



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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BIG LOTTERY GRANT SUCCESS!



Henderson Hall and grounds to benefit after hard work by local residents.

Great news, we have been successful in obtaining a substantial Big Lottery grant to refurbish the Village Hall, replace the play equipment, and to develop an accessible walkway around the Henderson Hall grounds.

Work on the Hall will include internal refurbishment of the kitchen, toilets, showers etc., as well as the replacement of the flat roof which, in its present condition, may not last the winter. A state of the art bike hub is included, which it is hoped will encourage cyclists to use the Hall car park rather than clog up the village roads and pavements.

The new play area, chosen after village consultation, will be the first element of the project to be started, hopefully in August. Volunteers will be needed to help to remove the old and, in the main, condemned play equipment – wait for the call!

I would like to thank most sincerely Clare Wright and Ceri Bevan who have spent nearly three years preparing and developing this successful bid on behalf of the community.



Glyn Thomas
Chair Community Council

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

I am sure you will have been aware that the local road hedgerows have been neglected this year. It would appear Powys County Council had problems with the new contractors, but issues have now been resolved and we can look forward to improvements.

The Community Council is still most concerned about speeding traffic through the village, and is considering taking part in the Dyfed/Powys Police 'speed watch' initiative.

If you have any issues or concerns regarding problems in our community please contact any of your Community Councillors – contact details on the website or on the village notice board.

Glyn Thomas
Chairman



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

Talybont Energy is pleased to have been able to fund the installation of two 7kW 32A Type 2 Mennekes Charge Points for visiting electric vehicles to use in Henderson Hall car park. We had been fielding occasional visitor requests to use our community van (Heulwen)'s dedicated charge point. As that isn't possible, we decided we needed to offer a separate facility for visitors or passing traffic to use.

The charge points are powered by Henderson Hall's solar PV panels (during daylight hours anyway!). They are operated by £5 tokens which can be purchased from Talybont Stores. Each token gives the user 3 hours of charge. We have registered the facility on the UK wide charge point map (Zap-Map) and are happy to be able to say that 'Talybont welcomes electric car drivers.

We'd like to thank **Siop Siarad** for helping us with Welsh translations for the charge point signs.

Three of our Directors had a further constructive meeting with Dwr Cymru (DCWW) Directors this month to discuss the delays in the pipe maintenance at the Talybont reservoir and the resultant stoppage of our community hydro. DCWW plan to complete the pipe maintenance in 9 months and we discussed with them ways we can work together on our turbine's future operation. They recognise our difficulty in operating the company without an income stream and the impact this is having on funding projects within our community.



The budding Eco Cub Pack from 1st Llangynidr Scouts has just been awarded their Eco Award Level 2 Badges - recognising their successful completion of stage 2 of the Partnership programme with Talybont Energy. You can read more about what they've been up to here:

<https://talybontenergy.co.uk/education/eco-badge-stage-2/>

Finally, we'd like to congratulate Henderson Hall on their Lottery Grant success. Well deserved.
Alison Kidd



Da iawn Willow!

Congratulations to Willow Irwin for representing Powys in the Urdd Eisteddfod in Flint on Tuesday 31st May 2016. Willow sang a folk song 'Y Robin Goch.' There was a very high and professional level of competition and Willow competed very confidently and gave a fantastic performance. Da iawn Willow. This is at a very difficult time for the Welsh language in this area as Powys County Council are proposing to close its Secondary Welsh provision in Brecon High School with no option other than children to travel the unacceptable 52 miles everyday to a provision in Builth. Hopefully Powys will realise that this is not the way forward for the Welsh language for children from this area. If they close the provision in Brecon High School then children like Willow will not be able to continue to be educated through the medium of Welsh and will not be able to be involved in experiences like the Urdd Eisteddfod.'

Maureen Probert



6 th Sept. 2016 'Three Great Families and their Gardens':

A history of the Astors, the Rothschilds and the Sackville-Wests Speaker: Ms Caroline Rayman. Has lectured for many years in America, and was an official guide at the British Museum. Talks on wide-ranging subjects, including Royal Mistresses, Popes and Painters, and Frederick the Great, and has published articles on samplers.

4 th October 2016 'Northern Lights'

Edvard Munch and the Scandinavian Tradition. Speaker: Mr. Eric Shanes Has written thirteen books on Turner, and was the Chairman of the Turner Society. He has also written books on several other artists and art movements. Mr. Shanes has lectured at the National, Tate and Clore galleries, and done many American tours.

1 st Nov. 2016 'Uncovering the Nation's Hidden Oil Painting Collection'

The Public Catalogue Foundation Project Speaker: Mrs Mary Rose Rivett-Carnac Studied History of Art and English Literature at university. Is a volunteer guide at Dorich House Museum, studio-home of the Russian sculptor Dora Gordine, and Turner's House, Twickenham. Since 2007 she has worked for the Public Catalogue Foundation, which is cataloguing the entire national collection of oil paintings in public ownership

All talks are at Theatre Bryncheiniog, Brecon at 2-30pm on the dates provided. Doors open at 2pm. Members are free and visitors can pay at the door. Tickets are £7-50. Information about BDFAS can be found at brecknockdfas@wordpress.com.

Agi Yates

ABER AND BENAIAH CHAPELS

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

Aber	Benaiah
August 7th	August 21st
September 4th	September 18th
October 9th	October 23rd
October 13th Harvest	

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

Talybont WI

Meetings at Henderson Hall on 2nd Wed each month 7pm – 10pm

August: No Meeting

Sept: Ewenny Pottery talk given by Ieuan Evans.

Oct: An evening with Steve, talk by Steve Morgan.

Nov: AGM

New members and visitors welcome.

Penny Morgan
01874 665283

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Llangynidr Farmers' and Producers' Market **Llangynidr Village Hall**

July 31st
Llangynidr Show Aug 28th
Sept 25th
Oct 30th



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

Contact Jenny Thomson
jterwbant@hotmail.com

10th Llangynidr Agricultural Show
28th August 2016
in the Playing Field and surrounding fields.

Something for everyone!!



Talybont Show 2016

One month and counting!



Climbing wall, Owl display, pony rides, bouncy castle, face painting, traditional stalls (coconut shy, hook a duck) plus ice cream, WI teas and craft stalls – will all be the principle attractions on the playing field at this year's show on **Saturday 27th August**. There will be sports events for all, and our ever popular fancy dress, horticultural and craft competitions.



We want to break the record for the number of show entries so please, please, get a show programme from the shop and have-a-go. From runner beans to the ugliest vegetable, and a scented rose to a pot plant there is something for us all. Welsh cakes, pots of chutney, bara brith, a hand-made soft toy, - come on, have a go! Bored grumpy children on wet days, then there are a number of special events guaranteed to put smiles back on their faces – handwriting, making fairy cakes and even a potato print painting. It is all in the show programme.



See you all on the 27th when the show comes to Talybont. **(the small print – entry forms must be in by Wednesday 24th August)**

Peter Seaman



Brinore Tramroad – exciting new discoveries

Important recently discovered information about the Brinore tramroad will be revealed at a lecture to be given by Aber resident John Jones and archaeologist/archivist Tom Davies of Abertillery. The special event will take place at **5pm on Tuesday 15th November** at The Muse, Glamorgan Street, Brecon. Free entry – just turn up at the door. The illustrated talk will focus on the early history of the tramroad, its problems and those who worked on it, and its eventual demise. The tramroad which runs between Trefil and Talybont is a much loved feature of our area and enjoyed by cyclists and walkers. Residents of the Talybont area are warmly invited to attend.

Peter Seaman



We have just launched a new community messaging system in Dyfed Powys that local neighbourhood police teams are using to share important messages with residents.

To join, register your details on the system, called Dyfed Powys Community Messages, or DPCM for short, and indicate the type of messages they would like to receive. They could be about watch schemes, incidents in particular areas or information about events and initiatives.

You can sign up by visiting
www.dpcm.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support and help to safeguard our communities together.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

An Invitation to a:

Macmillan	Coffee Morning	10.30–12.30
	Tea Afternoon	3.00 – 4.30

On: Tuesday 30th August

At: 15 Maesmawr Close

Talybont-on-Usk, LD3 7JG

Parking available in: Talybont Market, Station Road



THE TALYBONT "TOMBLES" VILLAGE LITTER PICK GROUP

Our last village Litter Pick was in May when we were 17 "pickers", which included Rob and Lettie with their keen young daughter Elsie and baby son asleep in his pram! No harm in encouraging our younger generation from an early age!! Thank you both for bringing your young family along.



Our intrepid litter pickers were busy covering the usual areas of the village with their gloves, litter picker sticks, black bags and hoops. The usual areas were covered - the Recycling area, the immediate Hall surroundings including the playing field, and children's playground, the front and back of the OAP bungalows, Penpentre, the canal towpath in both directions, the walk up the tramroad, which Neville and Monique always clean as they know the places where the bottles are "dumped" by the walkers and cyclists, and the main road through the village (particularly by the telephone kiosk) and Station Road.

Each time we carry out the task we seem to gather less and less litter so we like to think that we are educating and encouraging locals and visitors to take their litter home with them rather than leave it here with us!



"Catch the Community Spirit"

We were all out for just over 2 hours so by my reckoning that is approx 30 man/woman hours of litter picking achieved, in which time we gathered the equivalent of 7 full and heavy bags of rubbish which were either placed outside the now closed toilets for collection or some pickers took their bags home for disposal.

I spent quite a lot of my time cleaning around the Recycling Bins in the Hall Car park. However it is disappointing to see the unwanted household items that are just left behind the recycling bins - any unwanted items **MUST** be disposed of by the individuals concerned and not merely "dumped" hoping that someone else will clear up after them!!! So a plea to all residents - will you please ensure that all the recycling goes right into the bins and not

dropped on the ground nearby, this is particularly important around the bottle bank where there was some broken glass and please bear in mind that this is near to where the children play on their bikes.

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". In fact Scott Goodsell has been out and about over the last month using our equipment building up volunteer hours for his Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. James Ryan another of our youngsters joined us earlier in the year also to build up his volunteer hours. Well done to both of you and I hope you will continue to be a member of our Litter Pick Group even when you have completed your required number of volunteer hours.

Our next Litter Pick date will be on **SATURDAY 20th AUGUST**, please meet at 10 am outside the Shop as usual.

Sandra Briskham (Organiser)

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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 year.



Saturday 27th August: Talybont annual show and sports

Friday 16th September: Early evening stroll around Talybont gardens, concluding with refreshments at 'Brodawel', Maesmawr Lane by kind invitation of Brenda Powell.

Friday 21st October: Talk and presentation by Mr Bill Tingey. Japanese Gardens-Their background and pleasures.

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



HENDERSON HALL NEWS

We are thrilled that Talybont Community Council has been successful in the Lottery Grant application for our village which will make the village hall and recreational areas around it so much more accessible and user friendly. You will soon find a page on the village website www.talybontonusk.com where pictures and information will be posted along this exciting journey. We will also try to post information on the Facebook Page 'Visit Talybont'.

Friends: We would like to offer a very friendly welcome to anyone who would rather not be a committee member but could offer themselves as a 'friend' to the hall. We understand in this busy age that committing to be a regular member of anything is tricky but, our small committee of volunteers can't always get enough manpower together for events or even to do some of the odd jobs around the place! If you would be happy to be called when a bit of extra help might be needed or have a particular skill you could offer, then please do let us know. Of course there is no obligation as you may well be busy but a bit of local backup would be brilliant and greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Recycling: We are getting a regular problem with fly tipping in and around the plastic recycling bins in the car park of the hall. As all households now have plastic collected from the home, we are considering removing these bins and instead having a cardboard container. Do contact us if you have any suggestions or ideas as they are always welcome.

Talybont Flicks: For obvious reasons, the July film was postponed due to a footie clash when Wales were playing but I don't think anyone will be too disappointed by this! Our next films will be Wednesday 3rd August 'Golden Dream', Wednesday 7th September 'Rams' and Wednesday 5th October '21 Jump Street'. Hope to see you and anyone you can bring along.

Clare Wright

Henderson Hall Contacts

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Verity Ryan (Secretary / admin)
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Kirsten and Russell Jones
(Treasurer) 676509

Shirley Hemmings (Caretaker)
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Sue Thorne (Bookings Secretary)
676293

TALYBONT FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

1st July – 4th September 2016



Pick up your entry form from
Talybont Stores for your chance to Win a
Kindle Fire Tablet

(entry fee £4 to include up to 4 free drinks)

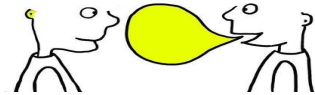


Talybont-on-Usk
Brecon Beacons

As active as you want. As peaceful as you need
Mor eaniol ag sydd eisiau. Mor llonydd ag sydd angen

Language Swap Needed

Half—one hour weekly
Spanish (mainly conversation) in
exchange for English / Welsh



Contact: Maureen Probert 676204

Talybont on Usk Tennis Club

The club continues to thrive, although we have not been so lucky with the weather. We would like to thank Pat Wilkie for arranging the Open Gardens and Strawberry Teas in aid of the court resurfacing fund. A total of £195 was raised. Again the weather was not kind to us so thank you to all those hardy enough to support us.

The club has now finished until the second week of September. Any children interesting in playing please come along to our Wednesday evening sessions. Beginners 5:30 to 6:15 pm. Intermediates 6:15 to 7:00 pm.

We have a professional coach and the cost is only £2 per session. We would love to see you.

Margaret Cox





Eisteddfod Genedlaethol
Sir Fynwy a'r Cyffiniau
National Eisteddfod
Monmouthshire and District
29 Gorffennaf – 6 Awst 2016 /
29 July – 6 August 2016

If you have been to Abergavenny recently you may have noticed that work has started to prepare the Castle Meadows for the arrival of the National Eisteddfod which will take place there from 29.07.2016 – 06.08.2016. Don't miss this opportunity (virtually on your doorstep) to visit this wonderful celebration of Welsh language and culture. There will be competitions of singing, dancing, recitation and acting. Chairing and Crowning of the Bards ceremonies. Science, arts and crafts winners exhibitions, a learners area (Maes D) and much more on the field. There will be plenty to see and do on an exhausting and pleasurable day out. There will be a Park and Ride system from Cwrt Y Gollen.



Siop Siarad Talybont

If you want to brush up on your Welsh so that you can make the most of your visit, or just learn a few words to get by, come and join us in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere at the White Hart on a Friday morning between 10.30 am – to 12 md there's a warm welcome for everyone. Come and join us and encourage your children and grandchildren to take part in local Urdd activities because the Urdd Eisteddfod is coming to Builth in 2018 .We in Talybont are doing our bit to help keep our 4000yr old language alive.

DON'T MISS OUT.

Maureen Probert

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.



Made in Talybont

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Personalised greeting cards, mugs, wine glasses and more available

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



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



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



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CHURCH NEWS



The usual service pattern for Llansantffraed, Llandetty and Llanfeugan churches is as follows:-

2nd Sunday of the month - 10am Service at Llandetty / 11am Family Church at Henderson Hall

3rd Sunday of the month - 10am Service at Llanfeugan

4th Sunday of the month - 10am Service at Llansantffraed.

On the 1st Sunday of the month there is usually a joint service at 10am with the other churches of the Beacons Benefice (Llanhamlach, Llanfrynach & Cantref) - please see local notices for further details.

HARVEST

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service for Llansantffraed, Llandetty and Llanfeugan will be at Llansantffraed this year - 10am on Sunday 25th September. All welcome

MINISTRY AREA

After a period of preparation, the new Ministry Area, comprising our local Beacons Benefice together with the Parish of Llyn Safaddan (Bwlch, Llangors, Llanfihangel Tallyllyn, Llanywern and Llangasty) will be formally inaugurated at a special service with the Bishop, 6-30pm Thursday 6th October, probably at Llanfeugan Church. All welcome.

CONCERT AT LLANSANTFFRAED CHURCH

An advance note for your diary - there will be a concert at Llansantffraed Church 7-30pm Saturday 8th October, when the Gwent Chamber Orchestra will present an evening of light classical music. Tickets, to include light refreshments will be on sale shortly.

ORDINATION

Congratulations to our Local Ordained Minister, Revd Liz Bramley on her ordination to the priesthood at the end of June. Her ordination means that she is now able to lead communion services.

COLERIDGE IN WALES - THE ALBATROSS MEETS THE SWAN : Since May, a group of performers, story-tellers and thinkers, led by Welsh singer and facilitator Richard Parry, has been retracing the route round Wales taken in 1794 by the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge - and in the process discovering Wales' cultural treasures, meeting communities and celebrating Coleridge's experience with them.



On Sunday 29 May, the group visited Llansantffraed Church, bringing the spirit of Coleridge, who immortalised the Albatross in his Ancient Mariner, to the spiritual home of Henry Vaughan who gave us the Swan of Usk. There was a well attended service, with guest speaker Rev Professor John Rogerson of Beauchief Abbey, Sheffield; this was followed by a mixed programme of short talks and recitals of song, music and poetry and the event finished with an enjoyable picnic in the churchyard. The Coleridge in Wales Festival comes to a conclusion at Abergavenny at the Welsh National Eisteddfod in August.



DISABLED ACCESS AT LLANSANTFFRAED CHURCH

We are very grateful to Talybont Energy Group for funding the cost of a portable ramp which will enable wheelchair access from the churchyard into the porch, and also to Brecon Town Council for the loan of a further ramp providing access from the porch into the church.

HENRY VAUGHAN VISITOR CENTRE AT LLANSANTFFRAED CHURCH : Plans are in hand to develop the north west corner at the back of Llansantffraed Church to fulfill two distinct needs - (a) to display information to visitors and the local community about the life and works of Henry Vaughan and the Brecon Beacons environment which inspired his poetry, and (b) for serving refreshments after church services or when the church is used for other purposes such as concerts. The Area will have information boards on Vaughan's life in the locality and on the local landscape, flora and fauna, including photos and some of his best poems about these. We are very grateful to the Brecon Beacons Trust for a grant to cover 50% of the cost of creating the Visitor Area. The area at the back of the church will also facilitate a children's corner and tea and coffee making when needed.

FINALLY: Work at Llansantffraed to rebuild the churchyard wall parallel with the A40 has now been completed.

Kelvin Richards

