



Talybont Matters

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TALYBONT GARDENING CLUB - A NEW CHAPTER

After some detailed discussions and our first face to face (socially distanced of course) meeting, the members of Talybont Gardening Club have made an important decision about its future.

We are joining forces with Bwlch Gardening Club and interested individuals from Llangynidr to form a new club. The **USK VALLEY GARDENING ASSOCIATION**.

For a while it has been felt that this amalgamation would have a big impact on the attendance at meetings, the ability to book top quality speakers, enable trips to be fully booked up and to have a wider pool of people willing to offer their services as club officials. Luckily both Llangynidr and Bwlch have agreed and the amalgamation is due to take place shortly.

Please be aware that this will have no impact on the future organisation of either the Talybont Village or Llangynidr shows as both have been completely independent from gardening clubs for a number of years.

The aim is to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting in mid September with a view to formally start the new club at the first AGM in January 2022. In the meantime our online Zoom meetings and talks will continue with, hopefully, a resumption of monthly in person meetings sometime in the Autumn.

So a bright future ahead with interesting talks and exciting visits to look forward to.

Watch this space for our Autumn / Winter, and beyond, plans. Full details of who to contact for joining and attending events will be published here and in local social media.

Usk Valley Gardening Association

For Talybont, Llangynidr and Bwlch areas

Launch meeting



Henderson Hall, Talybont on Usk
Friday 17 September at 7.30pm

The Usk Valley Gardening Association will bring together people interested in gardens and gardening – with lots of experience or none at all or somewhere in between - for monthly talks in our three village halls, visits to interesting gardens and other activities. Come and join us at the launch meeting to discuss the programme, elect a committee and settle how it will all work. There should be time for a short presentation, to share some tips and to meet like-minded folk over tea. Bring your ideas for what you want a gardening association to do!

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TALYBONT VIRTUAL VILLAGE SHOW (and BBQ hopefully!) 28th August 2021



Show schedules are
available in the shop
and online at

www.talybontshow.org

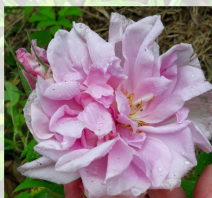


Containing full details of classes, how to
enter and dates.

For the first time ever we are including a
dog show!

All entries will be by email this year.





Incomers! in the Vaughan Garden

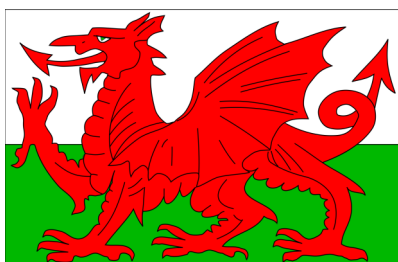
The garden is blooming this month. The roses are flowering prodigiously thanks to much feeding of well rotted manure. The grass is full of clover and selfheal - a medicinal "freebie" that has just decided to take up residence amongst the daisies. But talking of "freebies" two dramatic plants have appeared in the central raised bed. They certainly weren't part of the initial planting plan, and what actually are they?? To identify them we are asking you to see if you can help!

All suggestions can be entered through the Virtual Annual Show website, and two of the correct entries, drawn from a hat on the day of the Annual Show barbeque, will entitle the successful entrants to a free burger each.

Here are the mystery plants to ID from the photos, or visit them in the uphill end of the raised bed!

Entries by email please to:
entriestalybontshow@yahoo.com
with your name and Plant ID
in the subject line. Good luck!

Nina and Sandra



WELSH LEARNERS CORNER - CORNEL Y CYMRAEG

Siop Siarad is very excited to have received a grant from the community and will be holding events to give our local residence a chance to learn, speak and practice speaking Welsh. Keep an eye out for dates and events coming soon. Please come along, these will be for all levels, complete beginners too. Also school pupils will be very welcome to teach us what they are learning in school and have a chance to practice what they have learnt in school.

Disgybl da - dis-gur-ble-da - A good pupil

Cyfarfod rhieni athrawon - cur-far-ford-rhi-en-ee-ath-rh-aw-on - parent teacher meeting

Disgybl ysgol each chi? - dis-gur-ble-us-gol-da-ch-ch-ee - Are you a school pupil?

Llawer o ddisgyblion - ll-hour-oh-this-gub-bli-on - lots of pupils

Bydd y technegydd yno i helpu - bee-th-ur-tech-neg-gith-un-no-ee-help-ee - The technician will be there to help.

Dau gant o ddisgyblion - die-gant-oh-this-gub-bli-on - Two hundred pupils

Ble mae'r wers? - Blair-mair-where-se - Where is the lesson?

Gobeithio bydd y rhieni a'r plant newydd yn hoffi'r athrawon newydd - go-baith-ee-oh-bee-th-ur-rhi-en-ee-ar-plant-ne-with-un-hoff-eer-ath-rh-aw-on-ne-with - hopefully the parents and the children will like the new teachers.

Rhian



Message from Talybont-on -Usk Community Council

Talybont-on-Usk Community Council continues to represent the views and concerns of its residents to the relevant authorities.

Should you wish to bring anything to the Community Councils attention you can contact Keren, our Clerk, on 07951536001 or email her on kerenbender1@gmail.com

At its June meeting Community Councillors were pleased to allocate over £2500 from its Community Grants Scheme to local groups and are confident that the monies awarded will make a difference to the group's activities.

The Community Council have lodged its Audit Returns with the Auditor General for Wales and announces the Audit Notice to Electors inviting electors to access these documents from the 20th August to the 17th September between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Please contact the Clerk for an appointment should you wish to view the Annual Accounts.

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Regan, Rob and all the staff at Talybont Stores

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THE TALYBONT TOMBLES



On Saturday morning the 15th May I made some phone calls around 9 o'clock cancelling the Litter Pick for that morning due, once again, to the wet weather! However, some of our enthusiastic group turned up regardless and we actually ended up with 8 adults and 3 children. The rain dried up somewhat and the turned to drizzle just as I was unloading the car at 11.30!

The "hardy souls" that turned out were Gareth & Eirona, Craig, Sarah, Lettie, Elsie and Pip, Gerry & Jenson, Kevin and myself. Mike & Clare also did the Dram Road and back to the village via Aber the following week when it had stopped raining! Due to Covid restrictions we split up into "family" groups and the usual routes were checked out and we were all very pleasantly surprised at the lack of litter collected. In all it amounted to a bag and a half - if that. But of course there could have been more - lurking in the long wet grass and not visible!

Gareth has identified our "major black spots" - which appear to be the lower regions of Station Road, the back road to Cross Oak, the roadside verges from the reservoir to Blaen-y-Glyn and the car park areas. Anne and Tim regularly check out the small car park area over the dam and did so the following week and Gerry and Jenson visit the Blaen-y-Glyn car park on a regular basis. Our area certainly seems to be expanding. So all in all quite a successful morning all round and my thanks, once again, to you all who turned up.

Our next scheduled Litter Pick will be on **SATURDAY the 14th AUGUST**, meeting at the hall car park at 10 am - weather permitting.

In the previous Talybont Matters the Community Council advertised that their Community Fund scheme would be discussed at their June meeting and applications were invited from any local organisations. In order that our regular "Pickers" have easy access to the grabbers and hoops I have lent some of ours out. Due to the fact that the orange handled grabbers were deteriorating and uncomfortable to use, I duly applied for additional equipment and I was successful in my application. Once the equipment arrives I will have more adult hoops, and grabbers, also children's small grabbers and gloves. I hope that this will encourage more residents, particularly the youngsters, to join our group. My grateful thanks to all the Councillors for supporting my application on behalf of the Talybont Tombles Litter Pick group.



Sandra Briskham (Organiser), sandra.briskham@btinternet.com

HENDERSON HALL 200 CLUB

Winners July 2021

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.

£50	Tim Martin
£35	Richard Abram
£25	Heather Stephens
£15	Neil Startin
£10	Sarah Richardson



CHURCH NOTES

SERVICES

Six of our churches in the Beacons and Llyn Safaddan Ministry Area have now re-opened for worship on Sundays, following this monthly pattern:

10-30am at Llanfrynach Church on the 1st Sunday of the Month

10-30am at Llanfeugan Church on the 2nd Sunday of the Month

10-30am at Cantref Church on the 3rd Sunday of the Month

10-30am at Llanhamlach Church on the 4th Sunday of the Month

10-30am at Llangasty Church on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month

10-30am at Llangors Church on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month

At the time of writing there is still a requirement for 2m social distancing at services which means that we are potentially limited in the number of people we can accommodate at any of the churches. So if you'd like to come along to a service we are asking that you let me know by telephone (01874-676146) or email at kelvin@beaconssafaddan.plus.com by the day before the service, so that places can be safely assigned.

We are allowed to sing again at church services, although this is dependant on the local covid infection rate being less than 50 per 100,000.

The weekly live service held over Zoom at 9-15am each Sunday is continuing at present. All are welcome to participate in this - just email me, as above, for the link you'll need in order to join.

We are also continuing to produce a short recorded service, on YouTube each week for people to listen to and join in with. The link to this can be found on the Beacons Benefice webpage: <https://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/>

There is also weekly short service of prayers and readings for people to use at home. This is also available to download on the Beacons Benefice website.

Finally Rev Liz Bramley leads a Family Church service, also over Zoom, usually on the second Sunday of each month. Please email Liz for further above for the link if you'll like to join this.

CHURCHWARDENS & TREASURERS - THANKS and a REQUEST

Ray and Sandra Briskham have retired as Churchwardens at Llandetty and Llansantffraed Churches respectively, after a number of years of faithful and dedicated service, and we are deeply grateful for all that they done in serving these two church communities throughout their time as wardens. Neville Danby has also retired as treasurer of Llandetty Church and Brenda Powell will shortly be retiring as treasurer at Llansantffraed. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work in these roles over the years.

All this does mean that we are looking for new churchwardens and treasurers for both Llandetty and Llansantffraed churches. While in the short term it's possible to carry on without churchwardens, in the longer term this would raise questions about the future of a church. So if you might be interested in taking on any of these roles, or if you know of someone else who might be interested in becoming a churchwarden or treasurer do give me a call on 01874 676146 to find out more about what it would entail.

With best wishes

Revd Kelvin Richards (Priest in Charge)



The Saints of Talybont

Each of our three parishes is graced with the name of a saint: Saint Bride, Saint Meugan and Saint Tetta. Peering into the Dark Ages, when Christianity became established in Wales, for the truth about them, we need to connect with thin threads of memorials written centuries after they lived. Here are summaries of what we can deduce.

St Bride is second only to St Patrick in the hagiography of Ireland. She was born in 451, a daughter of Dubthach, an Irish chieftain in what became the Province of Leinster. Traditionally, she cared for the poor and became a nun, encouraging other women to do likewise. About 480 she founded a religious house in the town of Kildare and others elsewhere later. She died in 525. She is not known to have visited Wales but her name is venerated in 18 churches in the Principality. This was due to the influence of the Celtic Church spreading from Ireland to western Britain. The name, Llansantffraed, may be translated as Parish of Saint Bride.

St Meugan, or Mawgan, also a 5th century Celtic saint, was the son of Gwyndaf Hên ab Llydaw and Gwenonwy, the daughter of Meurig Prince of Glamorgan. It seems that Gwyndaf came to Wales from Brittany. Meugan was a member of St Iltyd's religious house at Llantwit Major and later moved to another house at Caerleon. His name is also evident in church names in Cornwall and Brittany. He is regarded as the founder of the church here that bears his name so it is possible that, in ancient times, his feet did tread upon our pastures green. In his old age he moved to Bardsey, where he died. Two poems that exist in an ancient record may be ascribed to him. The name, Llanfeugan, may be translated as Parish of Meugan.



Although the dedications to the two saints above is generally agreed, the name of the saint after whom the Llanddetty church is named is less clear. The evidence of mutations (see below) points to the 8th century **St Tetta** of Wimborne Minster in Dorset. She was the abbess of a Benedictine nunnery and was of noble Anglo-Saxon descent. John Henderson, a Church Warden and of Henderson Hall fame, in 1962 wrote '...there is little likelihood of her [Tetta] ever having anything to do with the church'. He states in his *History of Llanddetty Church* that it was founded in the 5th century by St Detyw, a son of St Clydog, King of Brycheiniog. The earliest record of the name is an entry in a taxation roll of 1291 where it appears as Llandettu. John Henderson suggested that, in Norman times, a Roman Catholic saint was substituted, giving us St Tetta.

The Welsh names of our parishes reflect voiced mutations, a feature of the language. After 'Llan' the softer 'ff' sound has replaced the hard 'b' sound in 'bride', the softer 'dd' sound has replaced the initial hard 't' sound in 'tetta', and the softer 'f' sound has replaced the hard 'm' sound in 'meugan'. These are old names and their mutations, and other spelling variations, are evidence of local pronunciations from years ago.

Seamus Hamill-Keays

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