



Talybont Matters

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Issue 40

Winter 2012/13

Please send in articles!

The newsletter will be published quarterly, at the end of January, April, July and October. All articles to be submitted by 20th of these months to appear in the next issue.

Be a journalist, send in articles, news, and what's on in Talybont.

Wherever possible your articles will be published in the next issue. However the editor reserves the right to edit articles or hold them back for subsequent issues should there be insufficient space in the current issue.

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Many thanks to the volunteers who distribute this newsletter

Fans of fictional Romans who have received a Kindle at Christmas might like to read **'Drago and the Druids' Gold'**.

Most of the action of this ripping yarn takes place around Talybont in the year 69AD.

Seamus aka William Keays

Update on visitor parking

Most of us are well aware of the traffic congestion caused by visitor parking along the length of the main road through the village. The traffic management survey commissioned by the Community Council offered practical suggestions which might improve the situation but most of these will depend upon support provided by Powys County Council. New road signs directing visitor traffic to the Henderson hall car park

have recently been erected and hopefully this may alleviate the parking problems in the village. However, rest assured, the Community Council will continue to monitor the parking issues carefully in the coming months and it remains committed to explore practical ways of resolving the parking problems.

Gareth Davies, Chairman
Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Talybont Tourism

The Talybont Tourism Group is striving to work together to improve the management and promotion of the Talybont area as a sustainable destination for visitors. This sounds rather grand but basically we don't want our visitors to just park up for a day to go cycling or walking and eating their packed food, but to consider spending more time here by staying over at one of our great accommodation providers, eat and drink at one of our pubs or café and may be experience something new in our area.

We are very grateful for the support from The Rural Alliances and The Brecon Beacons National Park who have made it possible for us to start working on some of the key issues from our action plan. Rural Alliances is a €1 million project for the Brecon Beacons. It is 50%



funded by the ERDF Interreg IVB North West Europe Programme and in addition the Welsh Government's Targeted Match Fund has contributed £320,000. With their help we are hoping to improve signage in and around the village by working out what is and isn't needed in order that walkers, cyclists and general tourists can get the most out of their visit. We have already started by getting a new visitor map board designed and installed in the stone plinth opposite the bus stop. Work will be starting soon to finish this by providing some paving around it so that you don't have to stand there getting muddy. And yes, it is the right way around!! When you stand at the plinth and look at the map you are facing in the right direction to get yourself orientated and work out where you want to go in or out of the village.



We have already set up a new Talybont website which you may want to look at on www.talybontonusk.com. In our first year we had 11,400 hits which is a brilliant start and shows how many people are interested in our village and surrounding area.

If you have anything interesting that you want to have included on this site then please forward information to Alison Kidd on email Alison@prospectory.co.uk or Clare Wright on clarewright.osm@btinternet.com.

We are going to be applying for funding to have a beautiful new bench showing a map of the canal installed close to the lift bridge. This will be lovely for visitors and locals alike. We are also hoping to get a Welcome to Talybont leaflet produced with some short walks and details of what to do whilst you are here: just a couple of things that we are hoping to achieve over the next few months.

If you are involved in a tourism business and would like to get more involved, please contact our secretary Rachel Griffiths who can add you to our email list for meetings and events, email info@tynewyddbandb.com.

Clare Wright



Talybont-on-Usk Energy is delighted to fund Talybont Matters



**HENDERSON
HALL**

**FORTHCOMING
EVENTS**

**VILLAGE QUIRE
EVENING**

Sat 2 March
7pm for 7.30pm

**'WALES: A LIVING
LANDSCAPE' talk**
Mon 25 March 7pm

EASTER BINGO
Tue 26 March 7pm

**TALYBONT
FLICKS - 7.30pm**
Tues 26 Feb
Tues 19 March
Tues 30 April

**REGULAR
EVENTS**

Playgroup
Mondays
10 - 12 am
Kirsty Carr

WI
2nd Wed each month
7pm - 10pm
President:
Kathryn James
01874 623496

Brownies
Thursdays
6.30pm - 7.45pm
Sue Thorne
01874 676293

Cricket Club
Wednesdays
5pm - 6pm
Geraint James
01874 676272

Junior Tennis Club
Wednesdays
6pm - 7pm
Margaret Cox
01874 676697
Sarah Osborne
01874 676633

Gardening Club
7.30pm 3rd Friday each
month Sept to June.
Chair: Neville Danby
01874 676630

Tea and Chat
1st Monday in the
month 3-4.30pm.
Cherry Jones 676232
Andy Robinson
01874 676584

**Short Family
Service** 1st Sunday
each month 11am for
approx 25 mins.

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Clare Wright (Chair) 676679 Phil Summers (Vice Chair) 676540 Donna Darbyshire (Treasurer) 676304
Sue Thomas (Secretary) 676254 Shirley Hemmings (Caretaker) 676456 Bookings: *Position Vacant*

Village Hall News

Christmas feels like a long time ago now but it was lovely to see lots of people at our Christmas Bingo in December and the crowds of people who braved the weather and ended up at the hall from the Live Nativity for the crib service.

Here are some dates for your diary for some village events coming up in 2013. Look out for more information on times, tickets and prices on posters at the shop and on the new Talybont website www.talybontonusk.com.

**Flicks in the
Sticks**

We just wanted to thank everyone for supporting our monthly film nights during 2012 and hope that you have enjoyed the wide range of films we have shown over the last year. It was lovely to see some new faces and we hope to see you all again this year.

The season kicked off again on Tuesday 29th January with the British comedy 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen', cert 12, starring Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt and Kristin Scott Thomas.

Films to look forward to:

Tue 26 Feb, 7.30pm

'Avengers Assemble' Cert 12

Don't be put off that this may be a children's film. This comic-book outing has a sparkling script and a tremendous villain and is absurdly enjoyable. The critics raved about it when it was released and you are guaranteed some wild adventure and great fun. Don't miss it!

Tue 19 Mar, 7.30pm

**'O Brother Where Art Thou'
Cert 12**

A Coen brothers classic starring George Clooney. Three fugitives from a chain gang reinvent themselves as a blues band during the depression. It has wit and style and some brilliant comedy and its own unassuming good nature. Simply: this film is impossible to dislike!

Tue 30 Apr, 7.30pm

'The Angels' Share' Cert 15

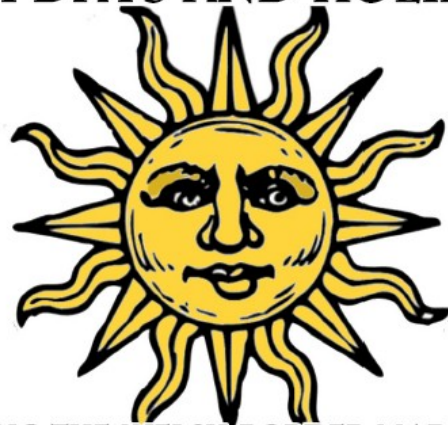
Saturday March 2nd: an evening of entertainment themed around Wales to celebrate St. David's Day with entertainment provided by **'The Village Quire'**. Tables set out in cabaret style will let you watch the entertainment in comfort and this will be followed by a hot supper using as much locally sourced products as possible. A fun, sociable evening for everyone. Doors will open at 7pm with a courtesy welcome drink for a 7.30pm start to the entertainment followed by the supper. A bar will be provided during the evening. Tickets are £12 and can be purchased from hall committee members or the village shop. For more information email patwilkie7@gmail.com.

**Tuesday March 26th: Easter
Bingo** with doors opening at 7pm

Saturday 18th May: A Big Band event by **Kitty's Little Big Band** which will give you the chance to get your dancing shoes out or just sit and enjoy the music. We are hoping to be holding some music and dance workshops during the day before the evening for budding big band musicians and for anyone wanting to brush up their dancing skills. Keep your eyes peeled for more information soon.

Clare Wright

HIGH DAYS AND HOLIDAYS



ALONG THE WELSH BORDER MARCHES

The Village Quire

Readings performed by Phil Smith

An atmospheric evening of unaccompanied harmonies and readings to transport you back to life in the 18th and 19th century Welsh borders.

Saturday 2nd March 2013

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Henderson Hall, Talybont on Usk LD3 7YQ

Tickets £12.00 to include traditional Welsh menu

Licensed bar and raffle

Tickets can be bought from Talybont Stores or HH Committee Members

Contact patwilkie7@gmail.com / 01874 676425

www.villagequire.org.uk

50th Anniversary of the Royal Navy's Outdoor Leadership Training Centre (OLTC)

On Thursday 29 November 2012 Vice Admiral David Steel, CBE, Chief of Naval Personnel and Training and Second Sea Lord (2SL) unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Navy's Outdoor Leadership Training Centre (OLTC) at Talybont-on-Usk in the heart of the Brecon Beacons, South Wales. 2SL also unveiled a memorial bench, in acknowledgement of OLTC as the former Stationmaster's cottage at Pant-y-Rhiw station.

An outstation of the Royal Naval Leadership Academy, OLTC trains in excess of 1600 personnel annually. The Centre's primary role is the delivery of the Able Rates' Leadership Course (ARLC) for Phase 2 Trainees (students). This is a foundation leadership course for all trades within the Royal Navy. This course uses Adventurous Training (AT) as a vehicle to deliver Command Leadership and Management with the aim to develop individuals, enabling them to function as an effective team member/party in a Fleet Front Line Unit. Whilst at OLTC the students stay in tented accommodation in all weathers and survive the week on ration packs.

OLTC is run by 11 naval leadership Instructors, 2 civilian staff and 1 keen volunteer.

The building that is now the Naval Outdoor Leadership Training Centre was formally the old Stationmaster's Cottage at Pant-y-Rhiw Station on the Brecon-



Vice Admiral David Steel CBE, the Royal Navy's Second Sea Lord unveiling the commemorative plaque, with Lady Sue Large, High Sheriff of Powys

Merthyr Railway. This section of the railway was built in 1863 and the platform at Pant-y-Rhiw opened in 1909. After the local valley was flooded and Talybont Reservoir filled in 1938, the platform served few people and on 31st December 1962 the Brecon-Newport Railway closed to passengers in its entirety. On 30th November 1962 HMS COLLINGWOOD bought the Stationmaster's cottage at Pant-y-Rhiw to serve as a Naval Training

Establishment. It was represented by Capt. H.H. Hughes RN Commanding Officer and Commander P.L.K. Needham RN the Executive officer.

In attendance to witness the unveiling of the plaque and memorial bench were several members of the Talybont community, who are very proud of their affiliation to the Centre and the Royal Navy. These included Lady Sue Large the High Sheriff of Powys, Vice Chairman of the local council, licensees' of the White Hart Inn, Usk Hotel and Belvedere Hotel, a Forestry Commission representative, as well as Paddy the owner of the local burger wagon. The memorial bench has been hand made by a Mr Colin Huntley, from railway artefacts' he found locally. Colin is a naval volunteer and an invaluable member of the staff who has been working at the OLTC for the past 15 years. Colin is a keen historian and a very popular character in the community.

WOI Paul Willetts the present Leadership Training Officer said

"It gave me great pleasure to invite the Second Sea Lord and members of the local community to OLTC to unveil a plaque and memorial bench celebrating 50 years of training by the Royal Navy in Talybont and to commemorate the Centre as the old stationmaster's house on the Brecon to Merthyr railway".

*Diana Downey
Administrator, OLTC*

'Wales: a living landscape' is the title of a special talk to be given at Henderson Hall on Monday March 25th at 7pm. The speaker is Dr Ruth Williams of the National Trust Wales who is a nationally recognised authority on countryside, landscape and areas of natural beauty. Her illustrated talk is being organised by the new Brecon & Radnor branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales. Following the talk there will be a hot supper, with wine. Meriel Oliver the chair of the new branch said "this special evening will be our inaugural event and we do hope that everyone with an interest in the conservation and sustainable use of the countryside will come. Rural Wales faces many challenges and this talk by an expert will offer ideas for the future". Donations on the night, but please first phone your request for places to 01874 676225. *Peter Seaman*



Vice Admiral David Steel, Lady Sue Large, together with representatives of the local community, all with connections to OLTC.





THE **ENERGISER**

NEWSLETTER of the
TALYBONT ON USK ENERGY GROUP
January - March 2013

... And it's a very exciting start to the New Year!

You're all invited to take part in the first-ever....

TALYBONT-ON-USK ENERGY ELECTRICITY CHALLENGE!

To kick off at the beginning of Climate Week (4-10 March 2013), the Challenge is very simple. The aim is for households and businesses in the Talybont-on-Usk Energy area to reduce their consumption of ELECTRICITY (not all of your energy sources) compared to the same quarter last year. You will need to dig out last year's statements; for many of you, these may be viewable online. The Challenge will take place over the next year, and *the household or business that reduces their electricity use by the greatest amount for each of those quarters will receive TWICE the sum of the money that they save!** Remember, we are asking you to reduce your consumption of electricity, not the money that you are spending on it. The different (and often confusing) rates and tariffs offered by the various electricity suppliers are too mind-bogglingly diverse to make that an option. Because the Challenge involves each participant reducing their consumption compared to the same period last year, this means that it doesn't matter whether you live in a stately home or a home that's in a state; a flat, a semi or a rambling farmhouse. We also want businesses to join in.

Everyone can take part! And remember...your efforts will result in a fabulous double whammy, two things that are very important to us all...

.....*a reduced carbon footprint AND cash in your pocket!*

** up to a value of £250.*

To take part in the Challenge, all you need to do is register as a member of Talybont-on-Usk Energy. This is now **free**. There is a form on our website (www.talybontenergy.co.uk) which you can fill in online, or pick up a form from the Village Stores and leave it behind the counter..... **Then get saving!**

FIND OUT MORE AT THE VILLAGE STORES

ON 22ND FEB 2013 FROM 6PM-7PM

ABOUT ToUE....

Beautiful TALYBONT-ON-USK is the proud home of an exciting and inspiring not-for-profit community enterprise scheme.

A 36kw hydro electric turbine, housed in the original stone-built turbine house above the dam that you can see on the Talybont Reservoir, enables us to generate electricity which is then sold to Good Energy. The income from this power is then invested in further energy-saving and community-enhancing schemes in Talybont and the surrounding villages, including Aber, Pencelli and Scethrog.

If you would like to find out more, visit our website

www.talybontenergy.co.uk

....Or email us on

info@talybontenergy.co.uk

....Or 'like' our page on Facebook

www.facebook.com/talybontenergy

....Or follow us on Twitter

www.twitter.com/talybontenergy

Finally, if you prefer to see and speak to a real person as opposed to a virtual one, drop in to the Village Stores on the last Thursday of every month from 9am - 11am and have a chat!

HOW TO SAVE ELECTRICITY

It's amazing how changing the odd habit can have an impact on your electricity consumption. All the following measures are things you know all about...but how many of us actually do them?

1. Replace light bulbs with energy-saving ones
2. Turn off lights if you're not using them
3. Turn off electrical appliances – TVs, computers, washing machines – rather than leaving them on standby
4. Do you really need to use that appliance? Be more aware of how many times you use the washing machine, dishwasher, etc
5. Use your washing machines at a lower temperature.... 30 degrees will usually do the job
6. Open the fridge/freezer door for as short a time as possible to minimize warming
7. Take a shower rather than a bath
8. Make the most of natural light; open curtains and blinds rather than reaching for the light switch
9. Boil only as much water as you need in your kettle
10. Maximise use of your oven by cooking as much as possible while it is turned on.

MORE ABOUT THE ELECTRICITY CHALLENGE

Because electricity is billed per quarter, it means that, if you miss the start of the Challenge at the beginning of March, you can still leap on board at any time during the year.

If you have kids, it is likely that they will be much better than you at turning off lights and following other electricity-saving measures. Get them involved!

The habits of electricity saving that you will adopt will certainly mean that your electricity consumption will decrease on a permanent basis, saving on cash as well as our carbon footprint

Share your electricity-saving tips on our website, facebook and twitter accounts.

The best suggestions will merit prizes!

** up to a value of £250.*



Buckland Hall heating goes carbon-neutral

The Christmas guests at Buckland Hall were the first to experience both the warmth of the radiators and the glow of being ecologically virtuous, thanks to the new biomass burner installed there in December.

The whole installation of boiler and fuel storage arrived in a large container hoisted by crane over the top of the mansion with massive relief when it eventually touched down on its pad!

The system – a single 200kW Hargessner boiler burning a slow drip of wood pellets - provides more than enough heating and hot water for the whole of the mansion even in the coldest period. Because wood



pellets are a renewable fuel classified as carbon-neutral, they qualify for the Government's Renewal Heat Incentive, which

will cover the costs of the installation within 4 to 5 years. There are also additional savings on switching from oil to wood pellet. So, we're feeling exceptionally warm, virtuous and financially sensible - a rare combination!

If you would like any further information then please get in touch: Buckland Hall, Bwlch, Brecon. LD3 7JJ
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Nia Harries

Administration & Publicity Officer

Ras Tor-y-Foel Race

Saturday January 12th this year saw the second running of the Tor-y-Foel hill race, part of the Welsh Fell Runners Association (WFRA) winter hill series. The race is 7.4 km (4.6 miles) long with an ascent of 370 meters (1155 feet). Last year there were 60 runners taking part, this year there were 99 starters and probably if the weather forecast for the day had not been so pessimistic it could have been a three figure field!

At 12:00 the summit of Tor-y-Foel was sheathed in cloud and the threat of the promised snow looked very possible. Fortunately the cloud did lift and when the race started at 14:00 the summit was visible. The first man to finish was Sean Taylor of Mynydd Du in a time of 35m 19s followed home by last year's winner Ben Moon of Mynyddwyr De Cymru (MDC) in 36m 00s. Ben won the race last year in a time of 34m 29s so this year maybe the cold easterly wind was a factor. Katie Beecher of Les Croupiers was the first lady to finish with a time of 41m 18s. The full results can be found on the WFRA website - www.wfra.org.uk where you can find some notable local performances. A certain milkman, a rare commodity in the 21 century, Gron Davies who finished in a time of 45m 12s. Rhian Probert who was the sixth lady to finish with a time of 45m.53 s and Owen Cartwright, who claims he has not competed for years because of the demands of the White Hart, finished in 50m 37s.

The overwhelming response from runners after the race and from subsequent phone calls and Emails was that the race had been well marshaled, which to

an organiser is sweet music. Runners getting lost can be at best a nuisance, but at worse can have nightmarish implications. So a huge thank you to those people who made this possible and they all deserve to be listed: Mike Bugler, Geraint James, John Battersby, Jerri Blake, Gareth Davies, Stuart Iles, Kay Lucas, Derek Thornley, Andrew Jenkins, Seamus Hamill-Keays and Richard Preece. Hopefully some of these marshalls will be running next year, 11th January 2014, and we can perhaps break the century barrier.

The race was based at Dan-y-Wenallt this year and the aim is to use the hostel as a regular platform for the event, having the registration and prize giving there. This year another group had booked the hostel for the weekend but thanks to the remarkable motive force at Dan-y-Wenallt, Carol Roberts, we were found space and provided with comprehensive refreshments to complete the package. A final thank you to those people who were at Dan-y-Wenallt and put the race together on the day, Hilary Williams, Jessica Taylor, Julie, and John Chidlow the timekeeper. You can see the early and finishing stages of the race via YouTube - www.youtube.com using Tor-y-Foel as a link. Mike Bugler, multi-tasking as a marshall and cameraman, provided the footage.

The race will be held on Jan 11th next year and anyone interested in helping, supporting and/or running then you can contact me via:
lrweryri@hotmail.com
01874 676568 or 07754 840966

Les Williams

Siop Siarad - Talking Shop -

is essentially the idea of having regular, informal gatherings in Talybont where people who speak Welsh, those that know some Welsh and those who want to start learning the language could meet and exercise the language. There are a number of people locally who are well capable of providing a relaxed and informative focus for something like Siop Siarad and it would be interesting to see how many local people would be interested in such an idea.

St Davids Day - Friday 1st March - would seem a good time to start things rolling, a chance to see what peoples' thoughts are and to discuss the format and frequency of such meetings if people want to take things forward. I've spoken to Regan and Rob in the shop and they are happy to have the cafe as a venue for the immediate future. If the idea interests you then you can contact me via the my phone or Email details below alternatively, a short questionnaire available in the shop will be a useful means of measuring the response.

01874 676568 or 07754 840966

lrweryri@hotmail.com

Les Williams

WI Programme

Talybont WI meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month 7-10pm in the Henderson Hall. The season started on 16th January with a talk on Breconshire Birds by Andrew King of Brecknock Wildlife Trust.

Spring Programme:

Feb. 13th 'The Salmon Fishery and its environs' by John Taylor.

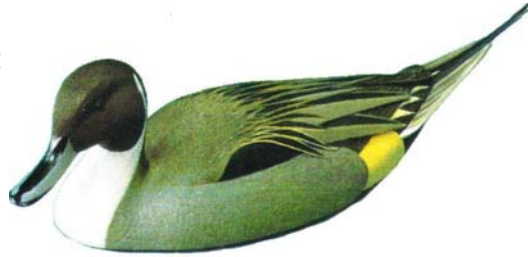
Mar 20th 'Usk House' by Sally Morris

April 17th 'Go Batty in Talybont' by Peter and Margaret Seaman.

Valentine Murray Godwyn Bennett: 1923 to 2012

Fleet Air Arm and Wildlife Artist

Best known for his outstanding work in hand-painted bronze wildfowl and sporting watercolours, Val Bennett also produced a significant body of work in recording the air war in the Pacific whilst a navigator during the Second World War.



Following school Val went on to the de Havilland Aeronautical Technical School at Hatfield before joining the Fleet Air Arm in 1942. In 1944 he was posted to join 1772, the Friendly Squadron flying Firefly's from HMS Indefatigable during Operation Iceberg, the invasion of Okinawa and subsequently flying relief to the POW camps after the Hiroshima bomb. Many of Val's drawings and paintings from this time illustrate books on this campaign and hang in

the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton. After the war, Val's earliest miniature wildfowl debuted at the Festival of Britain. For the time being, however, Val turned his attention and energy to a successful career in the aerospace industry until the bankruptcy of Rolls Royce made him reconsider his future and his part in the future direction of the industry.

From 1973, he worked until very recently from his home in Scethrog turning his lifelong talent into a business which saw his renowned work in bronze wildfowl exhibited and collected around the world. As well as his bronze collections, Val produced fine life size wood carvings, work in silver and his many water colours which reflected both his love of field sports and the peace and tranquillity as well as the drama of the countryside and the creatures which inhabit it. Val was born on 14th February 1923 and died at home on 30th November 2012.

Peter Seaman

Friends of Talybont Reservoir Projects

The Friends are putting together projects for 2013. These will include nesting rafts for Great Crested Grebes, improvements to a foot-path, and litter picking again.



It is great fun and we welcome anyone to join us for the few days a year when we meet. There is no demanding commitment! Just phone 01874 676225 to get your name put on the mailing list.

Peter Seaman

Mass tree planting on local farm

During January, over 30 volunteers have planted 3000 sapling trees on a farm near Talybont-on-Usk. The work was part of the 'Our Beacons for Bats' project organised by the Vincent Wildlife Trust and with support from the National Park and the Environment Agency. During 2011, 3 local volunteers carried out a detailed survey of Lesser Horseshoe bats which were using the wooded hedgerows on the farm. These rare bats have a stronghold in this part of the Usk valley with 3 roosts of international importance in the area. The bats favour wooded hedgerows as 'flightpaths' in order to hunt for food and move around the countryside.

The planting will enhance their habitat as well as helping to maintain the beautiful and diverse habitats of the Usk valley. The Trust is hoping that other farms will be interested in similar work. A lack of hibernation sites may also be a limiting factor for Lesser Horseshoe bats in the upper Usk Valley. If you know of any ice houses, unheated cellars or WW2 pillboxes in the area, wish to volunteer or you are a farmer and would like to know more about how the Trust could help you enhance the habitats on your farm land, then please **contact Jane Sedgeley on 01874 623724.**

Peter Seaman



Gardeners' Question Time Recording

Monday 18th February 2013
Clarence Hall, Crickhowell
Doors Open 5:30pm for 6.30pm start

Hosted by
 Crickhowell Horticultural Society
Tickets cost £2
 and can be purchased from:
 Crickhowell Resource and Information
 Centre , 2 Beaufort Street, Crickhowell,
 Powys. NP8 1BN
 or - Lynne Austin - Tel: 01873 810145

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The 200 Club Draw

took place at the Christmas Bingo.

Winners were:

£50 B Anglezarke
£35 P Wilkie
£25 B Powell
£15 P Seaman
£10 I Probert

New members are very welcome
Contact Brenda on 676639.

Vintage Heavy Duty

Garden Lawn Roller for sale.

£60 ono

Tel. 01874 665208

TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION

We are always looking for new
members to join us.

We are a very informal group with
regular speakers and garden trips out
during the summer months,
indoor meetings always ending up with
tea, coffee and biscuits!!

Annual membership is only £5 per annum.

Friday 15th February: Guest Speaker Gareth Davies who will give a talk and show slides on "Growing from Seed"

Friday 15th March: Peter Guthrie, Boughrood "No Bees, No Flowers" - talk and slides

Also OUR SPRINGTIME COMPETITION: Vase of 5 Blook of Miniature Daffodils or Narcissi in flower
OR Pot of Primroses or Polyanthus in flower.

Tuesday 2nd April: 3-way Quiz with Bwlch as the Hosts this year, 7.30pm at Bwlch Village Hall

Friday 19th April: Kate Williams, Cardiff "Veg Verse - Rhyme & Song Show for Gardeners" - all local Gardening Clubs to be invited, This is a "fun evening" and everyone is invited

Friday 17th May: Visit to The Secret Garden, near Pontypool, Talk by owners, plants to buy with large discount, and refreshments in Sally's Tea Room. Leave Talybont 4.15 in shared cars

For any further information please contact either the
Chairman: Mr Neville Danby 01874 676630 or the
Secretary: Mrs Sandra Briskham 01874 676297

TALYBONT VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Next Litter Pick

SATURDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2013

Please meet at the Shop at 10 am
All equipment will be supplied - all we need
is YOU

for a couple of hours!



Church News

DONKEY DERBY!! Well done the hordes
who turned up in the rain on Christmas



Eve for the "Living Nativity"! A great time was had by all! Special thanks to the organisers, stewards, Llangynidr School Friends' catering crew & everyone from baby Ellis to Cherry to Clare to Lowry to Peter the donkey! Most of all to the group who did the "donkey" work putting it all together!

THREE PLUS THREE = ONE! (New Year conundrum!!) Our 3 Talybont Churches have now merged with our neighbouring Llanfrynach Group of 3 Churches! Effectively it means we miss out on one service a month—the 1st. Sunday each month which becomes a big united service doing the rounds of all 6 churches on rota (Llandetty in Feb. & Llanfeugan in April to start). Service times have changed too—9am. not 9.30 (1st. Sundays still 9.30)

SPONSOR A SERVICE! Thanks to the very many people from all over who offered to sponsor the Family Church in the Hall once a month. For this year we are supported by the White Hart who came forward with cash in hand!!

FORTHCOMING HIGHLIGHTS!!
Concert at Llansantffraed Church Fri. 8th. evening. Watch posters for info.
"Only Dads Allowed" on Sat 9th. March in the Hall 10.30-11.30+ for card-making & bacon butties!
Mothers' Day united service in the Hall 10am. Sun 10th. Mums allowed!
Easter Day (March 31st.) 9am. at Llanfeugan Church.
Henry Vaughan service 4pm. Sunday 28th. April at Llansantffraed Church.

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