



# Talybont Matters

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## HENDERSON HALL AT 50

**Celebrating the Past, Connecting with the Present, Looking to the Future**

**Join us, Join in!**

Plans are now in place for a weekend of celebrations to mark Henderson Hall's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

On **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July** a range of activities will take place both inside and outside the Hall, including table-top displays with photographs and memorabilia showcasing the many user-groups - past and present, Field Sport and Games tasters, Children's entertainment, Craft demonstrations and Taiko drumming, with tea and home-made cakes served by Talybont WI.



The day starts at 11.30am with Animal Encounters, a hands-on experience with some amazing animals (great for little ones!) and finishes at the end of the afternoon with Talgarth Male Voice Choir leading a birthday singalong. There'll be a few surprises too! In addition, a grant application has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund and, if this is successful, the day will also feature the unveiling of a Henderson Hall 'Storyboard' and the launch of an Oral History project; both permanent reminders of the Hall's valuable role of bringing people together and enriching community life.



Continuing the weekend celebrations, **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July** begins with a Family Church Service at 11am, followed by a 'Discover Talybont' Treasure Hunt, ending at the Hall with a BBQ and live music. Posters and fliers will soon be available giving exact times and details of the weekend, so please make a note on your calendar now and then watch out for them!

A number of other celebratory events are also being organised throughout the year. Having started with a Family Foraging session led by local expert Adele Nozedar, next on the programme is an afternoon concert, Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>, performed by Gwent Chamber Orchestra, whose Conductor and Leader live in the village. A Charity tractor run, music and dance night, and Family Christmas play are also in the pipeline.... We are now actively looking for supporters and volunteers to help make all this happen and would be very pleased to hear from anyone, any age, who would like to get involved.

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The Community Council is pleased to be able to offer, once again, thanks to the generosity of Talybont Energy, a fund of £2,000 for community projects.

Applications for grants should be made in writing to Keren Bender, Clerk to the Council via email at [keren.bender@btinternet.com](mailto:keren.bender@btinternet.com) by June 1st 2019, with successful applicants being notified after the next meeting of the Council.

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## IT'S SHOWTIME AGAIN!

Talybont Show. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019.



To help you plan ahead for the show and perhaps whet your appetite, here are some early details of events at this year's show. A change this year will be Falconry to replace the Owl displays. We also hope some craft stalls as a new venture.

The show committee are busy working up innovative new challenges including one involving 'painted rocks' – further details of this later in the summer! Something to start now is the ugliest vegetable competition, and if your carrots grow better than you had hoped, then enter them for the standard vegetable class. As in previous years, there are many other flower and veg events, so get sowing now.

The photography subjects have changed. This year children's' subjects are: **My Garden** for age group: 5 – 8 years, **On the Farm** for age group: 9 – 11 years, **Colours and Patterns** for age group: 12 – 16 years, and **A Landscape** for age group: 5 - 16 years. Adults' subjects are: a **Black and White** image, '**At play**', a **Still life** (an object or series of objects) and '**The Brecon Beacons**'.



The wheelbarrow gardens for young people have always been impressive and this year buckets have been added as a second category in this class. Wheelbarrows will be available from 1st June by application to Craig Burdon 01874 676090, on a "first come, first served basis". Supply your own buckets!

There will continue to be the ever popular Sports and fancy dress as well as the field activities like bouncy castle, pony rides and the plant stall. Before the show and again afterwards, please help the committee with preparing the site. You were brilliant last year when many hands made light work. Further details will be published nearer the time and look out for the show schedule which will be appearing in the village shop towards the end of May.

Peter Seaman

**NEW CLASS!**

# RAVENDRAMA

Come along to a new drama class!  
Henderson Hall, Talybont-on-Usk  
from Tuesday April 30th 5.30pm – 6.45pm

First session offered as a taster at no charge  
£5 per session thereafter  
for children from Year 2 upwards – come along & have some fun!  
Classes to run weekly in term-time  
(4 sessions up to May Half-Term – 30<sup>th</sup> April /7<sup>th</sup> May /14<sup>th</sup> May /21<sup>st</sup> May)

Contact Lynn with any query **07949 329 561** / [lynn.clausen@btinternet.com](mailto:lynn.clausen@btinternet.com)

*Lynn is on the DBS update system. References can be provided upon request.  
BA (Hons), PGCE, MA.*

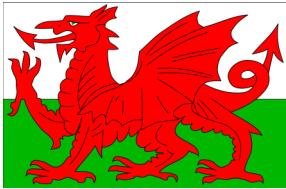
*'Doing drama has been absolutely amazing. Lynn has been so much help with my exams and performances. It's really helped my confidence. Everyone should join Raven Drama' by L in Y5*

*A drama group with a focus on fun, skills and giving it a go... Delivered by a drama specialist who loves what she does! More details to follow! Watch this space!*

**★ NEW CLASS ★**

*'Drama with Lynn is really fun, it opened a new experience for me and I really like the games. Whoosh is my favourite' by A, in Y2*





## WELSH LEARNERS CORNER

Cornel y Cymraeg

Croeso!

Some more lines for you to learn and use....



**Mae rhaid i ti** - my-ride-ee-tea - you have to  
**Mae rhaid i fi** - my-ride-ee-vee - I have to  
**Mae rhaid iddi hi** -my-ride-ith-ee-he - she has to  
**Mae rhaid iddo fe** - my-ride-ith-oh-ve - he has to  
**Mae rhaid iddyn ni** -my-ride-ith-in-he - we have to  
**Mae rhaid iddyn nhw** - my-ride-ith-in-who - they have to

Then add these lines with what they have to do.....

**Mae rhaid i ti wneud dy waith cartre** - .....were-nade-dur-why-th-cat-tre ..... do your homework.  
**Mae rhaid i fi fynd adre** - .....fin-d-add-dre....go home.  
**Mae rhaid iddi hi aros tan wyth o'r Gloch** - .....ah-ross-tan-oi-th-or-glo-ch....wait until 8 o clock. (Ch pronounced as in loch)  
**Mae rhaid iddo fe adael yn gynnar** - .....ad-aisle-un-gun-nar - leave early.  
**Mae rhaid iddyn ni fynd a'r plant** - .....fin-d-ar-r-plant - .....take the children.  
**Mae rhaid iddyn nhw gadw yn mynd** - .....gad-oo-un-min-d - .....keep going.

Don't forget other opportunities to learn and use your Welsh..

This year's Urdd Eisteddfod is being held in Cardiff Bay in Spring Half term starting Mon 27th May. The Urdd itself will be free to get into. If you wish to get into the competition and main pavilion then children are free and adults will need to purchase a wrist band for £13. Local Finn Irwin will be competing with his school choir on the Monday at 13.30 in the N Gorawl and then if he is lucky and gets through to the final round he will be 17.10 in the Pavilion. If about then please come and support him.

Also don't forget The White Hart, 'talking Welsh Shop' siop siariad Cymraeg every Friday 10.30 - 12.00 all levels welcome. Also contact me if you wish to have some simple, basic lessons or meet up with complete beginners [rhianyoung38@gmail.com](mailto:rhianyoung38@gmail.com).



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### HENDERSON HALL - WHERE WE ARE TODAY

I am coming to the end of a year as chair of the Hall management committee. It has been an exciting and interesting year with several new ventures .We have seen the Judo club and a Drama group set up in the Hall, as well as a start up Vegan food enterprise using our kitchen on a regular basis. There are now several fitness classes -so no excuses! Summer is almost here so please get out and use what is available .The new **MUGA** playing surface (an initiative lead by the recreation group and the Community Council) will also bring more opportunities for sporting groups to be set up.

We have made a real effort this year to improve communication. A new Facebook page seems well used and we hope soon to have a public notice board .This years annual general meeting will be at 7 pm on 22nd May in the Hall. This is an open meeting which we hope will be well attended, a chance for people to pass on ideas/ comments/criticisms. This year the bike hub has seen increased use and has been very well received, There does, however, need to be some further work done on the flat roof . The only other issue raised this year in terms of the fabric of the Hall is that the main pitched roof is reaching its 50th birthday along with the rest of the Hall and will need some work in the next few years. Although there is nothing needed urgently ..

Other established groups go from strength to strength .We are always receptive to new ideas for ventures using the Hall facilities. Please contact either myself, Phil Darbyshire on 676304 or any committee member. We are happy to offer reduced costs for a few months to allow a new group or venture to get started.

There is a full list of charges for the use of the Hall on the website, essentially usually £10 per hour for local people, £15 for those outside the community council area. There are also a variety of tariffs for weekend or corporate use.

Our bookings secretary, Julia Watkins, is a useful first contact ([hendersonhallitalybont@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonhallitalybont@gmail.com)).We are happy to discuss prices for start up ventures. We are conscious of our role as both serving the community but at the same time needing to raise sufficient money to keep the really very impressive facility we have got in good condition.

The next big event for the Hall is the celebration of the 50th. More details of these events can be found on the front page of this edition. We hope you can join us on the weekend of July 20th / 21st. Thankyou for all your support.

Phil Darbyshire



## 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

### **ABER**

May 5th Mrs Penny Robinson  
June 2nd Mr Glyn Mathias  
July 7th Mrs Penny Robinson  
August 4th Mrs Linda Probert

### **BENAIAH**

Mrs Penny Robinson  
Mrs Penny Robinson  
Mrs Liz Tadd  
Mrs Penny Robinson

*Talybont on Usk Community Council*

# Grand Opening!

SUNDAY 5TH MAY

Join us to celebrate our new  
community sports area

11AM- 1:30PM

**MUGA**  
MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

TENNIS  
12-12.30

FOOTBALL  
11.15-12.15

BASKETBALL  
12-12.30

HOCKEY  
11.15-11.45  
& 12:30



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> B-B-Q



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## Llansantffraed Church – New Boundary Wall.

The back boundary wall has been causing concern for some time due mainly to a sycamore tree having grown through the wall and pushing some of the stonework away. The stonework on other sections of the wall were loose also so we felt it was time to resolve the situation. Our local contractors, Messrs J L Stephens, commenced work in December, having firstly to arrange for the tree to be felled by professional tree surgeons, and so the date was set – but prior to the actual felling works taking place we had a bad storm which partially brought down some of the branches – whilst the Contractors were working in the area close by! A very lucky escape for Gareth and Jamie who, hearing the crack, quickly moved out of the way!! The wall which measured 16 metres in length then had to be dismantled before foundations were laid and then rebuilt using lime mortar. The job was completed on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the photo shows Gareth and Jamie standing in front of their completed build. I would like to thank Messrs J L Stephens Ltd for carrying out the work in such a professional and meticulous way, we feel it has opened up and enhanced the Henry Vaughan grave area greatly and hope that visitors to the church will sit and relax in this peaceful setting of the churchyard.

Sandra  
Briskham  
Church Warden



## UPDATE ON THE HENRY VAUGHAN GARDEN



So what has happened since our last update in January???????

As mentioned previously the access steps and handrail were in such need of repair they were closed off and native hedging donated by The Woodland Trust arrived and was planted in March. Visitors will find it easier now to enter the garden using the existing flat path. The new plants are flourishing and a seed planting project by the Cubs will further expand the collection. The



Cubs had a fantastic evening planting seeds in yoghurt pots and using ice cream sticks as labels so we hope that they are nurturing them and will in due course plant them out in the Garden.

The Women's Institute have already made a start on weeding of the raised beds thanks to Anne and the grass has had its first cut thanks to Craig.

Still to do: 1: As the original picnic benches are past repair we hope to replace them with a recycled plastic unit, 2: Preparation of new direction signs, 3: A reprint of the Information Board is underway. 4: Permanent labels for the plants are currently

being prepared by volunteers.

We hope that with a little bit of on-going maintenance in the grass and weeding department the garden will go from strength to strength and provide a pleasant place for local residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

This work could not have been carried out without more than 300 hours of volunteer time, the Brecon Beacons National Park grant and generous donations from The Vaughan Society, Mandy Williams and those who provided plants.

The photo taken this week shows the peonies in bud – they were planted specifically to deter moles from the Garden – we will see if it works!!!

We hope that the planting will go from strength to strength and the garden will provide pleasure for villagers and visitors alike for many years to come.



For any new residents to the Village who may not know where the Garden is located – walk over the Canal Bridge behind the White Hart and follow the track up for about 200 yards (over a further bridge – this time over the old railway track) and you will find the Garden on your right hand side.. The steepest piece is the Canal Bridge so do persevere!!

All help is always much appreciated! So please contact either Sandra or Nina if you feel you can offer any assistance. Our contact details are below.

Sandra & Nina

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### Siop Siarad

We continue to meet weekly. We have occasional visitors whom we can point in the right direction, and we have strong links with Canolfan Zoar the Welsh Centre and Bookshop in Merthyr Tydfil.

One of our members was successful in the Learners Eisteddfod held recently locally. Congratulations to her.

If you are interested in finding out more, come and see us or contact me :-

Maureen Probert  
01874 - 676204



### Talybont WI

**May 8th**

'My life in fashion' - Beryl Gibson  
Competition: A woollen fashion item.

Organised by Linda Morgan and Jane Morgan

**June 12th**

Trip to be organised by Ruth Griffiths and Tina Morgan

**July 10th**

'Reflexology' - Gillian Beedle  
Competition: An abstract painting with your feet.  
Organised by Verity Ryan, Keren Bender and Carolyn Atkins

Sue Thorne



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

**01874 676663**

**[www.talybontstores.co.uk](http://www.talybontstores.co.uk)**

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### **Regan's Crafts - Made in Talybont**

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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**



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### **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



## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **SERVICES IN THE BEACONS BENEFICE**

Whether you come to church services regularly or only occasionally, our six churches are part of the community and its heritage, and everyone is always welcome.

This is our usual monthly service pattern:-

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month** – 10am Holy Communion for the whole Benefice at one of the six churches

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month** – 10am Holy Communion, at Llandetty and also at Llanfrynach, and 11am Family Church at Henderson Hall (see below)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month** – 10am Holy Communion, at Llanfeugan and also at Cantref.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month** – 10am Holy Communion, at Llansantffraed and also at Llanhamlach.

From time to time, Morning Prayer may be held instead of Holy Communion.

There are of course also special services at Christmas, Easter and other Festivals. Further details can be found on our web-site: <https://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/services/>

### **FAMILY CHURCH 11AM ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT HENDERSON HALL**

Family church is first and foremost good fun. The format is simple: half an hour of informal worship, discussion, stories, activities and prayer, followed by coffee. Henderson Hall is an ideal venue as there's lots of space for children to be children, and good facilities for the rest of us older people. We usually have simple craft activities, and frequently use the projector and screen, which is particularly good for showing pictures, photos and u-tube clips.

For further details please contact Liz Bramley, 665267 or email: [liz.bramley@icloud.com](mailto:liz.bramley@icloud.com)





## TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Come and join us!

Interested in gardening? Want new ideas or how to grow better plants?

Then your local Garden Club is just what you need. Talybont Garden Club has about 30 members – some active and some retired gardeners. We warmly welcome new members – the subscription is a very modest £5 a year.

We have enjoyed a very good start to our Gardening Club year including welcoming some new members. Starting with our AGM and an excellent talk about The Kitchen Garden at Ty Mawr by Rae Gervis. During February's meeting Peter Seaman enchanted us with a presentation of his visits to 'Four Irish Gardens', including a range of his brilliant photos. March saw Gareth Davies presenting 'Plants of Western Australia'. Another fascinating talk about his travels in that area. Our members do get to some interesting places! The winter programme finished with the annual 3 way quiz which this year was won by Llangynidr. Revenge needed in 2020!

## Forthcoming events

Wednesday 15th May . Visit to Lydney Park Spring Gardens

Friday 21st June. Visit to Llys dinam, Newbridge on Wye

Friday 19th July. Visit to Nant-y-Bedd, Forest Coalpit

Contacts: Richard Abram 665505 or Sandra Briskham 676297



## A Wild Tour Of Talybont

Friday 22nd February and I was joined by my friend Kerry, a ranger with the council. From the canal to the main path we watched Rooks gathering at their 'rookery', and Mallards, Woodpigeons, Jackdaws, House Sparrows, Siskins, Chaffinches, Wrens, Song Thrushes and Robins - most of which were busy singing away. Joining the Henry Vaughn walk we walked between the two hedgerows where along the banks, the first spring plants were appearing including Dog's Mercury, Lesser Celandines and Ramsons (Wild Garlic). More birds were singing their hearts out including Great Tits, Coal Tits, Nuthatches and Blackbirds, and a single Buzzard circled high overhead. A Great Spotted Woodpecker was drumming away ten to the dozen and Blue Tits crossed over ahead of us. A lone Jay flew down across the field and was calling loudly as it passed us.

On the Brinore Tramroad we listened to bird song and found a group of Birch Polypore fungus. A Mistle Thrush was in full fine song and after a cup of tea under an old majestic Oak we made our way onto the tarmac road which took us up to Bwlch-y-Waun. Now in open countryside the bird life changed somewhat, and soon we were watching a male Stonechat and a small group of Linnets. A Raven gave of its 'cronking' call from high overhead. Passing a line of old Alders on both sides of the road, one tree in particular had some Southern polypody ferns growing on it along with a nice clump of Pennywort. Carpeting the tree was a host of mosses and lichens, all vying for the same nutrients from the



being fed by natural spring water from close by. The local Frogs had already made their presence known by laying large clumps of Frog spawn - my first of the year. Already some Water Crow Foot had taken hold and insects in the form of Water Boatmen and Whirligig Beetles had also claimed their spot. The nearby stream is always worth investigating, we located some Alder nitrogen fixing nodules. Alder is particularly noted for its important and symbolic relationship with nitrogen-fixing bacterium. It is found in root nodules which can be as large as a human fist.

Soon the habitat changed again this time to open farmland, where several Stock Doves were seen and a Goldcrest was heard calling from a Pine copse. Moving onto a country lane we saw masses of Cow Parsley poking through the short grass of the banks, which contained several small Bank Vole holes and a few Rabbit burrows. A Pied Wagtail was on a nearby house roof. Finally it was time to descend down to lower ground and join the canal for the walk back to base. A group of Scarlet Elf Caps showed off their bright reds from amongst the leaf litter, and a distant Cormorant was added to the list. The canal was seeing the first of the Coltsfoot in flower. This species is quite unique in that the plant flowers before the leaves are seen, and one flower in particular had a species of Dung Fly feeding on it. A group of Long Tailed Tits flitted past, and after stopping to take a look at the 'herony', we counted twelve nests and at least ten Grey herons in the trees. They make some strange almost prehistoric calls, and this ended a great days wildlife watching.

All photos copyright of Neville Davies. Neville is available for both private and group guiding and delivers power point talks on nature both locally and further afield. Email him at [wildmajorca@gmail.com](mailto:wildmajorca@gmail.com) for further details.



## 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.

### **April 2019 Winners**

£50	Peter Seaman
£35	Alastair MacKeawn
£25	Bridget Elwin
£15	Margaret Scotford
£10	Ruth Griffiths

## THE TALYBONT TOMBLES

Our last Litter Pick was an "extra one" so that we could participate in the Great British Spring Clean 2019 which ran during March and April. We were 13 adults, Jesse, a teenager, and young Pip and Elsie - a lovely varied age group. As usual we split up into small groups so it is quite a social event as well as a job with a purpose!! We had a new adult member, Lynda, thank you for joining us and hope you will be a regular Womble!!

The "prize" for the most bags/heaviest bags went to Clare and Mike whose route took them over the drawbridge and past Cui Parc to Cross Oak and back down on the road. In fact they collected so much they had to flag down a passing motorist to deposit one bag in the Hall Car Park!!

In total we picked 6 full bags which were lined up by the Bus stop like soldiers and I am sure you all saw them before they were collected by Powys County Council.



This photo was taken of all the "Wombling" participants before they commenced their tasks!

It is very encouraging to note that some of the group are so keen that they automatically pick up litter when out walking in between our official Picking Up Days - thank you all. Also some of the regular Pickers who could not make this Pick offered to do a section in their spare time the following week. Thank you to all whether you were there on the day or in the following week.

The next pick will be on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May** which is the start of the school half term when we hope to encourage more youngsters to join us.

**Sandra Briskham (Organiser) 676297**



## **TALBONT 'FLICKS'**

**Wednesday May 1st, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, 12**

**Wednesday June 5th, Lady Bird, 15**

**Wednesday 3rd July, Victoria & Abdul, 12**

**Wednesday 7th August, Black Panther, 12**

**Wednesday 4th September, Gods Own Country, 15**

\*\*\*\*\*1st Wednesday of each month. Henderson Hall. 7:30 pm \*\*\*\*\*

