

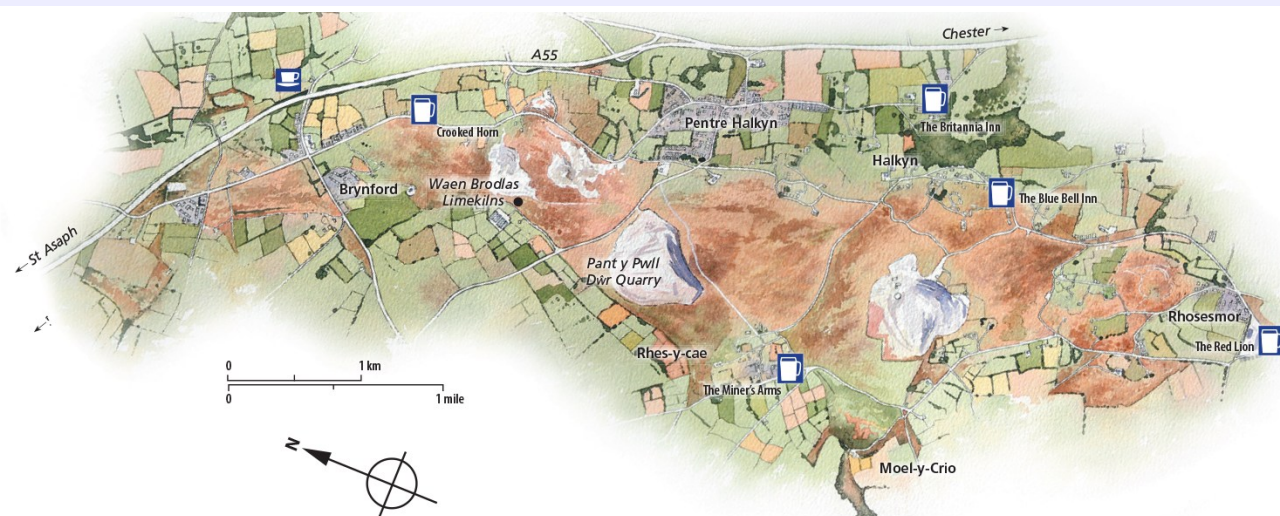
Halkyn Mountain News

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Bicentenary Edition – Autumn/Hydref 2026

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We invite you to join us at our AGM which will be held at 7pm on Thursday, 1st October 2026, at Rhosesmor Village Hall. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Winter Edition - Issue 201 will be distributed in December 2026.

Please submit News and Advertising items before 1st November to the email addresses listed on page 3. We look forward to receiving your calendar of events going into Winter.

Countryside News

Presented by the Halkyn Countryside Social Committee

No. 2

Chairman: Mr. T. Green Woodland Cottage, Halkyn 646
Secretary: Mrs. V. Hughes Parry Library View, Halkyn 236

Welcome to our Second Newsletter we do hope the first was of interest to you and the information was of use - perhaps now you can see the advantage of our adventure

Our leading article, we believe, is important so perhaps you might like to give it some thought:

Joint Committee on Quarrying and Mining.

This Committee was formed to co-ordinate the activities of village and conservation groups in Flintshire to minimise the detrimental effects on the quality of life and on the environment, of the mineral operations.

It is recognised that limestone, chalk and sand and gravel are a valuable source of raw material in this area, and quarrying has become a major rural industry related to the needs of motorway construction and building and civil engineering.

The increase in the size of quarries has caused tremendous problems in many villages. Blasting, crushing, washing and transporting by fleets of ever bigger and noisier lorries are causing pollution and disfigurement, to add to the dereliction of past centuries. The nuisance from these activities is accentuated because the quarries are situated so near to the villages, and the narrow country roads were not constructed to carry the continuous stream of heavily loaded vehicles.

To try to reconcile the conflicting interests of the Quarrying Industry with the environmental interests and well being of the people living nearby, the Joint Committee has arranged a conference at Kelsterton College on Thursday, October 24th 1974.

This conference is called "On Living with Mining and Quarrying". It should be an interesting and stimulating experience for anyone who is interested in the reclamation schemes and the future of this area. It is free to anyone who has in anyway helped the Halkyn Countryside Committee. Coffee, lunch and afternoon tea will all be provided for this one day meeting for only £1.25p.

Do please come to listen and to question such influential and knowledgeable people as Mr. D. Wager, Department of Town and Country Planning, Manchester University and Professor Bradshaw, the person who guided, advised and encouraged each faltering step of our own Bryn Helyg reclamation scheme. All are welcome. Details from V. Clarke The Rock, Halkyn or Gwyneth Davies, Erw Bach, Nant.

Halkyn Hockey Club.

The club fields a mixed team of 6 gentlemen and 5 ladies. The following fixtures have so far been arranged:

6th Oct. Northop Hall (away)	27th Oct. St. Katharines College (home)
3rd Nov. R.A.F. Sealand (home)	10th Nov. Pilkingtons St. Asaph (away)
24th Nov. St. Katharines College (home)	22nd Dec. Pilkingtons St. Asaph (home)

Further fixtures are being arranged. All home matches are played on the Sports Field at Halkyn Cricket Club, and Bully Off in all matches is at 2.30 p.m.

Dear Readers

Welcome to the Autumn 2026 issue and also our **200th** issue of Halkyn Mountain News.

In celebration, you will see on the opposite page, the front cover of the second issue of the newsletter, which was then called the **Countryside News**. It's wonderful to see that even now in the digital age, a paper copy of the newsletter is still going strong. There is also an article on this page, written by one of our volunteers, about the history of the newsletter from its origins as a one page **Countryside News** to the **Halkyn Mountain News** that is delivered to your door today, packed full of interesting articles and events happening on our Mountain.

Whilst writing this piece, I'm sure all of us will agree, that we are looking forward to some much needed rain. As a community, we have all been aware of the fires on the Mountain and this is highlighted on **page 8**. HMN volunteers joined the litter pick at the site of the fire. We were delighted to see the community join together to help make our Mountain a cleaner environment.

We are disappointed to report that our Children's Writing Competition failed to attract any interest on this occasion. We hope to hold alternative competitions in future issues.

We hope you enjoy reading this special edition of the newsletter. Our Winter issue will be delivered through your letterboxes at the beginning of December, and we look forward to receiving your updates and event news for the Winter season ahead.

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Happy 200th Edition of the Halkyn Mountain News

Birth of a Newsletter: did you know that ...

In 1970 the **Halkyn Countryside Committee** was set up to find ways in which the local community could help with the reclamation of derelict land left by the mining industry. In 1972 the Committee received a Prince of Wales Award and, in addition to local fundraising initiatives, a tree planting and village tidying project was also launched. To inform communities of these initiatives and to gain support, issue 1 of the **Countryside News** launched in June 1974. This single page publication, presented by the Halkyn Countryside Social Committee, was delivered to the residents of Halkyn and Pentre Halkyn.

The first edition introduced the work of the Halkyn Countryside Committee, highlighted the environmental work being undertaken, and emphasised the need for additional volunteers. The newsletter also appealed to the local community, for contributions to a "What's On" guide. This included information on forthcoming activities organised by the Committee, such as tree planting projects around Bryn Helyg and Pentre Halkyn; the Halkyn, Rhosesmor and Rhes y Cae Conservation Association; the Pensioners Club; a Women's Institute schedule; the 1st Halkyn Guide Company; Halkyn Hockey Club; Youth Club and a Halloween social and dance – admission was 15 pence for children and OAPs and 30 pence for adults and it included a "Country style supper" and bar.

During the 1980s some fascinating articles provided an insight into life on the mountain – local history was covered by Bryn Ellis, gardening advice appeared as *Ted's Acre* and readers were introduced to the tale of the Halkyn Mountain Ghost. This was in addition to ongoing environmental concerns and fly tipping. The 1980s also saw the introduction of advertisements, jokes, recipes for lemon pudding and daffodil biscuits, short stories, poems and a crossword puzzle entitled 'how well do you know your mountain'.

The newsletter's popularity grew and in the winter of 1997 with issue number 91, the Country-side News became the **Halkyn Mountain News**, cementing the newsletter's local focus.

Now, with an almost unbroken run, we celebrate our **200th edition**: disrupted briefly by the Covid pandemic which did impact on publication and delivery. Most of the topics listed above remain just as important today - environmental issues, fly tipping, fundraising, volunteering, local clubs, activities and advertising. The founding volunteers could never have imagined our online world, with the instantaneous dissemination of news via social media. However, for the moment, there remains a need for an accessible hard copy and the seasonal assurance of visiting volunteers, delivering the latest edition through the letter boxes of over two thousand homes, community venues, libraries and shops on the mountain and beyond. Thank you to all those who have contributed over the years - volunteers, advertisers and article writers but most importantly a big thank you to our readers.

A very happy 200th edition

Jane Loudon HMN volunteer



A Few Words from Blodwen the Sheep

Phew, the weather has been hot! As I write this, the ground is dry and dusty, and I cannot remember when it last rained. Green grass or indeed anything green is hard to find.

There are many thoughtful humans living on the mountain who put out water for us. This has been very welcome as most of my usual drinking places have dried up. We sheep like our water clean and free from debris, so the muddy remnant of a pond is not for us.

Over the past few weeks, I have drunk water from a variety of containers but by far the strangest was a small round metal container with a face of a cat on it. It had a paper covering on the outside and I recognised the word "lamb" on it (yes, we sheep can recognise a few human words). Anyway, even if it had been intended for lambs, I am sure they would have been happy to share, so I took a drink, or at least tried to. Unfortunately, my mouth and jaw became wedged in the can, and I quickly realised that, as the label said, it was intended for lambs not ewes with full sized heads. Try as I might, I couldn't remove it. I was stuck fast and my bleat calling for help just resonated in the can. The more I panicked, the tighter it became. I had to calm myself

down and then try and prise it off against a gatepost. Just as I was feeling I was making progress, I sneezed and it shot off like a panicked pheasant. I looked around and confirmed that there was nobody about and then carried on as if nothing had happened. I was so relieved that I didn't suffer the embarrassment of being seen.

That was the first shock, the second was to see the mountain on fire recently. Rumours were rife as to how it started. One of my friends was convinced that it was a red dragon who was the perpetrator. I pointed out that we have never seen a red dragon on the mountain, but she could not be persuaded otherwise. We immediately put our fire drill into practice, but luckily, humans arrived in a large red lorry and dealt with the fire before we needed to act. We sheep have the ability to pee in unison and therefore, with enough support, can create a fire break quite naturally.

I happen to know that humans like to barbecue food, so I thought it might be worth trying. After the humans had put out the fire, I was tempted to try some of the scorched grass at the edge of the fire. It tasted so horrible that I couldn't get rid of the taste for several days. I do sometimes wonder about the sanity of you humans. You confuse us sheep with your strange ways. When a fire occurs in July, you rightly turn up and put it out as quickly as you can but in November you create a fire and stand around watching it. Not only that but you send fire up into the sky as well. It terrifies the life out of us every year. My friend Lambrusco said she comes across all fizzy with fear and must lie down.

The exceptionally hot weather and long dry spell is far from ideal for us sheep. Our choice of food becomes limited and dare I say - boring. It takes effort to find something to eat rather than being spoiled for choice. At this time, it becomes all the more tempting to gain entry to gardens and see what we can do to help with the trimming. We can tidy a garden very quickly, especially when hungry. If you need help in your garden, just leave the gate ajar so that we know we are welcome.

In these times when things can change quickly and we need to spread the word among our flock; good communication is important. In the past we have always relied on the sheep with the loudest bleats to spread the word but now a more modern approach is developing at a very fast rate. More and more sheep are using Facebleat these days. It's a new tone of bleat much lower than our usual bleats and it's used to communicate messages in code. It started as being used for only important messages but now the younger members of the flock are becoming quickly addicted to using it for gossip as well. I'm rather old fashioned and prefer to stick with the more traditional methods. I'm not sure I want to know every detail of other ewes' lambs or who has spotted a new ram in the area.

I need to finish now, as I've just spotted a few blades of green grass in a shady spot. They look tempting that I'm distracted and would be very upset if another sheep reached them before I do.

I do hope that by the time I write next we will have had some rain. In the meantime, if you do happen to see any red dragons on the mountain, do ask them to take particular care.

May you never get foot rot and always have clover.

Bye for now

Blodwen

Blodwen lives on Moel y Gaer

Rhosesmor Village Hall

Rhosesmor Village Hall, with a large main hall, committee room and well-equipped kitchen, is the perfect venue for parties, workshops, events and group meetings. Booking rates are very reasonable and we have availability for both one off and regular bookings. Please contact Jon Tarry on 01352 780842 for enquiries and bookings.



CURRENT DIARY

Weekly

Monday - 14:00 Art Group (WI)

Tuesday - 14:00 Art Group
- 14:00-14.45 Mobile Post Office
- 18:30 Pilates

Wednesday - 11:00 Tai Chi
- 19:00 Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday - 19:00 Yoga

Fortnightly

Monday - 10:30 Coffee Morning

Monthly

2nd Sunday - 11:00 Bead and Jewellery Making

2nd Monday - 14:00 WI Meeting

2nd Tuesday - 14:30 Material Girls - Sewing Group

3rd Wednesday - 10:00 Craft Club

3rd Saturday - 10:00 Jewellery/Crafting Workshops

Six Weekly

Saturday - 12:00 Board Gaming Group

Idris Davies former headmaster of Rhos Helyg School

Idris sadly passed away in June aged 97. A family man who devoted over thirty years to teaching the children of Halkyn Mountain.

There must be hundreds of people living on Halkyn Mountain who attended Ysgol Rhos Helyg whilst Idris Davies was teacher, deputy head and headmaster there. When Rhosesmor and Halkyn schools closed in 1953 they merged to form Rhos Helyg, a new school positioned mid-way between the two villages. When it was planned, I'm sure no one realised it would be the coldest and windiest school in Flintshire where pupils and teachers have often worn their winter clothes throughout the summer.

Mr Jones, the first head teacher of Rhos Helyg was previously the headmaster of Rhosesmor School. Idris however, was a teacher in Halkyn before he moved to Rhos Helyg and within a few years he became the deputy headmaster. When in 1964 Mr Jones retired, Idris took over as headmaster. During his time at the schools he taught generations of many families and most of the readers of the Halkyn Mountain News will know him far better than I did. He taught our four children. As well as a parent, I was a school governor for many years. During that time, I never heard him say anything derogatory about any of the pupils, whatever he said about them it was always good and said in a caring manner.

After teaching more than one generation of many families Idris retired from teaching in 1984, as did his wife Enid, also a teacher in Rhos Helyg for a while. They certainly didn't retire from work though. They started a business in Ruthin buying and selling antiques. He also continued to help out on the family farm, which he had done whilst teaching.

When adults, many of the former pupils of Rhos Helyg made their homes on the mountain. Not only did Idris' teaching have an impact on individual lives, his long service to the area helped to shape the community and people of Halkyn Mountain.

I am sure all his former pupils would like to join me in sending their condolences to all of Idris' family.

Diolch yn fawr Idris Davies RIP.

It is interesting to note, and I think I'm right in saying, that Rhos Helyg School has only had four Head teachers in its 73 years: Mr Jones, Idris Davies, Gwilym Edwards and the present incumbent Gareth Roberts. Is it the school, the pupils, the rural area or the Halkyn community that makes them stay?

Wendy Sigsworth

As you can see, we hosted a Farm Charity Event in aid of the wonderful Air Ambulance at the beginning of August. As this copy has to be in to the Editor before this takes place, I cannot tell you how amazing it was or how much funds we managed to raise. We are hoping for fine weather and lots of support, so far ticket sales are going very well.

As you may know, we have every reason to be grateful to the Air Ambulance. We needed them last year and they responded magnificently to the call. It took just minutes to travel from our local hospital to Stoke Trauma Unit saving hours of travel by road and surely helping to a complete recovery.

The Air Ambulance provides a much needed service to all communities but especially to rural areas like ours. We are not too badly placed but some areas are not easily accessible by vehicle or just too remote for ordinary transport to provide the speedy treatment needed.

They depend totally on voluntary contributions and we do hope that you will all support them as much as you can. We never know when the need will arise. We hope our party event has not caused a noise or light disturbance on the night but we are hoping to host an amazing event to support this wonderful organization.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED US AND THE AIR AMBULANCE



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 staff are DBS checked and qualified, all certificates are available to see. We welcome children from nursery age 2.5yrs up to year 8 in high school 14yrs.

Holiday club

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

Opening times for holiday club only 8am – 5.30pm Mon – Fri

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

Prices for Holiday Club only

£30 per child for a full day. £20 per child for half a day (until 1pm)



Opening times for After School Club only 3.10pm – 5.30pm Mon – Fri Term times only.

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

Snack time • 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 Gemma Mcleod, Catherine Shine & Amanda Mcleod (Senior Playworkers)

on 01352 780265 / 07591 239511

or check us out on Facebook [\(5\) Halkyn Mountain Kids After School Club/Holiday club | Facebook](#)

or email us on Halkynmountainkidsclub@gmail.com

or even visit our website at [Halkyn Mountain Kids Afterschool Club and Holiday Club | Ysgol Rhos Helyg](#)

Halkyn Mountain Cinema Update - Summer 2026

Having taken a well-earned rest, our cinema volunteers will be back in action in Halkyn Parish Hall on 7th November.

Get ready for **The Sheep Detectives (PG)**, a cross between Babe and The Thursday Murder Club. It's a gentle family comedy, starring Hugh Jackman as the shepherd who reads mystery novels to his sheep, which comes in handy when they take it upon themselves to solve a crime. This film will increase your admiration for our woolly friends on Halkyn Mountain!



In keeping with our tradition of showing a blockbuster film at our January screening, we're looking at either Steven Spielberg's **Disclosure Day** or Christopher Nolan's **The Odyssey**. They're both worthy of a showing, and one of these films will be ideal to get people together for a few hours on a long winter evening!

Check our Facebook page or look out for the posters popping up before November for more information. If you'd like to be added to our mailing list, so you can be alerted to the tickets going on sale, please send an email to mountaincinema@yahoo.co.uk.

At each screening event, refreshments are available; tickets will go on sale two to three weeks prior to the screening from www.mountaincinema.org.uk or www.facebook.com/halkynmountaincinema.

Rob Hughes, Chair

Halkyn Mountain Community Cinema



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), a committee room for meetings, etc. The hall now has facilities for presentations and promotions with a wide screen TV available in the hall and committee room. For bookings and enquiries phone Colin Roberts 07934 669794 Mon to Fri (between 9am and 5pm).

Weekly Diary

- Monday** **Over 50s club** - meet at the hall first Monday in the month: also monthly outings - contact Ron 01352 715723
Snooker Club - 7pm (New members welcome - contact Andy Wood 01352 780159)
The Snooker Table is also available for hire - contact Colin Roberts 07934 669794
Post Office - 4pm-4.30pm
- Tuesday** **Zumba**
- Wednesday** **Charity Coffee Morning** - 10.30am-12pm - 1st Wednesday in the month
Ewe Can Craft - alternate Wednesday evenings 7pm-9pm - contact Rosie 07563 372440
- Thursday** **Halkyn WI** - 2pm-4pm
Clerical Error Border Morris Dancers - 8pm-10pm - contact Colin 07934 669794
6 Week Yoga Course - 6.30pm, 8th October - contact Mike Cragg 01352 741147
- Friday** **Library** - 1.30pm-7pm
- Saturday** **Halkyn Mountain Quilters** - contact Elaine 07871 586942
Sound Therapy with Rachel - contact her on 07951 740112 for further information of dates & times

Free First Aid Course on 22nd and 23rd September 10am -1pm, max 12 people. Please email Halkynparishhallcommittee@gmail.com to reserve a place leaving your details to confirm a place. The committee are looking to put more courses on, any suggestions, please let us know.

Heartfelt Craft Fairs - See local advertising

Memories of the Mountain Fire



Monday, 20th July 2026, a lovely sunny summer's day at approximately 3.45pm fire was spotted in the Windmill area of the mountain. The fire brigade was called and What Three Words was used to give them a precise location of the fire. Unaware neighbours were informed of how close the fire was to their properties; the fire escalated at an alarming rate and had taken a firm hold by 4.15pm.



The fire service worked really hard trying to control the fire which was getting very close to two properties. In total six fire engines attended from stations as far away as Colwyn Bay and Ruthin. Thankfully Glyn Coleclough saw the fire on his way home, and offered his services with his tractor and flail to make fire breaks in the gorse around the two properties at risk.



The fire was under control by 7.30pm but still burning and two fire engines remained on site all night damping down. The service continued to monitor the site until late Wednesday.

What was nice to see was how the Windmill community checked on each other and assisted where possible. We were very grateful for the hard work, and professional way the fire service dealt with the fire.

Howard Morris & Sarah Storey



Christ Church, Rhes-y-Cae

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Gin Night on Friday, 5th June. A very special thank you to Fi, and her lovely family, from Cariad Gin, without their support this event could not have taken place.

Also, a very big thank you to Nick from the cheese stall at Mold Market; Anthony from the Crown Inn at Lixwm and Harry from Cracked Coffi, Mold for their very generous donations to the evening. Tickets sold out within days, and the Village Hall was full to capacity. Due to popular demand, we will hopefully be holding another Gin Night in the Autumn, so please keep your eyes peeled for the details.

The Gin Night was about raising funds for our Church, but it was also about growing our village community. Christ Church has sat at the heart of this community for longer than any of us have lived. We want this to continue, but times are challenging. It is easy to dismiss the Church as some relic of the past that we no longer need, however the Church has always been here for everyone, in good times and bad, and we want to continue to be here for years to come. We need the help of the community and we would like to help the community, so why don't you come along and visit us. It could just be the best thing you ever did.

Sunday Services at Christ Church are held at 8.45 am. The first and third Sundays in the month are Communion and the second and fourth Sundays in the month are Morning Prayer. Also, every Wednesday morning at 8.30am we have a short service, no longer than ten to fifteen minutes, of Morning Prayer.

On Sunday, 30th August, being the fifth Sunday in the month, the three parishes on Halkyn Mountain will meet at Christ Church at 10.30am for a joint Communion Service.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who supported our Summer Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 14th July.

Again thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated,

Dorothy Reece, Treasurer



Councillor's Update

The summer months have been busy across the ward, with a wide range of issues requiring attention, from planning matters and road safety to environmental concerns and community events.

In June, I met with our new Members of the Senedd, **Llyr Gruffydd and Becca Martin**, to discuss the long-running issues surrounding Junction 32 of the A55. We had a very constructive meeting and, although we represent different political parties, we agreed that improving safety and securing progress on this important junction is something we can all work towards together. Llyr and Becca kindly agreed to take forward the case with the Welsh Government.

During the meeting, I also raised Flintshire's long-standing concerns over the Welsh local government funding formula, which consistently leaves our county among the worst-funded councils in Wales. I asked Llyr to press the new Welsh Government to review the formula, and he agreed to raise the issue in Cardiff.

Tiger Tim Planning Application

Closer to home, Councillor Fran Lister and I have continued working with residents on a number of planning matters. We recently helped residents of Wern Road regarding the Tiger Tim planning application after identifying that CADW had not been consulted as part of the planning process. Following this, the application has been deferred until the September Planning Committee meeting while the required consultation takes place, ensuring the process is properly followed. We also raised issues regarding the size and scale of the new building, being almost 13 meters in height. This would make it the tallest building in Rhosesmor, surpassing the height of the church. I feel this is out of proportion for the village. There are also considerable concerns by residents regarding access by the fire service should an accident occur, as Wern Road would struggle to allow a fire engine to pass due to parked cars outside houses.

I urge Tiger Tim to engage with the residents of Wern Road, who are not against development of the business, they are just opposed to the scale of the current proposal. There is a compromise that can be reached here which allows the business to thrive, without adversely affecting the local residents. As always, my door is open for mediation.

Party House

We have also continued supporting residents affected by the ongoing issues surrounding the party house in Halkyn. Following discussions with council officers, sound-monitoring equipment has now been installed close to the property, and planning officers are taking steps to enforce planning conditions that have yet to be complied with by the owners. While there is still work to do, this represents encouraging progress.

Wildfires

Like many residents, I have been deeply concerned by the wildfires that have affected Halkyn Mountain and surrounding areas this summer. The combination of prolonged dry weather and discarded ignition sources has created a significant risk. I have spoken with our Member of Parliament, **Becky Gittins**, asking her to raise with the UK Government the possibility of restricting or banning the sale of disposable portable barbecues, which have been linked to a number of countryside fires across the UK.

Litter Pick

Finally, as I write this article, I have just returned from the Halkyn Village litter pick. It was fantastic to see more than 40 volunteers giving up their time to help keep our community clean and safe. Together we collected a substantial amount of litter, including broken glass and discarded vape batteries, both of which present a serious fire risk during such dry conditions. My sincere thanks go to everyone who took part, and to the Streetscene team at Flintshire County Council for providing the equipment and collecting all the filled bags afterwards.

As always, if there is an issue affecting you or your neighbourhood, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Your concerns help shape the work we do, and I am always happy to help wherever I can.

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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 once a month on a Tuesday. Talks start at 7.30pm. Doors open from 7pm for plant sales, raffle tickets and free refreshments. Visitors welcome; £3 per meeting.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday, 15th September

Irises for the Natural Garden – Alun and Jill Whitehead

Alun and Jill are owners of Aulden Farm, a relaxed, natural, three-acre garden, which has been created, since 1996, from a bare field on heavy, Herefordshire clay. Open for individuals and groups of the NGS. Large collection of Siberian Iris (beardless). Alun is a qualified British Iris Society judge, and Jill is secretary of the same society. Plants for sale.

Tuesday, 13th October

Going Higher and Higher – Jack Willgoss

Jack and wife Laura own and run Wildegoose Nursery and Walled Garden nestled in the beautiful Shropshire Hills. They started the nursery as specialist growers of hardy perennial violas, and now grow a wide range of flowering perennials and grasses. This talk is about using tall perennials to create an immersive atmosphere in the garden, going through some of their favourite tall and even taller perennials and grasses. Plants for sale.

Tuesday, 10th November

Hardy Planters' Winter Survival Kit – Don Witton

Don is holder of a Plant Heritage National Collection of Euphorbia; author of the Euphorbia HPS booklet; has featured on BBC Gardener's World and in numerous magazines including RHS The Garden. His talk will be about plants, projects, activities and strategies to help you get through the dark nights and cold days between October and March. An amusing talk with some wonderful slides of winter plants. Plants for sale.

Information: 01352 781458 (leave a message)
email: clwydgroup@hardy-plant.org.uk
www.facebook.com/HPSClwyd
www.hardy-plant.org.uk/clwyd

Farmer's Diary



Yet again I'm afraid that the weather dominates my Farmer's diary. I spoke last time about areas of Northern UK having rain for over 35 consecutive days, but it was not as bad here. Our April May produced the best spring weather we've ever had. Warm with showers but no heavy rain to feed the ditches and water course. The grass grew well and crops got a really good start. Our lambs grew rapidly with the first lambs being sold on the 18th May and having a supply every week since then.

Unusually we make hay in May, even before silage. This was from land not grazed over the winter and with the weather being so hot in the last week of May, hay was made into big square bales. We made our silage on the 5th June, again in perfect conditions.

We had 450 sheep sheared in searing heat on the 2nd June but also dodging a few light showers. Many shearing teams had decided that it was more comfortable for man and sheep to do the shearing from 4.30 in the morning until it got too hot.

Since then, it hasn't rained. The strip from Tremerechion, north of the Denbigh Road and along the Dee estuary have been the most badly affected due to lack of rain. Ruthin and the Vale of Clwyd did have a few more showers in June. Parts of Midlist Farm now resemble a desert and cattle have been eating that early hay we made for about three weeks now. The ewes are also being offered hay. The lambs have some grass to nibble at in the wetter fields, shaded by trees but they are also supplemented with concentrates. The dry weather unfortunately has contributed to several grass and gorse fires across Wales. We are grateful to the fire service and Glyn Coleclough for dealing with the fire in Windmill so effectively. The fire break Glyn cut proved to be a key factor in stopping the fire spreading to nearby properties, hopefully the powers that be will take note of this.

Everyone knows that farmers' working hours are long but they can be flexible. This summer we have had the opportunity to sneak off in the middle of the day to watch our granddaughter, Hollie play cricket for Lancashire youth teams, sometimes at very short notice.

Here's hoping for some rain soon, preferably during the night and not in Lancashire on match days.

John Sigsworth

Halkyn WI

Halkyn WI meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm, in the village hall. Our meetings consist of an interesting programme of guest speakers, outings, quizzes and other fun activities.



In May our guest speakers were Kev and Gill from K & G Chocolatiers in Mold. They gave an informative talk about the development of chocolate throughout history, starting 5,000 years ago with the Aztec and Mayan people who first made a spicy drink using beans from the cacao tree. When it was introduced to Europe by the Spanish explorers, chocolate was widely considered to be an unpleasant tasting drink but was tolerated for its health benefits. It wasn't until the 18th century that chocolate took solid form.



They described how the dark, milk and white variations of chocolate came about, and we all enjoyed the samples we were given. K & G buy all their chocolate in its purest form, and only from Fairtrade suppliers. Kev demonstrated how to make flavoured ganaches, while Gill sold a selection of their delicious merchandise.



In June our guest speaker was Rachel from Symphonic Sounds. She delivered a really lovely mindfulness session, using meditation and therapeutic sounds. She explained how the gongs and grounding instruments she used can influence the brain, clearing thoughts and guiding the recipient into a deeply meditative state. The benefits can be powerful, and can even last for some time after the session has finished.

We are a small, friendly group, and would welcome new members. Anyone interested can come along to up to three meetings free of charge to find out about the WI, and what it can offer to them. Contact our secretary, Hazel Hughes (hazelhughes99@gmail.com) or our President, Fiona Jones (fidoej3@talktalk.net) for more information.

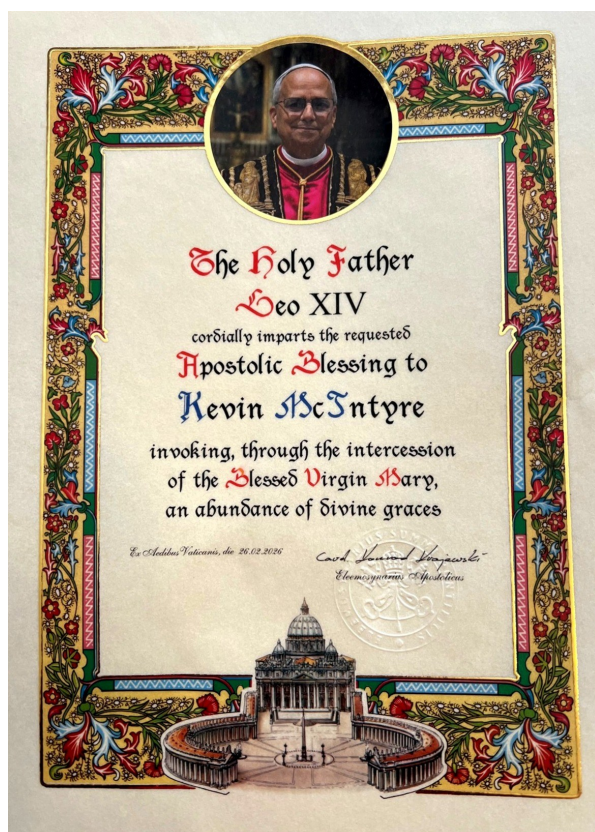
A PAPAL BLESSING

Kevin McIntyre has received a papal blessing from Pope Leo XIV for his long service working on behalf of Cafod (Catholic fund for overseas development).

Kevin has lived on Halkyn Mountain since returning in 1973, from teaching young students in Kenya for five years. His family, wife and four boys grew up in wonderful Halkyn.

Kevin has been a dedicated volunteer for Cafod for over 50 years and now as an octogenarian he still continues with this work in the parish, community, fundraising, supporting with fast days, emergencies, campaigns and many other activities.

Cafod is so incredibly grateful for all his hard work. Many people's lives have been improved because of his kind commitment.



Holywell Golf Club

Who would have thought we would be complaining of no rain! It has been absolutely barmy weather over the last month with records being broken on a daily basis across the country. I love the heat and the sun, but I am fully aware that everywhere does need a good dosing of water, not least the golf course. Maybe by the time you are reading this, we may well be back to a normal British summer!

Holywell Golf Club is different to many golf clubs across North Wales and the rest of the country. We don't have an irrigation system that runs to every green and each fairway, so we rely on manual watering. I can assure you, this is an extremely difficult task, just using hose points and manual sprinklers which run from mains and where pressure can be extremely low. It takes the Greens staff between 5/6 hours to water nine greens. The throw of the sprinklers does not cover the whole green and therefore they have to be moved between 3-5 times, depending on the size of the green. So, leaving a sprinkler to do its job whilst you move to another green is not a possibility.

Our Greens staff, and some volunteers, have been working tirelessly to try and keep moisture in the ground on our greens, and hats off to them all, they really have done a great job with the restrictions we face. Thank you to each and every one of you.

The summer season is in full swing, with major competitions being held on a regular basis. We have been host to two 'Gateway to Wales' competitions. This is a competition over three days across three courses in the Flintshire area, with competitors coming from far parts of the country; Aberdeen to Cornwall. Thankfully the weather was beautiful on both occasions and the course held up well for the 160 competitors on both occasions.

Congratulations to Neil Grahame for his Hole in One on the Par 3 15th Hole, The Quarry. This is Neil's 2nd Hole in One on this hole. Well done, Neil.

Saturday, 18th July was our Captain's Day. Mr Carl Henson hosted a great day with sausage butties for each competitor at the start of the round, a half-way house drink on the 11th tee and then a fun packed evening of entertainment with delicious food from Cegin Cariad and questionable karaoke singing from members. Approx £1,200 was raised for NEWSAR (North East Wales Search & Rescue). Well done to everyone and congratulations to Mr Captain.

We have some new events in place since the last newsletter. Bonni's Pizza is at the golf club every Tuesday between 5pm – 8pm. You can order your

the clubhouse to enjoy it with a drink. We have also had JUST-STEAK here twice, so keep a look out on our socials for more food pop ups and the next dates.

Bingo is on every Thursday between 7:30pm – 8:30pm, and we have a monthly quiz on the 2nd Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome, you don't need to be a member.

There is also a Bongo Bingo night booked in for Friday 2nd October. Again, details will be on Facebook in the next few weeks.

We do offer Social Membership at £35 for the year, which gives you 20% discount off any bar purchases. If you would like more information, please contact secretary@holywellgc.co.uk.

Thanking the Community

I'm sure you will remember in May, a lady went missing on the mountain. That special lady happens to be my wife, and we would dearly like to say a huge big thank you to the Halkyn Mountain community for everything that they did in helping North Wales Police, Mountain Rescue and North East Wales Search and Rescue to successfully find my wife Gill.

We were overwhelmed with everyone's kindness and support during those horrific two days and since. If it wasn't for all the coverage on social media etc, I honestly believe that Gill wouldn't have survived.

Chris



Heartfelt
Art & Craft
Fairs

10-3 PM

Warm Welcome

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Saturday 21st March
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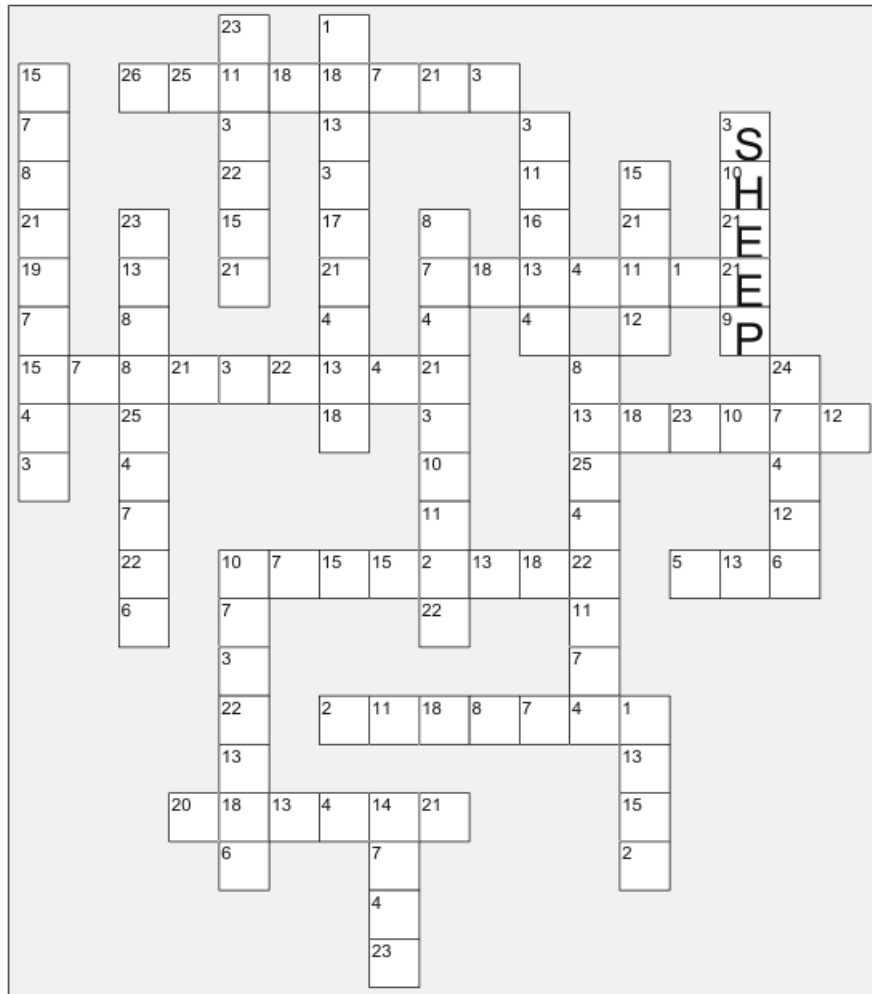
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'Our Mountain' Codeword



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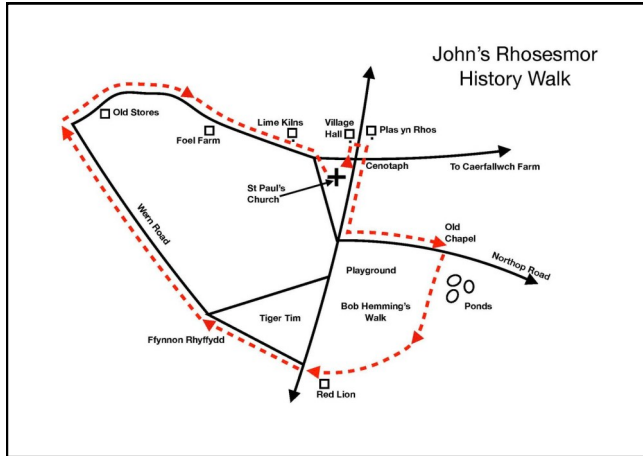
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Rhosesmor Events

As promised, the Rhosesmor diary has been full of varied activities. Starting with a scavenger hunt on 3rd May. On the 14th June John Thomas shared his memorable knowledge of the intriguing history of Rhosesmor village, on a round tour from the church to Tiger Tim, then up to the Wern and back down to the church. We were blessed with excellent weather. A copy of John's walk and its commentary is available in The Outpost. Thank you to all who supported these events.



On 7th August we were honoured, once again, to welcome Welsh Elvis to our village. A popular fundraiser for us who makes regular appearances in our programme of events. A lot of foot tapping, helped along with our wine and cheese supplied by Nick's Cheese and Meat Stall in Mold Market. Thank you, Nick, for your constant support and delicious array of cheeses.



Hopefully just after you receive your Halkyn Mountain News we are repeating the very successful afternoon of Country Crafts, Pimms and strawberries in the church



and grounds on 12th September. This year our choir is the internationally acclaimed Harmonicx from Widnes, with a lively programme of well known four-part harmonies.

Come and learn how to make a corn dolly and lavender bag. There are bug hotels to make with biology teacher Matthew Warwick and the children from Ysgol Rhos Helyg in the eco-garden area and the Clwyd Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will again demonstrate their historic art. This year we are adding a traditional horse racing game, all helped along with our strawberries and Pimms and an exhibition of work by local artists in the church.

This year Freda Rock will not be holding her record-breaking Macmillan coffee morning, so 26th September at 10am in the church, is your chance to support this precious charity, as sadly we all know someone who has turned to them for help in the past. Let's make this a record breaking event out of respect for Freda's outstanding work over the years.



October is livened up with our own home-grown local talent. Following the splendid youth concert there was a request for the adults to have a chance to show off their entertaining skills. We have a colourful Variety Evening of singing, instrumentals, humour and poetry all held together by our MC and poet, Steve Blakesley.

And then to the finale of our year, the Christmas Fair on the 28th November in Rhosesmor Village Hall and St Paul's Church 10.30am to 3pm. We're fully booked with stalls and the usual delicious WI cakes, games and of course Santa himself!

If you would like to join us in planning our events you would be most welcome. Please message 07047 046695 we'd be delighted to hear from you.

You brew the difference!



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Halkyn Mountain Heritage & Nature Group



It is always tricky, planning dates for our walks, because the weather has a big effect on flowering times. Who would have predicted this year's heatwaves! Pleasingly, this year has seen new people enjoying our wildflower walks.

Our first walk in May was from Rhes-y-Cae towards the Cemex quarry with the aim of seeing the Early Purple Orchids. Soon after setting off, we spotted some Adder's-tongue ferns, easily overlooked because they are so small and without typical 'ferny' stems. At the quarry bund, there were more than 100 Early Purples, many not fully open. Other spring flowers along the way included Common Dog-violet, Good Friday Grass, Cuckoo-flower, Pignut etc.

Our June walk was to view the Bee Orchids; many are enclosed in cages to prevent sheep grazing. We set off from the Windmill road junction where we saw another unusual fern, Moonwort. We continued to the flat area near the Pant quarry, where there were plenty of flowers, such as Speedwells, Wild Strawberry, Spring Sandwort, Common Spotted-orchid, Ground Ivy, Tormentil etc. The Bee Orchids did not disappoint, neither did the single unexpected Pyramidal Orchid. We heard a Skylark, a bird which is rare these days, nesting on the ground, it is vulnerable to disturbance from humans or animals.

Our July walk was from Brynford, taking in a part of Holywell Common. We saw a range of heathland plants such as Lady's Bedstraw, Carlina Thistle, Quaking Grass, Fairy Flax and Wild Thyme. In the old quarry cliff area we saw White Stonecrop, Wall-rue (another fern), Creeping Cinquefoil and Bird's-foot Trefoil. It was pleasing to see a number of invertebrates, Meadow Brown & Comma butterflies, Green Grasshopper, Nursery Web Spider, and a Common Yellow Conch moth spotted by Isla.

Our August walk was to look at the Dwarf/Stemless Thistles at Rhes-y-Cae. Many of the usual August flowers have been scorched due to the summer heatwaves, however Harebells and Dwarf Thistles were thriving. Halkyn Mountain is the most north-westerly site in Britain for the Dwarf Thistles, so they are rare and very special for Wales.

It is sad that during July and August there have been a number of fires on the Mountain. One at Windmill was very serious, with threat to residential property. This area is where we had a fungus walk in 2024, and recorded many fungi specimens including Waxcaps, Corals, Earth Tongues and Spindles which only grow in certain limestone grasslands. It will depend how deep the heat penetrated the ground as to whether these fungi will eventually re-appear, after all, the main organism (mycelium) is underground, only the fruiting bodies appear above the soil.

Mavis Midgley. [\(1\) Halkyn Mountain Heritage & Nature Group](#)
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Mavis Midgley
The Halkyn Mountain Heritage
& Nature Group Team



Adder's-Tongue Fern



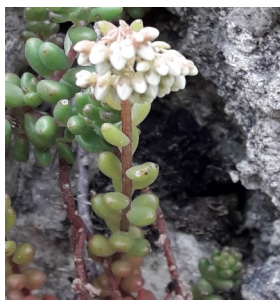
Moonwort



Pyramidal Orchid



Carlina Thistle



White Stonecrop



Early Purple Orchid



Bee Orchid



Lady's Bedstraw



Fairy Flax



Dwarf Thistle



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL Quarterly Report

Criminal Offences Reported Within the Community:

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

Halkyn: 3 x Burglary/1 x Vehicle crime/2 x Violence

Pentre Halkyn: 2 x Anti-social behaviour/1 x Burglary/3 x Violence/1 x Vehicle crime

Pen-Y-Parc: 1 x Anti-social behaviour

Rhes-Y-Cae: 1 x Anti-social behaviour/4 x Violence

Rhosesmor: 1 x Anti-social behaviour/1 x Violence

The Catch: 1 x Violence

The Nant (A55): 1 x Anti-social behaviour/1 x Violence

The Wern: 1 x Anti-social behaviour/2 x Violence

New Chair of Halkyn Community Council:



Councillor Brian Coleclough
(Chair of Halkyn Community Council)

Councillor Brian Coleclough was appointed and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair of Halkyn Community Council for the year 2026/2027. Councillor Coleclough has been a member of the past Halkyn Parish and the present Halkyn Community Council for a substantial number of years, including on a number of occasions as Chair of Council. Councillor Howard Morris was appointed as Vice Chair of Council. Councillor Delyth Taylor the retiring Chair of Council thanked the Councillors, together with the Clerk, for their support, and wished Councillor Coleclough an enjoyable time as Chair. In response, Councillor Coleclough thanked Members for his appointment and also thanked the retiring Chair, Councillor Delyth Taylor, for her time as Chair of Council.

Halkyn Community Council's Annual Report:

Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Section 52), all Town & Community Councils in Wales must provide an Annual Report to year ending 31st March 2026. The Halkyn Community Council's report is published and is available to peruse on the Council's website – as below web address (Public Notices & Financial Page).

Included in the Annual Report: Details of the Halkyn Community Council and number of residents contained within the Register of Electors/Names and contact details of all Councillors and the Clerk, including the various Committees and Groups the Councillors represent/Councils objectives during 2025/2026 together with the 2026/2027 objectives/Financial details which include asset register, budget, applications for financial assistance, Councillor allowances and publication of audited accounts, together with the following: Environmental (Wales Act) 2016 (S6); Flintshire County Council Planning, street lighting and Councillor training plans.

Flintshire County Council (Street Scene)

The following concerns have been reported to Street Scene: (1) Condition of roadway at junctions of B5123 and A5026. Request for the area to be inspected as the roadway requires a major repair or re-tarmacing. It is possible the condition of the road has deteriorated due to the heavy vehicles that use the area (2) Request for the installation of yellow lines in the Nant area between the Haven Garage and Billy Jeans. The concern relates to inconsiderate parking in general, which causes difficulty for the large lorries and general traffic that travel along this road, together with the entry and egress to Cornist Lane Junction (3) Potholes in the following areas: Junction of bottom of sand & gravel (Rhosesmor Hill)/Windmill junction to Rhes Y Cae/Junction of Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu/Top of Middle Mill Lane/Moel Y Crio. From area of bus stop to Y Fferm/Moel Y Crio to Rhes Y Cae Road – travelling downhill Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae road/Top of Martins Hill – between Buxton Lane and Rhes Y Cae junction/Crossroads under A55 – travelling downhill from Springfield Hotel (4) Dog fouling in the Halkyn area.

Planning Applications

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

(1) Application number: FUL/001055/25 – for amendments to submitted application, for full planning permission for the demolition of existing warehouse and office building and erection of new storage facility with ancillary office space, reconfiguration/provision of parking, landscaping, alterations to internal road layout, installation of new pump house & sprinkler tanks and capping of mine shaft (retrospective element), at Tiger Tim, Rhosesmor (2) Application number: ADV/000408/26 – for proposed advertisement consent to install four non-illuminated sponsorship signs 1000x500mm placed on the roundabout using a powder coated two posts and plate, passive sign system, one sign located facing each road entrance, at Roundabout, A55 NW Expressway at Caeau Gleision Lane, Halkyn.

The Community Council response to the above applications, can be found in the Council Minutes - which can be viewed - as per the below website address:

Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions have been received from Flintshire County Council: (1) Application number: FUL/000226/26 - for erection of a single-storey detached bungalow to be used as a residential annex, at Bryn Haul, Moel Y Crio. Refused (2) Application number: FUL/000072/26 - for proposed rear extension & alterations to existing dwelling, at Spring Cottage, Nant Road, Pentre Halkyn. Approved (3) Application number: FUL/000977/25 - for conversion of outbuilding to form Annex, at Bryn Goronwy, Moel Y Crio. Approved (4) Application number: FUL/000367/25 – for proposed 2 Static Caravans within curtilage of main dwelling to substitute 2 x glamping pods. Top Pen- y- Parc Farm, Pant Y Goff, Halkyn. Approved.

Donations and Financial Support

The Halkyn Community Council has provided the following financial assistance since the last edition of the Halkyn Mountain News: £710.00 to Halkyn Cricket Club (Application for funding towards room refurbishment); £500.00 to Halkyn & District Bowling Club (Application towards general running and maintenance costs) and £338.00 to Rhes Y Cae Village Hall (Application towards re-painting of part of the Hall).

Phillip Parry

Clerk to Halkyn Community Council

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Pentre Halkyn Village Hall

Whats On...

The Centre hosts a number of regular weekly activities, including:

- Katherine Jones Art Class – Tuesdays, 7–9pm
- Start the Week Service – Mondays 10am, followed by Coffee Morning at 10.30am. All welcome.
- Over 50s Bingo – Mondays 1.30pm–3pm
- Holywell Art Club – Wednesdays, 10.30am–2pm

The Centre is available for private hire and meetings. For enquiries:

call or text: 07484 107620

or email: pentrehalkynbook@gmail.com

Councillor Update from **FRAN**

It has been a busy few months across Brynford and Halkyn, with several significant planning, highways and environmental issues affecting our villages. I have continued to work with residents, community groups and council officers to make sure local concerns are heard and followed up.



Tiger Tim, Rhosesmor

The proposed expansion of the Tiger Tim site in Rhosesmor has understandably caused considerable concern among residents, particularly those living on Wern Road and around the centre of the village.

Following a Planning Committee site visit, consideration of the application was deferred to allow further information to be obtained. This includes consultation with Cadw because of the site's proximity to the Moel y Gaer scheduled monument, further consideration by North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, and additional highways information.

Residents have raised important questions about the height and scale of the proposed buildings, overlooking, vehicle movements, fire safety and the storage of almost 1,000 pallets of firelighters.

Residents are not opposed to investment in the site or the modernisation of the business. However, any development must be safe, proportionate and respectful of its village location. I will continue to represent residents when the application is returned to the Planning Committee.

Road Maintenance

A great deal of work has been completed, or is currently under way, on roads across the ward. Resurfacing has taken place in Brynford, and many of our smaller roads have been patched using additional funding secured through the Liberal Democrat amendment to the council budget in February.

There is still much more to do, and I fully understand residents' frustration about the condition of some roads. I will continue to seek further investment and explore every available opportunity to get this essential work carried out.

Recycling Collections

There have also been recurring problems with recycling and refuse collections in parts of Brynford, Pen-tre Halkyn and the surrounding villages.

Where collections are missed repeatedly, please report each missed collection. I am continuing to raise these problems with Streetscene, so please contact me if you are experiencing repeated missed collections.

Please park considerately on Halkyn Mountain

I have received an increasing number of complaints about parking on and around Halkyn Mountain.

In some cases, vehicles have blocked driveways or restricted access for residents, agricultural vehicles and emergency services. In other places, cars have been parked too far away from the hard standing, creating churned-up and damaged sections of the mountain.

I know that, by writing this here, I am probably preaching to the converted, but please help spread the word.

Hendre Quarry Slip

I recently attended the quarry liaison meeting, where we received an update about the work required to address the slip at Hendre Quarry.

During the first phase of the works, engineers encountered ground conditions that differed from those assumed when the second phase was designed. Further boreholes have therefore been drilled so that the proposed design can be checked against the actual ground conditions.

This will cause some delay while the results are assessed. If the original assumptions are confirmed, it may still be possible for the second phase of work to begin this year. If the results show that a different solution is needed, the scheme will have to be re-designed, which could push the work into next year.

I made clear at the liaison meeting that residents have already waited a long time and that the slip needs to be repaired as soon as it is safe and technically possible to do so.

Holiday accommodation: sensible rules for very different businesses

Many residents will be aware of the serious disturbance being experienced by neighbours of a large holiday property in Halkyn. This case has highlighted gaps between the planning, environmental health, licensing and antisocial-behaviour systems.

I have launched a Senedd petition calling for stronger licensing arrangements for high-occupancy visitor accommodation. It is not aimed at ordinary holiday cottages or responsible tourism businesses. It is focused on large properties accommodating substantial groups, where repeated noise and disturbance can seriously affect neighbouring homes.

The petition calls for noise-management arrangements, controls on outdoor entertainment, a named responsible manager and stronger action where serious disturbance is repeated.

At the same time, I have been raising with Welsh Government and our MP the difficulties faced by small, responsible and genuinely seasonal holiday-let businesses. To qualify for business rates, a property must normally be available for at least 252 days and actually let for at least 182 days each year. That is an extremely demanding threshold for small rural businesses operating in a naturally seasonal tourism market. The rules are particularly bureaucratic for new holiday lets.

A new business can remain on the council tax register until it has accumulated evidence that it has met the occupancy threshold, leaving genuine operators facing punishing council tax bills, sometimes including a second-home premium, even when planning restrictions prevent the property being used as an ordinary home.

"We need rules that support small, responsible rural tourism businesses while giving councils stronger powers to deal with large party houses."



SCAN TO SIGN

My work on scrutiny committees

Alongside my work within the ward, I continue to serve on Flintshire's Education, Youth and Culture and Social and Health Care scrutiny committees. These committees allow councillors to examine services in detail, question senior officers and press for improvements.

In Education scrutiny, I have focused on whether children and young people are genuinely being heard. I welcomed the progress made through Young Flintshire, but asked whether it properly represents all young people, including those who are home educated, have additional learning needs or are educated outside mainstream schools. I also supported developing similar opportunities for younger children to have their say.

I raised the possible impact of future restrictions on children's use of social media and mobile phones. Any sudden change could leave some young people feeling isolated, so I asked the council to consider how youth clubs, community activities and other opportunities could help them build relationships away from screens.

I have also challenged the pressure being placed on teachers, headteachers and school staff. Wellbeing posters and signposting are not enough when schools face shrinking resources, growing workloads and increasingly complex needs.

In July, we considered Flintshire's new Belonging Strategy. I support its focus on ensuring children feel safe, valued and connected to their school, but questioned how schools can deliver it without sufficient staff, time and funding. This strategy requires stable staffing and enough time for teachers and support staff to understand each child's needs.

At Social and Health Care scrutiny, I asked about rising adult safeguarding referrals, whether services had enough capacity to respond, and what support was available when an older or vulnerable person did not meet the safeguarding threshold. I also raised support for women who choose to breastfeed, recruitment and mentoring for newly qualified social workers, support for unpaid carers, reliable care at home, and protections for people living with dementia or reduced mental capacity.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH

County Councillor for Brynford and Halkyn

More information about my committee work can be found at franlister.wales. Please contact me if there are gaps in council policy or services affecting you, or if you are experiencing repeated local problems that need to be raised.

fran.lister@flintshire.gov.uk

Halkyn Cricket Club

Senior Men - All cricket stats and info are upto 1st August

The first team are currently enjoying a very successful season, winning 13 out of 14 completed games. Nathan Roett is currently leading the way with the batting, with a very impressive 702 runs, including two centuries. Nabeel Khan and Ben Roberts are also in the runs this season. Nathan is also currently leading the bowling with 34 wickets, well supported by Hamad Bajwa and Ben Roberts, who both have 21 wickets.

Our newly promoted second team have settled into Division 3, with a recent upturn in form. So far the team have won 4 out of 13 completed games. Jack Hawkins is currently leading the way with the bat with 296 runs, including a top score of 92 at Ruthin. Duane Williams and Gareth Thomas are also in the runs with close to 200. Gareth with 16 wickets is currently the leading bowler, well supported by Josh Edwards and Oliver Jones.

Our Chester Midweek League team have enjoyed a very successful campaign, winning 8 out of 10 games to date. With only two games remaining, they are well placed for promotion.

The junior season and training has now come to an end. We would like to thank all the juniors who came down to take part, and hope to see you all indoors in the new year. If you know someone who would like to join us, then please send Jane a message.

Clubhouse Hire

A reminder that the clubhouse is available to hire at competitive rates. The refurbishment of the players' lounge is now complete and available to hire and would suit meetings or smaller gatherings.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for the 2026 season. If you would like information on becoming a sponsor, then please get in touch, and remember that everyone is always welcome to come down and support the teams.

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

Ysgol Rhos Helyg News Report Autumn 2026

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ysgolrhoshelyg.com

We have once again been very busy at Rhos Helyg. We would like to share with you a flavour of the things that have happened since our last article. It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of the Summer Term.

Community Café

Our Free Community Café is generally held on the third Friday of each month between 10am and 11.30am during term time and is well attended. Everyone is very welcome to attend for a cuppa, a cake and a chat!



The Community Café have had a meeting with a focus on wellbeing.

Here we can see the pupils playing Chess with some visitors.

We can also see that the visitors have some hidden artistic talents.



Summer Show

The Summer Show was a whole school production this year. The performances were fantastic especially considering the very hot weather conditions. The children and staff worked very hard to stage the show. Lots of ice creams were eaten before and after the performances.



School Gardens

The school gardens have also struggled with the weather. We managed to grow some lovely new potatoes and spring onions.

Reading

Our reading initiative this year challenged pupils to 'Get caught reading in somewhere unusual'. Our winner was caught reading a book upside down on her trampoline.

School Art Exhibition

The Children created lots of fantastic pieces of artwork for our exhibition. Members of the community were invited to view the work and were very complimentary about the standard of artwork.



Welsh Water

Welsh Water came to school to deliver an assembly and workshop about water conservation.



Partnership with Valladolid University



We were, once again, sorry to see our Spanish trainee teachers leave us after their four-month placement. We learnt a lot about Spanish culture and tried to learn some basic Spanish. It was a great experience for both parties.

Science Club

We have re-started our science club under the expert tuition of a retired science teacher and friend of the school! The children are having lots of hands-on experiments to challenge them.



Forest School

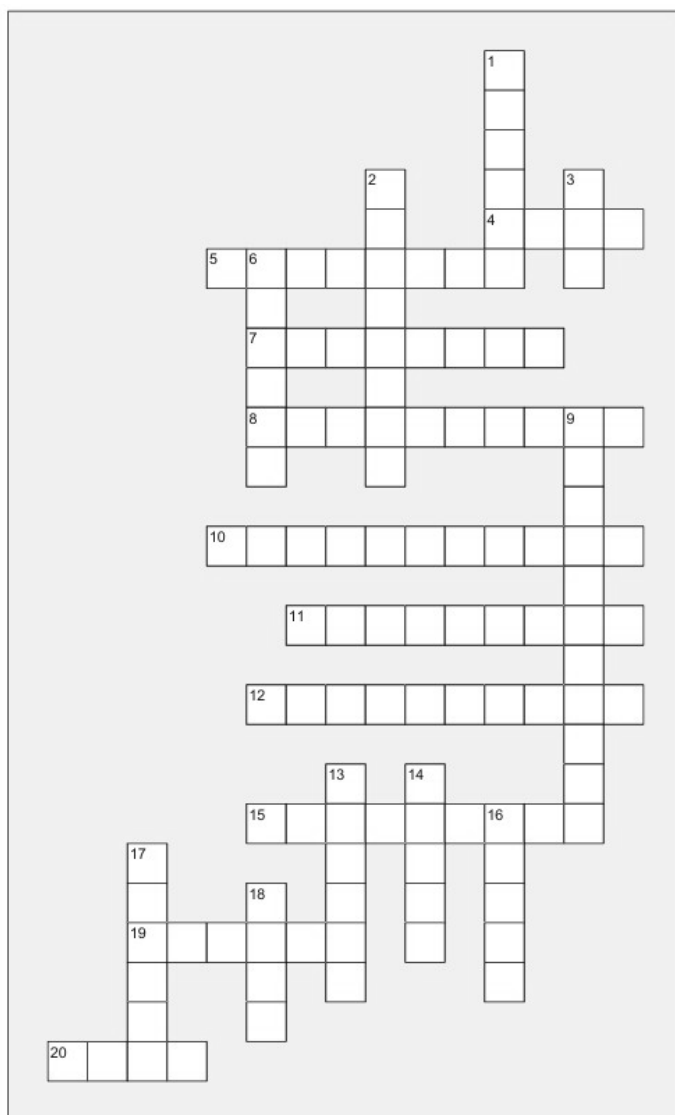
Toasting marshmallows is a firm favourite to end every Forest school session.

Annette Jones

Our school cook is retiring after 22 years at the school. She has served thousands of meals to hundreds of children. It will be strange to see somebody else in the kitchen in September. We wish her a fantastic retirement with Hefin.



Living Things & Habitats Crossword



Across:

- 4: A large area of water that is surrounded by land.
- 5: An animal that eats both plants and other animals.
- 7: An area of land that rises very high above the land around it and that is higher than a hill.
- 8: There are a lot of of penguins.
- 10: Below the surface of the earth.
- 11: A flesh-eating creature.
- 12: A wet place there are a lot of animals.
- 15: Any animal that feeds chiefly on grass and other plants.
- 19: A journey to see or hunt animals especially in africa.
- 20: A large town.

Down:

- 1: A tropical forest where plants and trees grow very thickly.
- 2: U.S. city, Georgia.
- 3: Where birds fly.
- 6: A type of animal that feeds milk to its young and that usually has hair or fur covering most of its skin.
- 9: It is not like the city.
- 13: Of or relating to the North Pole or the region around it.
- 14: A large natural flow of water that crosses an area of land and goes into an ocean, a lake, etc.
- 16: A very large area of sea.
- 17: An area of very dry land that is usually covered with sand and is very hot.
- 18: A large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, or mountain, or one that is underground.

Wedi cyrraedd Groeg o'r diwedd - a'r peth cynta sy'n cymryd sylw rhywun yw'r gwres sy'n eich taro fel bwli ar ôl glanio. Roedd yr awyrenfa yn Rhodes dan ei sang a phawb yn chwyrlïo o gwmpas fel gwenyn meirch. Rhai yn disgwyl am eu bagiau tra'n sbio ar negeseuon ar eu ffonau, eraill yn cyfarch eu gilydd tan grio a chwerthin. Mae rhywun yn dod wyneb yn wyneb efo pobl - am eiliad a'r eiliad nesa' mae nhw'n diflannu am byth. A dyna ni yn disgwyl am y tacsï i fynd â ni at y fferi. Mae cymryd corneli mewn tacsï yn Groeg yn ddychrynlyd o gyffrous - cau fy llygaid bydda i a gobeithio am y gorau.

Fodd bynnag, ar y gwyliau yma ro'n i'n benderfynol i ddefnyddio bach o'r iaith. Felly, dyma fi'n troi at ddyn y tacsï a deud 'effharista' - sy'n golygu Diolch. Yn amlwg dim fel hyn mai sillafu'r gair ond fel hyn ma rhywun yn ei ddeud o. Gesh i nod bach gan y boi tacsï! Fe wnaeth y nod yna fy llenwi hefo bach mwyr o hyder.

Mae Halki yn le anhygoel o dlws - distaw ac yn bell o ddwylo twristiaeth, a phawb yn glen a chroesawgar. Dwi wrth fy modd efo coffi yng Ngroeg felly wedi cyrraedd, aethon ni'n syth am ryw daverna a gofyn 'Treis kafedes, parakalo' sy'n golygu - 3 coffi plis. A wedyn wrth adal mi wnes i ddeud 'kalinichta' sy'n golygu nôs da.

Yn ystod y gwyliau, aethon ni i'r Eglwys ar yr ynys a dod ar draws boi yn llau y chandaliers. Yr hyn ddoth i'm meddwl oedd yr olygfa eiconig yn 'only fools and horses' a geiriau anfarwol David Jason 'Brace yourself Rodney'!! Esi i at y dyn llau a chyflwyno fy hun 'Ime o Nia' fynta'n deud mai George oedd o, yn enedigol o Athens. Pan ddedish i mai o Gymru o'n i - doedd gyno fo ddim clem. Felly, dyma fi'n cael brên wef, bachu'r ffôn a gwlglo Dafydd Iwan a dechrau morio canu 'yma o hyd'. Unwaith welodd George ein baner, nath o ddeall mai cymraes ydw i!! Mae'r Gymraeg mor bwysig i mi - yr iaith a'r diwylliant; pan mae rhywun yn ymweld ag unrhyw wlad, mae'n gwrtais i fentro gyda'r iaith. Dim ots os da chi'n gwneud camgymeriadau - ewch amdani, boed yn Gymraeg, Sbaeneg, ffrangeg - cofleidiwch iaith y wlad a chamwch ymlaen. Llynedd, welish i y geiriau yma ar y wê -

'Speak the Cymraeg you have - even if you get a treigladr wrong or mixio bach o words Saesneg. Who has the right to judge you? You are strengthening our mother tongue - one gair at a time - dal ati arwr!!'

Fel nesh i yn Halki - Go for it! Ewch amdani!

Twm a Moi a'u clustiau Hud

Mae Twm a Moi yn gŵn bach andros o ddireudus. Mae nhw wrth eu boddau yn pusnesu a chwilio am antur! Mae gan y ddau glustiau arbennig sydd yn meddu ar bwerau hud. Weithiau pan mae'r cloc yn taro deuddeg a mae pawb arall yn y tŷ yn rhochian cysgu, mae clustiau Twm a Moi yn tyfu ac yn tyfu - a dyma pryd mae'r ddau yn gallu hedfan. Hedfan i helpu anifeiliaid bach eraill mewn trafferth -

'Clustiau hud, clustiau hud, Dos â ni i ben pella'r byd'.

A gyda wish a woosh a woosh a wish mae clustiau'r ddau yn codi ac i ffwrdd â nhw drwy'r ffenest! Weithiau, mae Moi yn teimlo'n simsan ar y daith a mae ei fol yn chwyrlïo fel peiriant golchi llestri, mae ei wyneb yn troi'n wyrdd a mae ei geg yn troi'n sych fel caets bwji. Ma Twm, ar y llaw arall wrth ei fodd yn mynd ar wib ac yn tynnu ei glustiau i fynd yn gyflymach. Tynnu unwaith i gyflymu a thynnu dwywaith i slofi lawr. Tynnu tair gwaith i ddeud bod Moi ar fin taflu fyny.

Heno, mae Twm a Moi yn gweld rhywbeth enfawr yng nghanol y môr! Rhywbeth tebyg i fynydd, morfil enfawr gyda'r llygadau mwya caredig welodd neb erioed. Ond, mae'r morfil yn drist -

'Beth sy'n bod Mr Morfil?' meddai Twm a Moi.

'New chi fy helpu?' meddai Mr Morfil.

'Mae na linyr plastig yn sownd o amgylch fy mol. Mae'n brifo a dydwi ddim yn gallu nofio'n iawn'.

'Paid a phoeni - nawn ni dy helpu' a chan ddefnyddio eu pawenau mawr blewog a'u dannedd miniog, mae Twm a Moi yn llwyddo i rhyddhau y linyr plastig o amgylch bol y morfil.

'Diolch Twm a Moi! Dwi'n gallu nofio'n iawn rwan! Plis wnewch chi ddeud wrth pawb beidio taflu sbwriel i'r môr'.

Ac i ffwrdd a'r morfil fel llong danfor! Gyda pawen lawen, mae Twm a Moi yn gytun eu bod wedi gwneud joban gwerth chweil. Ond, mae'n bryd i'r ddau ei throi hi am adra.

'Clustiau hud, clustiau hud, Dos â ni i adra i wely clud'.

A gyda woosh a wish, a wish a woosh mae clustiau'r ddau yn tyfu ac i ffwrdd â nhw am adra! Twm yn tynnu dwywaith i fynd yn gyflymach a Moi yn tynnu tair gwaith.

'Dwi'n twimlo'n sâl' gwaeddodd Moi.

'O NA.....'

Nia Williams

Rhes-y-Cae Needlecraft and Social Class

Rhes-y-Cae Needlecraft and Social Class have been busy crafting since January working on learning new crafting skills. Our first project of 2026 involved knitting a cowl using a lacing pattern which requires a great deal of concentration so our normal chatting ceased as times as we all concentrated.



Our Spring project was making patchwork/memory bears which also turned out to be a challenge as the pattern involved 25 individual pieces. As you can see some wonderful bears were created.



We've finished off the summer term learning macramé. Many of the group made the traditional plant pot holders but others made tea light holders and key rings.

We all enjoyed another great get together at The Cherry Pie on Wednesday, 15th July 2026.

We have plans for the Autumn term with a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us on a Tuesday evening at 7pm in Rhes-y-Cae Village Hall. We will resume on Tuesday, 8th September. Our first project will be to create a small bag or bookmarker using half cross stitch from tapestry wool. We will be design our own pattern – all designing material will be provided. Other plans for the Autumn involve knitting a Sophie scarf and creating toys for Teams for Us ready for the Christmas boxes.



Susan Nuttall

Rhes-Y-Cae Village Hall

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Weekly Diary (Classes re-start in early September)

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm Social Needlecraft Group. Contact Susan Nuttall 07557 965441

Thursday 5.45pm - 6.45pm Chair Yoga, with Jane

7pm - 9pm Yoga with Jane Lloyd 07977 048469

Upcoming Events

Friday, 4th September - Fashion show with Lula May's Boutique 7.30pm

Tuesday, 8th September - 10.30am Coffee morning in aid of Village Hall funds

Saturday, 12th September & Sunday, 13th September - Clwydian Creatives Art Trail

Tuesday, 6th October - 10.30am Coffee morning in aid of Village Hall funds

Friday, 16th October - 7.30pm Quiz in aid of Hall Funds

Saturday, 14th November - 10.30am Christmas Coffee & Craft morning, in aid of Over 60's Christmas Lunch

Saturday, 5th December - Over 60s Christmas Lunch

A full two course Christmas lunch with wine, and entertainment from the local Oopa Duk Ukulele group, and all free of charge! Invitations will go out beforehand, but if you've recently turned 60, or have moved into the village and are 60 or over, please get in touch and we'll add you to our list.

If you have any suggestions for future events that we could hold in the hall, please let us know via the email address above.

Again, over the last few months we have had some excellent entertainment, informative speakers and delicious food. Our lunches have been at the Cherry Pie and the Queens Head in Mold, two very different venues, both serving good food and excellent value for money.

At our May meeting we welcomed Maureen Claydon (who many of you know) to give us a flower arranging demonstration. She produced four beautiful arrangements, large and small. I think we were left eager to go to make our own arrangements from the spring and summer flowers available.

In June we had a change from our usual picnic to have a strawberries and fizz afternoon. Mali Sigsworth came along to sing mainly songs from the musicals, a lovely, relaxing meeting with time for everyone to have a chat.

July saw the return of Mel Latham, who not only gave us an interesting and amusing talk on chutney making but brought lots of samples to try, which were delicious.

Thanks to all the speakers and entertainers.

We'll be welcoming Enid Bibby in September, giving us an insight into her experience within the education system, and revealing to us some amusing anecdotes.

October brings Kate Barlow who will be showing us how to make corn dollies, a traditional rural craft.

We will be having a short AGM at our November meeting followed by a not too difficult quiz.

Next year we celebrate the 70th anniversary of Rhosesmor WI and we will be having various events to celebrate. If you or someone you know have been members we would love to hear from you with any anecdotes. We are also looking for any memorabilia/photographs/ programmes etc anyone has of our WI over the past seventy years.

We meet in the afternoon of the second Monday of the month at 1.30pm. Please come along or contact me or any WI member for more information.

Wendy Sigsworth 01352 780394 wendysigsworth@gmail.com

Changing the water course for ever

When we came to live at Midlist Farm in 1975 there was a small quarry, the stone from which had been used to build the farmhouse. About 300 yards down the hill side there was a well. The water from the well was piped to field troughs on the farm, and also to the neighbouring small holdings Penfro and Cae Gleision providing water to sheep and cattle.

The drought of 1976 caused problems to many farmers – poor harvests and little grass for summer grazing. However the drought came to an end on the first Saturday in September with thunderstorms and torrential rain falling most of the night which filled the quarry with water. None of the neighbours remembered the quarry filling with water before. By late afternoon the water was gone, the quarry was dry. After probably hundreds of years of providing water the well was also dry and has remained so ever since. We assume that the mass of water leaving the quarry changed the water course for ever. The field troughs are now supplied with water from the mains system.

Wendy Sigsworth



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HOLYWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY



We continue to grow from strength to strength. We have taken more of Cynthia's books on Growing up in Bryn Celyn, down to Martin's pop-up shop where he continues to sell our merchandise.

We are in the process of preparing two new cards to add to our collection of Holywell picture themed merchandise, with bespoke verses, written especially to match the chosen picture. This time it will be a Congratulations card and a general Best Wishes card. Keep looking on our Facebook page for when they it will be available. Also in the pipeline will be Wedding Anniversary and Congratulations on Passing Your Driving Test. We have almost covered all aspects of greetings.

Another book is being prepared on famous people associated with the town, both residents and visitors.

We are visiting various other history groups. Most recently it was to Caerwys for an extremely interesting talk on Bookbinding, given by Paul Broadbent, who has contributed to both of our History Fairs. As we all have the same goal i.e. that Every Memory Matters, we are happy to keep that link with other groups in the area, to form a close 'history team'.

In September we will begin our autumn programme of history talks, which will be held at the library. We feel that Thursday evenings would be the ideal time, and the library are happy to host us and help us with this venture. Again, please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for the first date.

We have also been invited back to share our memories, and their memories, with the residents of both Llys Gwenffrwd and Rhiwlas care homes, as they have so much enjoyed our previous visits.

Carolyn Watts, who was for many years the librarian at Flint, has contacted me about a donation of her collection of pictures etc., and we hope to welcome her to the group soon.

I am pleased that there are so many people out there who want to contribute to our extensive, and ever growing, archives of the town and its outlying areas.

Everyone is welcome to join our busy group any Tuesday morning from 10.30am - leave when you want. Where else could you get a cuppa, biscuits, the chance to browse through the history of the town, and the company of like minded people for just £2- (to pay for the cost of the room hire). We hope you would like to be in on the growing development of our happy group. Also, you would be very welcome at our very general knowledge fun quiz on Thursdays at 1pm, with a big emphasis on FUN. Although you could win a choccy bar!

If you have not already joined our Facebook page please do, and see the vast number of contributions and conversations going on.

If you would like to contribute to our ventures, have any ideas for further projects, or have any queries, please contact me on email andreadakin112@btinternet.com or phone me on 01352 711240.



Andrea Dakin

University a brief history

In 1872 Aberystwyth was the first university in Wales and the tenth to be founded in Great Britain. Oxford was the first university in Great Britain founded in 1096, Cambridge followed over a hundred years later in 1209. Four Scottish universities followed - St Andrews 1413, Glasgow 1451, Aberdeen 1495 and Edinburgh in 1583. Manchester came next in 1824 when John Owens gave money to establish Manchester University. John Owens' parents were born in Holywell. His father Owen Owens opened a shop, the famous OWEN OWENS stores in Bridge Street, Chester. He went on to build an empire of department stores worldwide including a second one in Chester. There were just 22 universities in Great Britain in 1950. This figure gradually grew during the 60's, 70's and 80's. In the 1990's the number rapidly grew when many technical colleges were given University status. Today there are nearly 170 universities in Great Britain.

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5. Gwasgwch y sudd allan o'r 2 lemon a'i roi ar un ochr.
6. Chwipiawch yr hufen heb fod yn stiff ac Yna Ychwanegwch i'r gymysgedd gan gadw beth i addurno.
7. Ychwanegwch y sudd lemon gan ei blygu'n araf i'r gymysgedd.
8. Taenwch y gymysgedd i'r ddysgl ac addurnwch gyda'r hufen a'r sleisen lemon. Rhewch yn yr oergell am ychydig i oeri a setlo.

Mwynhewch!



COOKING SESSION

Lemon Flan

Ingredients

150g (5 and a half ozs) digestive biscuits
75g (2 and a half ozs) butter

Filling

180ml (6fl ozs) condensed milk
2 large lemons
150ml quarter pint double cream

Method

1. Crush the biscuits.
2. Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the biscuit crumb.
3. Place the mixture into a 17.5 cm (7inch) flan dish and press around the sides and base. Leave to set.
4. Mix the condensed milk with grated rind of 1 lemon. Cut the other lemon in half and set aside and slice to decorate. Grate the rind of the second lemon and add to the mixture.
5. Squeeze the juice out of the 2 lemons and set aside.
6. Whisk the double cream until it thickens but not too stiff add to the mixture setting aside some to decorate.
7. Carefully add the lemon juice and fold into the mixture slowly.
8. Spread the mixture on top of the flan base and decorate with the cream that was set aside and the lemon. Place in the fridge for a short time to cool and set.

Enjoy!

Menna Coleclough

Lynne Banks

After fighting so very hard for the past two years, Lynne passed away on the 31st July. Although it wasn't easy for her, she didn't complain and with the support of Bill remained dignified throughout. You may remember in this magazine a few editions ago a piece about the Rhosesmor Coffee morning. Lynne was the main person behind the running of the successful social event and although she wasn't seen so much over the last couple of years, she continued to work behind the scenes, buying supplies and keeping the accounts.

I am sure you will agree that the best tribute we can make to Lynne is to continue the coffee morning in the way she would have wanted it. It will continue, on a Monday fortnightly.

You will be missed Lynne.

Wendy Sigsworth



Puzzle Solutions

Easy Sudoku Solution

3	7	9	5	4	2	8	1	6
4	8	6	1	7	3	9	5	2
2	1	5	9	8	6	7	4	3
8	2	3	7	6	4	5	9	1
9	5	7	2	1	8	3	6	4
6	4	1	3	9	5	2	7	8
1	3	2	6	5	7	4	8	9
7	6	8	4	2	9	1	3	5
5	9	4	8	3	1	6	2	7

Medium Sudoku Solution

8	5	9	7	3	2	6	1	4
4	7	2	1	8	6	5	3	9
6	1	3	5	9	4	8	2	7
2	6	8	9	5	7	3	4	1
5	3	7	2	4	1	9	8	6
9	4	1	8	6	3	7	5	2
3	9	4	6	2	8	1	7	5
1	8	6	4	7	5	2	9	3
7	2	5	3	1	9	4	6	8

Crossword Answers

Across:

4: Lake
5: Omnivore
7: Mountain
8: Antarctica
10: Underground
11: Carnivore
12: Rainforest
15: Herbivore
19: Safari
20: City

Down:

1: Jungle
2: Savannah
3: Sky
6: Mammal
9: Countryside
13: Arctic
14: River
16: Ocean
17: Desert

'Our Mountain' Codeword Solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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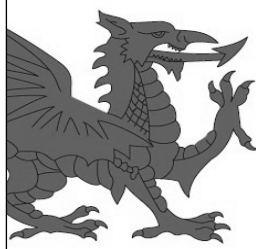
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