



# Talybont Matters

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## GREAT DAY HAD BY ALL!

### TALYBONT SHOW 2018



A very successful Talybont Village Show and Sports, in wonderful weather, was held at Henderson Hall and on the Playing Fields on August Bank Holiday Saturday. The sun shone all afternoon, drawing near record numbers to our traditional Talybont-on-Usk event. Activities on the field began with a fancy dress competition for the children followed by a full programme of various types of races for young people (and some older ones).

There were many attractions on the field to interest young people and adults alike. These included our popular village events like pony rides and face-painting, as well as a bouncy castle, an owl display and a variety of stalls. Sports included egg and spoon races, sack races, obstacle course races and finished off with tug of war challenges.

Competitive classes for children and young adults were staged in two marquees. Adult competitive classes for flowers, fruit, vegetables, domestic, art, handicraft and photography were staged in Henderson Hall.



Overall entries matched last year's which itself was a very good year. Domestic, art and photography were notably strong this year.

Altogether a hugely successful and enjoyable show, appreciated by the locals and visiting public alike. It is amazing how many visitors comment on their enjoyment of the day. A good reflection on the hard work

generated by the Show Committee and numerous volunteers. Thank you all.

Peter Seaman



### Siop Siarad

We continue our weekly meetings in The White Hart with fun and enthusiasm, and we will mentor anyone needing help with the language.

Our next project is our Christmas Celebration Service on Friday December 7th 10.30am in Bethesda Chapel Llangattock, bringing an end to the commemorations of 250 years since the Chapel was established.

Watch out for a programme on television sometime soon. Recorded at the Millennium Centre Cardiff during the National Eisteddfod, it will reflect on the life and times of Paul Robeson and his connection with Wales and the Welsh Miners. Starring Bryn Terfel and an all star cast. **NOT TO BE MISSED.**

Maureen Probert

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### Talybont WI

#### **November 14th AGM and Social**

This evening is less about the AGM and more about the social!

WI after all is about friends and support for each other. Come along and join us. We will be planning next years programme which we hope will be diverse to suits all.

**December 12th** Our Christmas treat. A meal or a show is on the cards.

Look out for the 2019 programme and come along and join us. 2nd Wednesday each month, you will be made very welcome.

Sue Thorne

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

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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

**Sut Mae eich Cymraeg yn mynd?** (How is your Welsh going?)

It was fantastic to hear that Welsh is growing in Powys, it certainly feels that way to me, I have recently started up a reading session for parents in Ysgol-y-Bannau and the session is growing in numbers week after week.

Here are some sentences for you to practice, try using your own real life examples too, even if you need to throw the odd English word in, it is all about how many times you say it, to how easy it comes out when you need to say it.

Saying you are doing something...

**Dw i'n darllen ar hyn o bryd.** (Do-ween-dar-llen-ah-hin-oh-breed) I am reading at the moment.

(Remember 'll' is pronounced placing your tongue to the roof of your mouth and blowing down the side of your tongue.)

**Dw i'n dysgu Cymraeg.** (Do-ween-dus-gee-come-rye-g) I am learning Welsh.

**Dw i'n rhedeg ar hyd y gamlas.** (Do-ween-rhed-egg-ah-heed-ur-gam-las) I am running along the canal.

**Dw i'n nofio bore fory.** (Do-ween-nof-i-or-bor-re-for-ree) I am swimming tomorrow morning.

**Dw i'n bwyta mas heno.** (Do-ween-boy-ta-ma-s-hen-no) I am eating out tonight.

Saying you are NOT doing something...

**Dw i ddim yn darllen ar hyn o bryd.** (Do-ee-thim-un.....) I am not reading at the moment.

**Dw i ddim yn ddysgu Cymraeg.** (Do-ee-thim-un-thus-gee...) I am not learning Welsh.

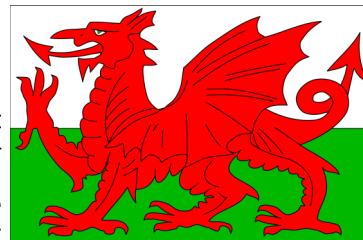
**Dw i ddim yn rhedeg ar hyd y gamlas.** I am not running along the canal.

**Dw i ddim yn nofio bore fory.** I am not swimming tomorrow morning.

**Dw i ddim yn bwyta mas heno.** I am not eating out tonight.

**Dal ati** (keep at it)

Rhian Young

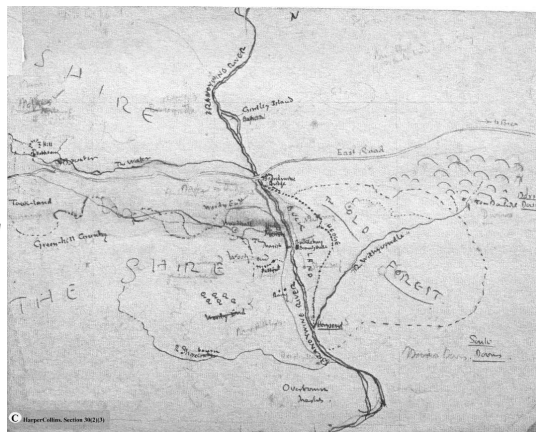


## 1937 - Genesis of The Lord of the Rings; Buckland

After publication of my article in *Tolkien in Buckland: An Analysis of the Evidence in Brycheiniog*, I was invited to present my findings to the Tolkien Society at Oxford University in September. There I discovered further evidence that raises the profile of our Buckland in the history of the writing of *The Lord of the Rings* (LOTR).

After his father's death in 1973, Christopher Tolkien, third son of J R R, undertook a massive work, *The History of the Lord of the Rings*, detailing, step by step, how the story evolved. In the sixth volume, *The Return of the Shadow*, Christopher lists the maps for LOTR, 'the Shire Maps', from the first 'extremely rough' version drawn by his father, to the version actually in the LOTR.

This first map appears as the frontispiece in *The Return of the Shadow*. The original is on display in the Bodleian Library at the moment, where I was able to inspect it. It was built up in stages, first in pencil, then in red, blue and black inks. Taking a careful look, its principal feature is a river flowing north to south with a bulge of land on its left bank named as Buckland. Christopher tells us that on the reverse of this map his father wrote *Genesis of 'Lord of the Rings'*. Buckland appeared in the story between 16<sup>th</sup> December 1937 when Tolkien first put pen to paper to write LOTR and 1<sup>st</sup> February 1938 when he submitted his first draft to his publishers. Tolkien, aged 46, was living in Oxford.



My presentation at Oxford produced strong evidence that the hitherto mysterious holiday in Wales, taken shortly after their mother died and under the guardianship of Father Francis, included a visit to our Buckland. There is a remarkable similarity to this earliest Shire Map to an Ordnance Survey map of Buckland showing its parkland as a bulge of land on the left bank of the Usk. This, other features and two similar tragic events, emphasise the part that our Buckland played, not only in the childhood of the Tolkien brothers, but also in the birth of *The Lord of the Rings* in late 1937.

Buckland did not just provide a scenario where The Fellowship passed an uneasy night at Frodo's house at Crickhollow before commencing their epic journey. It also provided the hook on which Tolkien hung his first thoughts before putting pen to paper to write *The Lord of the Rings*.

A summary of the *Brycheiniog* article is available at [www.talybont.com](http://www.talybont.com)

Seamus Hamill-Keays MA MSc



## Hard to Believe - INSIDE ONE OF CHINA'S TRANSPLANT HOSPITALS

You are invited to a free screening of **"Hard to Believe"** - a documentary which investigates the issue of forced live organ harvesting of Chinese prisoners of conscience. It will be screened at **Henderson Hall ,Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm**

This is how I became involved in raising awareness of this human rights tragedy:

I came to live in Talybont on Usk 14 years ago and started a bed and breakfast with my wife Carol. We have been happy living in such a lovely area and a village which is so friendly. I feel so fortunate that we live in a country that values human rights and freedom of speech as compared to countries where people are persecuted for their belief. In 2001 my son, Stuart, was working for the BBC and was asked to go to China to make a documentary about Falun Gong, a spiritual group which was being persecuted for its belief in China. Stuart asked me to go to China in his place because China had refused him a visa

I went with another Chinese person who practiced Falun Gong. We were there for two days when the BBC asked us to come out of China because the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) had discovered why we were there and that a large group of practitioners had been arrested in the area. We travelled to Hong Kong where I had chance to find out more about Falun Gong. **At the core of Falun Gong's teachings are the values of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance. The practice includes four gentle exercises and a meditation. It started in the early nineties and spread rapidly until by 1999 the CCP estimated there were 70 million practitioners; more than the party members of the CCP. They decided to eradicate the practice and tens of thousands were sent to prison camps where they were tortured to force them to renounce the practice.**

### **Why were they being persecuted?**

It was explained to me that it was because there were too many Chinese people practicing it and the CCP saw it as a threat. The documentary, produced by Stuart was titled "The Enemy Within" and was shown on BBC in 2001. The persecution continues to date and research has estimated, between 1999 and 2004, 60 thousand Falun Gong were killed for their organs.

### **Hard to believe?**

The latest award-winning documentary, "Hard to Believe" was produced by Ken Stone and presents compelling evidence of continued organ harvesting of prisoners of conscience in China today. It includes: A Chinese surgeon, Enver Tothi, who recalls how he was forced to take the organs from a prisoner while he was still alive.

Research by human rights lawyer David Matis, and David Kilgour, ex secretary of state for the Pacific for the Canadian Parliament. They estimated from their investigation that between 2000 and 2006 forty thousand prisoners of conscience were killed for organ transplants. They documented their findings in the book "Bloody harvest"

If you would like to learn more, come and see the film and I will try to answer any questions you might have. You can also help by signing a petition which will be presented to the Prime Minister to encourage the government to put pressure on China to end the practice of forced organ harvesting of prisoners of conscience and to stop the persecution of Falun Gong. Peter Collins

## **CHURCH NEWS**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** Remembrance Sunday is 11th November this year. There is a Service of Remembrance at 10-00am in Llandetty Church which is followed by an act of Remembrance at Cross Oak starting just before 11.00am. There is also a Communion Service with Remembrance at 10-30am in Llanfrynach Church. Everyone is welcome to either event.

**HYMN SINGING FESTIVAL at LLANHAMLACH:** You are warmly invited to a Festival of Hymns on Sunday 25th November at 6.00pm in Llanhamlach Church. Come and sing your favourite hymns and enjoy cheering refreshments afterwards!

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SERVICES**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	6-00pm	Advent Carol Service at Llansantffraed Church
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10-00am	Holy Communion at Llanfeugan Church
	10-00am	Holy Communion at Cantref Church
	6-00pm	Carol Service at Llanhamlach Church
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	10-00am	Holy Communion at Llanhamlach
	6-00pm	Carol Service at Cantref Church

### **Christmas Eve Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

3-00pm Carol Service at Llanfrynach Church

5-00pm The Living Nativity - starting from Talybont Cattle Market Car park in Station Road.

11-30pm Midnight Communion at Llanhamlach

### **Christmas Day Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10-00am Christmas Communion Service at Llanfrynach Church 10-00am Christmas Communion Service at Llandetty Church

*You can find full details of all our church services on notices in the village, in the churches on the Community Council website <http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/> or on our Beacons Benefice website [www.talybont.org](http://www.talybont.org)* Kelvin Richards





## HENDERSON HALL - Talybont's Community Hub



Henderson Hall is a community hall which is available for hire for all sort of events; parties, training, presentations, sports fixtures, overnight stays, cinema evenings. It is right in the centre of the village with a large hall that has a brand new entrance lobby with ladies, gents and disabled toilet facilities.

The main hall can accommodate 160 people theatre style, 120 served at round tables, 140 people seated for a buffet. There are two spacious 2 changing rooms with showers, a large stage, WiFi, AV equipment with induction loop, a brand new kitchen with commercial oven and dishwasher suitable for large events, a small meeting room, parking (with a token operated fast charger for electric cars) and a large playing field at the back. There is now an exciting Bike Hub at the side of the hall with a bike wash, brand new public toilets and showers and a sheltered seating area for anyone spectating events on the playing field. The Hall's new kitchen is large and equipped for large scale catering so ideal for a big party or event. A commercial oven, two fridges, freezer, plumbed in urn, commercial dishwasher, microwave oven are all there. Cutting our carbon footprint is really important to us so if you are looking for a venue that ticks the 'green' box then we are it! We have two rows of PV panels which help us run our air source heating, keeping the hall nice and toasty. Our lighting has been changed to energy efficient bulbs and the water used in the external toilets and bike wash is rain harvested.



**Pricing** Normal hire rates are £10/hour for local use and £15/hour non residents. We can also offer a rate for adult and junior overnight accommodation subject to the size of the group. For more information or to request a booking form contact email: [hendersonhalltalybont@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonhalltalybont@gmail.com) or Julia Watkins on 01874-676085

### Weekly 'What's On'

**Monday Talybont Playgroup 10am-12noon (Weekly\*)**

Contact: Alice 07971 728010. Suitable for babies and toddlers.

**Monday 'Tea & Chat' from 3pm (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month)**

Contact: Cherry 01874 610607 or drop in for a visit.

**Monday Judo 6.30-7.30/7.30-8.30pm (Weekly).** Cost £3.50/£4.

Suitable for Adults & Children. Contact: 'H' Head Coach 07939 312704

**Tuesday Zumba 7.45-8.30pm (Weekly\*)**

Cost £5. All ages / levels welcome. Great fun and fitness session!

Contact: Gill 07487 632418

**Wednesday Junior Tennis 5.45-7pm (Weekly\*)**

Contact: Sarah 01874 676633

**Wednesday Talybont Befrienders 2-3.30pm (Every other week)**

Contact: Shirley 01874 676456

**Wednesday Talybont on Usk WI 7-10pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

Contact: Penny 01874 665283

**Wednesday Cricket Club (Weekly during Cricket season)**

Contact: Colin 07512 492303. New players always welcome.

**Wednesday Film Night 7.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

All welcome subject to film age rating Contact: Clare 07971 570835

**Thursday Available for new / regular activity**

**Friday Gardening Club 7-10pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month)**

Contact: Sandra 01874 676297

**Saturday Available for new / regular activity**

**Sunday Family Church Service 11am (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month)**



### Henderson Hall Contacts

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676583

Verity Ryan (Secretary ) 676334

Julia Watkins (Bookings  
Secretary) 676085

Allan Jones (Health and Safety)  
676588

Vicky Critchley  
(Caretaker and Treasurer)



## THE TALYBONT TOMBLES



Our last Litter Pick was Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August - but due to summer holidays and other commitments our numbers were down - we were 9 - but an enthusiastic 9! We had 2 youngsters join us - Tegan, our grand-daughter, and John Burdon who joined us for the first time. Anne and Tim, two of our regular "Pickers", realised they could not join us on the day so went out a few days before and did a "stint" - thank you both. We also had a 4 legged "mascot" this time - Indy our grand-daughter's new family puppy who was on holiday with us at the time!! I don't think she picked up much rubbish but certainly enjoyed all the different smells she encountered! We covered all the main areas

and managed to fill 4 bags.

Photo shows some of the group at the end of the evening - grand-daughter Tegan, Indy the "mascot puppy", Margaret, Kevin (promoting our village show) and Nina.



Our Bonfire Night as usual is on 5<sup>th</sup> November and I have been asked if we could Litter Pick the Hall field following the event, so I suggest that we meet at the Hall on **Tuesday afternoon the 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2 pm**. Last year we did a similar exercise when a group of us spent a couple of hours tidying up - in fact some of the sticks that the rockets were fixed to had landed as far away as the tennis courts!! Depending on how many turn up we can also include our main litter pick areas at the same time. If you are not able to join us in the afternoon but are available in the evening please let me know.

Sandra Briskham (Organiser)

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The Star Inn



Autumn Menu

Booking Advised

Kitchen hours: Tuesday – Saturday 18.00-20.30 & Saturday Lunch (Closed Sunday & Monday)

### Starters & Light Bites

Beer battered black pudding, smoked bacon and pea puree	£5.95
Deep fried Camembert cheese, sweet chili sauce and dressed leaves	£5.95
Vegetable spring rolls dressed leaves with a sweet chilli sauce	£5.95
Creamy garlic mushrooms with toasted ciabatta	£4.95

### Mains

10oz Ribeye Steak, grilled beef tomato, flat mushroom and beer battered onion rings, with chips	£16.95
Braised Welsh Lamb Shank in red wine, garlic and rosemary served with root vegetables and a mustard mash	£15.95
Pan fried fillets of Trout in a garlic and chili butter, roasted new potatoes and braised red cabbage	£13.95
Homemade Red Thai Chicken Curry with basmati rice, naan bread, mango chutney and poppadom	£11.95
Homemade Beef Lasagne with dressed leaves and hand cut chips	£10.95
Paddy Sweeney Faggots, creamed mash, peas and onion gravy	£9.95

### The Star Pub Classics

Fish and Chips: Freshly beer-battered catch of the day with minted pea puree, homemade tartar sauce, fresh lemon, rock salt and chips (contains gluten, dairy, fish)	£12.95
Homemade Pie of the Day served with peas and hand cut chips.	£11.95
The Star Burger: Handmade 8oz Prime Welsh Beef Burger, crispy smoked bacon, melted Welsh cheddar, double cooked chips and onion rings.	£11.95
Three Pork Sausages with creamed mash, pan roasted gravy, garden peas and handmade onion rings	£10.95
Breaded Scampi with homemade tartar sauce, home cut chips and peas	£10.95

Vegetarian, Sides and Children's ... (continued on full menu)

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## VISIT TALYBONT ON USK

### PHOTO COMPETITION



THE CHANCE TO WIN:

A TRIP OUT WITH A  
NATIONAL PARK WARDEN

or

HALF A DAY PHOTOGRAPHY  
WORKSHOP

or

HALF A DAY WOODTURNING  
SESSION

and

A CHANCE TO GET YOUR  
IMAGES FEATURED ON THE  
OFFICIAL

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WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA  
PAGES!

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OPEN TO ANY LEVEL

SEND YOUR IMAGES TO

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Full details on our social media pages



## **Talybont Stores, Canalside Cafe and Post Office**

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[enquiries@talybontstores.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@talybontstores.co.uk)

**If you have a special wine you love or something that we do not stock in the shop. Please let us know and we will try our best to get it in for you.**

### **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](mailto: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 Winter 2018**

<b>Aber</b>		<b>Benaiah</b>	
		Nov 18th	Mrs Liz Tadd
Dec 2nd	Mrs Penny Robinson	Dec 16th	Christmas service







## **TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT** **GARDENING ASSOCIATION**

Please do join us. Indoor meetings are held in Henderson Hall, starting at 7:30, 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

Friday 16th November Pat Wilkie  
'Ceredigion Gardens'

December Christmas lunch—date  
and venue to be decided



## **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



## **HENRY VAUGHAN GARDEN—THE STORY SO FAR!**

Previous photos have shown the old cricket pitch roller commencing its final journey from the Henderson Hall field to the garden. But it was too wide to go through the entrance .... so TO THE RESCUE CAME THE NAVY BOYS!! We are most grateful to them and their senior officers for their help and co-operation in this team building exercise.



So we now had the roller INSIDE the garden and not outside!!



Next stage was to have the raised beds constructed either side of the roller and this was done a few weeks later with grateful thanks to Harry Chapman and his able assistant Simon Baldwin.

Then more volunteers were required!!! This time the 1<sup>st</sup> Llangynidr Group Cubs came forward, who on a Friday night towards the end of September, arrived with their leaders Gary & Blondie. All were carrying buckets and trowels to move the newly delivered topsoil into the herb beds.



They were extremely organised and performed the absorbing but satisfying task of moving 4 tons of earth across the 50 metres from the Tramroad to the beds in an hour and a half. With less than a cup full spilled on the grass!

The job was carried out with enthusiasm by both little, and slightly bigger Cubs, with everyone, including additional adult helpers, putting their all into it. The evening finished with a ceremonial bedding in of the first herb in the Roller Bed (see photo below).

Many thanks to all involved for lending buckets, trowels, refreshments and for coming on the day, and especially Dai Poulton for some fabulous earth - THE PLANTING HAS BEGUN!

Thank you Cubs for a truly wonderful evening.



If anyone wants to become involved or would like further information and regular updates please contact either Nina on [nina.krauzewicz@gmail.com](mailto:nina.krauzewicz@gmail.com) or Sandra on

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We plan to have our first group planting day in November so keep an eye out for details, or contact us for info and come and join in!

Sandra & Nina



## HENDERSON HALL 200 CLUB

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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.

Henderson Hall runs a 200 Club which helps with the upkeep of the hall, from which we all benefit. It is only £10 per year and the draws take place every quarter - usually at an event in the hall. There are 5 Prizes each time which are £50, £35, £25, £15, and £10.

Please think about joining this very worthwhile Village Club. This edition includes an application form insert for joining the 200 club.

The last draw took place in September and the winners were as follows:

£50	Pat Wilkie
£35	Jenny Merrill
£25	James Richardson
£15	Tracy Parry
£10	Sarah Richardson

## TALYBONT BONFIRE NIGHT!



Guy Fawkes night falls is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, so a great way to start the week! The Big Bonfire and Fab Firework display will be happening as usual at Henderson Hall.

**Gates open and Bonfire lit at 6pm, Fireworks at 7pm.**

Entry is fantastic value at £3 per adult, £2 per child or £8 for a family of 4. Please do come along and support this great village night. There will be food, soup, hot drinks & fun flashing novelties to purchase and lots of fun to be had. Everyone is very welcome. There will be crèche facilities, available on the basis that you supervise your own children. We ask that

you leave your sparklers at home - this is part of our Fire Brigade Fire Safety Assessment – thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Bonfire Ben will coordinate the bonfire building and firework display this year. Your help and support in making the night go with a whizz and a bang would be much appreciated. If you can help out before or on the 5th please get in touch with **Ben on 610296, 07726 012922 or [ben.mullen\\_brm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ben.mullen_brm@hotmail.co.uk)**. If you have helped before we look forward to seeing you again. If it's your first time helping it's easy to offer as little or as much time & help as you can – it all helps towards a great night out.

**WANTED: BONFIRE MATERIALS:** We need lots of wood based burnable materials so please start saving them up and bring it down to the village hall field. If you need any help delivering please contact Ben.

The key dates when help is needed are;

**Before 1 November:** Bring **wood based** bonfire material to the village hall collection area.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 11am** - Bonfire building & site preparation

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 3pm** – Event helpers

**The following week:** help clear up the site.

### **HELP!**

To run the event we need lots of help so please consider volunteering. You could help with preparation during the day, assist the catering teams, stewarding the gate or help clear up on the night or following week. If you can give a hand please let Ben know, or just turn up on any of the prep or clear up days.

Here's to another great village night!

Ben Mullen



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