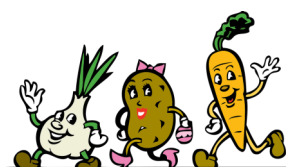




Talybont Matters

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Talybont on Usk Village Show 2022 Saturday August 27th, Henderson Hall.



All the plans are in place and it is go for the return of our annual village show. We look forward to welcoming you all back to a fun filled, action packed day at Henderson Hall.

Show schedules are available to pick up, for free, from Talybont Stores. In this you will find a full list of the entry classes for both adults and children (plus entry forms), a timetable of events and details of all the displays, presentations and activities planned.

There is a welcome return of old favourites such as the Fancy Dress competition, Children's (and some adults!) sports, Tug of War, falconry, the Brecon Town Band, Bouncy Castle and a full range of refreshments. Add to this our first ever village dog show, Taiko drumming, military vehicles, Mountain Rescue, the Canal and River Trust, Craft stalls and Jenny Any Dots—Children's Entertainer!



A whole afternoon's entertainment for the whole family!

Admission on the gate

Adults £2.50

Children 16 and under free.

A limited amount of car parking will be available on the field plus disabled parking.



Any offers of help will be very much appreciated. Both with setting up (generally the Thursday before), on the day and in taking down after the show. We look forward to welcoming back our regular helpers but can always do with some more - particularly on the actual day itself. If you think you could offer some help please contact any of the below.

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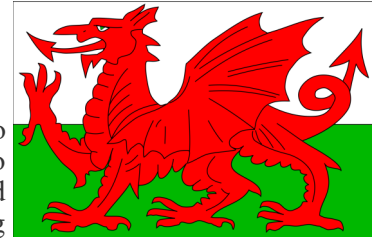


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WELSH LEARNERS CORNER - **CORNEL Y CYMRAEG**



.Siop Siarad Talybont meets up every Friday morning 11-12 in Henderson Hall to use and practice Welsh, croeso cynnes i bawb (Warm welcome to all). Have a go at saying some sentences below that I have constructed for a bit of fun and practice, how many of the words do you know? There are lots of activities going on in our local area to develop and support our language.

We have recently been on a Walk with Iolo Williams, met up for 'Clwb llyfrau Dysgwyr' (learners book club held in The Clarence) and attended 'Noson Cwrw a Chlonc' (beer and chatting held in Brynich Barns). We also intend to run a 'Bore Coffi' in August...come along we get some lovely cacen in too!

Diolch Rhian

Amser Ymarfer - Practice Time

1. **Dw i'n dathlu diwrnod Santes Dwynwen ym mis Ionawr** - dween-dath-lee-dur-nod-san-tes-doin-win-um-mish-yon-hour - I Celebrate Saint Dwynwen's day in January.
2. **Dw i'n bwyta crempogau ym mis Chwefror** - dween-boy-ta-crem-pog-eye-um-mish-Chwef-ror - I eat pancakes in February
3. **Dw i'n dathlu Dydd Dewi Sant ym mis Fawth** -dween-dath-lee-deeth-De-wi-Sant-um-mish-fawr-th - I celebrate Saint Davids Day in march.
4. **Dw i'n bwyta llawer o wyau pasg ym mis Ebrill**- dween-boy-ta-llaw-er-oh-oi-eye-pass-g-um-mish-eb-brill - I eat lots of Easter eggs in April.
5. **Dw i'n ymlacio ar draws y Ddydd gwyl y banciau ym mis Fai** - dween-ym-lack-ee-oh-ar-dr-ows-ur-theeth-goil-ur-banc-yai-um-mish-fye - I relax over the bank holidays in May
6. **Dw i'n bwyta mefusau ym mis Mehefin** -dween-boy-ta-mef-fus-eye-um-mish-mer-hef-in - I eat strawberries in June
7. **Dw i'n edrych ymlaen i'r gwyliau haf ym mis Orffenaf** -dween-ed-drich-um-line-eer-gwil-lee-eye-haf-um-mish-or-ven-af - I look forward to the summer holidays in July
8. **Dw i'n mynd i'r Sioe Talybont ym mis Awst** -dween-min-d-eer-Shoy-Tal-ur-bont-ym-mish-aw-st - I go to Talybont Show in August
9. **Dw i'n edrych ymlaen y plant yn dychwelyd i'r ysgol ym mis Fedi**-dween-ed-drich-um-line-eer-ur-plant-unduch-wel-id-eer-us-gol-um-mish-fed-dee - I look forward to the children returning to school in September
10. **Dw i'n troi fy cloc yn nol ym mis Hydref** - dween-tr-oi-ver-cloc-un-ol-um-mish-hud-dref - I turn the clock back in October
11. **Dw i'n gwyllo y tan gwyllt ym mis Dachwedd** - dween-gwil-ee-oh-ur-tan-gwil-ll-t-um-mish-da-ch-weth - I watch the fire works in November.
12. **Dw i'n dathlu Nadolig ym mis Ragfyr** -dween-dath-lee-na-dol-lig-ym-mish-Rag-feer - I celebrate Christmas in December.

For further information about the group please email Rhian

rhianyoung38@gmail.com

TEA and CHAT

A social afternoon for senior citizens held on the first Monday of the month at Henderson Hall at 3pm.



August 1st
September 5th
October 3rd



Do come along for a get together, cup of tea and cake.

Cherry Jones



Talybont WI

Talybont WI have had a good 3 months. Firstly in May we went to Cardiff for our annual outing. Six was being performed at the Millennium Centre, a musical retelling the lives of the six wives of Henry V111. While in Cardiff we walked around the bay and visited Craft in the Bay, where a member had her glass art work on display. We also enjoyed a meal at Cote before returning home. It was a busy day out.

June was a craft evening. Jane Evans from Fabulous Felting came and talked to us about her passion for felting, gave a demonstration and provided us with the materials and the know how to make a piece of felt. It was amazing how we all started off with the same selection of wools and the same technique but we came out with very different results. It was a very therapeutic and relaxing evening.

July we welcomed Zoe Mathias to our meeting she is a local photographer, you may have seen her name in the Talybont Calendar. She developed her love of the outdoor and her knowledge of wildlife from her brothers and grandfather. The former made her into a tom boy and the later fed her interest for all things in nature. Her grandfather also gave her a camera to use and so her passion was nurtured. Zoe likes to tell a story with her photographs. She has had pictures in the Countryfile Magazine both in print and online and you will often see her photographs in the Brecon and Radnor Express. Zoe not only showed us a selection of her photographs but shared her experiences and told us interesting facts about the birds and animals she has captured on her camera. Another very different and interesting evening.

There will be no meeting in August.

Sue Thorne.

CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

At the moment ten of our churches in the Beacons and Llyn Safaddan Ministry Area are open for worship for Sunday services. The usual monthly service pattern is:

Beacons Benefice

10-00am at Llanfrynach Church on the 1st Sunday of the Month

10-00am at Llanfeugan Church on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month

10-00am at Cantref Church on the 3rd Sunday of the Month

10-00am at Llandetty Church on the 3rd Sunday of the Month

10-00am at Llanhamlach Church on the 4th Sunday of the Month

Llyn Safaddan

9-30am at Llanfihangel Church on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month

11-00am at Llangors Church on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month

9-30am at Bwlch Church on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month

11-00am at Llangasty Church on the 2nd Sunday of the Month

11-00am at Llanywern Church on the 4th Sunday of the Month

Services are usually Holy Communion. Revd Liz Bramley also holds an 11-00am Family Church service, meeting in the Henderson Hall on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

FUTURE OF LLANDETTY & LLANSANTFFRAED CHURCHES

Many thanks to the local residents and others who attended or gave their comments for the public meeting held on Friday 1st July at the Henderson Hall. It was a very positive and helpful meeting. The collective view of the 50+ people present was that no one wants to see either Llandetty or Llansantffraed church closed. We agreed to set up two 'quorums' of those who signed up to help and for anyone else who is interested, to plan how best to open and manage these churches in the future. The initial gatherings for these are 7pm Thursday 28th July at Llansantffraed Church and 6pm Tuesday 2nd August at Llandetty Church, and further meetings will follow.

On the Beacons Benefice website (see link below, then look under 'Llansantffraed' and 'Llandetty') you can find a key fact sheet for each church, a summary of the key points and conclusions that emerged from the 1st July meeting in the Henderson Hall, along with the complete minutes of that meeting.

If you'd like to comment further or help in any way, do please get in touch with Rev Kelvin Richards:

Parish Website: <https://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s451/>

Priest-in-Charge : Revd Kelvin Richards Tel. 01874 676146 email: kelvin@beaconssafaddan.plus.com





Talybont Matters Editor Vacancy

I have decided that after almost 7 years of editing and producing Talybont Matters I would like to stand aside and allow someone new to take the reins. Next year I have a couple of major excursions planned which will mean I will not be able to produce a couple of the editions, so this seems the ideal time to change things around.

What does it involve?

Talybont Matters is a quarterly publication set up and financed by Talybont Community Council. Once you get into the swing of things, it only really involves a couple of days work each January, April, July and October. Rest assured you don't have to produce any articles yourself. For every edition the articles flood in from regular contributors and never have I had to scratch around to fill the space. The process is essentially as follows: Send out a reminder email to regular contributors at the start of the relevant month; collate the articles sent in towards the end of that month; produce the edition; email it to the printers; collect from Bobbins printers in Brecon; sort the copies into distribution rounds for our brilliant team of delivery volunteers; take the copies into the shop for collection and finally email copies to various people requiring an online copy. Any incidental expenses are covered by the Community Council, for example, in my case, a bit of petrol money and a small monthly rental of the Microsoft Publisher programme.

What skills do you need?

The use of Microsoft Publisher (or a similar programme) to produce the edition (I can give training on that). **That's about it!**

What will I get out of it?

It is a great way to get involved with village life. I took on the editor role after about a year of moving into the area and I found it a perfect way of making new contacts and finding out what goes on. Overall, just a sense that I was making a contribution to the wonderful community we have here.

What is the timescale?

My intention is to keep going till next January and make that my last edition as editor. So that gives time for someone new to come in and work with me on both, or any, of the editions in October 2022 and January 2023. With a view to taking over completely for the April 2023 edition.

So if you are interested in taking up this perfect volunteering role then please contact either myself or Keren (the Clerk to the Community Council)

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We are also on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram



Usk Valley Gardening Association

A full programme of events will recommence in September as many of our members are on the organising committees for various local shows during August. Please look out for announcements on local media or contact either

Gareth Davies, Chair

gebdavies@btinternet.com

or

Susan Hankey, Secretary

susiecello@me.com

Member numbers are very strong but we always welcome new blood. All our talks, and activities are open to non members (with a one off charge of £3). However, a full years membership is only £10 - a bargain!

If you are interested, or want to know more about our new amalgamated (Talybont, Bwlch and Llangynidr) club then please contact either Gareth or Susan on the emails listed above.



Fairies in the Vaughan Garden?

More strange happenings at the Vaughan garden. The Foraging Fairies have been visiting and left a few calling cards. What more is there to say apart from what wonderful secretive creatures. The slates even have recipes on the back! They must be very strong to have lugged them all the way up there.

If you are visiting the garden it is very beautiful at the moment and the valerian is in seed if you fancy having a go at growing some.

Finally an offer has been made to try to shore up the back fence until we can raise some money to replace it. Posts and muscle have been offered, but anyone who feels able to lend a hand to please contact Nina on the email below and we can fix up a date.

Meantime, all the day to day maintenance goes on - weeding, planting, grass cutting, hedge trimming - if you would like to join in or help with ongoing tidying or other projects please contact Nina at nina.krauzewicz@gmail.com

Nina and Sandra



The Queen's Green Canopy at Cui - the latest!

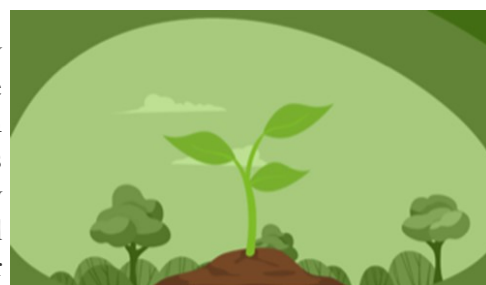


The Queen's Green Canopy is a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands being planted in honour of The Queen's service and her legacy. In the Spring Issue of Talybont Matters Sue & Andrew Large wrote about plans for a new public access area to be enclosed and then planted with native tree species on their farm as part of the Talybont Jubilee 2022 celebrations. In recognition of the community value of the new wood, The Woodland Trust has awarded us almost

200 trees to be planted later this year.

In addition to this, Welsh Government has promised every household in Wales a free tree of their own to plant or opt to have a tree planted on their behalf. Our own part of the Queen's Green Canopy looks highly likely to be designated as a site to receive trees under the Plant A Tree For Me (PAT4Me) initiative whereby households will, **late in 2022**, be able to go onto the Woodland Trust in Wales website, claim their tree and then opt to either receive it themselves or to have it planted for them. We hope that lots of people will go onto this website and, if they are unable to plant their own, will click on this PAT4Me option, meaning that we can plant further at Cui in this community woodland and include further tree varieties particularly well-suited to our area and the site.

If anyone needs assistance with their claim via the Woodland Trust website, please contact **Michael Wright** on 676679.



THE TALYBONT TOMBLES



Our last Litter Pick was on Saturday 21st May. It was very useful that Fiona Morris our new Organiser, was able to join us and she introduced herself to those she did not already know and then also took part in a few of the specified areas which required checking over.

We were 13 adults and 4 children and covered the majority of our normal village routes. Gareth and Eirona did their usual route through the village and down Station Road to the A40 collecting half a bag of rubbish; Mike Smith walked the towpath as far as Ashford Tunnel and back; Lettie Francis, Elsie, Pip, and Sarah checked out the Dram Road, Colin from Aber covered from the end of the Reservoir Dam back down to the Drawbridge early in the morning but I did not know this until I returned home and read his email message. Whilst Gerry and Linda also did the same route without us knowing that it had already been done! But better to be covered twice than not at all. Anne and Tim walked the towpath to Cross Oak and returned via the road; Jayne Gold with her junior helpers Albie and Emrys went up to the tennis court end of the playing field. Sadly they found quite a lot of broken glass on the courts and the cycle track but did a marvellous job of picking it all up. Mike volunteered to double check when he heard about it and went up with his dustpan and brush but it was not needed Thank you Mike. Fiona, our new Organiser, walked around Penpentre, the OAP bungalows and the road up as far as Gilestone cottages and I concentrated on the immediate area around the hall, car park, recycling bins and children's play park. A few areas were not covered on the day but Sue Large and another volunteer covered them the following week as they were not available on the Saturday.



The general consensus was that the Tombles really didn't find much litter this time and at the end of the pick we managed to condense all the smaller bags into just one bag. However, Gareth and Eirona managed half a bag on their own, as stated above, so they have the prize for the "Bag with the Mostest"!



As you may know this was my last litter pick as Organiser and I feel quite proud, that we, as a team, have improved the overall cleanliness of our beautiful village and immediate surroundings. I would like to thank you all for your support over the past 10 years, meeting up in all weathers - mostly damp and wet - and I know you will give your full support to Fiona (Morris) who is taking over as Organiser. The date for my hip surgery has now been moved to 10th September but I hope to remain as a volunteer when fully recovered.

Update from Fiona: - Following Jubilee weekend, we had an ad hoc litter pick on the evening of Tuesday 7th June in the area of Henderson Hall and the playing fields. Joined by Dawn, Rob, Anne and Lisa, we scanned the car park, trim trail, playing fields and boundaries. It was pleasing to see that there was very little litter to be collected, nevertheless it was a good opportunity to keep on top of things between our scheduled litter picks.

Our next Litter Pick will be on Saturday 10th September meeting in the Henderson Hall Car Park at 10am.

Sandra Briskham (Organiser - Retired and Fiona Morris Organiser - new Organiser)



Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Gilestone Farm and Green Man

Following the sale of Gilestone Farm and subsequent involvement with the Green Man, the Community Council met at a fact-finding session with Fiona Steward, owner of the Green Man.

The outcome of that session resulted in correspondence being sent to the Minister of Economy at the Welsh Government with questions around the acquisition of Gilestone Farm.

Correspondence sent to both the CEO's and Chairs of BBNP and NRW requesting their position statement.

All parties responded with further information being received from Powys County Council.

An additional Community Council Meeting was arranged to examine the responses and to hear from members of the public.

The outcome of that meeting was that Councillors agreed to move quickly when further information becomes available and to proactively follow up on all correspondence along with setting up a working group. The working group consisted of members from the Community Council, residents and business representation.

The remit of the Working Group is to develop a set of questions to use in a survey to gather opinions from residents from the Community Council area

The working group has met and are working on a set of questions, however the group is mindful that not all information on which to base the questions is available to the public at this time. As soon as the information becomes available the survey will go out to all residents and businesses.

Agendas and Minutes can be found on our website- www.talybont.org

Meeting Dates:-

All meetings are held in Henderson Hall at 7.15pm.

Meetings can also be accessed over Zoom.

If you would like to attend a meeting please contact our Clerk.

Monday 19th September

Monday 17th October

Monday 21st November

The Community Council continues to work on issues on behalf of its residents.

Keren Bender 07951536001

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New equipment

Thanks to a Welsh Government grant aimed at supporting rural communities, a 60" Smart TV has been installed in the meeting room and a laptop, web cam and microphone are available for the use of hall users. If you are a local group who would like to offer remote access to meetings or events in the hall, this equipment is for your use.

Platinum jubilee celebrations

Thanks to the many individuals and community groups who came together to put on the range of events in the hall over the summer for residents in the community council area. The autumn will see the creations of Cui Parc's Jubilee wood and the planting of commemorative oak trees. Photos of the events can be seen on the hall's webpage

<https://www.henderson-hall.com/talybont-on-usk-platinum-jubilee-celebrations>.

200 Club winners

Congratulations to Summer 200 Club winners:

£50 – Alistair Mackeown

£35 – Shelagh Salter-Jones

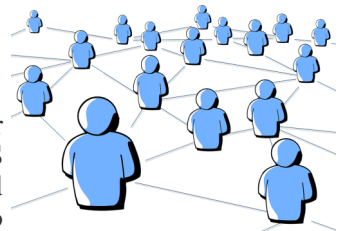
£25 – Neil Startin

£15 – Simon Baldwin

£10 – Stephen Broom

To know more about 200 Club and the hall visit Henderson-hall.com or Facebook [@hendersonhalltalybont](https://www.facebook.com/hendersonhalltalybont)

TALYBONT COMMUNITY FIBRE BROADBAND PROJECT UPDATE



Where we are now

Back in March, the UK Government approved our application for funding to cover installation costs. Beacons Telecom then applied to the UK Government DCMS (Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport) for a voucher for each registered property. Most of you have now received your email from DCMS. This asks you to validate your voucher. Many thanks to all of you who have validated!

What happens next

Beacons Telecom will be running the fibre optic cable up to Talybont later in the year. The installation of individual to-the-premises fibre connections will happen after that.

What you need to do

If you've already registered & validated your voucher, you don't need to do anything further now.

If you requested a voucher, but haven't yet validated it, then please be sure to do so. Look out for an email from 'Gigabit Vouchers'. DCMS vouchers which have not been validated are automatically cancelled within 28 days. So if your voucher has been cancelled, or if you didn't receive your voucher in the first place, then please get in touch. Beacons Telecom will get your voucher reissued.

If you requested a voucher but have decided that you no longer want fibre optic broadband, then please let them know so they can remove you from the list.

If you want to join

You can apply for a voucher up until 30th September so there is still time to join. Please contact Beacons Telecom on 029 2009 9345 or info@beaconstelecom.com.

And finally

If you'd like to learn more about the scheme then Beacons Telecom will be coming to the village show on Saturday 27th August. There will be a stall and someone from the company who can answer questions. Do pop by if you'd like a progress report, or are just curious, or would like to sign up!

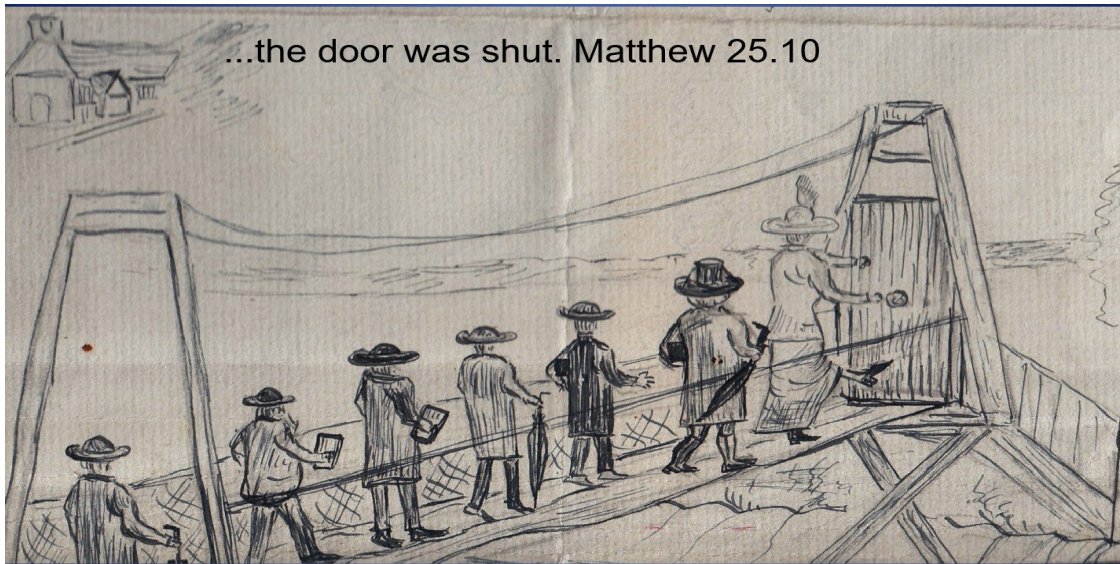


Mary Eleanor Gwynne-Holford CBE (1865-1947)

Transcription of a scribbled note in a Gwynne-Holford family album 1912

We hear that the opening of Llandthetty Church took place last week – The noble lady of Buckland, Abbess of Llanthetty, led the opening procession (after a champagne and oyster luncheon) in the full glories of the blackrobed brethren of the Church adorned with books and umbrellas headed by the Abbess of St David's via the swing bridge (R.I.P. to ones luncheon and be of good cheer) Here the first gentle pause was felt in the swinging atmosphere – The voice of the Abbess was heard to proclaim the "Open Sesame" in the well known words "You damn thing why don't you open?", With a religious burst of harmony the "brothers" hurled their integrated frames at the offending portal which sprang open at this touch of true religion. After a successful tour the Church was opened the Abbott preaching most convincingly from the Text "The door was shut".

Cartoon from the "Illustrated Times of Buckland". Nov 29th 1912



With many thanks to Mary Redvers (grand-daughter)

Mary Eleanor Gwynne-Holford, the chatelaine of Buckland Hall, was a famously tall and very determined person. In 1915, she observed with horror, a returned soldier who had lost both arms in the Great War. She there and then made a vow to work for one object: *"To start a hospital whereby all those who had the misfortune to lose a limb in this terrible war, could be fitted with those most perfect artificial limbs human science could devise."*

She founded St Mary's Hospital for Limbless Ex-service men at Roehampton. In 1918 she was appointed a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, one of the first women to be so honoured.

Her story can be read at: <https://archives.friendsqmh.com/the-beginning/>

Seamus Hamil-Keays, Llansantffraed

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