

# *Newyddion Nercwys News*



Hasn't Summer 2018 has been fantastic? A long hot summer like we had as children—or so we (falsely) recall. Not everyone enjoyed it though. Farmers and growers suffered from the drought conditions and we shall be paying for their increased production costs in higher food prices over the coming months.

Perhaps the long summer impacted on the number of articles/notices received for this edition of the newsletter which is 20 pages instead of the usual 24. I have received no notice of upcoming events such as the Nercwys Bake-off or the autumn Talk. There was no Party-on-the-Green to record this summer and I haven't received any report from the 5acre Music festival.

On a positive note, the annual village trip visited the Northwich Salt museum and Salford Quays and was once again enjoyed by all. The Bowling Club have had a very successful season with both the A and B teams gaining promotion to a higher division—the B team ahead of the A team! And individual players receive special acknowledgments for high average scores in their divisions.

The cost of producing the newsletter has increased significantly this year. The closure of the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council printing facility at Corlan means that our printing costs have more than doubled. In the short term until the end of my tenure as editor with the Winter newsletter this will not be a problem. However, should the newsletter continue with a new editor in the new year, we will have to look closely at how it is funded.

Please note that all back issues of the newsletter since September 2004 are available to view in colour on [www.nercwys.org.uk](http://www.nercwys.org.uk). So if you want to know what was happening in the village during this time take a peek.

*Editor*

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## Nercwys Community Council

### Update from the clerk

The last replacement street lamp is now functioning, so completing the programme of updating all the lights owned by the Community Council to the present standard. The Council will now concentrate on renewing play equipment and seats in the village, having taken advantage of Flintshire County Council's match funding offer for this current financial year.

The Summer Play Scheme, funded by the Council at a cost of £1300, was held for three weeks with the added benefit of excellent weather. Attendance figures will be published by

Flintshire County Council in September and a decision taken on whether the scheme is viable for next year.



Cllr Brian Roberts was notified in late July about the state of the picnic table and bench on the play ground. An immediate inspection found it to be beyond repair and it has been replaced with a new, sturdy model from P & A Fencing who not only gave a generous discount, but also donated a big planter for the benefit of the village community. This will be placed on the Village Green by the existing planters in the Spring and filled with plants purchased by the Council.

*Sue Lyth ,Clerk to the NCC*

## Griffiths Roberts Charity

Twice a year the Charity has a small sum of money available to help with the education of you people from Nercwys and Treuddyn. If you are under 25 and are studying—music, college, university, apprenticeship or something similar—why not ask for an application form?

**Applications to be in by 1st April or 1st October**

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**ST MARY'S CHURCH, NERCWYS**  
**SERVICES SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2018**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 14**

**10.00 A.M.** FAMILY HALF HOUR FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS  
**11.00 A.M.** HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 15 - 11.15 A.M. MATTINS**

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 16 - 11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 17 - 11.15 A.M. MATINS**

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: TRINITY 18**

**10.30 A.M.** HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 19**

**11.00 A.M.** FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 20 - 11.15 A.M. MATINS**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 21 - 11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: TRINITY 22 - 11.15 A.M. MATTINS**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: KINGDOM 1**

**10.00 A.M.** FAMILY HALF HOUR FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

**11.00 A.M.** HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SOULS.

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY-**

**11.15 A.M.** REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: KINGDOM 3 - 11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: CHRIST THE KING - 11.15 A.M. MATTINS**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER: ADVENT SUNDAY**

**10.00 A.M.** FAMILY HALF HOUR FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

**11.00 A.M.** HOLY COMMUNION.

**ALL WELCOME**

**On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 "The Mold Mission Area" which includes the Church Community of Nercwys passed the following resolution ...**

We support the vision of Mold as a 'Town of Sanctuary', welcoming those fleeing violence and persecution in their own countries. We recognise the contribution of refugees and people seeking sanctuary to the town of Mold. We are committed to taking practical steps to welcome and include them in our activities and are actively seeking ways of supporting them wherever we can. We are willing for our organisation's name to be added to a list of supporters of town of Sanctuary. We are also willing to be contacted by the Mold town of sanctuary group with further ideas for how we can turn this pledge into practical action.

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*If you would like to make a personal pledge to support the Sanctuary Movement forms can be found at the back of the Church.*



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Medi/September	2	Huw Powell-Davies
	9	John Owen
	16	Bethesda 5.30
	23	Cymanfa Ganu 6.00
	30	Rhiannon Lloyd
Hydref/October	7	Huw Powell-Davies
	14	Adrian Williams
	21	Huw Powell-Davies
	28	Bethesda 5.30
Tachwedd/November	4	Huw Powell-Davies
	11	Gwilym Jeffs
	18	Arawn Glyn
	25	Huw Powell-Davies

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## County Councilor's Report

I took part in a Learning Walk which involved going around the school observing lessons and seeing how the school operates on a daily basis.

The standard of teaching and behaviour of the children was wonderful to see and it's clearly a happy and productive school. Children are keen to learn and show a great deal of respect to each other and school staff.

We should be proud of the school and the children are a credit to their parents and teachers.

I am organising a Curry Night at the Bengal Dynasty restaurant in Shotton on the evening of Thursday, October 11th at 7:30pm.

The event is to raise funds so that Tilly Horrigan and Mali Jones, of Mold, can travel to the USA to represent Wales at the World Scout Jamboree. Tickets are £20 each with all proceeds, once the food is paid for, going to the girls.



Kevin and Imogen at Lake Windermere

Be great to support Tilly and Mali as they represent not only Flintshire but the whole of Wales - the only two Welsh girls to have been chosen.

For tickets e-mail [kevinhughes348@live.com](mailto:kevinhughes348@live.com) or [kevin.hughes@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.hughes@flintshire.gov.uk)

A big thanks to those Nercwys people that sponsored me for the Great North Swim.

I tackled the mile event in Lake Windermere and then went back in to swim 500 metres with my granddaughter, Imogen, who is eight.

We raised more than £1,400 for Hope House Children's Hospices, so thanks to everyone who supported us.

Kevin Hughes, County Councilor

# Jaguar F1 challenge: Report

**On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 juniors of St Mary's Nercwys school went to Llandudno to enter Jaguar F1 challenge. Jaguar run this event every year. We entered the challenge because we wanted to qualify for the national finals.**

**Our first task was to set up our pit display. We chose Jungle Racers because we have lots of different colours to choose from, we had a parrot as our mascot/logo.**

## **Jungle Racer's pit display**



**We went up on the stage to speak to the 2 judges and showed our PowerPoint presentation.**

**We designed and manufactured our car. We had to make sure it was aerodynamic and that the speed was as fast as possible and that we had no drag. We chose our colours to suit our jungle theme.**

## **Awards**

**At the end they handed out awards. Jungle Racers were awarded the best vocal presentation and Jungle Racers and Light Speed also got through to the national finals.**

## **Our values**

**We showed great perseverance because we never gave up!**

**We showed wisdom because we learned to communicate and work as a team.**

*Mali*

The School would like to thank all who kindly gave donations towards the cost of our trip to attend the final in the British Motorsport Museum, Gaydon, Birmingham.



A team of young Nercwys engineers headed to the British Motor Museum to compete against schools from across the UK in the Jaguar Primary School Challenge.

Two teams from Nercwys Primary School battled stiff competition from across the region to make it to the challenge final – the only Flintshire school to do so.

The final saw 35 teams of children design, make, test and race a miniature race car. Students used computer techniques and foundation engineering skills to create a car, which was fired along a 20 metre track by a compressed air canister.

Key Stage 2 teacher, Alison Ready, said that everyone at the school was delighted that the school's two teams, Jungle Racers and Light Speed, made it to the national final. She said: "We took part in the regional final at Venue Cymru, Llandudno as the only Flintshire school to make it. Jungle Racers came home 4<sup>th</sup> and Light Speed 2<sup>nd</sup>, which meant **both** qualified for the final at the British Motor Museum, Warwickshire. The teams had to design their car, but also find sponsorship, marketing and make a pit board using art and design skills. The car's designs introduced pupils to the concept of aero dynamics and we also looked at reaction times. The fastest reacting pupil was chosen to start the car when the lights turned green."

She added: "Our pupils did a wonderful job and we are all thrilled to have made it to the final where we competed against schools from across the UK. We didn't win but had a wonderful time".

Pupil Rhiannon Roberts, the captain of Light Speed, said: "It's brilliant. We had to give a verbal presentation about our car design. It's amazing we made it to the final and we are all really excited."

Fellow pupil, Mali Jennings, captain of Jungle Racers, said: "We were so happy to make it to the final, especially as both teams qualified. Making the cars has been brilliant."

Victoria Perry, global social impact manager for Jaguar Land Rover, said: "We need more bright young minds to join Jaguar Land Rover and help us design and create our innovative future vehicles and technologies. As well as being fun and providing an insight into the world of engineering, we hope the competition sparks an early interest in STEM subjects and inspires students to become our next generation of scientists, technologists and engineers."

Students were judged on all the elements of their work including a written portfolio, a project presentation and had to explain their engineering designs to a panel of experts from Jaguar Land Rover, in addition to the all-important track racing.

Mark Wemyss-Holden, national project manager for the Jaguar Primary School Challenge, said: "Bringing education to life with practical application of science and engineering, as well as students working closely as a team and the fun of racing a car makes the Jaguar Primary School Challenge one of the best competitions for this age group.

The students are totally engaged, enjoy learning and gain so many skills, both academic and social, by competing and sharing their experiences. Understanding how design and engineering influence speed and are just as important as the stopwatch in this race to the chequered flag."

## Jaguar FI school's challenge—photos



The two St Mary's Nercwys VAP School teams, 'Light Speed' and 'Jungle Racers' who represented Flintshire at the final of the

The Light Speed team, from left, Rhiannon Roberts, Joe Goodwin and Evie Parry. Missing is Estyn James.



From left, captain of the Light Speed team, Rhiannon Roberts, teacher Alison Ready and captain of the Jungle Racers team, Mali Jennings.

# St Mary's VA Nercwys

## Blwyddyn Chwech 2018



We had a fantastic Leavers' Service in Church. The children read their memories, gave performances with musical instruments and performed their rap, which they had composed themselves with a little help from Mrs Gillett. And of course there was a reading 'If' by Rudyard Kipling, which is becoming a tradition alongside singing 'One More Step Along The World I Go'.

## Nercwys Community Bowling Club

In March, serious flooding of the clubhouse from burst water pipes presented an opportunity to undertake much needed refurbishment. The electrical system was upgraded and tested, the floor covering replaced, the interior repainted, a new water heater installed and new kitchen units, generously donated by Howdens, Mold, fitted. The club also received a donation towards the repairs from 'Back to Health', the Broncoed Clinic on Wrexham Road. The clinic, best known for the chiropractic management of back, neck and joint pain, also gave us a number of discounted vouchers for first sessions at the clinic. If anyone would like one of these, please contact Ashley Zepeda (757269).

With the benefit of these improvements the green opened for the 2018 season in April. As usual, the club fielded four teams in competitive play. Our A and B teams competed in the Flintshire Midweek League and two additional teams competed in the Wrexham Veterans League and the Deeside Veterans League. The club also took part in various county and league based cup competitions.

The long hot and dry summer this year provided some idyllic but challenging bowling. The greens affected by drought become very fast and difficult to judge. Despite this, with the competitive season drawing to a close, we can report a considerable level of success.

The club were runners up in the Flintshire County Consolation Cup. The 'B' team won the Midweek League Fifth Division Cup and finished top of that division, five points clear of second-placed 'A' team. This means that both teams are guaranteed promotion to the fourth division for the 2019 season. B team player Mark Lea finished second in the divisional averages with A team player Ashley Zepeda finishing fifth. Both players will go on to represent their teams at the league merit on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

In the Wrexham Vets league, with four matches still to play, Nercwys are sitting comfortably half-way up the third division table, where they are likely to remain. Wilf Watkin is currently 7<sup>th</sup> in the divisional averages and will represent Nercwys at the league merit finals on Friday 21st September.

Things are not going as well in the Deeside Vets league where Nercwys are struggling at the bottom of the third division. With only two matches to play, it seems impossible that the team can avoid relegation. On a more positive note, earlier in the season the team were only narrowly defeated in the semi-final of the league cup. June Lea is topping the club averages in this league.

There is more information about the club on the club website at [nercwysbowlingclub.weebly.com](http://nercwysbowlingclub.weebly.com). or Google "Nercwys Bowls Club".

Roger Fronks  
Club Committee



FMBL consolation cup final team 2018



Nercwys 'B' Division 5 cup winners 2018

In June, Mr Hugh Price spoke to us about the History of Glass. He also showed us many slides displaying stained glass from the Middle Ages up to the present day, including some of his own work.

July was our Guest Night and many friends from other WIs joined us for lovely food prepared by our members. After we had partaken, we were given a very interesting talk by Mr Waller about North Wales Mail Coaches. Later in the month we hosted and prepared refreshments for the WI bowls competition at Nercwys Bowling Club. It was a lovely day.

Many of our members entered items in the Flint and Denbigh Show. The WI Tent was full of beautiful work across all aspects of craft.

In September we are having a demonstration on how to make a greeting card. Come and join us!!

Sadly we have just heard of the death of Mrs Elsie Sheldon. She was an active and willing member for many years and will be sadly missed.

*Jean Price*



## Sunset from Moel Famau

During the great weather we have had this summer, I nipped up Moel Famau on most sunny evenings to see some fantastic sunsets.

Photographs just don't do them justice.

The added bonus was seeing and listening to the Nightjars on my way back down.

*Ray Roberts*



## Offering Red Squirrels a Helping Hand in North East Wales

If anyone asks where they can see red squirrels in north Wales, they are told to visit the Isle of Anglesey which now has a population of around 800 red squirrels. However, few people know of the population in north east Wales in Clocaenog Forest, near Ruthin.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) who manage the forest have commissioned regular studies of the reds but when comparing population changes over the years, they realised that the reds were at all-time low.

### Time for action!

In 2016 along came the three-year Red Squirrels United (RSU) project. Red Squirrels Trust Wales (RSTW) is one of the project partners and through them work in Clocaenog Forest began. Becky Clews-Roberts began the role of Red Squirrel Ranger in October 2016 and quickly built momentum with a band of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who were keen to investigate where the few remaining reds resided.

A total of 50 trail cameras trained on feeder boxes have been installed during several day-long volunteer training courses. These are regularly monitored by volunteers and we have been rewarded with images of reds visiting the feeders.



Volunteers installing equipment: Holly Peek

In 2017 NRW embarked on a pilot reinforcement to give the reds a boost and to avoid any genetic bottlenecking. Hand-reared reds were sourced from collections across the UK, including the Welsh Mountain Zoo. Some of the squirrels had temporary radio tracking collars placed on them which has enabled volunteers to track the squirrels to their favourite locations. This will help NRW build upon their forest management plan by planting those tree species that the reds prefer.

In May we were delighted to watch footage of young red squirrels – proof that the reinforcement has been a success. Numbers are still low, however, so we are embarking on a second phase reinforcement to ensure the reds have a strong enough population to fend off threats such as predation.

### The Reds Need Your Help!

The project needs more helpers! Do please get in touch if you'd like to help us achieve our aim of a thriving population of reds for all to enjoy once more. Email [beckyredsquirrel@gmail.com](mailto:beckyredsquirrel@gmail.com) for more information on how you can get involved.

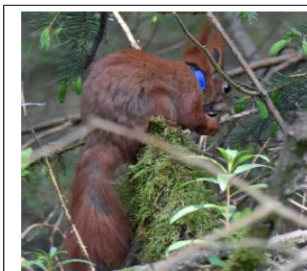


Image of a red squirrel with radio tracking collar: Julian Mason



## Village Annual Outing

Once again, we had a very enjoyable Summer Trip. Our first stop was at the Lion Salt Works which is a restored historic open-pan salt making site, in the village of Marston, close to Northwich. The site lies adjacent to the Trent and Mersey Canal. The project opened in June 2015 on the site of the last open-pan salt refining works. The museum describes the geology and long history of salt mining in the Northwich area, explaining that place names ending in 'wich' are all associated with the salt industry. The tour through the old works leads you on an atmospheric journey through the salt refining processes from the mined rock salt or pumped brine through to the various grades of finished salt products.

After an hour or so at the museum, we then travelled to Salford Quays – home to the Imperial War Museum of the North which was purpose-built to tell the powerful stories of over a century of war. But if museums were not to your taste, it was possible to visit the Lowry Theatre or shop at the Lowry shopping outlet. Also, a bit of celebrity spotting was possible as 'Media City' where the BBC and ITV have a substantial presence.

The weather was kind to us and the rain stayed off until we returned to Nercwys.

The village summer outings are very enjoyable, but it is getting more and more difficult to think of places to go next, so if you have any suggestions please let us know.





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## Nercwys Community Council

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# Community Diary

## Regular diary dates\*

Gwasanaeth/Service: Pob Dydd Sul/Every Sunday 14:15: refer to Capel Soar section

Church in Wales: For Services refer to Church News Section

WI meetings: first Tuesday of every month at 19:15 in Soar Chapel School Room.

WI craft group: every Thursday at 19:15 in Soar Chapel School Room.

Nercwys Community Council meetings at 19:00 on the last Wednesday of each month.

*\*For details of meetings or changes to their regular programme, please refer to the organisation's report inside the newsletter.*

## September/Medi 2018


## October/Hydref 2018

Mon	01	Deadline for submission of Griffiths Roberts Charity applications.	
Thu	11	19:30	Curry Night, Bengal Dynasty Res., Shotton; [see page 7]

## November/Tachwedd 2018

Tue	20	Copy deadline for Newyddion Nercwys News – Winter edition	

## December/Rhagfyr 2018

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