



Talybont Matters

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Talybont Ospreys Cricket Club – Looking Ahead to 2027

What started as a simple idea to bring local, friendly cricket back to Talybont has quickly grown into something the whole community can be proud of. Club founder and Chairman, Tom Short, said:

"When I founded Talybont Ospreys Cricket Club the aim was simple – to bring back local, friendly cricket to the village with one game a year against Llanfrynach, but it's quickly spiralled! Although the club has grown, we'll always stay true to our roots by keeping cricket local, friendly and for the good of the village."

It's been fantastic to see so many people coming along to support our matches and to see the club giving back to the community by supporting the Talybont Community Show, hosting a New Year's Eve party attended by more than 120 people, and holding a presentation evening for our players. I'd like to thank all our players, supporters and volunteers, especially our Treasurer, Ceri, for everything she does behind the scenes. A special thank you also goes to Jeff Poulton for his continued sponsorship and support. We're proud of what we've built and hope to bring the Dai Poulton Cup back to Talybont next season."

Treasurer Ceri Bevan added:

"It's been a real pleasure to support Tom from the very beginning and to see his vision become such a success. I'm proud to have played my part as Treasurer, helping behind the scenes with fundraising, organising events and supporting the club wherever I can. The support we've received from players, volunteers, sponsors and the wider community has been incredible, and that's what has made the Ospreys so special. Seeing so many people come together through cricket and community events has been fantastic, and I'd like to thank everyone who has supported us along the way."

We're excited about what the future holds and look forward to seeing Talybont Ospreys continue to grow and thrive throughout 2027. We hope even more people will come along to support the team and be part of everything the club has to offer."

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Talybont Ospreys - Season Review

Talybont Ospreys returned to the cricket field on the 19th April with an away trip to Glangrwyney, after a winter with monthly indoor net sessions in Ebbw Vale in preparation for the season ahead. The early spring sunshine and winter practice seemed to have honed the team into a competitive and galvanised unit as the Ospreys posted a total of 106, with notable contributions from Andrew Jones (29), Tom Short (15), Richard Nice (14) and Joe Harpur (11).

Glangrwyney began the chase slowly and reached the target with two seasoned cricketers and just five balls of their innings to go. The Ospreys' bowling and fielding proved very tight and organised, with notable fielding performances from wicketkeeper Aled McDonough – making his debut and conceding only three byes – and Jules Tunnicliffe, taking two exceptional catches. Tight bowling also contributed to the cause, with two wickets each from Julian Rogers and Joe Harpur, and a wicket each for Andrew Jones and Shailesh Kardavara.

On the 3rd May the Ospreys flew to Torquay to play a tour match against Cavendish Cavaliers, but unfortunately the game got cancelled whilst the team were travelling. This didn't put the Ospreys off as the squad enjoyed an evening in Torquay and a good group bonding exercise was experienced by all!

The 24th May brought Llanfrynach to Talybont in the second edition of the Dai Poulton Cup on what was a very hot day. The Ospreys batted first, posting an extremely competitive score of 162 with a half century from Sam Harpur (58) and contributions from Tom Short (37), Andrew Jones (17no) and Rhodri Morgan (12).

Llanfrynach began the chase and reached their target comfortably, but with H Thomas scoring 100no and only two other batsmen making double figures, the Ospreys put in a gutsy display in the field against the extreme heat and a batsman in form. Ospreys' bowlers toiled hard and wickets were taken by Andrew Jones (2), Oakley Covington (2), Sam Harpur (1) and Steve Covington (1). Special note to the youngsters Aled McDonough, Owain Thorne, Kayden Bland and Adam Oliver.

The home fixture against Ferndale on 21st June was cancelled due to the away side suffering injuries and absentees, but a hastily arranged match against Talybont Over 50s was arranged for the 20th June. The Ospreys batted first and posted a total of 173, with contributions from Tom Short (53), Shailesh Kardavara (22no), Andrew Jones (19), Richard James (16) and Steve Covington (11no). Talybont Over 50s scored what we believe was 93 in reply, with several players batting twice, but with scores from Andrew Stephens (23), Gary Thompson (13), Huw Morgan (Brecon) (13) and Julian Rogers (10). A barbeque and refreshments were enjoyed by all in a game put together with limited time. It was a great advert for the local community spirit, with everyone enjoying the banter and fun on display.

19th July brought our final arranged home match of the season with the visit of Hay-on-Wye. Hay batted first and posted a competitive score of 130, with wickets being taken by Andrew Jones (1), Sam Harpur (1), Rhodri Morgan (1) and a first wicket for the club from Owain Thorne. Also, a mention of an excellent spell of bowling from Richard James of five overs for just four runs conceded. The Ospreys went into their innings with optimism and confidence after their recent improving batting displays and felt that the target of 131 was well within their reach. Unfortunately, a batting collapse saw the Ospreys reach a total of 44 all out, with only Rhodri Morgan (20) able to get to grips with the Hay bowling.

It is also important to mention those players that have made themselves available and turned out for the team so far this season – the likes of Will Thompson, Huw Morgan, Drew Bland, Andrew Thorne and Gavin McDowell. In between matches the club have erected a mobile practice cricket net, kindly donated by JPL Groundworks, and reinstated the practice area that was put in by the previous club. The Ospreys travel to Hay-on-Wye on the 2nd August, and participate in a six-a-side tournament in Brecon on the 30th August. If anybody wishes to play or come along and support the team they are more than welcome.





TALYBONT-ON-USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Biodiversity Update

Number plate surveys report a 63% decline in flying insects since 2021 showing an acceleration of the steady decline in biodiversity that threatens the nature on which we rely. Your Community Council biodiversity and climate change team has been working with One Voice Wales and local volunteers over the spring and early summer to provide food for wildlife. We have planted wild flowers for pollinators and berried, wild trees and shrubs like wild privet, rowan and alder buckthorn for birds.

Help wildlife in this hot weather by leaving out a shallow dish of water for creatures to get a drink in these dry times (remember to change it regularly) – perhaps put a stone or two in to give insects a landing place or help them if they fall in. Why not create some shady places on your patch where wildlife can hide out of the sun or, better still, have a rotting log pile and messy area in your garden to make some great habitat for all the overlooked creatures that need our help?

Talybont Energy Community Grants

The Community Council has received several grant requests for the money donated by Talybont Energy. We are in the process of assessing these grants but as it stands there will be some residual funds still available. Anyone who forgot to apply earlier and has a small, unfunded project please apply as detailed below.

New application deadline: **30th August 2026**

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must live within the Talybont on Usk community area and the proposed project must provide a social and/or environmental benefit to the local community. Applications are welcome from people of all ages, however, where the applicant is under 18 at least one adult must be named as a co-applicant. Successful applicants will be responsible for administering the grant funds and will be required to submit a short report on completion of their project. Full details of the funding criteria can be found via the Community Council website, <https://www.talybont.org>

How to Apply

Please submit a letter outlining your proposal, together with a breakdown of the anticipated costs, by **30th August 2026**. Your application should clearly explain the benefits your project will bring to the Talybont on Usk community. If you have any questions regarding the scheme or the application process, please contact the Community Council.

Possible Traffic Calming Measures

The Community Council will shortly be asking for the community's views around the support (or not) for the installation of some physical traffic calming measures on roads entering the village.



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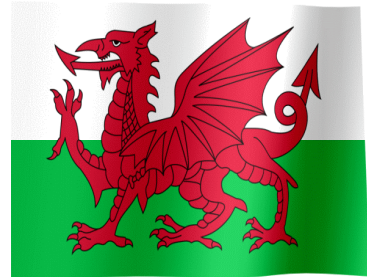
Sunday 11th October at 10.30am

Minister: Sue Lauler

All is Safely Gathered In
and All Welcome



WELSH LEARNERS' CORNER CORNEL Y CYMRAEG



Shwmae bawb

A few more sentences for you to use everyday! Don't forget, 'Croeso Cynnes' warm welcome to join our little grwp Cymraeg in the White Hart, Talybont ar Wysg every Friday morning, 10.30am-12pm. In the meantime, try these:

Beth wyt ti'n mynd i wneud heddiw? – beth-oi-teen-min-d-ee-were-nayd-heth-ew – What are you going to do today?

Dw i'n mynd i'r dafarn wrth gwrs – dween-min-d-eee-daf-van-oo-th-gur-se – I am going to the pub, of course.

Beth wyt ti'n mynd i wneud y bore 'ma? – beth-oi-teen-min-d-ee-were-nayd-ur-bor-rah-ma – What are you going to do this morning?

Dw i'n mynd am dro ar hyd y gamlas – dween-min-d-am-droh-ar-heed-ur-gam-lahs – I am going for a walk along the canal.

Beth wyt ti'n mynd i wneud i ginio? – beth-oi-teen-min-d-ee-were-nayd-eee-geen-ior – What are you going to do for dinner?

Dw i'n mynd i goginio rhywbeth neis? – dween min-d-ee-gor-geen-ior-rhoo-beth-nay-se – I am going to cook something nice.

Beth wyt ti'n mynd i wneud ar ol cinio? – beth-oi-teen-min-d-ee-were-nayd-ar-ol-kin-ior – What are you going to do after lunch?

Dw i'n mynd ar y beic lan y mynydd – dween-min-d-ar-ur-bay-k-lan-ur-mun-neth – I am going on the bike up the mountain.

Beth wyt ti'n mynd i wneud wedyn? – beth-oi-teen-min-d-ee-were-nayd-wed-din – What are you going to do then?

Dw i'n mynd adre i ymlacio! – dween-min-d-ad-dreh-eee-um-lac-ior – I am going home to relax!

Mwynhewch ac yn defnyddio eich Cymraeg (Enjoy and use your Cymraeg)

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– Rhian

USK VALLEY GARDENING ASSOCIATION (UVGA)

AUTUMN PROGRAMME:

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 28th September | Talybont Village Hall, 7pm
'HARVEST PRODUCE' – Members' Evening on growing, storing and eating different produce. |
| 26th October | Talybont Village Hall, 7pm
'WINTER INTEREST IN THE GARDEN' by Kevin Thomas. |
| 30th November | Talybont Village Hall, 7pm
'THE MAGIC OF PLANTS' by Stephen Anderton (ex-Times Garden Columnist of 33 years). |

Members free

Non-Members £5



■■■■■ TALYBONT FLICKS ■■■■■

Henderson Hall

Flicks will start again after a month off on Wednesday 2nd September. Same place, the Hall, same time, 7.30pm.

September 2nd – **Take the Lead**, starring Antonio Banderas. Full of energy and dancing, this is the story about a classical ballroom dancer who is employed to supervise a schools' troubled pupils. They eventually end up in a national dance competition with a new style of dance born from classical and the hip-hop that they love.

October 7th – **Goodnight Mister Tom**, starring John Thaw (Inspector Morse!!). This is the original adaptation of the prize-winning novel which tells the story of an evacuated boy who is billeted with Mister Tom in a quiet village.

November 4th – **Mrs Henderson**, starring Judi Dench, Bob Hoskins. Set in London 1937, Mrs Henderson is a woman of wealth and connections and just widowed. Bored, she buys the Windmill Theatre. The manager is shocked by the outrageous Mrs Henderson, who comes up with the idea of naked girls on stage to pick up business!! As the bombing of London begins, the government threatens to close the theatre, but her fighting spirit is revealed and also the secret that drew her to buy the theatre in the first place.

December 2nd – To be decided...

Don't forget to spread the word, and you are welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles!



200 CLUB WINNERS

LATEST WINNERS JUNE 2026

£10	KEREN BENDER	(136)
£10	SHEILA DRAYTON	(193)
£15	CAROLE MAKINGS	(206)
£15	ISABELL COOPER-JONES	(169)
£25	JOHN JONES	(81)
£35	BRIDGET ELWIN	(85)
£50	ALASTAIR MACKEOWN	(60)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN (FOR ONLY £10 A YEAR!) PLEASE EITHER VISIT OUR FUNDRAISING PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL HENDERSONHALL200CLUB@GMAIL.COM

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Talybont on Usk and District WI



Our speaker in May was Caroline Danby, a daughter of a member, Monique, who came to talk to us about her life in horticulture. Caroline, who had always loved gardening, chose to take it up as a career when her administration job was coming to an end. She took the brave step of going it alone and securing gardening jobs in large, local houses. She then progressed to studying for a horticulture diploma at the RHS in Wisley, during which she worked in gardens in the South of France and the Isles of Scilly, before accepting a job with a fairly local TV gardener.

June saw us enraptured by Dave Phillips' story. He became a Beefeater at the Tower of London after 26 years in the Army. He told us many stories about the Tower, and of its life housing wealthy state prisoners, as a zoo, the Royal Mint and as the home to the Crown Jewels. The greatest honour of his life was in protecting the Queen's body at Westminster Abbey.

On a hot July day we went on a bus to Duffryn House and Gardens. The highlight was a private tour of the Bennet sisters' costumes, which members were able to try on. We were surprised how small the costumes were and how small the rooms were too. The cameras had made everything look wider and larger, apparently. The gardens are quite extensive and worth a visit. I think we need to return on a cooler day to really enjoy them more fully.



There is a break from meetings in August, but you will find us making tea and providing cakes at the annual village show. September we meet again, when our speaker is Josh Rodden, who is to talk about tracing our ancestors using DNA. This is followed by Yvonne Jones in October,



talking about her love of diving. We look forward to welcoming both to our meetings.

Please join us as a visitor if you would like, with no obligation to join. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in Henderson Hall at 7pm.





Talybont on Usk Community Show



Saturday 29th August 2026

12:00 to 5:00 pm

Henderson Hall and Playing Fields

LD3 7YQ



Admission to show, displays, stalls and sports

Adults - £3 Children 16 and under – Free

(Payment by cash or card)

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Tandoori Chicken Wings	£5.95
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Chicken Samosa	£3.95
Allergens: Soya, Milk, Wheat	
Vegetable Samosa	£3.95
Allergens: Mustard, Soya, Milk, Wheat	
Onion Bhaji	£4.35
Allergens: None of the 14 Food Allergens	
Aloo Chat	£4.35
Allergens: Mustard, Peanuts, Milk, Wheat	
Patra	£4.35
Allergens: Sesame seeds	
Paneer Tikka	£4.95
Allergens: Milk, Mustard	

BREAD, NAAN & RICE

INDIAN BREADS

Plain Paratha	£1.40
Allergens: Wheat	
Lachha Paratha	£1.60
Allergens: Wheat	
Plain Naan	£3.00
Allergens: Wheat	
Garlic & Coriander Naan	£3.50
Allergens: Wheat	
Rotla	£2.50
Gluten free flatbread made from pearl millet or Corn flour	

RICE

Plain Rice	£3.50
Allergens: None of the 14 Food Allergens	
Pilaf Rice	£4.50
Allergens: None of the 14 Food Allergens	
Egg Fried Rice	£5.00
Allergens: Mustard, Egg	

MAIN COURSES

Lamb Bhuna (Dhaba style)	£11.95
Allergens: Mustard	
Chicken Tikka Masala	£8.15
Allergens: Milk	
Chicken Korma	£8.50
Allergens: Milk, Cashew nuts	
Chicken Jalfrezi	£7.50
Allergens: Mustard	
Sag Chicken	£7.50
Allergens: Mustard seeds, Cashew nuts	
Butter Chicken	£8.75
Allergens: Milk, Cashew nuts	
Aloo Spinach (Vegan)	£6.50
Allergens: Mustard	
Mixed Veg Curry (South Indian) Vegan	£6.00
Allergens: Mustard	
Mutter Paneer (Vegetarian)	£7.50
Allergens: Milk, Mustard, Cashew nuts	
Chana Masala (Vegan)	£6.50
Allergens: Mustard	
Dal Makhani (Vegan)	£7.50
Allergens: Mustard	
Soya Keema Mutter (Vegan Veggie Mince Masala)	£7.50
Allergens: Mustard	

EXTRAS

Poppadum	£0.90
Allergens: None of the 14 Food Allergens	
Pickle Tray	£2.50
Allergens: Mustard, Sulphites, Milk	
Onion & Cucumber Raita	£3.00
Allergens: Mustard, Milk	
Chips	£4.25
Allergens: None of the 14 Food Allergens	
Spicy Chips	£4.50
Allergens: None of the 14 Food Allergens	

DESSERTS

Gulab Jamun	Allergens: Milk	£5.00
Hot and Cold	(Gulab Jamun with Vanilla ice cream and hint of cardamom)	£6.50
	Allergens: Milk	
Ras Gulla	Allergens: Milk	£5.00



Please Note: If you have a food allergy or intolerance please speak to a member of staff about the ingredients in your food and drink before you order.



We are funding two exciting student projects this summer. Osian James is interviewing local residents who've installed heat pumps about their experience of both the process and the result. We hope the findings may help others wanting to explore this option. On a different topic, Betsi Craig and Willa-Rose Callender are organising four activity events in August to introduce new and old, fun and creative ways to reduce the huge energy and carbon footprint involved in the clothing we buy, wear and often discard. See below about their planned events.

We continue our collaboration with Llangattock Green Valleys with their excellent 'Your Energy Saving Service', helping residents reduce energy use and lower bills, while making homes warmer and healthier. Do check out: <https://www.llangattockgreenvalleys.org/your-energy-saving-service-yess/> and sign up for any of the services on offer. We are also looking for volunteers from our community willing to help with carrying out thermal camera surveys for homes in our area.

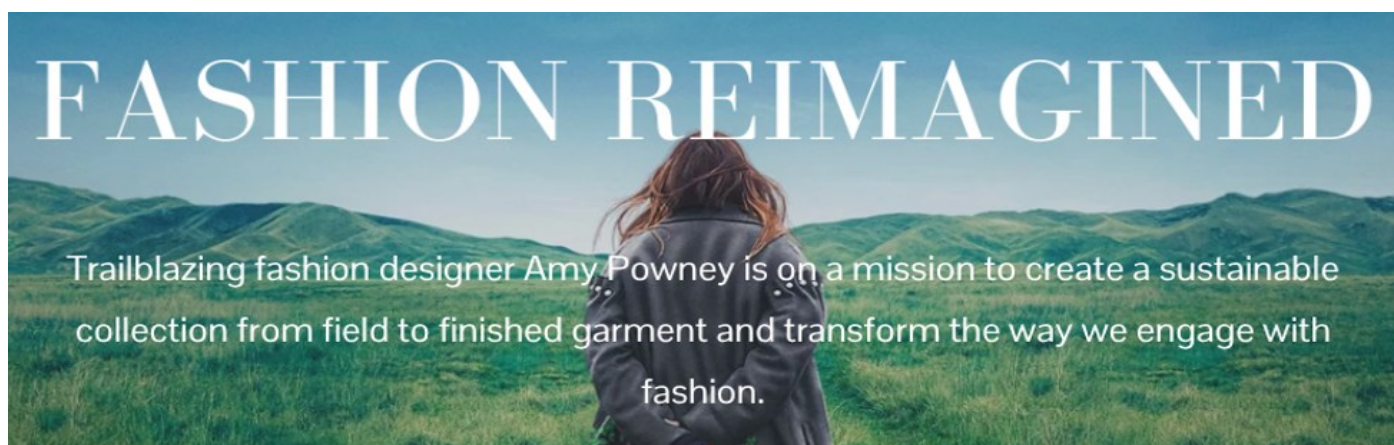
Talybont Energy is partnering with the Church in Wales to welcome everyone to a family Harvest Supper, celebrating community and food – 6pm on Friday 9th October in Henderson Hall. Details and ticket prices to follow. For Talybont Energy this is a first step in exploring the food we grow and eat from the perspective of energy resources and climate resilience. If this is a topic which interests you, do get in touch.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome Billy Merrill-Glover as a new director of Talybont Energy. We are still looking for possible new directors, particularly those younger and also people with experience and enthusiasm for school projects.

– Alison Kidd, info@talybontenergy.co.uk

From Willa and Betsi on their project, 'Little Acts – Lasting Change':

*We are very excited to announce that on four dates in August we will be running a brand new project. We are aiming to deliver a series of events, exploring with our community creative and fun ways of increasing sustainability in our everyday lives. We are passionate about inspiring the community to make lasting change through little daily acts. The events will include: our well-known Swap Shop for clothing on **18th August**; an educational film, 'Fashion Reimagined', on the **19th August**; making your own sustainable household items and cleaning products on **24th August**; and, finally, a skill-sharing workshop giving you the opportunity to share hacks to make other people's daily lives easier on the **26th August**. Save the dates and watch out for more information regarding the project.*



News from Llansantffraed Church

The 'Usk Voices' concert on the 12th of July at Llansantffraed Church was a sellout success. Novelist, poet and translator Chris Meredith was joined by fellow poet and songwriter Paul Henry to read from their own work, reflecting on life and landscape in the Usk Valley. Among other selections from his work, Chris read from the 'Still Air' sequence in his collection *Still*, which was inspired by his frequent walks on Allt yr Esgair (the Allt). Paul's selection included poems set in Llangynidr and Crickhowell as well as a poem, 'The Glass Aisle', populated with the ghosts of a Victorian workhouse on the banks of the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal. The poetry was skilfully complemented by Martha's harp playing, including one of her original compositions, 'The Stag horns', which drew its inspiration from a wintery road trip to the Highlands. This concert continues Llansantffraed's tradition of poetry concerts and we are always interested to hear from local poets, writers and musicians who have ideas for future events.



Chris Meredith, Martha Powell, Paul Henry and concert organiser Mervyn Bramley



Llansantffraed's Italianate steeple

Our next event at Llansantffraed will be an **Italian Family Day** at the church on **Saturday 5th of September** (11am to 3pm), inspired by the church's distinctive Italianate steeple, which was designed by the renowned architect Stephen W. Williams of Rhayader and built in 1885. There will be pizzas and tiramisu, and a range of Italian-themed activities for all the family and for all tastes. All very welcome to this free event with donations for the continued upkeep of the church.



Church Notes

Notes from the Beacons Churches (Cantref, Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach, Llansantffraed, Llandetty and Llanfeugan), part of the Brecon and Epynt Ministry Area.

Revd Jane de Gay	janedegay@cinw.org.uk	01874 618485
Revd Liz Bramley	lizbramley@cinw.org.uk	01874 665267
Team leader Revd Dr Gill Todd	gilltodd@cinw.org.uk	01874 610902

Ministry area website: www.breconandepyntma.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES AT PRESENT

1st Sunday of the month

9.30am Holy Communion at Llanfrynach

2nd Sunday of the month

9.30am Holy Communion at Llanfeugan

11am Family Church at the Henderson Hall

3rd Sunday of the month

10am Holy Communion at Cantref

4th Sunday of the month

10am Holy Communion/Morning Prayer at Llandetty

10am Holy Communion/Morning Prayer at Llanhamlach

5th Sunday of the month (when it occurs)

Services will vary – see local information

Sunday 31st August 10am Holy Communion at Llansantffraed

All are welcome to our services and events. You will find full and up to date details of services and events on the church and community noticeboards, on our website <https://breconandepyntma.org.uk> and on our Facebook page, Churches around Talybont.

There will be a HARVEST SERVICE in one of our churches – details to be confirmed.

FUTURE EVENTS – Further details to follow

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST

**Come and visit us at the CHURCHES AND CHAPELS STALL
on the field at TALYBONT COMMUNITY SHOW**



SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 11AM – 3PM

ITALIAN DAY in Llansantffraed Church

A talk, music and activities, with pizzas and refreshments

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 6PM

HARVEST SUPPER FOR ALL at the HENDERSON HALL

Save the date for a locally produced meal with interesting ingredients

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME AT ALL EVENTS





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24TH – 28TH AUGUST 2026

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