



Talybont Matters

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HENRY VAUGHAN GARDEN RENOVATION UNDERWAY!!



This Garden was originally created 10 years ago and now, to celebrate the official transfer of the land to the Community Council by Robin and Mandy Williams, local enthusiasts have recently formed "The Henry Vaughan Garden Volunteers" (HVGv) group in order to upgrade the garden.

Nina and Sandra applied for funding for the project from the Brecon Beacons National Park Sustainability Fund and good news - we were successful! The plan is to increase the herb

collection, creating more of a sensory experience, with a new large herb bed to be constructed from a disused grass roller (originally used to roll the village cricket pitch in the 1970's!!) and extended either side by sturdy wooden raised beds.

The picnic tables and "tree trunk" bench will be repaired, and the Poem Board and Information Board will both be refurbished. Other appropriate plants will also be incorporated within the garden. A water-butt will be installed (in case of dry weather!!) and a local volunteer has offered to cut the grass on a regular basis.

Initial work commenced with the difficult movement of the old disused roller. Thanks to a local farmer for taking it from the playing field to the garden.

However, the ground had to be prepared before its final "Resting Place" and three volunteers did this before making full use of our strong local links to The Royal Navy! They came to the rescue and the result is pictured. Our grateful thanks to you all for helping us out with this difficult and delicate task.



The next phase of building the beds will take place over the next few weeks and, hopefully soon, the restored Henry Vaughan garden will once again become a place to visit and enjoy.

If anybody has any herbs or appropriate plants that you are able to donate please contact Nina to discuss via email

nina.krauzewicz@gmail.com.

Or if you want to be involved in any other way please make it known to either Nina or Sandra sandra.briskham@btinternet.com

Sandra & Nina, keen enthusiasts!!

Good News from the Canal and River Trust!

Improvement work will be taking place at Talybont lift bridge access ramps starting on the 23rd July and will last 2 weeks. The upgrade will greatly enhance the access and ramps around the bridge structure and be DDA compliant allowing safe egress for pedestrians, buggies, wheelchairs and bikes. Navigation and operation of the bridge will not be affected and the towpath will remain open.

The second phase of the project will see the towpath put back to its original alignment. This has been programmed to start on the 5th November at the beginning of the winter stoppage. The bridge will then be closed for navigation while the lockable gates are installed across the towpath, barriers modified and towpath reinstated.

Simon Baldwin



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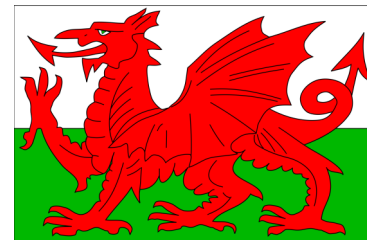
Summer 2018

Many thanks to the volunteers and Talybont Stores who help in the distribution of this newsletter. Also to the individuals, groups and societies who have contributed articles for this edition.



WELSH LEARNERS CORNER

Cornel y Cymraeg



I have been enjoying hearing more Welsh around the village, keep it up! Even if you only say Bore Da/Prynhawn Da/Diolch, it all adds, to build on the language.

In this issue you can learn to ask if somebody has something....

Oes Plant gyda ti? (Oi-s-plant-gud-ar-tee) Do you have children?

Changing the last word, changes who you are asking.

Oes plant gyda fe? (fey) Does he have children?

Oes plant gyda hi? (he) Does she have children?

Oes plant gyda ni? (nee) Do we have children? (Hopefully you won't need this question)

Oes plant gyda chi? (Ch-hee, ch pronounced as in loch) Do you have children? (Formal)

Oes plant gyda nhw? (who) Do they have children?

Giving an answer to whether you do, or don't have something.

Oes plant gyda ti? Oes, mae tri phlentyn gyda fi. (Oi-s-my-tree-flen-tin-gud-ar-fee) Yes, I have three children.

Oes arian gyda fe? Nac Oes, does dim arian gyda fe. (Nag-oi-s-doi-s-dim-ar-rhi-an-gud-ar-fey) No he doesn't have any money.

Oes beic gyda hi? Oes, mae beic gyda hi. (Oi-s-my-bay-ic-gud-ar-hee) Yes, she has a bike.

Oes bwyd gyda ni? Nac Oes, Does dim bwyd gyda ni. (Nag-oi-s-doi-s-dim-boy-d-gud-ar-nee) No, we haven't got any food.

Oes amser gyda chi? Oes, mae amser gyda fi. (Oi-s-my-am-ser-gud-ar-fee) Yes, I have got time.

Oes car newydd gyda nhw? Nac Oes, does dim car newydd gyda nhw. (Nag-oi-s-doi-s-dim-car-ne-with-gud-ar-who) No, they haven't got a new car.

Practice these questions, using the basic Oes.....gyda.....? Insert what it is you are asking about and who. Use the English word for the 'what' if needed. **Pob lwc** with your practicing.

Rhian Young

TALYBONT VILLAGE SHOW



August Bank Holiday Saturday, the day of our Village Show, is fast approaching. So if you have not already done so, make sure you pick up a Show Schedule from the village shop or one of the pubs

and think of what you might be able to enter for the Show. You can also view the schedule and print off extra entry forms on the Talybont Tourism and Talybont Show websites. Extra copies of the entry forms are also available in Talybont Stores.

There are plenty of classes to choose from, so whether you enjoy growing flowers, vegetables and fruit, or cooking, painting pictures, constructing models, or taking photographs there will be something there for you so have a go and help to make it a Show to remember.

Now that the Schools' summer holidays have arrived, if you are a parent of young children, keep them busy by encouraging them to prepare entries for the many "Children and Young Adults" classes which are in the Show Schedule.

Let's all help to make this Show the best ever!

Gareth Davies Show Chairman



**** HELP ****

*** NEEDED ***

TALYBONT VILLAGE
SHOW

SATURDAY AUGUST 25th
HENDERSON HALL 1:30

The Village Show is asking for your help. Can you spare a few hours on the afternoon of the show to help with selling raffle tickets, field activities, manning stalls, marshalling, parking duties, etc? If you can then please get in touch.

Kevin Hollings 01874 676067 or
Gareth Davies 01874 676200

Photography Tips and Hints for the Village Show 2018

OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY (Classes 141–144) (**OPEN** means a section is open to anyone irrespective of where they live)

The size of the actual photograph must not exceed a maximum an A4 size, photograph mounts are allowed and really set off your picture well. Prints can be colour or monochrome. 'An architectural feature' is one subject and could be quite challenging: think about interesting detail on a building when you focus on just that small part only, or perhaps take a picture of a building from an unusual angle and show how creative you can be. 'Sunrise or sunset' can also be a little challenging. If the sun is still showing at horizon level, avoid over exposing the photo to prevent blank white patches with no detail. Trees, land features or people silhouetted against a red sky can look effective. 'A portrait' can work well in black and white especially if your photo shows the 'character' of the person! If it is a child, get down low to the same level as the child's eyes. 'Reflection' provides you with huge opportunities in this area. An early morning start before the wind picks up will help and there are endless possibilities on the canal, the reservoirs and perhaps even a clever one using a mirror.



OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY: Children & Young People (Classes 145–148)

The photographs can be colour or black & white. Please note that owing to display space available, size of photographs must not exceed 7" x 5". The photograph must be by the person who enters it. 'A favourite pet' is best taken at its eye level. 'A holiday scene' gives you lots of chances but try include something in the picture which tells us about the fun you had on holiday. 'A Landscape photo' will mean you are spoilt for choice. Try to get lovely colours and something of interest 'leading' you into the picture: a path or a stream work very well. The final subject is a 'Manipulated Digital photograph'. This gives you the chance to take a photo of perhaps a pattern or shapes and then using a computer to bend the image, change the colours, or copy it like a potato stamp across your photo. Try to make it really colourful and exciting. Happy snapping.

Peter Seaman. Photo judge classes 141

THE TALYBONT TOMBLES

We had previously arranged to carry out a Litter Pick on Saturday 5th May (Bank Holiday Saturday) but due to the large influx of runners on that day (1000 runners plus dogs and cyclists) plus the inevitable Bank Holiday visitors – we were asked by the Community Council to change our date. Which we did to the following Tuesday evening.

We were 14 in all and we all anticipating extra large amounts for picking up following the Saturday Race – but we were all very pleasantly surprised.

Gareth and Eirona (out in the afternoon) picked half a bag starting at the shop, main road through village, and down Station Road to the A40. Whilst 10 of us

managed to fill just under 2 bags (Neville & Monique, Anne Jeans and Tim, Brenda & Fiona, Dawn & Sue, Mike Wright and myself) the prize for the "most" went to Richard and Kevin. They walked the Dram road up as far as the Reservoir, across the Dam wall and back through Aber village and had a whole bag between them. They had anticipated a lot more as the Dram road was the route that the 1000 runners took on Saturday but surprise, surprise! We think that the organisers had been there before us or the runners picked it up as they went along!!! What Richard & Kevin did pick up was from a combination from the lay-by at the Reservoir, where the ice cream van parks, and then along the road back through Aber to Talybont.

As a comparison at the same time last year - on 13th May 2017 we were 8 adult pickers who collected 9 bags from the immediate village area plus 2 and a half bags from along the Reservoir Dam section.



So on 5th May 2018 - 14 Pickers - 3½ bags and on 13th May 2017 - 8 Pickers - 11½ bags

So it is all definitely improving our local environment and I am extremely grateful to our local team of Talybont Tombles – my thanks to you all.

Our next date will be **Monday the 6th of August** and we will meet at **6 pm** in the Hall Car Park. If anyone is not able to join us on that day but would like to borrow the equipment please contact me to arrange.

Sandra Briskham (Organiser)

Tel 676297



VILLAGE REGULAR EVENTS HENDERSON HALL

Short Family Church Service
2nd Sunday each month 11am for
approx 30 mins.

Playgroup

Mondays 10 - 12 am

Alice James 07971728010

Tea and Chat

1st Monday in the month

3-4.30pm.

Zumba

Every Tuesday 7:45pm

Gill Abram 665505

Talybont Flicks

1st Wed each month 7.30pm

Clare Wright 676679

WI

2nd Wed each month 7pm - 10pm

Penny Morgan 665283

Gardening Club

3rd Fri each month 7.30pm Oct to

April. Peter Seaman 676225

Food Assembly pick up

Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Ceri Elms

Junior Tennis Club

Weds 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Sarah Osborne 676633

Cricket Club

Geraint James 07980 160187

WHITE HART

Siop Siarad

Every Friday 10.30am—12.00

Les Williams 676568



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Phil Darbyshire (Chair) 676304

Chris Jones (Vice chair)

676583

Verity Ryan (Secretary) 676334

Julia Watkins (Bookings Secretary)

676085

Allan Jones (Health and Safety)

676588

Vicky Critchley

(Caretaker and Treasurer)

HENDERSON HALL NEWS

A brief note to update on some changes in personnel following the Annual meeting in May;

Clare Wright, who has done such a fantastic job as Chair has stood down from this role but remains a committee member. A huge thanks to her for her work over many years, her expertise on the committee will be greatly appreciated. She will retain an interest in the bike hub, this has been proving a big success, certainly until the start of this good weather, unfortunately a lack of mud seems to translate into reduced income for us at the bike wash! We also lost the services of Kirsten and Russ who jointly had been treasurers this last two years, a big thanks to them.

Officers elected to the hall committee at the AGM include myself, **Phil Darbyshire**, chair (676304). **Chris Jones** (676583) vice chair. **Verity Ryan** (676334) secretary. **Julia Watkins** (676085) bookings secretary. **Allan Jones** (676588) Health and Safety. We also employ part time the services of **Vicky Critchley** who acts as both caretaker and treasurer.

The aim this year is to try and build on the considerable achievements of the last few years. We would like to get more members of the community involved in Hall activities and we can only achieve this if we know what members of the community want from the Hall. We hope to improve our communications across the board, both with the community as well as marketing ourselves to external groups.

The Hall now receives minimal grant support hence we have to operate to some extent as a commercial organisation, generating income from events and other sources. We hope however not to lose sight of the fact we exist primarily to serve the community.

If anyone has any comment on Hall activities (positive or negative) we would be pleased to hear them, anyone willing to support the Hall with time or practical skills again, please contact us, any finally ideas for events will be gratefully received.

Phil Darbyshire

Chair



An Afternoon Concert

will be given on

SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2018

by

The Gwent Chamber Orchestra

Leader Julia Watkins

Conductor Steve Broom

(Talybont-on-Usk residents)

in **Llansantffraed Church,**

Talybont-on-Usk

commencing at 3.00 pm



Music to include

Boyce, Bach, Mozart & Grieg

TICKETS £10 (to include light refreshments)
are available (tel code 01874) from:

Brenda Powell (676639), Julia Watkins (676085),
Mervyn Bramley (mervyn.bramley@icloud.com; 665267)
Sandra Briskham (sandra.briskham@btinternet.com;
676297) or Talybont Shop (676663)



CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service for Llansantffraed, Llandetty and Llanfeugan will be held at Llanfeugan Church this year at 10am on Sunday 16th September. All welcome.

There are also Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Llanhamlach Church at 6-00pm on Sunday 23rd September, Llanfrynach Church at 6-00pm on Sunday 14th October and Cantref Church at 4-00pm on Sunday 21st October.



GWENT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT AT LLANSANTFFRAED

We welcome the return of the Gwent Chamber Orchestra for an afternoon concert **at Llansantffraed Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 16 September.** The orchestra will be playing popular music by Boyce, Bach, Warlock, Mozart, Barber and Grieg.

Please buy or reserve your tickets (price £10 each, which includes refreshments) early to avoid the last minute rush or disappointment. from any of the following: Sandra (676297), Brenda (676639), Julia (676085), Mervyn 665267 or Talybont Village Shop



PROMISES PROMISES!

Llanfrynach Church is holding a Promise Auction at 7pm Friday 7th September in Llanfrynach Village Hall to help raise some much needed funds for the church. For £5.00, come along and enjoy a glass of sparkling and a bowl of chilli (mild or fiery) and the chance to bid at the Auction - For more details contact Jan (665470), Karen (07714 695703) or Mandy (07805 869303)

You can find full details of all our Church Services on notices in the village, in the churches, on the Community Council website: www.talybont.org and on the Beacons Benefice website: [www.http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/](http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/)

Kelvin Richards



urdd.org

Urdd Gobaith Cymru

The Urdd Eisteddfod Experience

We went as a family to the Urdd Eisteddfod in Llanellwedd over half term and had an amazing experience. Finn had entered his pottery owl in the craft competition of 'Myths and Legends' and it had got through the first round, it was therefore on display in the Powys tent to Finns delight. Willows' reciting group had got through to the finals in the Urdd so therefore they had an opportunity to experience the full professional competition. They didn't 'make the stage', as they say at the Urdd, but the actual winners of this competition were very similar, so there is a good chance of 'making the stage' in the future. Those who know the Urdd, know that the standard is very high.

As the Urdd was held in our part of the county 'Brycheiniog a Maesyfed' there were lots of opportunities to experience another side of the Urdd, this was very new for us. The Urdd kicked off with a High School opening ceremony in the Theatre Brycheiniog which Brecon High School supported with many different acts from singing to gymnastic displays. Willow volunteered a shift with the 'Criw Croeso' with her friends from school, they had an important job of welcoming the visitors and explaining how it worked in the Urdd and where to find things. The free entry, free T Shirt and food were all a well deserved bonus. Rowan and Willow felt privileged to be asked by the young adults committee for the Urdd to present the medals to the winners on the last day of the Urdd. They had a long arduous, six hour stint, giving them a great insight and experience of the amount of work that goes into the Urdd. They gave out medals all morning which was televised live on S4C. The opportunities that came with the Urdd coming to our area have been amazing, and taught us a lot about the Urdd and how to get involved more. It has been 42 years since it last came here, we hope it won't be that long again until the next one. Next year the Urdd will be in Cardiff bay again not too far away!

Rhian Young



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Shop

Stocking a wide range of products from your fresh, frozen, everyday selection to fresh local meat, bread, milk, eggs, fruit and veg. BBQ's. Coal, logs and kindling. Newspapers, pet products, wines, spirits, cans, local beers and ciders. Frozen meals prepared in the café.

Orders taken for bread milk, newspapers etc

Lottery, Phone, Gas and Electric Top Ups, greeting cards and stationary.

Card payments accepted

Regan's Crafts - Made in Talybont

madeintalybont@gmail.com

Local handmade gifts, crafts, keyrings and cards. Personalised greeting cards, vinyl mugs, vinyl and etched wine glasses and more available. Custom orders welcome.

Café

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

Soft serve Ice cream

Shmoo Milkshakes



Post Office

Click and collect, health lottery, foreign currency, passport checking service, free cash withdrawals etc.

Shop

Mon to Fri 7am until 7pm.

Saturday 8am until 7pm.

Sunday 8am until 6pm

Café

Mon to Sun 8am until 5pm

Post Office

Mon to Sat 9am until 1.30pm



Opening times

We are also on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram

ABER AND BENAIAH CHAPELS

A warm welcome awaits any visitors and residents to Aber and Benaiah Chapels for the Sunday Services which begin at 10.30 am. We have some new Ministers to take our services this year and it is always interesting hearing another point of view.

For more information phone Glasnant Morgan 676354 or Craig Burdon 676090

Dates for Spring 2018

Aber		Benaiah	
August 5th	Mrs Lynda Probert	August 19th	Mrs Annette Thomas
September 9th	Mrs Liz Matthews	September 23rd	Mrs Penny Robinson
October 7th	Mrs Liz Tadd	October 21st	Mr Paul Rowe
October 11th	Harvest Festival		



Siop Siarad



We continue to meet weekly at the White Hart and have been pleased to have some new enthusiasts join us.

We had a very good visit to the Urdd Eisteddfod at Builth Wells in May which was blessed with dry weather.

The competitions and exhibits were outstanding, as was the behaviour of all the young people there.

Congratulations to our local youngsters who represented themselves well on the Main Stage.

At the Eisteddfod, Menter Iaith launched a new, free, most interesting pocket size booklet of Place Names in Breconshire and Radnorshire.

If anyone would like a copy, or any help with our language, history, culture etc please get in touch

Our next visit will be to Cardiff Bay to the National Eisteddfod in August.

We are looking forward to experiencing a very different type of venue for this event.

Maureen Probert 01874 - 676204

TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Talybont Garden Club

Please do join us. **Indoor meetings are held in Henderson Hall, 7:30 pm starts, always ending up with tea, coffee and biscuits!!** You will be promised a warm welcome whatever your gardening ability. **Annual membership is only £5 per year.**

We warmly welcome new members.

For any further information please contact either the Chairman:

Mr Peter Seaman 01874 676225 or the Secretary: Mrs Sandra Briskham 01874 676297

Saturday August 25th

Talybont Show
Members will be running a plant stall.

Friday Sept 21st
Afternoon visit

The Neuadd, Llanbedr
Tour and Tea

Friday October 19th 7:30
Henderson Hall

Dr Colin Greengrass
Illustrated talk 'Plants in Dry Places of the World'



TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION

The club has had a number of excellent garden visits this summer. In early June we visited Nina's garden at Dan y Coed which is positioned above Talybont with fabulous views across the Usk valley towards the Allt. The garden



'unfolds' as one walks through it revealing a series of delightful areas each separated from others by trees and shrubs. It was very hot and Nina generously served us with tea and cake in the shade by her house. In July we travelled to Llanover Gardens where we had a conducted tour from Elizabeth Murray the owner and her gardener Peter. The gardens which are extensive are bisected by a beautiful stream. The gardens have the most fabulous tree planting with quite rare varieties. The woodland path weaves its way from light to shade through long meadow grasses – a very welcome relief from the intense sun. We also visited the magnificent 3 acre walled-garden run by Simon (Brecon Farmers' Market stand)

who grows organic vegetables. The heat was even more intense, touching 40°C so that limited the time we could spend there. Simon has adapted his hours working there because of the heat, starting at 4am and finishing at 8am with a few extra in the cool of the evening. We were then given tea in Llanover House.

In July we visited The Hawthorns at Three Cocks, the home of Mike and Lyn Bugler (formerly of The Malt House). What a superb garden full of different combinations of shrubs and perennials, a rose garden, a delightful area of Hostas in pots and a small stream which eventually flows into the River Llynfi with various places to sit and enjoy the riverside atmosphere. They also have a newly planted vegetable garden and of course Lyn has transferred her bee hives. We were entertained to home made refreshments whilst sitting in the shade to round off a wonderful evening. They have offered a "follow up" visit in the Spring when the blossom will be out.

We hope to have a plant Stall at the Annual Talybont Show and if anyone has any cuttings, plants, plant pots or anything garden related please let Sandra know in plenty of time (tel 676297).



Peter. Club Chairman



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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.

Talybont WI

Talybont WI have enjoyed a varied programme this last quarter, making felted toadstools, to enjoying afternoon tea and good company to a guided walk around the historic sights in Merthyr Tydfil.

The programme is devised by all members meaning everyone's preferences are catered for throughout the year. The coming quarter we start with a month off in August, September will see us learning how to maintain balance and mobility with Maureen Probert of Talybont and October making a cushion using American quilting techniques. Christina Gale, one of our own members will be passing on her skills.

Please join us to learn new skills and interests but also to enjoy companionship which extends beyond the monthly meeting.

Sue Thorne

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

FAMILY CHURCH 2018



11.00am HENDERSON HALL Talybont
2nd Sunday each month

SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST - "Bread of life"
SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER - Outdoor Special
SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER - "The good life"

½ HOUR OF FUN, SONGS & CAKE!
WELCOME TO ALL (YOUNG & NOT-SO-YOUNG!)



FAMILY CHURCH CELEBRATES OUTDOORS

Join us at 11.00am on Sunday
September 9 Meet outside the
Henderson Hall for a time of fun
activities and songs in the
Community Orchard



Tea and Chat



This social group for the over 60's
meets on the first Monday of the
month at 3pm in the Henderson
Hall.

Anyone is welcome and there is no
charge, thanks to the hostesses,
Talybont Energy and the Hall
committee.

Cherry Jones



Cow & Ghost Vintage
Present

Talybont Vintage & Artisan Fair

Henderson Hall, Talybont-on-Usk
Brecon, Powys, LD3 7YQ

10am to 4pm
Admission:
Adults £1
Children Free

Saturday 4th August 2018

Vintage china, Kitchenalia, Clothing, Vinyl, Retro miscellany,
Welsh wool blankets, Hand crafted gifts, Jewellery,
Bread and chocolate.

Vintage themed tea room with home made cakes.
Prize draw for the Brecon Mountain Rescue Team.

