30 am and 12 noon.

Alternatively please ring Helen on 01352 780292 or 07780706726

To hire Pentre Halkyn Community Centre for any type of gathering please call Megan Davies on 01352 780026

## Heartfelt Art & Craft Fairs

Fund raising for charity

### Forthcoming dates for your diary

10.00am to 3.00pm

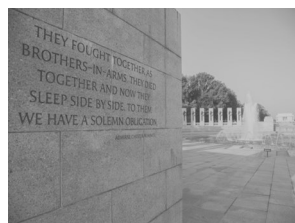
2nd September

11th November

Halkyn Parish Hall & Library CH8 8BU

## War memorials

I was a little disappointed that only one person came forward from the article I wrote in the last issue of the Halkyn Mountain News. It was however brilliant to be given some interesting information about his uncle who is named on the war memorial in Halkyn. Just a reminder as to what I am wanting.



I would like to hear from anyone who has ancestors/ family members/friends who are named on any of the war memorials in Rhes y Cae, Rhosesmor or Halkyn. Or contact me if you would be

interested in doing some research into those named on the war memorials.

The plan is to try to put more detail to the names.

Just a few words about them or a photograph would be wonderful to have.

Something that future generations can read about - not just a name but a person.

Wendy Sigsworth 01352780394 or 07570807876 [wendysigsworth@gmail.com](mailto:wendysigsworth@gmail.com)



## LIFE ON HALKYN MOUNTAIN

As spring rolls round once again, the lambs in the field next door and those beginning to appear on the open heathland surrounding us begin their new lives full of health, vitality and the promise of new life beginning all over again.

The Sparrows are breeding in abundance, although their offspring are not much in evidence as yet. They fill the eaves of our house, garage and stone walls with pieces of dried grasses, twigs and tufts of sheep wool purloined from the local grazing sheep. I even watched two Magpies pulling wool from a snoozing ewe lying at the side of the road, seemingly completely oblivious to their presence.

The once prolific Chaffinches seem to have dwindled in number over the past couple of years and the Yellowhammers, which once frequented the patio beneath the seed feeders, haven't been seen for over a year now. The Greenfinches and Goldfinches seem to be thriving though as do the number of Robins inhabiting the garden and looking for tasty morsels while we're working outside and the Goldcrests still frequent our large conifers during the summer months.

Another success is the amount of Greater Spotted Woodpeckers coming to the bird table, mostly to feed on the fat balls. I hear them most days now, either calling or drumming on the trees in the small wood next door, which I understand is their way of attracting a mate.

We have had one really big success story though. Having had Tawny Owls frequenting the large conifers in the middle of our garden and also the wood, we decided to put up a nest box last year which we bought from the Owl Conservancy Trust. We followed their instructions as to height above the ground, location etc. to the letter, but not with much hope of it ever being used.



Last Saturday, my husband noticed something I'd already seen and taken to be a sunbathing Wood Pigeon, sitting at the base of the chestnut tree. On further investigation, we found it to be a baby Tawny Owl and directly below the nest box. It didn't seem to be injured and was quite feisty, but didn't have its flight feathers as yet, so we decided to put it back in the box, necessitating the use of a long ladder. To his surprise, when he opened the inspection cover, there was another chick inside as well.

Who'd have thought that we would have picked exactly the right spot for the box and that it would have been used so soon!

Several years ago, I saw a Hen Harrier sitting on a farm gate near the Britannia Inn and, two years ago, I saw one fly over our house - the only two times I've ever seen one in the 30 years we've lived here. Then, towards the end of last year, a strange bird flew along our hedge line about 15 feet above the ground so I was able to get a good look at it. It was making a

very distinctive sound and, when I checked with The Book of British Birds, I identified it as a Merlin. It was flying almost due south, but I haven't seen it again since.

Our ever friendly cock pheasant still taps on the conservatory door every day for his supply of peanuts and has now plucked up the courage to take them direct from our hands, unlike his lady friend who isn't averse to wandering through into the living room and hanging around looking for her share.

I continue to write my books from the small table under my bedroom window for a couple of hours every morning after I wake and take a lot of the inspiration for my writing from the views I see from there - the Clwydian Hills and Snowdon peaking through a gap in the hills beyond. Most of my books take place in North Wales, but some of them do seem to make short forays into the places I know best: Liverpool, where I was born and Wirral, where we lived for many years before we came to Wales. You can contact me about my books, Jean Walker email: [Moelycrio@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Moelycrio@hotmail.co.uk)



## Needlecraft Social Evening Group

The Rhes-y-Cae Needlecraft Social Evening Group continues to thrive - crafting every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 pm. Since Christmas, the group has knitted baskets in a range of colours and tried needle felting, creating animals and pumpkins.



Crazy patchwork also proved popular with many making a tote bag. For the King's coronation, the group made individual table decorations based on the theme of a crown. Pics in Coronation pages. The group also had a very enjoyable Easter meal at The Crown in Lixwm.

Our next project is to make fabric gnomes.

For more information, contact:  
Susan Nuttall on 07557 965441





## Mobile post office services near us

Location	Day and time
Rhydymwyn – Service Station, Denbigh Road, CH7 5HE	Tuesday 16:00 – 16:30
Lixwm – The Crown Inn, The Greenways, CH8 8NQ	Friday 11:50 – 12:35
Rhydymwyn – Service Station, Denbigh Road, CH7 5HE	Friday 12:45 – 13:30
Rhosesmor – Village Hall, CH7 6WF	Friday 13:45 – 14:30
Halkyn – Village Hall, CH8 8BU	Friday 14:40 – 15:10
Pentre Halkyn – Community Centre, Martins Hill, CH8 8HP	Friday 15:15 – 15:45
Information provided by Royal Mail may be subject to change	



### Rhes y Cae Village Hall

The Village Hall is available to hire for events, children's parties etc. To enquire or book contact Wendy Hughes 07922181313 or email [rhesycaevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:rhesycaevillagehall@gmail.com)

#### Fundraising Events

Several successful fundraising events have taken place in the Village Hall this spring.

The Rhes y Cae Village Hall committee held a coffee morning on Tuesday 21 March in aid of Glan Clwyd Hospital's Cancer Appeal Charity which raised £178.

The Village Hall committee also held a very popular Quiz Night on Friday 31 March which raised £314 towards the upkeep of the hall. Huge thanks to our fantastic Quizmaster Pat McDermott for a brilliant evening!

A coffee morning in aid of Christchurch, Rhes y Cae, was held on Tuesday 11 April and raised just over £300 in aid of the church.

The committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped or supported these events in any way.

#### Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 20 June Coffee morning in aid of village hall funds from 10.30am

Tuesday 27 June Strawberry tea in aid of Christchurch Rhes y Cae from 10.30am

#### Weekly Diary

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm Social Needlecraft Group. Contact Susan Nuttall 07557965441

Wednesday (fortnightly) 7pm – 9pm Ewe Can Craft Social Crafting Group. Contact Rosie on 07563372440

Thursday 7pm – 9pm Yoga with Jane Lloyd 07977048469

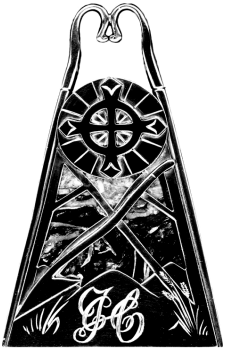
### Memory Lane

The day the second world war broke out was the day that the Daniel Owen Central School in Mold opened and was the day I started in that school. My father wouldn't allow me to take the 11 plus as he wanted me to work on the family farm we had just moved into – Castell Farm. It was only half a mile from the small holding I had lived in - Ty Eurgain. My father continued to work full time and I was expected to work on the farm before and after school as well as weekends and school holidays. We had heavy horses to cultivate the ground; we kept a few pigs, chickens and turkeys to sell at Christmas. We also had a few cows that I would milk and my mother and I made some of the milk into butter. One of my jobs was to walk with butter and eggs from our hens to Northop to sell them. We had our regular customers and I went from door to door with our produce. My mother came with me one evening as it was dark. We had sold all the produce and were walking home when we heard the sound of some German bombers (the sound of the German planes was very distinctive and different to ours so we easily recognised them). They flew over us quite low. We were walking past a field at Gwern y Mal where they were storing chemicals underground and we had been told that the Germans were trying to identify this storage area so that they could bomb it. I was so scared. I never walked to Northop again in the dark. I'm happy to say that they didn't drop any bombs near us that night, though two farms in Northop were bombed during the war.

As told by Megan Taylor nee Roberts to Wendy Sigsworth.

Have you any local memory stories you would like to share? Wendy is happy to record these for you: 01352780394 [wendysigsworth@gmail.com](mailto:wendysigsworth@gmail.com) or email HMN direct [halkynmountainnewscontribution@gmail.com](mailto:halkynmountainnewscontribution@gmail.com)

# **HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



## **Halkyn Library**

The Community Council has renewed its Service Level Agreement in relation to the library service held in Halkyn Parish Hall on a Friday for the year 2023 to 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024) at a cost of £4,500.00.

## **Speed Monitoring Tubes**

The Community Council is awaiting the results from speed monitoring tubes that had been placed in the Pentre Halkyn area. This exercise was held due to complaints from residents of speeding traffic in the area.

## **White Marker Stones**

The Whitford Young Farmers have kindly agreed to assist the Council with painting the white marker stones which are sited across the mountain area.

## **Planning Applications and Decisions**

The Community Council makes comment on all planning applications that are received from Flintshire County Council. Details can be found in the monthly Community Council Minutes which are available on the Council web site – ([www.halkyn.org.uk](http://www.halkyn.org.uk)). Planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council can be perused on the County Council planning portal at: <https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/flintshire>

## **Criminal Offences Reported Within the Community**

The following offences were reported to the North Wales Police – within the last three months.

Halkyn: 3 x Anti social behaviour / 4 x Violence

Pentre Halkyn: 3 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Criminal damage / 3 x Drugs / 3 x Violence

Rhes-Y-Cae: 1 x Public order

Rhosesmor: 1 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Public order / 1 x Violence

## **Donations and Financial Support**

The Community Council has provided the following financial assistance: £200.00 - Macmillan Cancer Care (General donation) / £400.00 - Halkyn Junior Football Club (towards King's Coronation Celebration in Pentre Halkyn) / Rhosesmor Institute (towards King's Coronation Celebration) / £6,000.00 - Halkyn Junior Football Club (capital grant towards new perimeter secure fence) / £200.00 - Wales Air Ambulance (annual grant).

## **Phillip Parry, Clerk to Halkyn Community Council**

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## **Councillor David Roberts**

Newly Elected Chair of Halkyn Community Council for the period 2023/2024

## **Introduction to Halkyn Community Council**

The reorganisation of local government in 1974 saw the creation of Town and Community Councils. The first meeting of Halkyn Community Council was held in The Parish Hall, Halkyn in April 1974.

At the present time there are thirteen Members of Halkyn Community Council. The Council has been split into 2 Wards. This ensures that each area has a fair representation of Councillors but every Councillor is elected to serve the whole Community. Member representation is: Halkyn Mountain Ward 9 Members and Pentre Halkyn Ward 4 members.

Community Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (except December and August) usually at 7.30pm. Meetings are held in Halkyn Parish Hall. However, it is sometimes necessary to commence the meeting at 7.00pm. Therefore, should anyone wish to attend a meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Council to confirm the time, or view the Agenda which will have been uploaded to the web site. The first ten minutes of each meeting is allocated to 'Public Time' whereby residents are welcome to attend and express their views or ask questions on any particular subject relating to the community.

# SHEE SPINNER

## (The ramblings of a dog daft hand spinner and dyer on the mountain)

Hi all, it's June. Summer is here. As a hand spinner myself I am super excited by this time of year as we are a step closer to when sheep are sheared for their fleece. Have you encountered scraps of fleece left behind by the sheep as they pass barbed wire or caught on gorse spikes, the thorns of mountain bramble stems or hawthorn branches? Spinners call these fleece scraps gleanings.



**Picture 1: Fleece gleanings**

In the past women and children would have time off work or school in order to collect fleece gleanings left behind as sheep were driven through drover routes of NE Wales. Gleanings fetched were cleaned and used as wadding/filling for home made welsh quilts, to keep families warm or to sell to generate extra income. Looking closely at a sorted sheep's shorn fleece or gleanings, you will see that it is dirty and feels oily or greasy to touch due to the presence of lanolin, an ingredient found in hand creams which makes our skin supple and soft. When held to your nose fleece will also smell, often referred to as "sheepy", due to the presence of suint, which is sheep sweat. In this state a fleece is known as a raw fleece or a greasy fleece. In the past hand spinners would spin fleece in this raw state, known as spinning in the grease. Modern day hand spinners are advised not to spin fleece in this raw state any more. Spinning in the grease can spread sheep's disease. Raw fleece will not take up dye plus dirt particles can get lodged within the yarn formed during spinning, thus making any garment made with the dirt trapped yarn uncomfortable to wear. Nowadays, it is considered best practice to store and spin sheep fleece that has undergone a process called scouring.

Scouring is a process that removes the lanolin, suint and dirt from each fibre that makes up a fleece. I have found that a scoured fleece can weigh up to a third less than its non scoured weight. This observation shows that up to a third of a sheep's fleece is dirt, lanolin and suint.

I like to scour a fleece outside during the Summer months, handful by handful. It involves carefully placing each handful of fleece into a bowl of hot tap water with a good squirt of washing up liquid. We have to be careful handling the fleece. We must not scrub or agitate the fleece in the water too much as this could lead to felting. This is especially the case when scouring fine fleece from British breeds such as Shetland and Blue Faced Leicester. Felting is where the wool fibres clump together and form a mat. You cannot use wool that has felted to spin as it is impossible to comb and draft. Once this first scour is completed the fleece is rinsed in clean warm water to remove dirt, lanolin and suint. Once rinsed the fleece is scoured once again in hand hot tap water with detergent and then rinsed thoroughly in clean fresh hot water. Sometimes, if your fleece is particularly dirty you may need to scour and rinse a third time. Us hand spinners tend to be a resourceful and environmentally aware bunch. We do not throw the dirty wash and rinse water away. To us hand spinners it is known as 'sheep fleece tea' - it is full of goodies for our gardens. I pour it onto my fruit trees when water is scarce in the Summer.



**(Picture 2: Bowl of "sheep tea" after scouring Llanwenog fleece. Samples of raw fleece (top) and scoured fleece (bottom) on the side.**

Following the final rinsing the fleece is then gently squeezed to remove excess water then rolled gently in an old clean bath towel to remove even more water. After this stage the fleece it is left to dry naturally in the gentle summer breeze and warmth of the sun.

**Please note After handling raw sheep fleece please wash hands thoroughly in warm soapy water to remove any sheepy pathogens that could make you unwell.**

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**Shee spinner spins sheeps soft sumptuous shearings so sheep stay smiling**  
(try saying that after a few sherbets!)  
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## CORNEL DYSGWYR CYMRAEG DYSGU CYMRAEG

Dwi'n berson lwcus iawn, iawn. Dwi'n dysgu Cymraeg i oedolion yng Nghogledd Ddwyrain Cymru efo Coleg Cambria. Cefais fy magu ym Mae Colwyn yn medru siarad Cymraeg a Saesneg. Pan o'n i'n tyfu fyny roedd gen i ffrindiau dwyieithog a rhai oedd ddim yn gallu siarad Cymraeg. Roedd yn sefyllfa anhygoel i fod ynndi. Roeddwn i'n medru gwneud y pethau da a diddorol yn y ddwy iaith a peidio a gwneud y pethau diflas.

Roedd a mae'r Gymraeg yn iaith ffantastig. Mae hyn i weld yn glir yn y byd pel droed efo Cymru a Wrecsam efo'r Gymraeg yn amlwg ar y cae ar stadiwm. A hyn mewn ffordd naturiol. Yn ddi ffws. Mae'n eitha cwl a trendi i fod yn ddwyieithog heddiw. Dyna un rheswm pam nes i benderfynu ddod yn diwtor Cymraeg i Oedolion.

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Mae'n iaith yn perthyn i bob un ohonon ni sy'n byw yng Nghymru a thu hwnt a nid yw'n rhy hwyr i ddysgu'r iaith. Felly os ydych chi am fod yn ddwyieithog, Cymraeg a Saesneg, cysylltwch efo Coleg Cambria i gael fwy o faynlion. Does gynnoch chi ddim i'w golli. Ewch amdani.

Huw Gwyn

Tiwtor Coleg Cambria

Hoffech chi ysgrifennu erthygl am ddysgu neu siarad Cymraeg yn y rhifyn nesaf? Anfonwch ei trwy ebost

## WELSH LEARNERS' CORNER LEARNING WELSH

I'm a very lucky person. I teach Welsh to adults in North East Wales with Coleg Cambria. I was brought up in Colwyn Bay being able to speak Welsh and English. When I was growing up I had bilingual friends and friends not being able to speak Welsh. It was an amazing situation to be in. I was able to do the good things in both languages and didn't bother with the boring things.

The Welsh language was and is fantastic. This can be seen with football with bilingualism playing a huge part with Wales and Wrexham where it's prominent on the pitch and the stadium. What is great about this is that it's done in a natural way. No fuss. It's quite cool and trendy to be bilingual today. That is one reason I decided to become a tutor for Welsh for Adults.

I really enjoy meeting people who want to speak Welsh. Everyone who attends my classes are very interesting people. I'm lucky in that I haven't had any unpleasant people in my classes. Everyone's kind and full of fun. And that is what I try and create in my classes which is a fun and relaxing environment. If people enjoy and are having fun in the lessons learning will be pleasurable. One thing I try to establish is a situation of belonging in the class where everyone is important and are ready to support each other and to have fun at the same time. The language belongs to all of us in Wales and beyond. It's never too late to learn the language. So if you want to become bilingual, Welsh and English, get in touch with Coleg Cambria for more information. You have nothing to lose. Go for it.

Huw Gwyn

Tutor Coleg Cambria

Would you like to write an article about learning or speaking Welsh in the next edition? Send it by email to:

[halkynmountainnewscontribution@gmail.com](mailto:halkynmountainnewscontribution@gmail.com)

## New Seats In Memory of Rita Wainwright

You may have noticed that the seats bought in memory of Rita Wainwright, who sat on the Hall's committee as the Halkyn WI representative, have now been placed outside the Hall.

As the plaque says 'rest a while', but also do not be shy to sit in hope of a chat or maybe you are a good listener. Rita would have heartily approved.



## Halkyn WI

In May we celebrated Halkyn WI birthday by going to have afternoon tea at The Springfield Hotel.



At our meeting in May, the speaker was Ian Blaksley who talked about being a First Responder.

In our June meeting, our speaker was Ian Hodge talking about the Merchant Navy.

The next two meetings are:

July 6th at 2pm

September 7th at 2pm

Any questions please call Fiona on 01352 780462



## **Rhes-y-Cae and Moel-y-Crio Annual Show** **Sheepdog Trials, Horse Show/Gymkhana Games, Horticultural Show,** **Craft Stalls & Fun Run**

**Friday 28 July Sheepdog trials start at 12.00 noon**

**Saturday 29 July 8.00am to continue all day**

**Fun Run to start at 11.00am**

## **Special 70th Show**

Following the huge success of last year we hope that you will all support us in our special show.

We had a very good display in all classes last year – Gardening (Vegetables & Flowers), Crafts (see schedule of items below), Baking, Children's section (Craft, Art, Cooking Skills).

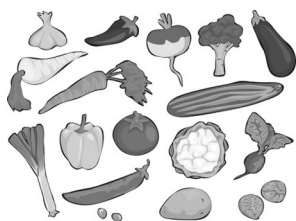
Schedules will appear in shops and pubs from mid-June.

So we hope everyone has plenty of time to practise and prepare for their entries.

As well as the ever-popular Sheep Dog Trials, we have the Horse Section with two new ladies in charge this year. We hope they will get the same support as last year when we had an exceptional turnout. There is also the excitement of the Fun Run to look forward to and last year saw many new entrants.

If you have a Craft Stall please get in touch for further details at the contact below.

We are the only show on the mountain. It is your show. It is a good time to get together to meet old friends and new. Please support us by entering the competitions - it is all good fun.



### **CRAFT SECTION COMPETITIONS**

1. A knitted gift for a baby.
2. A knitted item from a 50gr ball of wool.
3. A knitted hat.
4. An embroidered article.
5. A framed craft picture.
6. A bag out of material.
7. A length of bunting no longer than two metres.
8. A snapshot with an amusing caption.
9. A snapshot of flowers in the wild.
10. A snapshot of a local view.



For any further information that you may need please contact

Menna Coleclough.

Telephone: 01352780271

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# HALKYN MOUNTAIN KIDS CLUB & HOLIDAY CLUB

Charity No: 1197828

## SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!

We are situated in Ysgol Rhos Helyg Primary School. The club is registered with CIW (Care Inspectorate Wales); all staffs 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.

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

### Opening times for holiday club only

8am - 5.30pm Mon - Fri

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

### Prices for Holiday Club only

£25 per child for a full day

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

### Opening times for After School Club only

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

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

- Snack time
- Playing games
- Arts and crafts
- Parties
- Arranged theme nights

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

- A Trim Trail where we enjoy climbing, balancing and swinging
- A park with slides, bridges and balancing frames
- A large field and playground where we also have lots of fun with scooters and football matches etc.
- A nature reserve with a round house, yurt and pond area.

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

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

1 child for full session (3.10pm till 5.20pm) costs £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 (Senior Playworker) on 01352 780265 / 07591239511 or Email us on

[Halkynmountainkidsclub@gmail.com](mailto:Halkynmountainkidsclub@gmail.com)

or even visit our website at [www.ysgolrhoshelyg.com/holkyn-mountain-afterschool-club/](http://www.ysgolrhoshelyg.com/holkyn-mountain-afterschool-club/)



## Hardy Plant Society Clwyd Group

We are a friendly gardening group.  
We enjoy talks and garden visits.



Meetings are held at the Halkyn Cricket Club,  
Holywell CH8 8BS on the third Tuesday of the month.  
Talks start at 7.30pm.  
Doors open from 7pm for plant sales and raffle tickets.

Meetings start up again in September as we have private garden visits over the summer.

Gardening Talks Autumn  
Tuesday 19th September - **'Within Sight of Snowdonia'**

Join Tim Lever for an adventurous trek through Snowdonia and North Wales in search of rare native alpine flora. His talk is accompanied by photographs of the wonderful scenery showing the plants growing in their natural ecological environment and peaks with one of the rarest plants of all. Aberconwy Nursery plants for sale.

Tuesday 17th October - **'Autumn Bulbs'**

Zdenek Valkoun-Walker is the Head Gardener at Dorothy Clive Garden, Market Drayton. A choice cross-section of this vast group of plants and how to successfully cultivate them.

Tuesday 21st November - **'Evergreen Plants for Small Gardens'**

Anthony and Susan Norman are specialist growers of variegated and coloured foliage hardy nursery stock with a great knowledge of how get the most from this range of plants. They own and run Conquest Plants Nursery in Macclesfield, Cheshire. Nursery plants for sale.

If you would like to join our HPS Clwyd Group - until the end of December 2023 we are offering a discounted rate of £7 per person for new members from September with free admission to 3 meetings, £3 for visitors.

See full programme in next HMN issue.

Information: 01352 781458 (leave a message)  
email: [clwydgroup@hardy-plant.org.uk](mailto:clwydgroup@hardy-plant.org.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/HPSClwyd](http://www.facebook.com/HPSClwyd)  
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## Ysgol Rhos Helyg

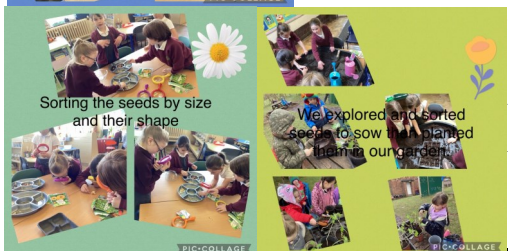
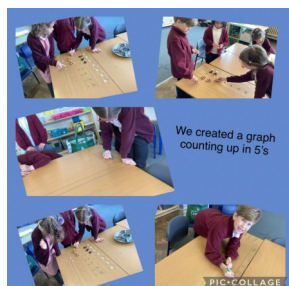
It has once again been a very busy time here at Rhos Helyg. You can find out all about the school through our Twitter feed @ Rhos Helyg School. We would like to share with you a flavour of the things that have happened since the last issue.

PC Mark Jones has recently visited the school as part of a Welsh Government

initiative. He discussed medicine and tablets with Pupils in Year 1 and 2 and the importance of not taking any tablets that they might find whilst out and about as they could be harmful. Pupils in Year 1 and 2 have been busy creating a graph by counting up in 5s.

They have also been busy working on their iPads to transfer their practical work into graphs on Hwb.

The children have been sowing and planting seeds in their garden. The gardening leads to all sorts of other learning opportunities as you can see. The seeds are sorted by size and shape before being sorted into groups of 5 in order to re-enforce their 5 times tables and then finally sorted into Venn diagrams! Additional work involving designing labels and posters then followed.



**Cricket** We are once again very grateful to Halkyn Cricket Club for providing an enjoyable morning of fun activities and coaching at the school for all of our Junior pupils. It is anticipated that we will be taking part in a festival at Halkyn Cricket Club soon.



**Military Preparation College for Training** Pupils in Year 6 are currently working on a bespoke programme with MPCT at Rhos Helyg. Pupils are engaged in citizenship training as well as engaging in problem solving and team building exercises. The pupils really enjoy these workshops. The focus here was den building by working as part of a team under the direction of a Team Leader. There is an emphasis on self discipline by following instructions and of working as a team. The activities are designed to get the children to realise that they achieve more by working as a team.



All Pupils in Year 3 have been enjoying violin lessons this year as part of a Government initiative.

**School Eisteddfod** Our annual School Eisteddfod was once again a success. The children competed against each other by reciting and singing. They also competed against each other in the arts and crafts.

**Coding** We have been doing some basic Coding in school. Coding is using a set of instructions to communicate with computers. We can see the children learning about Coding through discussion and by doing practical tasks.

Pupils in Year 5 have created some lovely art work inspired by the work of Atta Kwami.



Pupils have once again had lots of fun raising money for Comic Relief.

The pupils have enjoyed learning the Traditional Welsh Dances for the Cadi Ha which they performed at Holywell over the Bank Holiday weekend.



## **CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNFFORDD - BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Annual Community Litter Pick Day**

On Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Councillors and residents turned out in force to support the annual litter clean-up day. Meeting at Brynford Village Green for 10.00am we broke up into groups covering the Recreation Ground and Brynford Golf Course. With the kind support of Holywell Army Cadets and Whitford Young Farmers over seventy bags of rubbish were collected. Following completion, we retired to Holywell Golf Club who supported the event by providing lunch and refreshment. The Chairman of the Council Linda O'Hare on behalf of the Council thanked all those who supported the event.



### **Best Kept Village Competition 2023**

The Council has been advised that due to resourcing issues Flintshire Local Voluntary Council will be unable to co-ordinate the event this year. The Council has decided to continue with the promoting pride in Brynford Community, encouraging all residents to keep their properties and surroundings as tidy as possible. As in past years the Pet Cemetery Staff will be keeping the village green and roadside verge cut and preparing plant boxes for display in June. To support the initiative residents are being invited to sponsor a plant box for £20.00. Should you be interested please contact Councillor Linda O'Hare: [linda.ohare@brynford.wales](mailto:linda.ohare@brynford.wales) or 07707571538

### **Brynford C. P. School – Hire of Facilities**

Following the completion of the up-grading and new build of Brynford C. P. School, the Council has been informed that the school hall is available for hire by community organisations. The school must adhere to the Education Lettings Policy which, unfortunately, restricts some community use. However, should your group or organisation be interested please contact the School Secretary.

### **Vacancy on the Council**

Following the retirement of Councillors Jean Davies and Nerys Hughes, the Council currently has two vacancies. Should you be interested in joining the Council please contact the Clerk or any member of the Council for further details.

Members thanked both Members for their services to the community particularly Jean for the many years of service running Brynford Post Office and Village Stores.

### **Removal of Royal Mail Letter Post Box Former Brynford Village Stores**

Following the sale of the former Brynford village stores, the post box which has served the community for many years has been removed by agreement of Royal Mail. No prior notification was received by the Council from Royal Mail. Upon making enquires with Royal Mail, the Council has been informed that the proposed new location for the replacement letter box would be Bryn Sannan Road, Brynford and the schedule for replacement would take 25 weeks. The Council has raised objections to this proposal requesting that a replacement box should be as close as possible to the original location. (At the time of posting this article no further response has been received from Royal Mail.)

### **Damage to Brynford Golf Course**

The Council has been contacted by the Secretary of Brynford Golf Course reporting damage being caused to the greens and flag poles. Any suspicious acts can be reported direct to him. The Secretary points out that all members of the community are welcome to join the club and use both the course and club house facilities.

### **Contact can be made with the Community Council:**

Mr. Alan Roberts – Clerk to the Council

Email: [clerk@brynfordcommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brynfordcommunitycouncil.gov.uk) Telephone: 01352 349849

## Message from Hannah Blythyn MS



As schools and colleges returned from the Easter break, the Welsh Government announced that the **Educational Maintenance Allowance**

(EMA) payment will increase from £30 per week to £40 for eligible further education students in sixth form or college. EMA is a weekly grant (paid every two weeks) designed to support 16 to 18 year olds from lower income households with further education costs, such as transport or meals, which means more young people in Wales accessing the education that they deserve.

The EMA - which was axed several years ago by the UK Conservative Government just over the border

in England - is a lifeline for many young people enabling them to continue with their studies. You can check eligibility for this support at: [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/further-education-funding/education-maintenance-allowance/eligibility/](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/further-education-funding/education-maintenance-allowance/eligibility/)

In other news, the Welsh Government has announced the next phase of expansion of its flagship **Flying Start programme**, delivering childcare to even more two-year-olds across Wales. The expansion comes a year earlier than the childcare plans outlined by the UK Government and the investment of £46m over the next two years will allow Flying Start's childcare provision to expand significantly.

The cost-of-living crisis is sadly still upon us and is understandably at the forefront of a lot of people's minds, so there are some updates I'd like to share on some of the support that's available. **Advicelink Cymru** is a free helpline on 0808 250 5700 and is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm, so do make sure you ask for help to 'claim what's yours'. The line is also available in Welsh. Also, as part of the Welsh Government's 'claim what's yours' campaign, it has been revealed that many households which are eligible for Council Tax reductions are not claiming them and they could be a real help to families in Flintshire. To find out more about this and whether your household is eligible, go to [www.gov.wales/council-tax-discounts-and-reduction](http://www.gov.wales/council-tax-discounts-and-reduction)

Recently, I had the chance to pay a visit to Wrexham Museum and the Shirt Stories Exhibition. I've been

wanting to get there for a while, not just because I'm a football fan but also because I have a proud personal connection in that my Aunty Brenda features in it and even donated a shirt and one of her caps. Brenda was one of the footballing trailblazers who played for Wales (and the very successful Prestatyn Ladies FC) in the 1970s. I was really pleased to see the part these women footballers have played in the development of the game in Wales being recognised in this way and I look forward to ensuring that recognition is built upon.

While I was there, I not only had the chance to be shown around the exhibition itself but also to take a look in the archives and hear more about exciting plans for the development of the museum into a 'Museum of Two Halves' with the new National Museum of Football coming here to North East Wales. This will be delivered thanks to an investment of more than £5m by the Welsh Government. Staying on the football theme, it was great to see the exciting news that the Welsh Government is fully supporting the joint UK and Ireland bid to host the men's Euro 2028 tournament, one of the most prestigious events in the footballing calendar.

Finally, the Minister for Climate Change has recently introduced a new Bill to Parliament. The **Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill** is a key commitment in Welsh Labour's 2021 manifesto and will give the Welsh Government new powers to tackle air and noise pollution that will lead to a cleaner and healthier future for Wales. It is an integral part of the Welsh Government's plan to build a stronger, fairer, greener Wales and I know something residents will be interested in.

Also last week, the environment minister published details of reforms to the way in which businesses and public and third sector organisations recycle their waste. The new plans will require all workplaces to separate key recyclable materials in the same way that householders already do across the majority of Wales and form an essential element of the Welsh Government's action on the climate and nature emergency, as well as being a key step in laying the foundations for a stronger, greener economy.

As always, if you would like advice and/or support, please don't hesitate to get in touch on any of the following contact details:

52 High Street, Mold, Flintshire on **01352 753464** or email [hannah.blythyn@senedd.wales](mailto:hannah.blythyn@senedd.wales)

You can also keep up to date via my Facebook page **[www.facebook.com/hannahblythynMS](https://www.facebook.com/hannahblythynMS)**

Constituents are, of course, welcome to contact my office to arrange an appointment to see me - you don't need to wait until an advice surgery.

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## Happy Birthday Holywell Art Club

This year is a very special one for our art club - we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary!

Holywell Art Club started in the early 1970s with three or four artists meeting together once a week at one or other of their homes to paint and discuss art. At that time it was run informally with five artists including our founder Kenneth Radcliffe who is still our Life President. As their works and existence became known more people wished to join, resulting in premises being needed. At this time the Club was known as Holywell Artists and for several years met at Llwyn Onn. Then followed a period when meetings were held at several venues and the name was changed to Holywell Art Club.

The Club now has about sixteen members meeting on Wednesdays at Pentre Halkyn Community Centre, Holywell from 10.30 - 1.30. Our members are mainly painters but some have skills in other mediums and our ages range between people in their 30s to those in their 80s.

Members develop at their own rate and range from beginners to competent painters, who really form the majority, with some well-known local artists producing work to a very high standard. We work on a self-help basis with members encouraging and learning from each other.

Besides meeting once a week the Club also has talks, outings, demonstrations and exhibitions; sketching venues are organised in the summer. About every six weeks we organise demonstrations by well known artists from North Wales and the North West.

We firmly believe that the primary objective of painting is to gain pleasure but that anyone can paint and, with practice, within a club like ours, surprisingly good results can be obtained.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 11.00 - 1.00 we will be hosting an Open Day to mark our anniversary. Please come along and join us for a piece of birthday cake and a 'glass of something' to celebrate. Members will have examples of their paintings on display so you will be able to see the diverse nature of our work.

I'm happy to say that we are now in a position to invite new members to join our club. If you are interested, just come along to Pentre Halkyn Community Centre any Wednesday between 11.00 and 1.00 and meet us. We are a really friendly group. Remember, our main aims are to enjoy what we do and help each other to improve our work. You can also contact us through our website at [www.holywellartclub.com](http://www.holywellartclub.com)

Go to the Contact page of the website and you'll be able to send us an email.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading a little bit about us and will come along to join our celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## Halkyn and District Bowling Club

Spring has arrived much to the joy of the bowlers at Halkyn and District Bowling Club as this means the start of the bowling season. Our three teams are looking forward to the new season over the next 6 months and hoping for some great games.

The green was officially opened for the start of the 2023 season by our president Muriel Jones on the 1st of April seen in the picture being presented with flowers by long-time member Wenna Worrall.

The annual working day, where we meet to get the green and surroundings ready for the new season, was held in April. It was great to see familiar faces after the winter break and especially to see so many new members who came to help out. Thank you all.



Our new weekend social bowling calendar has started. Every other weekend we will meet up and play a series of mini games based upon the full game. These shorter games aim to see more participation for all members independent of their level of experience. The first event was enjoyed by all with Wenna Worrall gaining the most points over the afternoon.

If you would like more information about becoming a member or just having a game to see if you enjoy it, you can email us at [halkynbowls@gmail.com](mailto:halkynbowls@gmail.com) or call either Pat (01352 781057) or Andy (07917 714379). The club also has a Facebook page and this can be found at [www.facebook.com/HalkynBowls](https://www.facebook.com/HalkynBowls). Happy bowling!

## Morris Dancing On The Mountain

It was my great pleasure recently to meet up with two members of Clerical Error, our very own Morris dancing team here on the mountain. They asked me along to a session at Halkyn Parish Hall where they practise every Thursday evening and how welcoming and friendly they all were! The first words that spring to mind are fun, light hearted and with a good sense of humour. They think of their meetings as a great way of relaxing and having fun towards the end of the working week as well as keeping fit. Lifelong friendships have begun in this group and there have even been three weddings!



It all began in 1991 with four friends who had enjoyed dancing before. The group was formed and now has a membership of about thirty-five. The clothes they chose to dance in were traditional to the style of dance they practise. They settled on a Victorian style – a top hat, tailcoat, black breeches, black shirt and later a dog collar when someone said they looked like clerics. With a play on words, the name Clerical Error was suggested. To emphasise their Welsh links, they use red, yellow and green ribbons on their garters and daffodils festoon their hats, all links to the colours of the Welsh flag and our national flower. A Welsh dragon features in many of the dances.

There are lots of dance styles, all linked to specific areas, but

Clerical Error perform what is known as Border Morris, a style that originated in the Welsh Marches. Many of the dances bear the names of towns in those counties: Much Wenlock, Wrekin Havoc, Craven Stomp (after Craven Arms), Upton (after Upton on Severn), Brimfield and the Worcester Monkey. All the dances they perform are from the last hundred years or so but border Morris is thought to date back to the 1600s and was very popular.

Over the years they've performed at a huge number of venues at home and abroad. They obtained a Welsh Arts Council grant to appear at the largest Celtic Festival in the world in Lorient in France. They've performed in other international folk festivals in France, Germany and Prague, Chris Evans' CarFest, a St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, an Acoustic Festival in Uttoxeter and other folk festivals in Wickham, Hampshire, Scarborough and the Rushbearing Festival in Sowerby Bridge. The National Trust has also welcomed Clerical Error to Bodnant Gardens, Chirk Castle and Erddig. They've already been busy this year and appeared at Chester Folk Day, the Spring Forward Festival also in Chester, a Spring Ceilidh in Trefnant, the Conwy Pirate Festival, the Moira Canal Festival, Ossett Beer Cart and the Middlewich Folk and Boat Festival.

If you're looking for a day out or a weekend away in the summer, this is where you'll be able to see Clerical Error between June and October:

**23 – 25 June** Folk Festival in Evesham      **29 July** Bonsall Carnival      **4 – 6 August** Wickham Folk Festival  
**2 – 3 September** Wallingford BunkFest      **7 October** Whitchurch Blackberry Fair

It's likely that other dates have now been added but the dance season tends to be from May to September with some exceptions.



Clerical Error always welcome new members and musicians over the age of 18 and no experience is needed. There is a small yearly membership fee but subsidies are often given towards the cost of travel etc. Occasionally they do fundraising events such as barn dances, ceilidhs, and bucket collections but mostly they don't get paid for what they do. They practise at Halkyn Parish Hall on Thursday evenings. So, if you're looking for a fun way to keep fit, make new friends and carry on a centuries-old tradition, or even if you'd just like to find out more, contact Rose on 07929 919 281

With many thanks to all the members of Clerical Error, particularly Rose and Neil.

Written by Lorna Doyle (Brynford)

References: The Roots of Border Morris by Dave Jones 1988



# Coronation of King Charles III

## **BRYNFORD - CORONATION EVENT 7 MAY**

Brynford Community Council wanted to organise an event which would be accessible to all the community. Following discussion by Members it was agreed that a Picnic on the Green would be something that could appeal to residents. The event was advertised locally and on Facebook.

On the day by 1.00 pm the bunting and tables were erected;



entertainment had arrived being the Cambrian Chords choir. Would our residents turn up? Yes, by 2.00 pm over 70 adults and children had arrived as well as the sunshine. Activities included free face painting by Eilidh Vernon, tombola and best King & Queen Crown competition - the winners were Arfon and Ffion.

The Council is most grateful for the support of local businesses including The Crown Inn Lixwm, Holywell Golf Club, Brynford Pet Cemetery and many others for the donation of raffle prizes.



The event raised £353.51 which is being donated to the National Military Services Dog Memorial project located at Brynford Pet Cemetery.

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Linda O'Hare, wishes to thank all the residents for supporting the event so enthusiastically. The Council is considering holding an annual May Day event in the future. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the Clerk or any Member of the Council.

Alan Roberts Clerk to Brynford Community Council

Contact: [clerk@brynford.wales](mailto:clerk@brynford.wales) or 01352 349849



## **RHES Y CAE VILLAGE HALL - CORONATION EVENT 7 MAY**

To mark the Coronation of King Charles III, Rhes y Cae Village Hall committee held a charity coffee morning for the community on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, raising money for the North Wales Air Ambulance.

The event was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. As well as coffee and delicious Coronation-themed cupcakes, there was a raffle, a Coronation quiz and a kid's craft table.

A huge thanks to our helpers Rob and Pat who put up metres of bunting, Sadie for the cupcakes and to everyone who came along to help us and support the event and those who donated cash or raffle prizes.

Well done to Alwena who won the quiz and to





# Coronation of King Charles III

## RHOESMOR - CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations started early in Rhosesmor with the Village Fair on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April.



Arts and crafts, artisan stalls, tombola, a raffle of all raffles were all on offer to the two young men in the photo as they made their way to the free games room. Spin the Wheel was one of the games along with Shove Ha'penny and Play Your Cards right resulting in much laughter and wide eyed appreciation of the sweet prizes. All for free! With tea, coffee and scrumptious cake supplied by the WI and award winning burgers and hot dogs by champion of champions butcher Mr Mike Kennedy no-one went hungry while they enjoyed this super village event.



The next celebration event was the exhibition of the children's colourful and varied art work in their display of coronation crowns. So many to choose from. The work was displayed in the church for the whole of the coronation week.

On Coronation Day, after the formalities of the coronation ceremony, villagers were able to let their hair down and join in a rounders match in the park. A dull weather forecast didn't put us off and we look forward to a re-match on a brighter day.

The WI were in action again on the Sunday as they rounded off the weekend providing prosecco and stunning celebration cakes while we listened to the Royal Buckley Town Band. Thank you to the Rhosesmor Village



Hall Committee and Rhosesmor Women's Institute for a glorious afternoon blessed with bright sunshine and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.



Seren who correctly guessed the number of sweets in the jar!

The total amount raised on the day was £203 and, on 10<sup>th</sup> May, Jill Vaughan-Thomas, Secretary of the Rhes y Cae Village Hall Association, presented a cheque for that amount to Debra Sima, Community Fundraiser for the Wales Air Ambulance charity. A successful community celebration for a very worthy cause!



**The Needlecraft Social Evening Group**  
The group made some wonderful individual table decorations based on the theme of the Crown



# Coronation of King Charles III

## Ring For The King



On Saturday 6 May the nation celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla with a great Service in Westminster Abbey. Part of this celebration included ringing the bells of the Abbey. Bands throughout the UK also rang to celebrate this occasion. Local ringers, too, were busy that day. Thirteen ringers from Halkyn met together, in time honoured tradition, to ring for an hour at Halkyn before the Service. Halkyn has six bells for ringing and the ringers took turns to ring throughout the hour. A variety of 'tunes' were rung. One specially rung for the King is called, not surprisingly, 'Kings'. The band usually rings 'Rounds' which is simply one note following another in a scale. Some more complicated tunes were rung by some

ringers. The ringing on tower bells was finished off with 'Firing' where all the bells sound at the same time making a spectacular flourish. The celebrations at Halkyn ended with the band playing 'God save the King' on handbells.

The band moved down to Flint to ring for another hour on the eight bells there. This time they were ringing at the same time as the Service and so celebrated the Coronation of Queen Camilla with ringing 'Queens' as well as 'Kings' and 'Rounds'. The ringing here ended in style, again with spectacular 'Firing'. This very special, important and solemn occasion was celebrated with appropriate dignity. Though, as always, there was also much laughter with the ringing. Some of the ringers then moved on to help the band at Northop.

'British' ringing for tower bells is unique with the bells being rung with a rope on a full wheel. This allows us to control precisely when each bell sounds, meaning we can play 'tunes' which can be very complicated or very simple. Traditionally the bells ring out for all major civic and religious occasions and ring regularly for church services. Halkyn church has tower bells but recently we have taken our handbells to ring in other Halkyn Mountain churches for their special services. Learners (and indeed returning ringers) are always welcome to join us at our practices. Contact Stuart Holroyd ([halkynringers@gmail.com](mailto:halkynringers@gmail.com)) for information.

## The King's visit when Prince of Wales to Halkyn in 1976

The open grasslands we enjoy today on Halkyn Mountain were once marred by centuries of lead and silver mining. Mining on Halkyn Mountain dates back to Roman times when lead ore (galena), silver and zinc ore were mined. Halkyn Mountain was one of Britain's major lead mining regions in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The price of imported lead ore fell in the second half of the twentieth century so the mines on the mountain became unprofitable and closed in the 1960s.



Here is Prince Charles chatting to local people including Vaughan Clark, David Davies and others at

Following the European Conservation Year of 1970, the Welsh Countryside Committee was established to foster conservation activities and was chaired by the then Prince of Wales. The Committee developed into the Prince of Wales Committee awarding a grant to the Halkyn Countryside Committee.



Inscription:  
The bestowal of this Prince of Wales' award reflects the successful cooperation between local people and Wimpey Asphalt Limited in the reclamation of this land, which was previously derelict.

A group of local people in the 1970s decided to reclaim several industrial sites around the village of Halkyn including Pen-y-Bryn and Pant-y-Gof areas. They worked with Local Government and Wimpey Asphalt Limited to clear the areas of derelict buildings, lead washing and winding gear. In 1976, the now King Charles III, then Prince of Wales, visited Halkyn to award the villagers the Prince of Wales Award for their conservation work. The plaque can be seen today at 'Wimpey's Corner'. By Susan Nuttall





## Message from Cllr Simon Jones

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter egg collection in aid of the Flintshire Foodbank. We collected 111 eggs and, when we delivered them to the Foodbank, the volunteers there were so grateful as they hadn't had many donated this year. It's so nice to know that 111 children would have had a better Easter thanks to the people of the villages of Brynford and Halkyn Mountain.

We are once again being plagued by off-road motorcycles churning up the mountain paths. Some groups have been abusive to walkers, ridden straight towards people on horses and generally made other mountain users feel intimidated. There are also lots of ground nesting birds and rare plants on the mountain and we must protect them from damage. I am working closely with the local police to try to combat the issue and stop these bikers. I have posted on local bike groups to let them know that it is illegal to ride off-road motor vehicles on the mountain and I will be having a meeting with the local PCSO and rural crimes officers to come up with a plan to deter this anti-social and illegal behaviour. If you see any off-road vehicles that do not belong to the farmers checking their sheep, please phone 101 immediately and report them to the police. If you can safely get photos/videos of the bikes and, more importantly, photos of the vehicles that are being used to bring the bikes to the area, please pass these on to the police too.

I was delighted to be invited along to the Pet Cemetery at the beginning of April to attend the 'ground breaking' of the new National Military Working Dogs Memorial. Sir David Hanson and the Pet Cemetery have spent years campaigning and fundraising to bring this memorial to Brynford. It is amazing to think that Brynford was chosen out of all the possible sites across the UK and I would like to thank everyone involved in making this happen.



I often get contacted regarding pot holes in the mountain roads and am pleased that the road from the Brynford crossroads down past the Pet Cemetery and the road by the Britannia Inn are both marked down in this year's budget to be resurfaced. If you spot any pot holes, please do report them to the Council so that they can be assessed and repaired.

If there are any issues that you would like to discuss with me, you can email me at [simon.jones@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:simon.jones@flintshire.gov.uk) or phone me on **07780 035388**. Please do be aware that I am often in meetings during the day, so if I do not answer immediately, please leave me a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Councillor Simon Jones

## The Gift of Time – What does it mean?

Some people think volunteering is a black hole of commitment you will never be able to get out of. However most non-profit organisations are grateful if you can spare half an hour a week. It's the most flexible role in the world.

Isolation, cost of living crisis and poor mental health affects everyone in some way. Whether it's you, your family and friends, or your neighbours, it is all around us. There are organisations in Flintshire that tirelessly support vulnerable people and they need help from the community to make this happen.

Did you know you could give your time by mentoring a young person? Or befriend someone who is disabled so they can live their life to the fullest? How about repairing furniture with like minded people? Volunteering is diverse and there is something out there for everyone.

You may want to attend a community group for a tea and a natter. Or get crafty with a craft group. You may want to join a walking club. Ask yourself, why not?

### So, what's it all for?

Well, that's down to you. You may want to boost your confidence or improve your health and well-being. You could be thinking about trying something new and meeting new people to expand your horizons. You might want some experience to put on your CV or to help you find a new job. You might just want to get out of the house and have some fun!

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council is committed to finding the perfect role for those in the community that do have a little spare time. Non-profit organisations can't run without the help of selfless volunteers and they need your gift of time.



Visit [Volunteering Wales Website](http://VolunteeringWalesWebsite) to find what opportunities there are in your local community. Or email us at [Volunteers@flvc.org.uk](mailto:Volunteers@flvc.org.uk) and we will support you to find some local organisation in desperate need of your help.

# HOLYWELL AREA COMMUNITY MUSEUM NEWS

We are, as usual, always busy at the museum working behind the scenes to ensure there is always something new for you to enjoy.

By the time you read this our Victorian schoolroom area will be ready for visitors complete with teacher's desk, blackboard and easel and child's desk.

Don't be startled by the people you might see in there!

You can browse through the files on many local schools and view pictures of classes from schools in the area. Why not come along and see if you can spot yourself on one of them? Or you can help us to add names where they are missing.

Also we have a Tribute to the NHS display featuring pictures, files and memorabilia.

These are all additions to our existing attractions – the Chapel, the 1940s/50s living room, the Point of Ayr room with ex miner John Wiltshire who has wealth of knowledge in his subject and has many tales to tell.

Why not come along to one of our interest groups in our community room:

**Monday** – bingo at noon

**Tuesday** – reminiscence group from 10.30am Free of charge – come and share your memories with like minded people. We are a happy group of fifteen regular members and more who just drop in from time to time – all sharing memories, photos etc. which all add to our ever growing archives.

**Wednesday** – knit and natter – from 10.00am Free of charge – sometimes more natter than knit – bring your own project or if you have a talent to share we will be happy to welcome you.

**Thursday** – general knowledge prize quiz at 1pm with Bob our experienced and genial host. Don't worry if you come alone – we are a friendly bunch and teams will form naturally.

**Friday** – new this season – Play Reading at 11.00am Free of charge – no previous experience necessary – just enthusiasm.



Also our 'Talk of the Town' history walks will be starting on the first Wednesday morning in June.

Learn some things about the history of the High Street which you might not have previously known. There is a guide fee per head for a two hour walk at your own pace. Please book in advance at the museum.

If you are interested in writing your story for your family to treasure – we have a course starting soon on Thursday mornings. There is a course fee for a six week/two hourly course. You will learn tips and hints from an experienced, professional tutor to get you started on answering the questions

for your loved ones which you wish you could ask your grandparents.

We are always looking for new volunteers who can contribute in any way with anything from greeting our visitors, helping in the cafe or helping with fundraising. Please call in at any time and enjoy a cuppa or something to eat in our welcoming cafe.

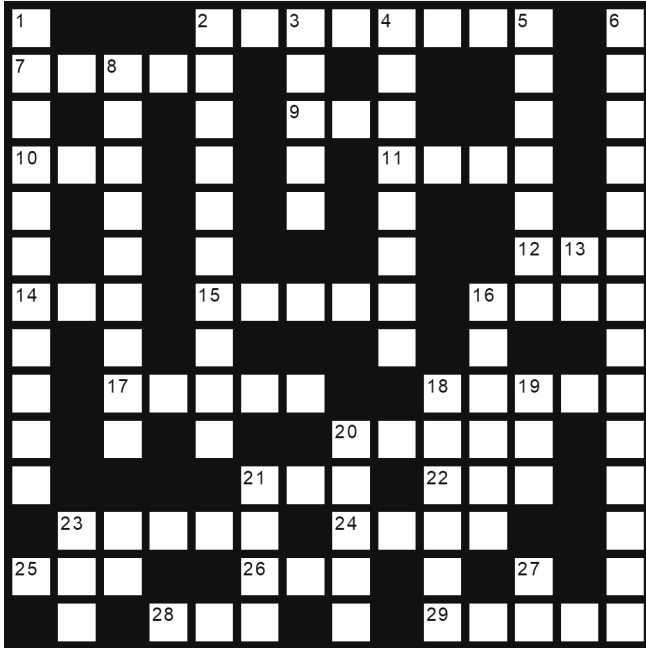


The museum number is 01352 217170 – but if you want to ask me about any of the groups please either email me on [andreadakin112@btinternet.com](mailto:andreadakin112@btinternet.com) or phone me on 01352 711240

Andrea Yarnell Dakin



## Crossword No 1



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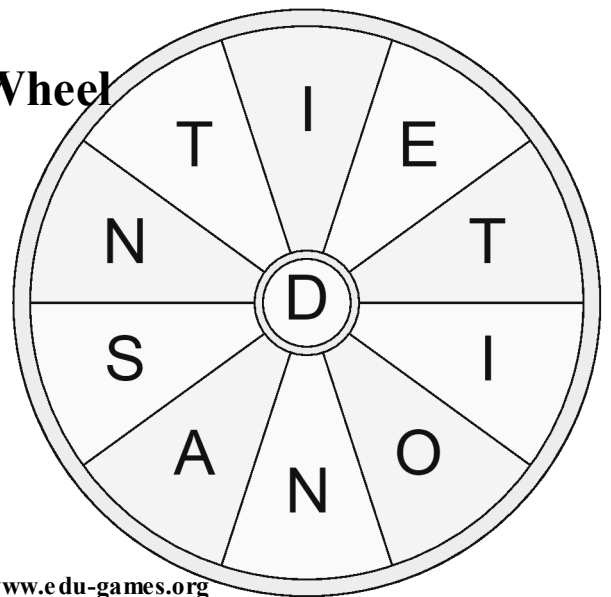
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- 16 CAB
- 17 TURNING TOOL
- 18 FAINT
- 20 FLOWER
- 21 VEGETABLE
- 22 LESS THAN TWO
- 23 MILITARY GROUP
- 24 LOUD NOISE
- 25 SOFT DRINK
- 26 SMALL
- 28 AFFIRMATIVE
- 29 ALL

### DOWN

- 1 ANGERED
- 2 PRECISE
- 3 ALTER
- 4 HOT DRINK
- 5 AERIAL
- 6 WITH LOVE
- 8 RESPECTED
- 13 WILD BOVINE
- 16 PULLING
- 18 CADGE
- 19 A SINGLE
- 20 IDENTIFIER
- 21 DOG FEET
- 23 HAPPINESS
- 27 US

## Summer Word Wheel

This word wheel is made from a 11 letter Summer themed word. Try and find that word and make as many words of any length as you can from these letters. You can only use each letter once and each word must include the letter D.



Credit for word wheel design: [www.edu-games.org](http://www.edu-games.org)

## Ultimate Word Search No 3

Word Search & Numlet Puzzle kindly supplied by geofflemark

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C O A T E D I E L E A K X E  
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A Summer Gift  
Colour me do!

## Organ Recital For Ukraine

It was a remarkable concert at St. Michael's Church, Caerwys.

Tim Biddle's organ recital for Ukraine on 12th March was varied and inspiring. It showed off the range and the warmth of tone of the Makin organ and it demonstrated Tim's mastery of the instrument. A remarkable performance.

Equally remarkable was the support for the concert. The church was full with supporters from all over North East Wales and from Ukraine. The retiring collection made no less that £1050.

Gerrie Bailey, Chair of the North Wales branch of CCLL, was there with goods from Ukraine for sale. CCLL stands for Chernobyl Children Lifeline. Gerrie Bailey's team originally arranged for children in Belarus suffering from the effects of the Chernobyl disaster to come for recreational visits to the UK. The charity has expanded its remit to include helping the children of Ukraine and their families. It has funded provision of clothing and medical supplies and support for children orphaned in the war. One of its programmes is to train children



to be aware of the dangers of landmines and booby traps left by the Russians.

On sale were craft items and some poignant drawings by children sheltering in bomb shelters. Thanks to Gerrie and her helpers, we were brought closer to the realities of the suffering in Ukraine. A remarkable insight.

Also remarkable was the presence of refugees from Ukraine, now part of our community and our friends, who came to offer support.

Each is working to provide practical support for communities in Ukraine and each had experienced great turmoil and uncertainty.

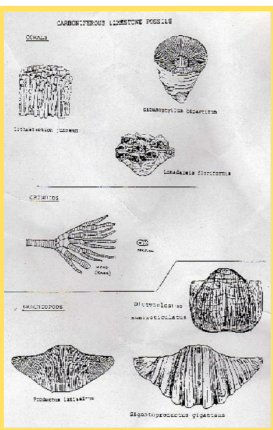
The proceeds of £1050 were donated by Tim Biddle to CCLL.

It's a remarkable sum from a retiring collection. It demonstrated, hopefully, to our Ukrainian friends the depth of support for their cause.



## Fossil Hunting

Have you ever experienced the thrill of cracking open a rock and finding a fossil inside that hasn't seen the light of day for millions of years? We have two great belts of limestone that run roughly north to south in Flintshire – including Halkyn Mountain – & Denbighshire where you can do just that. You don't even have to crack them open. Often fossils can be found just lying around on the floor of any of the disused quarries in the area of Halkyn Mountain

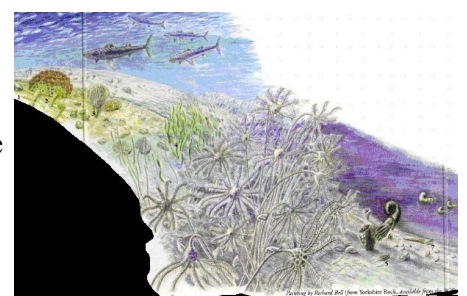


(quarries are dangerous places - do not enter without permission). They date from the Carboniferous period, about 350 million years ago, when this part of Britain lay under a shallow sea in sub-tropical temperatures so reefs built up rather like the Great Barrier Reef off

Australia today. But the reefs then looked very different. They only had a few small corals in them but the main reef was made of several now extinct species though recognisably related to modern ones - huge shapes like giant cockle shells (called Brachiopods) varying from about 3 inches to 8 inches across, or sections through them, looking like pale crescent moons against the darker grey background of the rock. Also many circular or tubular sections about a quarter of an inch diameter and divided into ribs with a central hole – these are pieces of the tall stems of the so-called “Sea lilies”.

They were not actually plants but coral-like animals that lived in the top tentacular head of the “lily flower” – their technical name is Crinoid. It's very rare to find the waving feathery “heads” but the little tubular sections of stem frequently weather out from the rock. I once had a friend who threaded them on a necklace. Not very pretty but a great conversation opener! The actual corals of the fossil reefs are rather more difficult to find. They can look similar to the Crinoids, but the way to tell the difference is they have very fine lines radiating out from a central column and no central hole. Here you can see an artist's reconstruction of what our reef probably looked like.

Towns are great places to see good examples of fossils and minerals in the polished stone facings of old buildings like banks and supermarkets much more clearly than in the field. You can find us on Facebook at Halkyn Mountain Nature Conservation Group or email us to get updates about future events. Jan Miller 2023 Jan@7wells.org



## Rhosesmor Village Hall

### Monday

Coffee morning fortnightly 10.30  
WI 2nd Monday of each month 19.00

### Tuesday

Yoga weekly 10.30  
Art club weekly 14.00-16.00  
Pilates weekly 18.30  
Material Girls (Sewing club) 2nd Tuesday of each month 14.00

### Wednesday

Tai Chi weekly 11.00  
Kids Rock Choir weekly 18.00  
Dungeons and Dragons weekly 19.00

### Thursday

Rhosesmor Tots weekly 9.30-11.30  
Meditation weekly 19.00

### Friday

Cubs/Scouts weekly 18.30 (term time only)

### Saturday

Board gaming from noon till late – meetings 3  
June, 15 July, 2 September, 21 October

### Sunday

Bead/Jewellery making group 2nd Sunday of each month 11.00

Circle Dancing 3rd Sunday of each month 14.00

Various band practice times are available.

The hall is available to hire – please contact Jon Tarry 01352 780842

## More Happenings In Rhosesmor

- Look out for more community events happening in Rhosesmor - this time in St Paul's Church:
- 16th June 7.30pm Rhythm and Blues with local band 'The Mighty Mojo Kings'
- 30th June 7.30pm - a return visit from Côr Cilcain

- **St Paul's Church community garden** bursting into springtime colour. If you visit our beautiful church, Outpost Shop and coffee corner please also visit and enjoy our peaceful community garden.
- Viv Barlow (volunteer)
- **Monthly community garden meeting** in the churchyard.
- 2nd Saturday in the month 2-4pm. All welcome. Cake and coffee break.



- **Book Club** – Contact Kathy Baron
- kvbaron@icloud.com

- **Rhosesmor Pond and Village Improvement Group** - Contact Brian Fearnhead 01352 780740
- brian.fearnhead@hotmail.com

- Information on events/village planning meetings is published on Rhosesmor Village Facebook page, on notice boards in The Outpost shop, coffee corner in the church and outside the village hall.

## Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema – May 2023 update

Now that Spring has sprung, we can forget the snowy weather that caused us to postpone our planned March screening! That event was a sell-out and all tickets for it remained valid for the **May 20th screening of MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (PG)**.

In **July**, we'll be showing **The Duke (12)**: the story of Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, who stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history. But he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage – how and why he used the Duke to achieve that is a wonderfully uplifting tale.

Tickets go on sale 2 – 3 weeks before the screening. Please look out for details on our website or on the advertising banners which will be dotted about the mountain. You can buy tickets online via the secure community cinema website,

[www.mountaincinema.org.uk](http://www.mountaincinema.org.uk)

Light refreshments (including tea, coffee and popcorn) will be 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.mountaincinema.org.uk)

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[www.twitter.com/mountaincinema](https://www.twitter.com/mountaincinema)

We hope to see you at Halkyn Mountain cinema soon.

Rob Hughes, Chair, Halkyn Mountain Cinema committee.





## Halkyn Cricket Club

**Senior cricket** Halkyn CC 1st XI started their NWCL Premier League campaign with a final ball victory against Mochdre at Pant Newydd. New signing Nathan Roett snapped up 4-12 and another newcomer Muhammad Khan claimed 2-15. Mochdre were eventually bowled out for 132. In reply Halkyn lost wickets but were able to scramble over the line on 133-8. Muhammad Khan 31 and Alex North 30 starring with the bat.

Halkyn 2nd XI had a free date and the following day were due to play Broadbottom in the National Village Cup but the opposition conceded the match.

Both senior sides are looking to add more victories as a busy year of cricket unfolds.

**Junior cricket** Looking ahead to the 2023 season we will be running under 9s and under 11s. Training is on a Friday night at the club starting at 6pm.

We will also be running the Allstars and Dynamos Programme again this year and this will commence on Friday 12 May. Please contact us for the links or just search ECB Allstars/Dynamos and look for Halkyn Cricket Club. The cost of booking for Dynamos will be refunded by the club.

**Ladies softball cricket** At the time of print, Halkyn Women's team will have embarked on their first competitive season in the softball league. After spending the winter months training indoors working under the watchful eye of coach Andy Rooke, the team is excited to be back outside in the North Wales sunshine. The league has been split this year into east and west, so the ladies will spend the summer playing against teams from Buckley, Carmel, Gwersyllt, Northop and Northop Hall. In their first season together, the focus remains on building and sharing a love of cricket, whilst having a good time with great friends! Training takes place on a Thursday evening and new players are always welcome. Please pop down to the club and support one of our fixtures, find us on social media or reach out to Katie (07946514681) for more info.

**Sponsorship** The club would like to give a massive thanks to all our sponsors. Woodstore Wales have again sponsored both senior and junior ladies team shirts. Other local businesses/club supporters have also sponsored advertising boards/match balls and player sponsor. For further details on sponsorship opportunities please contact Ben Roberts 07794 459936

**Clubhouse** The clubhouse is available to hire and we offer its use free of charge to any local schools or local non-profit groups. We also have a reduced hire for children's parties.

**For information on any of the above please contact Keith or Jane on 01352 781523 or 07732 325033**



## Halkyn Parish Hall and Library

The hall is available for private functions including weddings, christenings, birthday parties, (children's birthday parties up to 12 years old), meetings, etc.  
For more information ring the caretaker Colin Roberts 07934 669794

### Weekly Diary

**Monday** Over 50s club - 1st Monday in the month; also monthly outings - contact Ron 01352715723

**Tuesday** Zumba 6:00 - 7:00pm - contact zumbawithvix@gmail.com

Snooker Club 7:00pm - new members welcome - contact Andy Wood 01352 780159

The Snooker Table is also available for hire - contact Colin Roberts 07934 669794

**Wednesday** Charities Coffee Morning 10:30 - 12:00pm - 1st Wednesday in the month

Ukulele 7:00 - 9:00pm - contact Mike [www.mikeflaherty.co.uk/ukeypack/](http://www.mikeflaherty.co.uk/ukeypack/)

**Thursday** Halkyn WI 2:00 - 4:00pm

Clerical Error Border Morris Dancers 8:00 - 10:00pm - contact Colin 07934 669794

**Friday** Post Office 2:40 - 3:10pm

Library 1:30 - 7:00pm

**Saturday** Halkyn Mountain Quilters - contact Elaine 07871 586942

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** - Halkyn Parish Hall Committee requires a NEW TREASURER. Please contact Jenny Butters on 07877103279 or [jennybutters1@gmail.com](mailto:jennybutters1@gmail.com)



## SESIWN COGINIO - COOKING SESSION

### COBLER COCH

#### Cynhwysion

100g (4owns) ymenyn  
1 cwpan o flawd plaen  
1 cwpan o siwgr man  
1 cwpan o lefrith  
4 llwy de o bowdr codi  
2-3 cwpan o fafon



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4. Arllwyswch y cymysgedd dros y menyn - **peidiwch a'i droi**
5. Arllwyswch y ffrwythau dros y cymysgedd - **peidiwch a'i droi**
6. Pobwch am 30 munud nes bod y rhan uchaf yn euraidd frown.

**Mwynhewch!**

### RED COBLER

#### Ingredients

100g (4ozs) butter  
1 cup plain flour  
1 cup caster sugar  
1 cup of milk  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
2-3 cups of raspberries



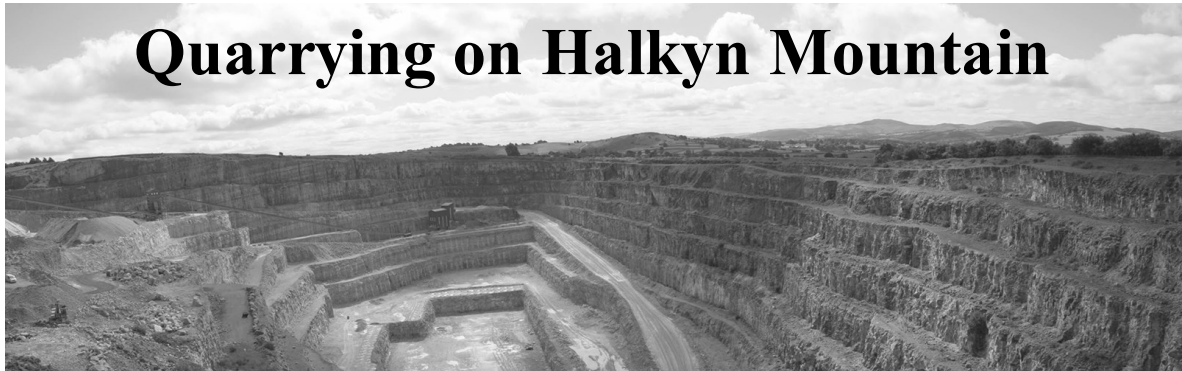
#### Method

1. Preheat the oven 190 fan 170 C / Gas 5
2. Melt the butter and put in a 22.5cm x 32.5cm (9 x 13 inch) dish
3. Mix the flour, sugar, milk and baking powder
4. Pour the mixture over the butter - **don't stir**
5. Pour the fruit over the mixture - **don't stir**
6. Bake for 30 minutes until upper part is golden brown

#### Enjoy!

**Note** - thanks to Menna Coleclough for this recipe. More recipes in Welsh and English are welcome. Please send to the contribution email address page2

## Quarrying on Halkyn Mountain



**Stone has been quarried from Halkyn Mountain for hundreds of years. Early quarries were small as the rock was taken by hand using simple crowbars, hammers and wedges. Local people were allowed to take stone to build houses for themselves.**

The first commercial quarries were chert, which was taken to the Staffordshire potteries for use in the manufacturer of china. Numerous small limestone quarries were also dug, expanding from the 17th century when the practice of 'liming the land' to increase its fertility became popular. Limekilns were built close to the quarries.

Early quarrying on Halkyn Mountain remained local, small-scale family concerns due to the limited transport available. Despite ambitious plans for aerial ropeways and railway links, horse and cart remained the main transport into the 20th century. Large scale quarrying on the mountain was only really able to develop once road haulage became available.

Not all the limestone on the mountain is the same. A few quarries produced Aberdo or hydraulic limestone that was used to make cement that sets under water, invaluable in the construction of docks and piers. Others produced Halkyn 'Marble', a dark blue stone full of fossils that can be polished just like real marble and was in demand for memorials and monuments.

Today large, highly mechanized quarries supply over a million of tonnes of stone and aggregate to North Wales and the North West of England each year.

*Halkyn Mountain Common is owned by Grosvenor Estates and is designated a Special Area of Conservation.*

# Hafau Pell yn Ol - Summers Long Ago

## Hafau Pell yn Ol

Roedd yr Haf yn amser rhyfedd yn tyfu i fyny fel mab ffarm. Mi oedd yna chwe wythnos o wyliau ysgol ac hefyd, fel yr ydw yn cofio, haul di-dor – mae 1976 yn dod i gof!!! Hefyd roedd y wybodaeth bod gwaith called i wneud ar y ffarm, cneifio ac, i ddilyn, gwneud gwair.

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Rhywbeth yr oeddwn i yn ei fwynhau oedd gwneud gwair yn enwedig y partiau mecanyddol fel iro a thrwsio'r peiriannau yn barod, gweithio allan sut i wneud y belar glymu'r byrnau, a sut i newid pigau'r Vicon Lilley oedd yn rhencio'r gwair i'r belar.

Roedd dyddiau hir felyn tesog yn cyfrannu ac fy mwynhad gyda arogl gwair newydd ei dorri ac arogl y byrnau bach hirsgwar oedd y rhai oedd pawb yn wneud yr adeg hynny. Roedd yna fwynhad i gael o wybod bod y ty gwair yn llawn am flwyddyn arall er ei fod yn waith called yn nyddiau poeth yr Haf.

Roedd yr hafau yn gymaint gwell yn y dyddiau pell yn ol hynny!!!

## Summers Long Ago

Summer was an odd time as a boy growing up as a farmer's son. There were the six weeks of school holidays and, so it seemed at the time, endless sunshine – 1976 springs to mind! – but also the full knowledge that there would be hard work on the farm, shearing, followed closely by haymaking. From the age of about eight upwards, I was involved in the heavy work of catching sheep and rams to hand over to the shearer. Hard work. My uncle sheared with a hand shear and competed in Agricultural Shows throughout North Wales. Another part of the job was wrapping the fleece which meant being covered in fine wool and smelling of lanolin for hours on end. Suffice to say that I did not enjoy this element of farming. Something I did enjoy was haymaking, especially the mechanical aspect of greasing and repairing the machinery in readiness for the season, working out how to get the baler to knot bales, greasing and oiling various parts and replacing tines on the Vicon Lilley wheels to collect hay ready for baling was exciting and satisfying.

Warm days contributed to the enjoyment with the smell of freshly cut hay and the small rectangular bales that were the norm then. I gained a sense of satisfaction seeing the haybarns full for another year although it was hard work on hot days. Summers were far better back in those long ago days!!

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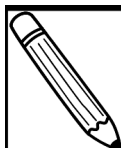
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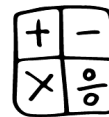
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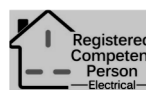


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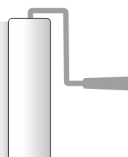
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## Community Award

### The First Award Ceremony

Following a public notice seeking nominations for this newly created community award, it was presented to the winners at a special ceremony in Halkyn Parish Hall on 15 May 2023.

The aim of this award is to promote pride and give recognition to those who make a significant contribution within the community and to celebrate their achievements. The grant of this award provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the people who voluntarily and selflessly work to improve and enhance the lives of people in the Halkyn Community Council area.



Happy Community Award Winners - Jean Roberts (Individual), David Wright (Representing the HMN team - Group Award)

Anyone that the residents of the Halkyn Community Council area consider merits an award for having made a significant contribution to their local community may be nominated.

The nominees can be an adult (over 18), a young person (under 18) or a community group, who must reside or be registered within the Halkyn Community Council boundary.



Mrs Jean Roberts with her well earned Individual Community Award Certificate and bouquet

service she provided, her willingness to give up many hours of her time and for her respectful and compassionate treatment of those she helped.

The Community Group award winner is the Halkyn Mountain News Team consisting of at least 40 volunteers who are involved in the newsgathering, editorial process, publication, printing and distribution. The award has been presented for the newsletter's

community involvement and promotion and its informative and colourful production. The award was accepted by David Wright on behalf of the whole of the Halkyn Mountain News team of volunteers.



Celebrating the Community Awards ceremony at Halkyn Parish Hall



Representing the Newsletter Team: Left to right - Sylvia Mitchell-Wright, David Wright, Jane Loudon, Jenny Butters



David Wright, Editor, receiving the Group Award from Cllr Colin D'Arcy, Council Chair

The Awards were presented by Councillor Colin D'Arcy, retiring Chair of Halkyn Community Council.

After the award ceremony refreshments were provided and all those present, including the winners, enjoyed an informal and pleasant occasion.