



Talybont Matters

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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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Editor's Note

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Talybont Show Update

Saturday 27th August 2016

Get planning, get growing, get creative!



A special middle page spread is included in this larger than usual edition of Talybont Matters. We hope the list of classes, which contain some really exciting new ideas, will inspire you to plan ahead and get started on some of them now. Please keep the list to hand for those inevitable rainy days when bored children are seeking something creative to do indoors. Packets of annual flowers are very cheap, easy to grow and make a stunning display. Why not colour your garden and Henderson Hall on show day? The schedule also lists the photo subjects for both children and adults. There is plenty of time in the next 4 months to assemble a collection from which you can choose the best for the show.

(More details can be found on page 5)

Peter Seaman

HENDERSON HALL NEWS

SILENT AUCTION. This will be held on Friday 17th June and Saturday 18th June. We hope to have lots of fun and interesting items for you to bid on. Just stroll down to the hall, have a look around and pop your bid on to the item you fancy. There is no limit to the number of times you can come back and put in a bid and the highest bidder obviously wins!! If you think you

have something you can offer for the auction, please get in touch with anyone from the hall. It could be a piece of art, a day out, a meal, something you no longer want (no junk though please!), a service such as gardening, baby sitting, IT support, car wash etc. Anything in reasonable condition would be gratefully received. Keep your eyes open for posters advertising the times and come along for tea and cake on the Saturday too.

Positions Vacant: If you have a couple of hours a week and can offer some admin support to the village hall please do get in touch with Clare. A small remuneration can be offered. We are nice and friendly and you would be welcomed with open arms! We are still looking for general support on the actual committee. It isn't anything scary and just helps keep our community centre up and running so again, call Clare or chat to anyone else from the hall if you think you would like to help.

Talybont Flicks: A fun and relaxed evening on the first Wednesday of the month. Bring along your own drinks and nibbles, sit on our nice padded chairs (yes, we do have comfy chairs so no need for cushions!) and help support a nice local event. It always starts at 7.30. Hope to see you soon!

AGM: to be held at Henderson Hall on **Wednesday 25th May, 7.30pm** all welcome.

Clare Wright



Henderson Hall Contacts

Clare Wright (Chair) 676679
(Secretary / admin - Vacant)
Kirsten and Russell Jones
(Treasurer) 676509
Shirley Hemmings (Caretaker)
676456 Sue Thorne (Bookings
Secretary) 676293

Siop Siarad

This small informal friendly group has been meeting for the last three years in the White Hart every Friday morning between 10.00am and 12mid day for an informal chat about various subjects in the Welsh Language. Welsh learners are particularly welcome so that they have the opportunity to speak the language outside the classroom in a non-judgemental situation.

Dewch i ymuno a ni am hwyl a sbri

Maureen Probert

TALYBONT ON USK
ENERGY YNNI
TALYBONT AR WYSC

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



HENDERSON HALL REGULAR EVENTS

Short Family Church Service

2nd Sunday each
month 11am for
approx 30 mins.

Playgroup

Mondays 10 - 12 am
Lydia Cox

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

Hatha Yoga

Every Thursday 7:00pm
Cathy Genevie
01873 812637

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: Peter Seaman
01874 676225

Junior Tennis Club

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

Cricket Club

Geraint James
07980 160187

THE P WORD!

Several people have approached the hall with queries about the larger events that happen and what arrangements are made for the parking of the competitors. We would like to reassure the community that we always ask large events that come to use the hall to make arrangements for off road parking to supplement what we can offer at the hall. They all endeavour to make alternative arrangements to do this whether by gaining permission from the Community Council to use the playing fields to extend the hall parking or by using local fields with permission from farms. All competitors are encouraged to use these options rather than parking on the roads. This last weekend saw a lot of cars in the village both from normal visitors and for the race that was being held from the hall. This event did have alternative village parking organised and it was signed off from the A40 and in the village, but the real nub of the matter is that our village needs traffic measures in place such as yellow lines where appropriate and potentially areas of resident parking.

A traffic survey for the village was undertaken by the Community Council a few years back. So please do discuss this and the issues surrounding it with your local community councillors to see what can be done to make the village more traffic friendly. As with most of these issues funding is always a problem with budgets reducing and grants rare.

Our hall needs over a £1000 a month just to keep the doors open so these 3 or 4 large events are vital in helping it keep afloat as it would be rare month that the hall has enough hire to cover the running costs. This is why we are so grateful for these few large events and for all your support of our fundraising efforts. The influx of visitors can certainly be tricky but are vital in helping keep our pubs and local shop open which is great for us all in these hard times. I feel so lucky to live in this beautiful part of the world and no wonder that we are so popular!

Clare Wright



Fuel Poverty—Nest Scheme

Reaching households in fuel poverty

Over the past four years the Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest scheme has gone from strength to strength, helping households across Wales out of fuel poverty and to live in more energy efficient properties.

The Nest scheme has provided energy saving advice to over 68,000 households from 2011 to 2015 and installed home energy improvements at no cost to the householder in over 17,700 homes.

Our team of Partnership Development Managers operate across Wales and work in partnership with Local Authorities and third sector organisations to reach those most in need of support.

Our Partnership Development Managers are able to attend constituency surgeries to provide advice, provide briefings or training sessions for staff or volunteers, and provide information for newsletters and websites if you were able to help promote the scheme.

If you would like to work together to address fuel poverty in your area, we would be keen to discuss it with you.

Your local Partnership Development Manager can be contacted as follows:

West Wales— Peter Hughes

email: peter.hughes@est.org.uk

Mobile: 07538 041319



Strawberry Teas 2016

Sunday 26th June 3.00 – 5.30pm

Enjoy a relaxing summer

afternoon strolling round some of the village gardens
Strawberry teas at 15 Maesmawr Close, Talybont-on-Usk
All proceeds to the Talybont-on-Usk Tennis Court Fund
Please come along and support the young people of our
village community.



Volunteers sought for Community Speed Watch initiative!

Dyfed-Powys Police have launched a Community Speed Watch Initiative and, in partnership with the Community Council, is seeking volunteers. Full training will be given, and if you've been concerned at vehicles travelling through the village at excessive speeds, this is your chance to do something about it! Please contact the Clerk to the Council, Katy Tutt by email for more information: katytutt1976@gmail.com



Tuesday 3rd May 2016

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"The Founders and Treasures of the Wallace Collection" BD&FAS 2:30 Theatr Brecheiniog.
(Please note that this is a change to the original published programme)

Reduced membership subscription after 1st March, Visitors welcome £7:50 per lecture

Lecturer: Stephen Duffy

Tuesday 7th June 2016


"The Italian and Northern Renaissance: The relationship between Italian Art, Durer and the Northern Artists" BD&FAS 2:30 Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon.

The artist, Albrecht Durer, left much autobiographical writing and also wrote extensively on art practice. He was strongly influenced by the techniques of the Italian Renaissance.

Lecturer: Leslie Primo

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Deborah Coggar




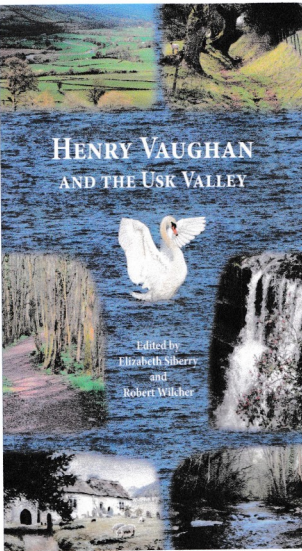
To be published 15th April 2016

**HENRY VAUGHAN
AND THE USK VALLEY**

Edited by Elizabeth Siberry and Robert Wilcher

CYMRIDHUS BRECKNOCK
CHYFELLION YR AMGUEDDFA
BRECKNOCK SOCIETY AND
MUSEUM FRIENDS





The poet Henry Vaughan (1621-1695) is widely known as one of the so-called 'Metaphysical' poets. It is not so well known that he was born, lived most of his life, and died in the Usk Valley in Brecknockshire; hence his soubriquet 'Swan of Usk'. His grave, in the churchyard of St Bride's, Llansantffraed, is an important site of literary pilgrimage. The changing skies over the Brecon Beacons, the hills, streams and bird-life that he knew so well, and the River Usk itself are celebrated in Vaughan's poetry; but, inspired also by the life and religious poetry of George Herbert, he interweaves the sights and sounds of the natural world with profound spiritual experiences. The age in which Vaughan wrote was one of political and religious upheaval. As a staunch Royalist, he fought for the king and suffered the loss of friends and a beloved younger brother in the Civil Wars; and as a loyal member of the established church, he endured the banning of its liturgy by the victorious Puritans and the closing of many local churches, including his own place of worship at Llansantffraed, where his twin brother had been rector. All this is reflected in his poetry and prose.

This book, commissioned by the Brecknock Society and the Vaughan Association and published by Logaston Press, contains essays on Vaughan's connections with the landscape, the church, and nature by Jeremy Hooker, Helen Wilcox and Jonathan Nauman, and on the political context of the wars of the 1640s and the interregnum of the 1650s by Robert Wilcher. During the last forty years of his life, Vaughan was a respected country doctor and this aspect of his life is discussed by Simone Thomas, herself a GP. Finally, Elizabeth Siberry explains how Vaughan's work was rediscovered in the nineteenth century and describes his subsequent influence on writers, artists and musicians in Brecknockshire and beyond. Each chapter is accompanied by the full texts of some of Vaughan's best loved and some of his lesser known poems, with explanatory notes and brief commentaries. The book will enhance a visit to the poet's grave in Llansantffraed churchyard and the experience of the Vaughan Walk, which is marked by signboards bearing excerpts from his verse.

Paperback, 128 pages with over 30 illustrations, most in colour
ISBN 978 1 910839 02 7 Price £10

Copies can be obtained by going to the Logaston Press website: www.logastonpress.co.uk and then go to 'New books Spring 2016'. The cost will be £10, post and packing free.

Or you can send a cheque for £10 to Logaston Press, Little Logaston, Woonton, Hereford HR3 6QH (don't forget to say which book you are ordering and to include your address!)

Hay Festival

Elizabeth Siberry, Robert Wilcher and Jeremy Hooker will be talking about the book and celebrating the life of Henry Vaughan at the Hay Festival in June.

Event 289

Wednesday 1st June

5:30 pm

Venue: Cube

Tickets bookable through the Hay Festival website.



**Llangynidr Farmers'
and Producers'**

Market

May 29th

June 26th

July 31st

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

Contact Jenny Thomson

jterwbant@hotmail.com

Members of the Brecknock Society and Vaughan Association may order copies at a discount.
(further details on their websites)





Talybont Tourism

The tourism group have been working hard on producing some local walks covering a range suitable for different abilities with clear instructions for locals and visitors alike. The first five walks will be available very soon and you could be the first to get some as we hope to launch them at our AGM. They will be sold at a very reasonable £1 to cover reprints and any surplus will get put back in to producing more walks or indeed in to other initiatives.

Family Treasure Hunt: For the summer holidays, we will be running a treasure hunt over an easy, hour-long circular walk starting from Talybont Stores. Sheets will cost £4 and will offer locals and visitors the chance to do a fun circular walk along the canal, through the woods at Gilestone, back to Station Road and finish back at the cafe for a cuppa. Look out for more info on the start date when you can pick up your sheet from the shop with a chance to win a tablet.

The next tourism **AGM** will be held on Wednesday 8th June at The Malthouse, Talybont, 7.30pm. There will be drinks around the pool (taking a dip should the weather allow and you feel the urge!). We would love to see more of our accommodation providers and this would be a nice occasion for everyone to get together so do keep this date free and join us if you can.

Clare Wright



CHURCH NEWS



FAMILY CHURCH, 11AM, SECOND SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

Family church is first and foremost good fun. The format is simple: half an hour of informal worship, discussion, stories, activities and prayer, followed by coffee. The Henderson Hall is an ideal venue as there's lots of space for children to be children, and good facilities for the rest of us older people. We usually have simple craft activities, and frequently use the projector and screen, which is particularly good for showing pictures, photos and You-Tube clips. Could your organisation or your family be a sponsor? For some years we have had generous sponsors who have covered the cost of the Hall hire, £60 for a year. Now we need to ask again for support. If you could sponsor us for 6 months or a year, that would be very helpful!

Please contact Liz Bramley, 665267 or email: liz.bramley@icloud.com

THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY – CELEBRATIONS AT LLANFRYNACH CHURCH

We have a number of events planned for the weekend of 11th – 12th June, centred on Llanfrynach Church. The Church will be the venue for a Flower Festival with a Royal theme – 'Hats and Handbags' - preview party 7pm Friday 10th June, then open daily 10am-6pm Saturday 11th June and 10am-4pm Sunday 12th June. Other events include demonstrations, competitions, workshops, refreshments and a special Thanksgiving Service at 10am on Sunday 12th June. Further information from Janet Watkins on 01874 665470.



Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday

PILGRIM STUDY COURSE

This lively discussion group has started up again – this term we are looking at The Eucharist. All sessions are on Thursday evenings, 7.00pm, once a fortnight:-
5 May at Llangasty Retreat House,
30 June, venue tbc

COLERIDGE IN WALES FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 29th MAY

We are very pleased to be hosting this event at Llansantffraed Church from 10am on Sunday 29th May. Please see the separate article for further details.

SWAN OF THE USK CONCERT – 7-30pm SATURDAY 18th JUNE

Llansantffraed Church is also the venue of a concert of music, song and poetry in homage to Coleridge and Henry Vaughan – performed by the Unicorn Singers with Hannah Medlam (soprano) & James Bramley (theorbo and lute). Please see the separate article on page 10 for further details.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We are delighted that Liz Bramley will be ordained to the priesthood this coming June – the service will be at Brecon Cathedral – 2.00pm Saturday 25th June. Please remember her as she prepares for this important event. People are welcome to come along support her at the service. Liz will preside at Communion for the first time the following day at the 10am service in Llanhamlach.

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



New Challenges for Young People at the Talybont-on-Usk Village Show

We have noticed that increasing numbers of the teenage competitors have been taking part in the adult section of the Show, particularly for cookery. We are pleased that they are being ambitious and ready to 'have a go'. We have reviewed the Cookery Section and have come up with a new idea which we hope will inspire them to even greater achievements.

Class 158: The Great Talybont-on-Usk Baking Challenge.

This year there are **three sections to Class 158** a, b and c. There will be **money prizes for each class and points** will also be awarded; **the competitor with the greatest number of points will be presented with a trophy** that has been donated for Class 158. It is essential to enter all three classes in 158 to be eligible for the trophy.

158a Signature Bake; five Energy Bars on a plate. For this you can use your own recipe, be inventive and think about the type of foods that increase your energy and are good to eat.

158b Technical; 6 Cheese Scones on a plate; the recipe for the scones will be printed in the Schedule ~ read it carefully and follow the recipe.

158c Showstopper; this should be made from two Victoria Sponges and decorated for a celebration of your choice.

I am really looking forward to seeing your exhibits; remember presentation is important so think about how you can show your baking off to its best advantage. You do all your baking at home, once you have made sure that your family are happy about this. The actual baking and any decoration involved must be all your own work.

Over the page **in this edition of Talybont Matters** is a list all the classes for Children and Young People; do study the this, read the Schedule when it is published at the end of April or beginning of May and when you have free time why not do some trial baking and enjoy the results!



The Great Talybont-on-Usk Baking Challenge doesn't mean you cannot continue to enter the Adult Classes if you wish!

The **wheelbarrows** were a real crowd attraction last year. We now have a **new sponsor** for this event. Andrew Skyrme of **Skyrme Electrical Solutions** was so impressed with last year's entries that he offered on the 2015 Show Day to double the number of wheelbarrows for 2016. To be fair to the competitors we have decided to have two age groups; **Class 154 a** for the younger exhibitors and **Class 154 b** for the older exhibitors. There are different themes for the two classes so do read the insert for more information and begin making plans for your wheelbarrow garden.

Wheelbarrows will be available from 1st June and will once again be allocated on a 'first come basis'; please contact me to reserve a wheelbarrow. Good luck to all who take part in the Talybont-on-Usk Show!
Pat Wilkie Organiser of the Children and Young People's Marquee



A MESSAGE OF THANKS

The Schedule for this year's Village Show should be available by the Spring Bank Holiday, in early May.

The Show Committee would like to say thank you to Owen Cartwright Landlord of The White Hart in Talybont-on-Usk who has generously sponsored this year's Schedule.

We would also like to thank the local businesses who have continued their support by advertising in the Show Schedule.

Also, we appreciate the help of Rob and Regan at Talybont Stores PO & Canalside Café for their willingness to once again be the mainstay in distributing the Schedule. In August they will have additional Entry Forms for those who need them.

Pat Wilkie (on behalf of the Show Committee)

ST JOHN'S LUNCHEON CLUB



Give Julia or Mel a ring
to book a place on
01874 611723

**EVERY
MONDAY
12.30-2.30**

**OVER 50'S
WELCOME**

**£4.00 FOR A
2 COURSE
MEAL**

**ST JOHN'S FAMILY
CENTRE
PENDRE CLOSE
BRECON
(opposite the cathedral)**

**Activity run by
Powys
Befrienders**

St John's Luncheon Club is targeted at the over 50's and it provides an opportunity for people to come together in a relaxed and welcoming environment, enjoy a meal and have a choice of taking part in some activities-dominoes, card games, holistic therapies to name a few.



TALYBONT SHOW 2016

Summary of Adult sections (excludes Open section)

Local vegetable section:

1. 6 runner beans
2. 6 pods of peas
3. 3 onions from seed
4. 3 onions (sets)
5. 6 shallots (large)
6. 6 shallots (pickling)
7. 3 beetroot (globe)
8. 3 potatoes (white)
9. 3 potatoes (coloured)
10. 4 tomatoes
11. 4 cherry tomatoes
12. 3 carrots (short)
13. 2 cucumbers
14. 3 parsnips
15. 3 leeks
16. 6 French beans
17. 2 cabbages
18. 2 lettuce
19. 2 marrows
20. A collection of 4 kinds of culinary herbs
21. 2 courgettes
22. Ugliest vegetable
23. A basket of home grown vegetables
24. A collection of 1 onion, 1 potato & 1 carrot
25. **Beginners Class** 2 different root vegetables
26. **Beginners Class** 1 vegetable grown in a greenhouse

Local fruit section

27. 3 culinary apples
28. 3 dessert apples
29. 3 plums
30. 3 pears
31. A plate of raspberries

Local flower section

32. Vase of 5 stems of asters
33. Vase of 6 spikes of sweet peas
34. Vase of 3 stems of cactus and/or semi- cactus dahlias
35. Vase of 3 stems of decorative dahlias, or ball dahlias
36. Vase of 3 stems of pompon dahlias
37. Vase of 3 spikes of gladioli
38. Vase of 1 spike of gladiolus
39. 6 pansies or violas on board
40. Pot plant (flowering), excluding a Fuchsia
41. Fuchsia, bush
42. Fuchsia, standard
43. Pot plant foliage
44. 1 gent's buttonhole on board
45. 1 lady's corsage
46. 1 cactus or succulent in a container

47. Vase of 3 stems of phlox
48. Vase of cut flowers
49. Vase of herbaceous perennials
50. Vase of 3 stems of spray chrysanthemums
51. Vase of 1 stem of any plant in flower
52. Vase of 3 stems of floribunda roses
53. A single stem of any rose, judged only for scent
54. A single stem of any rose
55. Vase of 3 stems of hybrid tea roses
56. 'Little Gem' A miniature arrangement of flowers
57. An arrangement 'Going for Gold'
- 58a. An arrangement of coloured foliage
- 58b. An arrangement in a beer glass – "Only Men Allowed"

Domestic

59. Bottle of sloe gin
60. Pot of jam
61. Pot of marmalade
62. Jar of lemon curd
63. Pot of chutney
64. A lemon drizzle cake
65. Six Welsh cakes
66. Boarder tart (See recipe in the show schedule)
67. 6 fruit scones
68. 6 sausage rolls
69. A traditional apple tart / pie
70. A decorated chocolate sponge
71. A boiled fruit cake
72. A trifle
73. A bara brith
74. 5 decorated cupcakes
75. A vegetarian quiche
76. A knitted beanie hat
77. A tapestry or embroidered article
78. A hand carved object
79. A crocheted article
80. Soft toy
81. A walking stick
82. A useful item in wood or metal
83. A decorative item for the home

Art

136. A computer designed poster to promote the 2017 show
137. A painting- medium & subject of your choice
138. A handmade birthday card
139. A single colour drawing - pencil or charcoal
140. A collage (A4) - sports theme

Photography

141. Our industrial past
142. Movement
143. A portrait
144. A rural scene

These pages are easily removable. So why not take it out, fold it over and stick or pin it somewhere close by for easy reference when creating your masterpieces!

TALYBONT SHOW 2016

Summary of Children and Young People sections

PHOTOGRAPHY

- 145 A photograph, taken by you, when you have been on a day out / holiday or taking part in an activity
8 - 10½ years
- 146 A photograph, taken by you of a sporting activity 10½ - 14 years
- 147 A landscape photograph, taken by you 10½ - 14 years
- 148 A manipulated digital photograph, which you have produced 10½ - 16 years

GARDENING

- 149 Flowers floating in a bowl, maximum diameter 20cm
- 150 An arrangement of flowers in an unusual container
- 151 A vegetable animal under 8
- 152 Miniature garden, not to exceed 38cm x 38cm under 8 years
- 153 Miniature garden, not to exceed 38cm x 38cm 8 – 16 years
- 154 a A small wheelbarrow planted up with flowers and / or vegetables. The planting should be inspired by a story written by Roald Dahl Up to 11 years old
- 154 b A small wheelbarrow planted up with flowers and / or vegetables. The planting should depict the theme 'A garden to attract wildlife' 12 – 16 years

COOKERY

- 155 3 decorated fairy cakes, on a plate under 5 years
- 156 6 decorated cup cakes, on a plate 5 – 8 years
- 157 A bowl (max diameter 15cm) of fruit salad for a celebration 9 – 11 years
- 158 The 'Great Talybont-on-Usk Baking Challenge'
Competitors must enter all three classes (a, b & c)
- 158 a **Signature Bake:** 5 energy bars, on a plate 12 - 16 years
- 158 b **Technical:** 6 cheese scones on a plate; 12 - 16 years
- 158 c **Showstopper:** A decorated celebration cake using 2 x 18cm Victoria sponges, on a plate or board
12 - 16 years

PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS OR COLLAGE

- 159 A potato print painting under 5 years
- 160 My family 5 – 8 years
- 161 Design a new Welsh rugby shirt 9 – 11 years
- 162 Create a flag for Talybont-on-Usk 12- 16 years

HANDWRITING *

- 163 Happy Thought 5 – 6 years
- 164 At the Seaside 7 – 8 years
- 165 The Swing 9 – 11 years

* text will be published in the official show schedule and on the show website at www.talybontshow.org

MODELLING (Any media may be used e.g. paper, card, papier-mâché, wood, metal, clay, plasticine etc.)

- 166 A playdough animal Under 5 years
- 167 Create a gold medal for your favourite sport 5 – 8 years
- 168 Create a cup or trophy for your favourite sport 9 – 11 years
- 169 Design a logo for the Talybont-on-Usk Show 12- 16 years
- 170 Recycle an item into something new (single or group entry – age will be taken into consideration when judging this class)

FAMILY CHALLENGE

- 171 Using a cucumber as your main ingredient or inspiration make three different items, culinary or creative, by three different members of the same family. A family team of three – 1 must be a child & 1 must be an adult. The 3rd member of the team can be a child or adult.

THESE ARE SUMMARIES OF THE ENTRIES. SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY REGARDING SIZES, ETC. FULL DETAILS ARE IN THE SHOW SCHEDULE WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE SHOW WEBSITE AT: www.talybontshow.org

Despite still having no income from our hydro as a result of the ongoing Dwr Cymru Welsh Water pipe maintenance, the Talybont Energy Directors are trying to continue as many of our community energy projects as we can during this tricky period. In particular, five of our Directors have been busy working in partnership with 1st Llangynidr Cubs on the 2nd Stage of the Talybont Energy Eco Award. This has involved a mix of activities and lessons about energy.

Michael Wright led a project about the energy involved in household laundry. This included a survey which the cubs had to complete about how their laundry typically gets dried and the relative amounts of electricity required to dry the laundry by different methods.



Hilary Williams spent 3 weeks building furniture from newspaper and cardboard (simple stools in this case) both to show the cubs an ultra low resource way of making useful furniture and to raise awareness of other cultures who do not have the advantages and resources that we do. The cubs auctioned the stools they had made raising £185 for Brecon Molo Community Link which is a Health and Community link between Brecon and a small township called Molo in the Rift valley in Kenya. They were also given a presentation about Molo and the differences between the two communities.



Nick Willson, Peter Williams and Alison Kidd then ran an evening focussed on transport energy where everything was converted into [Mars Bar energy equivalents](#) (300Wh)! Did you know, for example, that an average car travels 1/3 mile on a Mars Bar worth of energy? The cubs made cars powered by balloons which they duly raced across the hall floor with varying results. Nick then delighted everyone by traversing the floor seated on 2 old skateboards powered by an electric drill.

After Easter, the cubs will complete the award by visiting a newly installed hydro at Glasnant Morgan's farm.

Hilary also delivered our Key Stage 2 schools presentation to Bronllys Church Primary school. This presentation has now been done in many local primary schools, including Llangynidr and Ysgol Penmaes. The presentation is linked to the National Curriculum science and Geography targets and is aimed at making children aware of alternative, sustainable (and more environmentally friendly) forms of energy production.

We also held a useful fact sharing evening on biofuel heating for domestic properties and 2 of our Directors attended a conference on energy storage and have published a couple of interesting reports on heat storage and Miscanthus as a biofuel crop on our website. www.talybontenergy.co.uk

If you are interested in any Talybont Energy activities, please visit our website or get in touch via info@talybontenergy.co.uk
Alison Kidd

Community Fund—Applications invited

The Community Council is pleased to announce that Talybont Energy has once again made a generous amount of money available to local groups who wish to apply for grants. The fund totals £3500 and applications are invited in writing to Katy Tutt, Clerk to the Community Council, 20 Dan y Gollen, Crickhowell NP8 1TN or by email katytutt1976@gmail.com by 31st May.





THE TALYBONT "TOMBLES" VILLAGE LITTER PICK GROUP

Our last Litter Pick on Saturday 5th March was a "Special" one when we took part in a National Litter Pick Day - "CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN", which was in readiness for her 90th Birthday celebrations in June. It was widely advertised and groups as well as individuals were encouraged to take part.

We were 15 in our group including 2 youngsters Ellie and her brother Jamie Ryan, who was in fact taking part as his Community work for his Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. We spread out over the village in pairs and

covered the Recycling area at the Hall and the immediate Hall surroundings including the playing field and children's playground, Penpentre, the front and back of the OAP bungalows, the canal towpath in both directions, the main road through the village especially the area around the Telephone Kiosk and behind the Bus Stop, Station Road as far as the A40, the Dram Road, and from the Draw Bridge to Cui and round to Cross Oak and back to the village.

I think we were all amazed at the volume of rubbish that we found in our respective areas, part of this was due to the lack of vegetation making everything more visible, but unfortunately this was more than the equivalent collection the same time last year when we were 9 collectors and filled 4 bags!! This time there were 9 bags including this pile of metalwork which Jamie found and photographed for us. The other large (very large) piece of metalwork on our patch was located at the bottom of Station Road - one burnt out van!!!! But unfortunately it was a bit too big to fit into Gareth's rubbish bag!!!! However Lane's removed it the following day and Powys County Council took away the burnt remains (eventually)!



It is disappointing to see the unwanted household items that are just left behind the recycling bins in the Hall Car park - any unwanted items should be disposed of by the individuals concerned and not merely "dumped" hoping that someone else will clear up after them!!!

Thanks to all my volunteers for their invaluable help in trying to keep Talybont village clean and tidy; if there are any groups or individuals who would like to borrow the equipment please let me know - you can then choose your own date to go "out and about". Our next Litter Pick date will be on **SATURDAY 7th MAY, meet at 10 am outside Talybont Stores as usual.**

Sandra Briskham (Organiser) sandra.briskham@btinternet.com

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Waste and Recycling dates

A new refuse and recycling collection search facility has been launched on the council website which enables residents to enter their postcode, select their address and then be provided with a list of future refuse and recycling collection dates.

This new search facility can be found on the 'Bin Collection' page at <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/bins-rubbish-recycling/bin-collection-day/>. Residents can use this facility to check and make a note of their future waste collection dates. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate as possible, however with the introduction of a new system on this scale, we anticipate some initial teething problems.

Discrepancies may arise due to issues with post codes any anomalies in the information provided should be reported on the feedback form: <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/bins-rubbish-recycling/bin-collection-day/bin-day-search-problems/>.

This extremely useful tool will also enable the large number of queries received from residents regarding their collection day/week to be dealt with efficiently and effectively.

Waste & Recycling Services

0845 602 7035

Waste.awareness@powys.gov.uk

Talybont WI

May 11th: A visit to Treberfydd walled garden to include tea.

2pm - 5pm

June 8th: An outing to be confirmed.

July 13th: Welsh blankets with Athenee English

August: No Meeting

New members and visitors welcome.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Talybont Welcome Scheme.

Talybont WI have welcomed 20 new residents to the Talybont Community Council Area since we delivered the first box in June 2015. If we have somehow missed your arrival then please contact Sue on 676293 or Cherry on 676232 and we will hastily put the matter right. The various clubs and societies in the village look forward to welcoming you all to their meetings and events.

Sue Thorne



Talybont Stores, Canalside Cafe and Post Office

01874 676663 www.talybontstores.co.uk



Shop

We stock a wide range of products from fresh local meat, bread, milk, eggs, fruit and veg. Coal, logs and kindling.
newspapers, pet products, wines, spirits, local beers and ciders.
Frozen meals prepared in the café.
Lottery, Top Ups, cash point, greeting cards and stationery.
Card payments accepted

Made in Talybont

Local handmade gifts, crafts, keyrings and cards
Personalised greeting cards, mugs, wine glasses and more available
Please ask in store for more details

Café

Homemade food and cakes, sit in or take away. Packed lunches

**Everybody's favourite Soft Serve Ice Cream
Pensioners Specials**

Pizza, curry and more

6pm until 9pm, Friday and Saturday nights
Serving pizza's, curries, poppadoms, dips, pasta, chips, wedges and more
Please pick up a menu from the café.



Please call us on 01874 676663 for enquiries, reservations and takeaways



Post Office

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Bike and Canoe Hire

Available from 'Bikes and Hikes'

Opening times

Shop: Mon to Sat 7am until 7pm. Sunday 8am until 6pm
(On Pizza nights, shop open until 9pm)

Café: Mon to Sun 9am until 5pm

Post Office: Mon to Sat 9am until 1.30pm



Coleridge in Wales Festival 2016

Gwyl Coleridge Yng Nghymru 2016

Samuel Taylor Coleridge in 1794. The Welsh landscape, people and heritage inspired the young Coleridge. The touring group describes itself as a 'family festival on the move' discovering Wales' cultural treasures, meeting communities and celebrating Coleridge's experience with them For more information, see www.coleridgefestival.org

On Sunday 29 May, the group visits Llansantffraed bringing Coleridge, who immortalised the Albatross in his *Ancient Mariner*, to the Usk Valley where the poet Henry Vaughan who gave us the Swan of Usk lived and died. Specially commissioned sculptures will be on display in Llansantffraed Church.



The Albatross meets the Swan

Programme

10.00 Church Service - guest speaker Revd John Rogerson of Beauchief Abbey, Sheffield;
11.00 Mixed programme of short talks and recitals of song, music and poetry in Church
12.00 Bring-your-own picnic in adjacent field (In Church if wet).
13.30 Finish. Touring group departs.

Come to all or just part. Toilet facility available. Admission free - voluntary donation to church maintenance fund. Local festival event organised by Llansantffraed Church and the Brecknock Society.



On Saturday 18 June A celebration of man and nature - the legacy of poets Henry Vaughan and Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Music from Vaughan's lifetime and choral settings of his poems by Elgar and Parry. For more information see www.unicornsingers.co.uk

Performed by the Unicorn Singers, conductor Stephen Marshall with Hannah Medlam (soprano), James Bramley (lute and theorbo) and readings by The Vaughan Association.

Tickets £10, including refreshments. Toilet facility available. Organised by the Unicorn Singers and the Brecknock Society in aid of Llansantffraed church. Book in advance from Mervyn Bramley, Llanhamlach, tel: 01874 665267 email: mervyn.bramley@blueyonder.co.uk; Sandra Briskham, Talybont on Usk, tel: 01874 676297 or Abergavenny Music, tel 01873 853394.





Powys Befrienders



Are you over 50 and feeling lonely or isolated?

Do you need companionship and support to help you to improve the quality of your life?



As well as our one to one service we are also offering group befriending

Come and join our social group for a cuppa and a chat or some activities.
Henderson Hall, Talybont on Usk

Tuesdays 2.00pm—3.30pm twice a month

May 17th & 31st

June 14th & 29th

July 12th & 26th



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Ring Melanie on 01874 611723 (ext 3)
for further information

Volunteers required

ABER AND BENAIAH CHAPELS

Everyone is welcome to come at 10.30 am to the services listed below:

Aber	Benaiah
May 8th	May 22nd
June 5th	June 19th
July 10th	July 24th
Memorial Service	

Different visiting ministers take the service which leads to many interesting approaches and interpretations. On occasions a DIY service is held when members of the congregation contribute.

A date for the diary is Sunday 10th July when a service is to be held in memory of John Evans the only young man from Aber village who fought in the First World War and fell at Mametz Wood on the 10th July 1916.

TEA AND CHAT

This is held on the first Monday of the month, including Bank Holidays at the Henderson Hall at 3pm for anyone of retirement age. It has now been in existence for three years and it is an opportunity for people to get together for a social afternoon. Tea and homemade cake is provided by different hostesses and there is no charge. A big thank you to the Henderson Hall and Talybont Energy for making this possible.

Cherry Jones



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<http://www.talybont.org/newsletter.html>

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!**

Annual membership is only £5 per annum

Friday 20th May: Buckland Hall visit. Garden tour and refreshment 1:00 pm
Wednesday 22nd June: 'Tea and Tour' Penpont Gardens by Davina Hogg.
Thursday 14th July: Visit Dyffryn Gardens, Vale of Glamorgan.

For any further information please contact either the Chairman:
Mr Peter Seaman 01874 676225 or the
Secretary: Mrs Sandra Briskham 01874 676297



**TALYBONT
ON USK
CRICKET CLUB**

Talybont-on-Usk Cricket Club

In 2016 Talybont-on-Usk Cricket Club celebrates it's 10th
Anniversary since being reformed in 2006 and is making a
huge step by entering The Marches League and bringing
back competitive league cricket to Talybont-on-Usk for the
first time since the 1980's.

We are a community based club and play our home games on the
Community Sports field behind the Village Hall. We have players
ranging from Juniors to Senior Citizens and we have been instrumental
in the development of a number of Junior cricketers progressing through
the club and becoming successful and accomplished cricketers.

We welcome anybody who would like to play the game whatever their
age or ability and if you want to get involved whether it is playing,
helping or organising please contact Geraint James on (07980)160187.
Everyone is welcome at Talybont-on-Usk Cricket Club and if anyone
would like to come and support the club here are a list of our fixtures for
the 2016 season.

Geraint James

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Saturday

Matches start at 1.30pm

April 30 th	Brockhampton 4ths	HOME	
May 7 th	Woolhope 2nds	HOME	
May 14 th	Wormelow 3rds	HOME	
May 21 st	Colwall 4ths		AWAY
May 28 th	Kington 2nds	AWAY	
June 4 th	Strollers 2nds	HOME	
June 11 th	Glangrwyney 2nds	HOME	
June 18 th	Hay-on-Wye	AWAY	
June 25 th	Bartestree 4ths	HOME	
July 2 nd	Luctonians 3rds	AWAY	
July 9 th	Herefordians	HOME	
July 16 th	Bartestree 4ths	AWAY	
July 23 rd	Luctonians 3rds	HOME	
July 30 th	Brockhampton 4ths	AWAY	
August 6 th	Wormelow 3rds	AWAY	
August 13 th	Strollers 2nds	AWAY	
August 20 th	Kington 2nds	HOME	
August 27 th	Herefordians	AWAY	

Sunday

Matches start at 2.00pm

May 8 th	Ewayas Harold	HOME	
May 29 th	Clytha Arms	HOME	
June 5 th	Llanvapley		AWAY
June 26 th	Llanfrynach		AWAY
July 17 th	Llanvapley	HOME	
July 31 st	Llanfrynach	HOME	
August 7 th	Ewayas Harold		AWAY
August 14 th	Almeley	HOME	
September 4 th	Clytha Arms		AWAY

Sunday

20/20 Cup
Match start TBA

May 15th Abergavenny Beavers HOME

All fixtures are subject to change and weather permitting

