



Talybont Matters

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51st Issue

Autumn 2015

Please send in articles!

- The newsletter will be published quarterly, at the end of January, April, July and October. All articles to be submitted by 20th of these months to appear in the next issue.
- Be a journalist, send in articles, news, and what's on in Talybont.
- Wherever possible your articles will be published in the next issue. However the editor reserves the right to edit articles or hold them back for subsequent issues should there be insufficient space in the current issue.

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Many thanks to the volunteers who distribute this newsletter

Editor's Note

In compliance with the provisions of the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2013, this issue of Talybont Matters will be sent to the National Library of Wales for archiving as part of the Library's national collection.

Clouds over the Talybont Show

The ladies team that beat the men!



The 2015 show was hugely enjoyed by all with children's entries especially noteworthy. However there are a few clouds on the horizon and these have blown in because the effort to both organise and then set up and clear away is being left to too few people. This year the work which is enjoyable when shared, fell on increasingly aged shoulders. This is a community event for all and a vital part of our 'village' heritage.

There is currently an appeal for views about the show and a call for help for future years. Every home has had delivered a survey which is also available on line. Please help us to keep this great event going: complete the survey as soon as possible and offer to take on responsibility for one of the 'jobs' which are rewarding and good fun.

Bonfire Night on the 5th November

As always we will be having our bonfire night and fireworks on the night of November 5th. We are pleased to hold the same prices as for the last 2 years so hope this will make it a safe and affordable night out for everyone. £3 adult, £2 child (U16), £8 for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children).

There will be burgers, hotdogs, soup and hot chocolate along with flashing novelty lights for the children. Gates open at 6.15pm for a 7pm firework display (Children – see our special maze on the last page of Talybont Matters)



Exclusive. New discoveries about the history of our Brinore Tramroad.

Local resident and tramroad expert John Jones will be revealing important historic 19thC documents found in Brecon, at a special illustrated talk he is giving at the Brecon Guildhall on Tuesday 17th November at 5pm. John will be assisted by young archaeologist Thomas Davies of Abertillery who has carried out detailed research under John's supervision. This will be a story of local people whose work and ideas so influenced the development of Talybont. This will be a fascinating and unique event – all welcome

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Talybont-on-Usk Energy is delighted to fund Talybont Matters



HENDERSON HALL

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bonfire Night
Thu 5th November

Twmpath/Ceilidh
21st November

Christmas Bingo
3rd December

Flicks
Wednesdays 7.30pm:

2 Dec - Dark Horse
(cert PG)

REGULAR EVENTS

**Short Family
Church Service**
1st Sunday each month
11am for approx 25
mins.

Playgroup
Mondays
10 - 12 am
Kirsty Carr

Tea and Chat
1st Monday in the
month 3-4.30pm.
Cherry Jones 676232

Zumba Dance Class
every Tuesday 7.45pm
Heather Vaughan
Talybont Stores

Talybont Flicks
1st Wed each month
7.30pm
Clare Wright 676679

WI
2nd Wed each month
7pm - 10pm
Penny Morgan
01874 665283

Gardening Club
3rd Fri each month
7.30pm Sept to June.
Chair: Gareth Davies
01874 676200

Junior Tennis Club
Weds 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Margaret Cox
01874 676697
Sarah Osborne
01874 676633

Cricket Club
Contact Geraint James
01874
676272

Henderson Hall Contacts

Clare Wright (Temp. Chair) 676679 (Vice Chair - Vacant) Kirsten and Russell Jones (Treasurer) 676509

BE TIDY say Talybont's own Wombles

The 'Tombles' (Talybont-on-Usk's answer to the TV litter-picking 'Wombles') rolled up their sleeves as part of a nationwide clean-up campaign run by one of Wales' leading environmental charities. The 'Be Tidy' campaign, run by Keep Wales Tidy, took place across Wales throughout September and is funded by Tesco customer's 5p single use carrier bag donation. To encourage others to Be Tidy, ten Talybont volunteers used their free time to give their beautiful village a clean-up on 5 September. The group is supported by the Community Council and by Keep Wales Tidy whose local Project Officer, Rachel Palmer, began the activity dressed as a bag of chips with a Simon the Seagull in it. This was to illustrate the problems of dropped food waste attracting unwelcome scroungers from the animal world! Although Talybont on Usk is a very well-kept village, amazingly the group collected ten bags of litter and two larger fly-tipped items. Volunteers were able to send more than half the litter for recycling to minimise the amount going to landfill. Sandra Briskham, who leads of the Talybont Tombles, said: *'It's wonderful to get together regularly to clean up those bits of litter that escape into the hedges, verges, river and canal banks. It was great to be part of the Be Tidy this month, too, and to be part of an all-Wales clean-up with hundreds of other people. It's fun to work together and we always welcome new volunteers!'*



Talybont WI extends a welcome to our newcomers

Congratulations to these 200 Club winners

1st: Ms P Posthill
2nd: Mrs P Burdon
3rd: Brenda Powell
4th: Mrs Phyllis Wearing
5th: Mr Roger Walker

Talybont WI look forward to providing a WELCOME to residents who move in to our Community from now on.

Please be our eyes and ears, if someone new moves in to live near you please contact any member of the WI and we will be sure to take them a box. We are very grateful to all those who have contributed to the scheme in any way.

If anyone still wants to add to our box with a product, an offer or to advertise please contact Sue 676293.



The next Village Litter Pick will be on
SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER
Please meet outside the Post Office at 10
o'clock All equipment apart from your
own gloves will be supplied – all we need
is YOU for a couple of hours!!

Village Hall Fly Tipping

There has been a significant amount of rubbish dumped in the Henderson Hall Car Park in recent weeks. Members of the Hall Committee have tidied up and disposed of the rubbish via their own household bins but please note fly tipping is an illegal activity and anyone who notices anyone leaving rubbish in the car park should report it to the police by calling 101.

The ABERHONDDU AND DISTRICT MALE VOICE CHOIR SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2015 at 7.30pm

Llansantffraed Church Talybont-on-Usk
TICKETS £8 will include light refresh-
ments, & are available
from Sandra (676297) Brenda (676639)
or Talybont Village Shop

An introduction to CPR and defibrillator training

From 7pm - 8.30pm
12th and 19th November

Henderson Hall, **No charge**, contact
Simon Baldwin on 665405, 07974323241 or
hil5776@hotmail.co.uk to book onto the session.

ABOVE BRECKNOCK

This new book by Chris Musson and Toby Driver provides a treasured record of the internationally recognised landscape of Breconshire and the impact on it of human activity. Photographs include stunning views of the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains, prehistoric chambered tombs and hillforts, Roman forts, medieval castles, the towns, villages of Usk and Wye valleys, together with more recent industrial and military sites.

Softback, 128 pages, 217 x 232mm, with over 160 images, mostly in full colour. Printed by Gomer Press, Llandysul. ISBN 978-1-869900-02-1

The book will be launched at an open event in the Studio of Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon at 7.15 pm on Friday 20 November 2015. The launch will include refreshments and an illustrated talk about the creation of Above Brecknock. It will provide a last chance to purchase the book at its pre-publication price* (see below).

ORDER FORM

*Pre-publication offer £13.00 per copy (Normal price: £15.00). The offer ends with the launch on 20 November 2015.

I would like to order _____ copy/copies of Above Brecknock at the offer price and enclose a cheque for £ _____

Please make cheques payable to 'The Brecknock Society & Museum Friends', and send with order form to Dr John Gibbs, Chairman BS&MF, Aberail, Cyffredyn Lane, Llangynidr, NP8 1LR.

Please strike out the options that do not apply

- I would like to collect my copy/copies at the launch (see details above)
- I would like to collect my copy (copies) on a separate occasion (to be arranged). The contact in this case is Mrs Gwyneth Evans, 01874 622352 or gwyneth.evans@btinternet.com
- I would like my copies to be sent by post. In this case I am adding £3.00 P&P for one copy or £5.00 for two or more copies

Please write clearly

Name _____
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 E-mail _____

ABOVE BRECKNOCK

An historic county from the air



A new book about the history, archaeology and landscapes of Breconshire

THE BRECKNOCK SOCIETY & MUSEUM FRIENDS
 and THE CLWYD-POWYS ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

In collaboration with THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE ANCIENT
 AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF WALES

Llangynidr Farmers' and Producers' Market

29th November 2015

31st January 2016

There are tables available at the market if you feel you would like one.

Contact Jenny Thomson

jterwbant@hotmail.com

Talybont WI

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month

7-10pm at Henderson Hall

Newcomers Welcome!

Secretary Penny Morgan: 665283

Nov 11: Annual General Meeting

Urgent Immediate vacancy for an Editor for this Newsletter. Interest in the Community and effective written communication skills with access to a PC & MS Publisher or similar. Terms including remuneration through discussion with the Clerk to the Council. Katy Tutt 01 873 810733/ 07968 737833

Henderson Hall News& Events

Can you spare **an hour** to join in any of the following activities:

- **31st Oct and Sunday 1st Nov**- any time from 10.00-2.00 - **Help to build the Bonfire**
- Any Time up to the **1st November** bring **Bonfire materials** to the field
- **Weds 4th November** (Any Time) – **Finishing the Bonfire**
- Any Time up to the **5th November** – **Make a Guy** (a prize for every Guy)
- **Thursday 5th November** (Day time)– **Firework preparation**. Digging bases Putting up barriers
- **Saturday 7th November** (From 10.00) **Clearing up** the bonfire site

Big or small , young or old there is something for everyone to do!

Saturday 21st November. Ceilidh/Tympath: we are pleased to announce that Bandonium will again be playing at our village Ceilidh. It was a brilliant family night out last time and they are back by popular demand so please do come along and support it. The dancing starts at 7pm and the ticket price of £10 adult, £5 child or family ticket for four of £25 includes a light supper. There will be a bar on the night. Tickets are available from hall members or from Talybont Stores. Some will be available on the night but due to catering, it would be great if you could commit to your ticket in advance. Get your dancing shoes on!!

Wednesday 2nd December. Film: Next film on December 2nd showing Dark Horse, certificate PG, an inspiring true story about a Welsh workmans club who breed themselves a racehorse. (NB. No film on Wednesday November 4th)



Life Saver comes to Talybont



Have you seen the new red box that has appeared on the garage wall next to the shop? Well, it contains a defibrillator.

What is a defibrillator you may ask? Well, it is a machine that can deliver safely an electric shock to a casualty who has had a cardiac arrest. A cardiac arrest occurs when the heart stops beating effectively and normal breathing ceases. This results in the casualty becoming unresponsive and urgent intervention is required. This is where the defibrillator comes in.

They can be found in many locations across Wales and the nearest ones to Talybont would be Llangynidr and Brecon. Defibrillators can be used by the public and training is recommended but not essential. Training for those who would like to become more familiar with the machine and also to have an introduction to resuscitation will be held in Henderson Hall on the evenings of 12th and 19th November from 7 to 8.30pm. There is no charge for these sessions but there is a limit of 10 people per evening. If it is over-subscribed then extra sessions can be organised. Our defibrillator in Talybont came via funding from the British Heart Foundation and a generous grant from Talybont Energy through the Community Fund.



Big Lottery Fund

Exciting News update!!!

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Wildlife expert and author Neville Davies

Wildlife expert and author Neville Davies is available to lead guided walks, bird identification courses and surveys in the Tal-y-Bont and Brecon areas during the day or evening at a venue of your choice. Power point talks are also available for any group in all areas covering a range of topics with my own beautiful photos covering :



- * Gardens and wildlife (how the two can live side by side)
- * Wildlife picture quiz
- * My travels throughout the UK and Europe
- * Bird watching on Mallorca, Spain and Lesbos
- * Wildlife
- * Plants
- * Fungi with a fun guy
- * Plants and fungi mixed

I have my own projector. To contact me and for more details please visit www.ecologycymru.co.uk

New Manager at Danywenalt YHA.

Daniel Graham is a new member of staff

at Danywenalt and in addition to helping to run a busy and successful youth hostel he has just published his first book “*A Walk to the Water: Six Million Steps to the Mediterranean Sea*” which recounts a 3,000 kilometre journey undertaken by and his brother, Jake.

Camping beneath trees and washing in rivers, the brothers hiked through the quaint villages of southern England and on to the European mainland. Trekking steadily south, they continued on through the arable hills of the Benelux countries, the humble peaks of the Vosges Mountains, the gorges of the Jura Range and, finally, to the French Alps, a majestic barrier of summits and valleys

that would lead them on to the Mediterranean Sea. Unsupported and on a tight budget, they soon learnt the ever-changing nature of the path – one moment inflicting illness and doubt, the next summoning the unprovoked kindness of strangers. From the profound beauty of the smallest flower to the resounding grandeur of an alpine massif, Daniel and Jake’s five-month expedition through Western Europe is a heart-warming tale of companionship, adventure and unrelenting determination.

After completing the walk, Daniel spent the next two years writing, editing and publishing his book which can be acquired as an ebook or paperback from all major online bookstores. It can also be bought at YHA Danywenalt itself.

Now living in the Brecon Beacons, Daniel has begun work on his next book, gaining inspiration from the rurality of Talybont and other areas throughout the British Isles. His writing aspires to promote adventure and discovery, with particular emphasis on landscape.



WORK OF FAMOUS LOCAL ARTIST ON VIEW



These works are from the family collection and are not for sale.

An unprecedented opportunity has arisen to view a selection of paintings by Meg Stevens at the Tower Gallery in Crickhowell, from October 21st until November 28th this year.

Meg Stevens who was known to a number of people in Talybont was from Llanfrynach. She was a prolific artist who died three years ago, having established herself as a greatly respected painter of the natural world.

Meg obtained a Fine Art degree from Reading University, followed by an MA at Leeds in the '50s. She was subsequently elected to the Royal Cambrian Academy in 1996. She is best known for her paintings of wild flowers in the Breconshire landscape.

“Every picture is a fight. It wouldn’t be worth doing, I suppose, if it weren’t. One suffers cold, heat, stiff neck, tennis elbow. Brolly springs a leak, blows away. Easel collapses. Seeds in one’s socks and prickles in one’s pullover! I can’t decide if it’s me fighting to find how to say it or the picture fighting to get itself said. That they do get themselves somehow said is not a tribute to my skill, but to the beauty which, in spite of all that we do to our environment, insists on breaking out wherever it finds the smallest chance”.

Star Inn

Talpbont-on-Usk

What's On....

- **Pie Night – every Tues**

Warm up with a homemade pie straight from our oven, washed down with some local ale or maybe a glass of local Aber apple juice

- **Quiz Night – every Weds from 9pm**

- **Charity Quiz Night – Sun 29th Nov, 7.30pm**

£5 entry p.p to include curry, all proceeds to aid local Brecon girl become a volunteer in South Africa helping to teach young children about nutrition and to build better living facilities

- **Fish Night - Fri 20th November, 6-9pm**

Order from a selection of mouthwatering fish dishes from our special menu - booking essential – spaces are limited

- **Live Music** (last Fri of each month)

Next band Fri 27th November 9pm

- **Christmas Menu**

Book your festive meal now, available from 30th Nov – 21st Dec, small and large groups catered for

- **Christmas Eve**

Join us for mulled wine and mince pies, a warm fire and carols and of course the Christmas Draw

- **New Years Eve**

Join us for an not to be missed evening with live music from “The Black Rat Effect” – fancy dress a must!



01874 676635

www.starinnatalybont.co.uk

Brecknock CAMRA Pub of the year 2009-2015





We are delighted to let everyone know that Talybont's initial bid for a Big Lottery Grant has been successful and we have been invited to submit a full application to improve facilities in Henderson Hall and to replace and replenish the outdoor play equipment.

The aim is to improve disabled and general access in and around the hall and playing fields, completely overhaul the playground and upgrade facilities within the hall including flat roof repair and insulation, kitchen improvements, solar hot water, better access from the main road, disabled toilet facilities within the village hall itself, improve the external toilet facilities and more!

These improvements will help secure the future and hopefully enable us to attract more funding for other areas such as the tennis courts and other communal areas.

We will be holding drop-in open days/evenings in the Henderson Hall to discuss ideas and designs on:

Sunday 1st November	11am -1pm
Thursday 5th November	from 5pm until fireworks
Monday 9th November	5pm – 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome and on the 1st and 9th Nov we will have a representative from Playdale who will discuss favourite play equipment choices with the children, so please come along.

We understand that not everyone will be able to attend the event so please let us know if you have any specific needs that you feel would improve the way you make use of the hall and playing field. Also, if there are any new clubs or activities/classes that you would like to see run locally please let us know.

So if you are part of a group, an individual, locally business or indeed anyone who uses the facilities at the hall and playground we would love to hear from you.

Many thanks
Glyn Thomas, Clare Wright & Ceri Bevan

*If you are unable to attend one of the events and have some ideas please drop us a note
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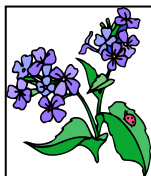
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Talybont-on-Usk Energy website:

<http://www.talybontenergy.co.uk>

TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT

GARDENING ASSOCIATION



We are a very informal group with regular speakers & garden trips out during summer months. Indoor meetings are held in the Henderson Hall, always ending up with tea, coffee and biscuits!!



7:30 pm at the Hall

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
- JUST COME ALONG!**

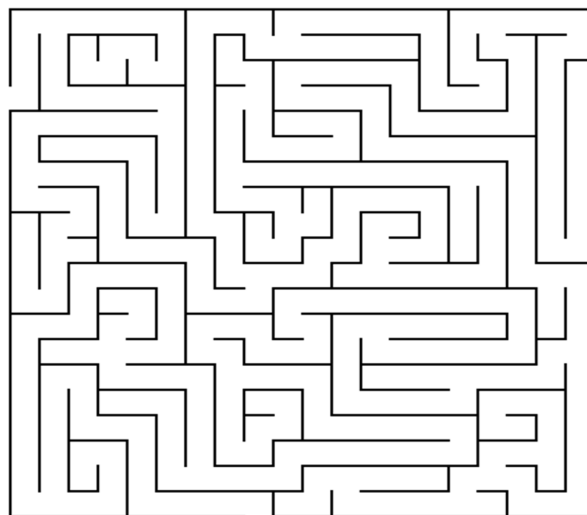
Friday 20th November: Keith Noble, Brecon: slides and talk on
"A Wild Garden revisited"

Thursday 17th December: Annual Christmas Lunch at the White Hart

For any further information please contact either the
Chairman: Mr Gareth Davies 01874 676200 or the



Help Guy Fawkes find his way through the maze



CHURCH NEWS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday is 8th November. There is a service at 10.00am in Llandetty Church which is followed by an act of Remembrance at Cross Ash at 10-50am. Everyone is welcome to either or both events.

HYMN FESTIVAL at LLANHAMLACH: You are warmly invited to a Festival of Hymns on Sunday 22 November, 6.00pm at Llanhamlach Church. Come and sing your favourite hymns and enjoy cheering refreshments afterwards! Proceeds are in aid of Brecon Dementia Action Alliance.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES : At the time of writing these are not completely finalised, but here are some that are happening:-

6-00pm Sunday 20th December at Llansantffraed Church - Carol Service – the Benefice Choir has already started practicing! Christmas Eve 24th December The Living Nativity takes place, starting, as usual, at 5.00pm from Talybont Cattle Market Car park in Station Road.

Christmas Day - 10-00am Christmas Communion Service at Llandetty Church.

You can find details of all our church services on notices in the village, in the churches and on the Community Council website www.talybont.org

Drawing /Painting Competition

The theme is :

Gun Powder Plot

Email a digital photograph of your picture
or drawing to mike.bugler@btinternet.com
with your name, age and email address
Winners entry published in the next edition

