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Remembrance Sunday

A Service of Remembrance will be held at St. James Parish Church, Holywell on Sunday 10th November 2019 at 10.45 am followed by a short service and wreath-laying at the Memorial Gates at Panton Place. Prior to the service, arrangements are in hand for a march along the Ring Road to Well Street (St James Parish Church), those of whom marching shall first assemble in the Lidl car park off the Ring Road at 10.25 am.

At about 11.45 am, following the service at the Parish Church, the Unit will march from Well Street to the Memorial Gates at Panton Place. The march will be followed by a parade including civic guests, town councillors, local organisations and ex-servicemen etc.

There will also be a service held in Holy Trinity Church, Greenfield, at 10.45 am, followed by the laying of the wreaths at the war memorial gardens.



ST. JAMES CHURCH CH8 7PP

MAYOR'S CHARITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Join Mayor Paul Johnson and Mayoress Sue Johnson for a special carol service accompanied by PhilsHarmonics choir

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER, 2019

STARTS AT 7.00 P.M.

TICKETS £5.00/£1.00 FOR UNDER 13'S

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES INCLUDED

CONTACT COLLETTE ON 01352 711757 OR

SUPPORT.OFFICER@HOLYWELL.WALES FOR

TICKETS. CARDS PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

 **Phil's Harmonics**
MODERN CHOIR



THURSDAY 19TH
DECEMBER 9AM-6PM

Holywell Christmas Market

Holywell High Street
FREE ADMISSION

FESTIVE CRAFTS & GIFTS
SELECTION OF ATTRACTIONS
SANTA'S FLOAT & SANTA DASH
MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT TO PUT YOU
IN THE FESTIVE SPIRIT 1-6PM
LATE NIGHT SHOPPING FROM SELECTED
BUSINESSES

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 Holywell Town Council/Cyngor Tref Treffynnon
HOLYWELL MARKET

Wales in Bloom—Holywell wins Silver Gilt Award

We had a few new ideas this year to make Holywell even more inviting in the summertime. Colourful bunting was installed in Tower Gardens, The Mews and Panton Place. A few new planters were also installed in Panton Place and The Mews. The tiered planters in Tower Gardens were replenished with summer planting by local business Hartley's along with the usual hanging baskets in town and the newly introduced baskets in Greenfield and Pen y Maes. In addition, as a thank you to the commitment that the staff and residents have shown to Panton Place, Holywell Town Council entered them into the "It's Your Neighbourhood" category of the nationwide awards. They were awarded a very impressive Level 4, "Thriving" Award which was presented to some residents at October's full Council meeting held in Holy Trinity Church, Greenfield.



Town Planters

The town businesses have once again excelled in their efforts and commitment in planting and tending to these planters on a daily basis. Thanks goes to all who have participated this year as they all looked wonderful and it was an extremely tough decision for the Mayor to make this year. The Coffee Bean – with its "help yourself" herb garden took 1st prize with shared planter by Natural Elements and Tower Crafts winning 2nd prize and 3rd place was won by The Flower Bowl.

Best organisation

On our rounds we visited Holywell Community Hospital, Llys Gwenffrwd and Panton Place to judge Best Organisation's Garden 2019. The hard work in all establishments, all either done by residents or volunteers was a joy to see and all participants should feel extremely proud of their achievements. It was decided however, that Llys Gwenffrwd has once again won this year's entry, and it was an absolute pleasure once again to visit the residents, many of whom tend to the garden.

Best Private garden

Launched last year, we again took to the streets of Holywell and Greenfield to find the best private garden 2019. We had a larger response than last year and wish to thank all of those who got into the community spirit and entered. Again, a very difficult decision to make, but Mrs Morgan was deemed the overall winner due to her Bee Friendly garden. If you fancy the chance of winning £25 next year, keep an eye out in the late spring for our posters inviting you to enter!



Best school

It was our privilege to visit the 4 primary schools of Holywell and Greenfield back in July to judge the best School garden 2019. Efforts from all 4 schools were exemplary with examples of recycling, composting, upcycling, and the planting and care of all kinds of plants and vegetables evident to see. After much deliberation, Ysgol Maes Glas in Greenfield won 1st prize.



HEARTFELT
ART & CRAFT
FAIRS

10-3 PM

HALKYN
FARM HALL & LIBRARY
01691 420 100

Innovative Creative
Unique Handmade
Art Craft

30TH MARCH 18TH MAY
14TH SEPTEMBER
30TH NOVEMBER
2019

REFRESHMENTS
BY LOCAL
CHARITIES

FREE
ADMISSION

Supporting local Charities, Artist and Crafters

heartfelt.mountainstudio@aol.co.uk

Find us on Facebook @ heartfelt art and craft

The Events Are Licensed By Flintshire County Council



Holywell Uniform Exchange
Reduce – Re-use – Recycle

School uniform project

The town council have recently introduced a uniform exchange scheme where people can drop a new to them uniform for a minimum donation. off their unwanted or outgrown uniforms and select Any funds raised will be donated to the local schools. We have run 2 very successful market days throughout the summer holidays, and have plans for this to become a regular occurrence at various times throughout the year.

Did you know

Holywell Town Council now use Square card readers to take payment for events, donations and booking fees. For businesses/tradespeople local to Holywell why not contact us for a free Square reader!

Holywell Market

Holywell Market continues to be managed by Flintshire County Council and has recently expanded and improved with the help of local business owners and residents working actively to promote it. Although it has had to re-locate and downsize temporarily whilst the roadworks continue, they will shortly move back to their regular spot. You can follow news on their Facebook page **HOLYWELL MARKET** and traders can book a stall by contacting Peter Hayes at FCC on

Peter.hayes@flintshire.gov.uk

Tel: 07919 166 279



Holywell

*Christmas lights switch-on
plus fun fair and stalls and lots more*

FRIDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 2019

12 noon	Seasonal festive music playing.
4.15p.m.	Christmas sing-a-long and dance with our Victorian Elf, Ellie.
4.45p.m.	Cambria Band march and singing of the Welsh National Anthem.
5.00p.m.	Switching on of the Christmas lights by children from the towns schools assisted by the Town Mayor.
5.05p.m.	Philharmonics and Youth Choir with festive music and Christmas songs.
5.45p.m.	To celebrate the release of Frozen 2, join Elsa and friends for a Frozen song-a-long.
6.15p.m. to 7.00p.m.	ABBA NOW - The U.K.'s most talented ABBA Tribute Band will be drawing the evening to a close, so zip up your platformers, put on your flares and sing along with all your favourite ABBA songs.

Also don't miss the chance of meeting Santa on his Float, all the fun of the fair and Christmas Stalls and activities.

Other Christmas Entertainment during December-
Holywell Christmas Market Thursday, 19th December, 2019 – 9.00a.m. - 6.00p.m.
Festive Crafts and Gifts, selection of attractions, Santa's Float, Music and Entertainment to put you in the festive mood.

Please visit and support our local town's shops and businesses during these events and over the Christmas period.

Programme and timings subject to change.

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New website

Our new website is now up and running and fully functional. It details lots of things to see and do in the surrounding area as well as featuring news, events and of course council agendas, minutes and policies. If you are part of a club or organisation or even a business, please help us to help the community and use our free directory submission form to let everyone know what is available in the area! <https://holywell.wales/community/clubs-societies-groups/>

Raise an issue at our Council meeting

The Council have approved public speaking sessions at their monthly council meetings. A speaker will be allowed to address the council on a matter of local concerns.

If you would like to apply to speak at a future council meeting please contact the Town Clerk—Tel no (01352) 711757 or email town.clerk@holywell.wales For more information visit:

<https://holywell.wales/public-speaking/>



Civic Service 2019

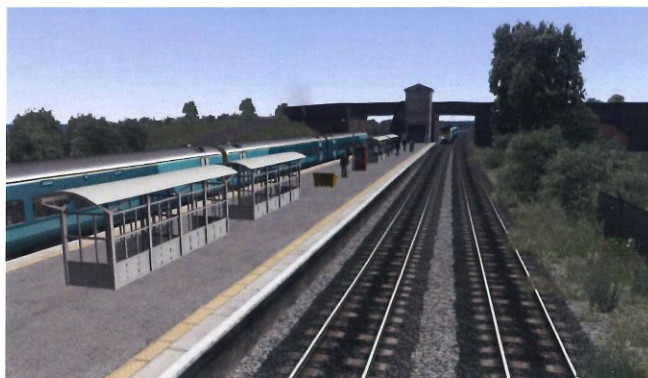
Town Mayor, Cllr Paul Johnson, held his Civic Sunday in Holywell on 15th September. Crowds including civic dignitaries from other neighbouring town councils, representatives from local organisations such as The Royal British Legion, The Scouts, The Joan & Derby Club, The Holywell & District Society and Cymdeithas Thomas Pennant, and family members all turned out to join Cllr Paul Johnson. Following a greeting from Holywell Town Crier, Chris Baglin, the crowds were led by Cambria Band from The Memorial Gates in Panton Place and paraded down to St. James' Church for the service where the congregation were treated to performances by the Glan Aber Singers. The guests were then invited to visit St. Winefride's Well for a tour and light refreshments. (image by Chris Noble photography)

Railway halt

A railway station with park and ride facilities would be an integral part of an integrated transport solution serving Holywell and North Flintshire (located on the old Holywell Junction station site in Greenfield), which would provide a long term and sustainable driver for the future economic wellbeing of Holywell and North Flintshire linking in with the local Active Travel Plan and our contribution toward the Carbon footprint. Surveys are available online and in paper copies are available from Tower Crafts, Holywell.

<https://holywell.wales/railway-halt-survey/>

Businesses, organizations & societies—how would you like to feature in a future edition? Small fee charged for business advertising. Please contact Collette for more details on 01352 711757.





Water refill scheme

Refill is an award-winning campaign to prevent plastic pollution at source by making it easier to reuse and refill your water bottle on the go than buy a single-use disposable plastic bottle.

The campaign works by connecting people who are looking for water with thousands of local business, transport hubs and public spaces where they can refill for free via a location based app. Anyone can download the free app to find Refill Stations near them. Participating cafes, bars, restaurants, banks, galler-

ies, museums and other businesses simply sign up to the app and put a sticker in their window – alerting passers-by that they're welcome to come on in and fill up their bottle.

There are now more than 15,000 Refill Stations on the app in the UK alone - including railway stations, airports and high street chains such as Costa, Starbucks and Wetherspoons. If all Refill stations are used just once a day, we're stopping around 5 million plastic bottles at source in a year.

We have already enlisted The Ship Inn, Sarah's Coffee, The Community Museum and Wetherspoons and hope to enrol more businesses as time goes on.

Mayor's tea party

On 24th July Cllr Paul Johnson held the first 'Mayor's Tea Party' to say 'Thank You' to some of the people who day-in, day-out contribute so positively to the life of Holywell and its residents. Councillors were asked to put forward nominations for those invited. There was a lovely spread of food and a then a short tour around the Council Offices and Council Chamber to see all our historic photographs, certificates and trophies and memorabilia. It was a lovely Holywell occasion and everything was locally sourced. We got our new tea-sets from shops on the High Street, Cassidy's provided the lovely food and the three tier cake stands were made locally as well. There are plans to make Mayor's Tea Party's a regular event several times the year - there's so many people that the members of the Town Council wish to thank and we are always happy to hear from residents about people they think would deserve a special thanks. Cllr Paul Johnson is already looking forward to the next one which will take place 21st November!



High Street news

Good news for the high street as we heard about the long awaited decision from Welsh Government that Holywell had received the funding to assist with Flintshire County Council's and the Town Council's contributions towards the works. It is hoped that the scheme should be completed towards the end of November.



Well Inn Festival 2019

Saturday 7th September saw yet another highly successful Well Inn Music Festival and Family Fun Day in Holywell Town Centre.

Holywell Town Councillor Edward Palmer said "This is probably one of the best Well Inn Festivals we have ever presented. The standard of all the artists and bands was very high, we expanded our stages from four to six, and we believe that more people attended this year. The festival is free and held for the benefit of our local communities and visitors from all over. We strive to present, promote and support local musicians in their efforts to make their mark in the music industry. We thank them all for their invaluable contribution. This is a premier town centre event and we at Holywell Town Council are very proud of another successful year. The Town Centre Music Working Group will begin to arrange next year's event very shortly, and we look forward to using the new Tower Gardens Events Arena in 2020".

Councillor Joe Johnson added "I really enjoyed the day and I would urge local people to spread the word for us on this fantastic event, year on year. We hope that the plans for better transport links from the coast will help attendance figures further as we see this aspect growing the event into a major attraction, and together with our heritage landmarks, help make Holywell a premier tourist destination".

Performances from numerous original and cover bands and artists continually filled the town centre with multi-genre music and provided some electric moments. The New Kid duo, joined by their stage engineer on Harmonica and the drummer from The Montagues on tambourine, had The Boars Head bouncing, and Monarchy, a Queen tribute band, rocked to a packed out Tower Gardens. Some of these wonderful performances were captured live and can be found on the festivals Facebook page.

Two new venues were added to this year's event, Cassidy's Tea Rooms providing an intimate stage setting and the prestigious Bethel Baptist Chapel with its impressive wooden clad interior that some describe as a mini Albert Hall.

Taking place every year on the first Saturday of September throughout the town centre between 12pm and 6pm, the festival is also family friendly with activities for adults and children alike.

For further information <https://www.wellinn.co.uk>



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BUS PASSES (OVER 60'S OR DISABLED)

CHANGES TO CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL CARDS

You will need to change your old style card to the new style between September and 31st December 2019. To change your card, you will need to apply for a new Concessionary travel Card.

All current green coloured bus passes will still be accepted and are valid until 31 December 2019.

Residents are advised not to panic but to apply for their new style card in plenty of time before the end of the year to ensure they can continue to receive the benefits of concessionary travel. The old style cards will not be recognised by electronic readers on buses after 31 December 2019.

The new style cards offer the same free travel rights and benefits as the current cards. The new cards are designed so that they can work as part of an integrated travel network in the future.

[https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Streetscene/Bus-pass-\(over-60s-or-disabled\).aspx](https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Streetscene/Bus-pass-(over-60s-or-disabled).aspx)