



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

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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.



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 7th 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 Llanfrynnach Church. Everyone is welcome to either event.

HYMN SINGING FESTIVAL at LLANHAMILACH: 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

Sunday 2nd December

6-00pm Advent Carol Service at Llansantffraed Church

Sunday 16th December

10-00am Holy Communion at Llanfeugan Church

10-00am Holy Communion at Cantref Church

6-00pm Carol Service at Llanhamlach Church

Sunday 23rd December

10-00am Holy Communion at Llanhamlach

6-00pm Carol Service at Cantref Church

Christmas Eve Monday 24th December

3-00pm Carol Service at Llanfrynnach 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 25th December

10-00am Christmas Communion Service at Llanfrynnach 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 www.talybont.org or on our Beacons Benefice website <http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/> 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 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 (1st 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 (2nd 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 (1st Wednesday of the month)**

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

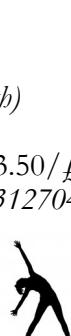
Thursday **Available for new / regular activity**

Friday **Gardening Club 7-10pm (3rd Friday of the month)**

Contact: Sandra 01874 676297

Saturday **Available for new / regular activity**

Sunday **Family Church Service 11am (2nd Sunday of the month)**



Henderson Hall Contacts

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)



THE TALYBONT TOMBLES



Our last Litter Pick was Monday 6th 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 5th 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 6th 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

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
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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

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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.

Opening times

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



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

Aber		Benaiah	
		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 1st 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 or Sandra on Sandra.briskham@btinternet.com



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 5th 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**. 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 3rd November 11am - Bonfire building & site preparation

Monday 5th 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

