



Talybont Matters

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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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Editor's Note

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Hello from Talybont Tourism!

We thought you might like a little update on what we have been up to over the last two years since we started. As you know from the influx of holiday-makers and day-trippers who pour into the village, Talybont is loved and enjoyed not just by us locals. So a range of Talybont holiday cottages, B&B's, pubs, local food producers, shop, activity providers and more have been working together to try and support our tourists. They in turn help to keep our pubs, shop and local economy vibrant. It's with thanks to funding through Collabor8 and Rural Alliances (both co-funded through the ERDF Interreg IVB NWE Programme) and the invaluable support of the Brecon Beacons NPA that we have managed to do so much in such a short time.

Just look around the village to see many of the results! Hopefully you'll have noticed all the new signage around the village and surroundings making it much easier for visitors (and locals!) to find their way around: the Village Map on the open space opposite the lift bridge, the engraved oak bench on the canal.

Others are less obvious but equally important. Our website has continued to grow in popularity with over 10,500 visits over the last year. An invaluable resource in promoting local tourism businesses, it can also help you promote any local activity or event. Just give us the details and we would be happy to do a post for you. We also now have an exciting 'Welcome to Talybont' leaflet which has been produced and widely circulated throughout the Brecon Beacons. The leaflet promotes the wide range of amenities, services and activities that the village and surrounding area has to offer. It has been flying off the shelves at the tourist information offices

and Visitor Centres and you can take a peek at one in the Village Store information area. We've also developed our own 'Brand', helping to establish Talybont-on-Usk as a great destination for visitors to the Brecon Beacons National Park.

This year we hope to produce a leaflet with some easy to navigate walks suitable for all the family. If you think you have some good local walks that we could include please do let us know. There are lots of other things we want to do but at the moment, we probably need a few more hours in the day like everyone else!! We will look forward to letting you know more of what we are up to in future issues.

We wish to acknowledge those who have helped us with advice, support and funding: to Rural Alliances for providing funding and officer support; to the Brecon Beacons NPA for their tremendous support guidance over the last 2 years and to Alison Kidd from the Prospectory for her continuing assistance with the website.

We're always looking for new members to support us and participate in our activities. If you'd like to be involved in developing local tourism or are thinking of getting involved in a tourism related business why not join us? Membership is just £20 a year and offers a listing on www.talybontonusk.com with a link to your own website, to have events and special offers listed on talybontonusk.com, to be part of a proactive networking group who are willing to share and support, an opportunity to voice your opinions on local tourism issues and an opportunity to be involved with funded projects.

Nigel Forster (Chair,
Talybont-on-Usk Tourism)



The Annual Talybont Show

will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd August
at Henderson Hall and Playing Field (LD3 7YQ).

There will be attractions to appeal to all ages as well as the chance to view the exhibits from adults and young people.

This year the Schedule includes two different entry forms:

Green for all adult entries – **one adult per form please;**

Yellow for all child and young people's entries – **one child or young person per form please.**

Additional entry forms are available from **Talybont Stores, Canalside Café and Post Office.**

The Show Committee appreciate the support of local businesses that have generously sponsored the Schedule. Also, they appreciate the enthusiastic commitment of all the volunteers who help to make sure that the Annual Show can take place.

Talybont Show promises to be a really great afternoon out so do mark the day on your calendar and come along with your friends and family!
(See Page 3 for details)

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TALYBONT AR WYSC

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



HENDERSON HALL

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FLICKS

Wed 6 Aug - 7.30pm
'Before Sunrise'
(cert 15)

Wed 3 Sept - 7.30pm
'The Lunchbox'
(cert PG)

ANNUAL SHOW

Sat 23 Aug from
1.30pm

DUCK RACE

Sat 30 Aug (Malt House)
Refreshments 2.30pm
Duck Race 3.30pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Playgroup

Mondays
10 - 12 am
Kirsty Carr
01874 676514

WI

2nd Wed each month
7pm - 10pm
Anne Jeans
01874 626637

Brownies

Thursdays
6.30pm - 7.45pm
Sue Thorne
01874 676293

Cricket Club

May resume in summer
Contact Geraint James
01874 676272

Junior Tennis Club

Weds 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Margaret Cox
01874 676697
Sarah Osborne
01874 676633

Gardening Club

7.30pm 3rd Friday each
month Sept to June.
Chair: Gareth Davies
01874 676200

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.

Zumba Dance Class

8-9pm every Tuesday
Heather
Vaughan
Talybont
Stores.

Henderson Hall Contacts

Steve Taylor (Chair) 676208 Clare Wright (Vice Chair) 676679 Donna Darbyshire (Treasurer) 676304
Shirley Hemmings (Caretaker) 676456 Sue Thorne (Bookings Secretary) 676293

Duck Race

Have some fun and support the village hall at a Duck Race on Saturday August 30th at The Malt House, opposite The White Hart, (thank you Mike and Lyne). Refreshments from 2.30pm with the race starting at 3.30pm. Tickets are only £1 and can be bought from committee members or pop along to the Village Store who are also holding tickets for sale.

If you can't come along on the day but your Duck wins, we will let you know and obviously, the more ducks you have the better your chance to win that cash prize!

Clare Wright

Talybont Flicks Film Nights

First Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30pm in Henderson Hall.

August 6th, 'Before Sunrise' (cert 15), starring Ethan Hawke.

This is a smartly observed tale of two young people who meet by chance and explore after-hours Vienna. The first of three films in a series so worth coming along.

September 3rd, 'The Lunchbox', (cert PG), set in Mumbai this is a great feel-good comedy drama with some mouth watering scenes of cooking based around a lovely story.

Clare Wright

Memorial benches

Two families have taken up the offer to donate a memorial benches for their loved ones following the article in the last newsletter. These will be positioned beside the cricket pitch and the childrens' play area, respectively. There is still a need for seating by the tennis courts, so please come forward if you would like to donate one too. These serve two purposes: they are a reminder of lost loved ones and also provide a place for relaxation, contemplation, and comradeship.



Please address all enquiries to Heather Vaughan at Talybont Stores.

Talybont-on-Usk Tennis

We have had a very successful season, since April we have been able to play outside most Wednesdays. Ten to twelve children have turned up each week and thoroughly enjoy the sessions. This is mainly due to our coach Robin, who makes the sessions fun. His success is obvious in the way the children have improved, some who couldn't hit ball now return it over the net with great accuracy.

A mini tournament was held on the last session before the holidays, this was won by Esther Burdon. The children were given a tennis club 'T' shirt and a certificate of achievement.

Tennis coaching will restart in September (date to be confirmed).

Margaret Cox

Help keep Talybont litter-free!

Once again our intrepid litter pickers were busy in May covering the usual areas of the village with their gloves, litter-picker sticks, black bags and hoops. The usual areas were covered - the Recycling area, the immediate Hall surroundings including the playing field, and children's playground, the front and back of the OAP bungalows, the canal towpath

in both directions, and the main road through the village in both directions including Station Road.

Each time we carry out the task we seem to gather less and less litter so we like to think that we are educating and encouraging locals and visitors to take their litter home with them rather than leave it here with us!

If any of the local groups wish to carry out their own litter pick on any specific day or evening please let me know and I can provide you with all the necessary equipment.

Thank you to my regular litter pickers once again and hopefully we will meet again on Tuesday the 12th August for our next session.

Sandra Briskham, Organiser

Talybont WI

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month -

7-10pm at Henderson Hall

Newcomers Welcome!

Secretary Anne Jeans: 676637

Programme:

Sept 10 'Say it with flowers' -

Cath Rees

Oct 8 'The History of the Plough

Chapel' - Rev Michael Hodges

Zumba Dance Class

8-9pm every Tuesday

at Henderson Hall,

Talybont on Usk

£4.00 per session

All ages welcome - please

arrive at 7.50 to sign in.

Proceeds to be donated to

children's play equipment

and tennis courts at

Talybont Playing Fields.

The 200 Club Draw

Winners of the July Draw were:

£50 Gareth Davies

£35 Allan Lewis

£25 Robert Jones

£15 Sarah Ball

£10 Jonathan Griffiths

Thank you to all members for your continuous support, and also to all the new members who joined for the first time this year.

New members are very welcome
Contact Brenda on 676639

Talybont Show Programme - get ready with your entries!

The Annual Talybont Show, to be held on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd August at the Henderson Hall, will open at 1.30pm with the Cavern Brass Quintet to help get everyone in the mood for a traditional village event; they will play again between the fancy dress competition and the sports.

At 2.00p.m. the fancy dress competition, kindly organised by Sarah Osborne and Margaret Cox, will take place on the Playing Fields; this is always a popular event for competitors and spectators. The children always come up with some really original ideas for their costumes but very often we wonder why there are not at least a few adults taking part. So, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbours why not be just a little bit brave and have a go – you might surprise yourself at how much fun it can be and you might even win! The hardest task in the afternoon is judging this competition and we are delighted that once again Sue Large has agreed to take on the role.

The sports for children and adults will begin at 3.00pm; these events will be organised, with great enthusiasm by Chris Jones and his team of helpers. They are so keen that they may even add additional races to those set out in the Show Schedule! Trophies will be awarded to the girl and boy gaining the highest number of points in the sports; these trophies are awarded for life and I gather that they continue to be a treasured memento of a childhood triumph.

There will be something to tempt all visitors to the Show. Talybont WI will be serving teas throughout the afternoon. The miniature steam train will be making a welcome return to Talybont Show giving the oppor-

tunity, for young people and the not so young, to ride a train in Talybont-on-Usk! Also, on the field there will be a Bouncy Castle, coconut shy, a raffle as well as a bottle stall to try your luck on. The week before the Show Stuart Iles and his team of helpers will be contacting locals to request that they donate a bottle for the stall so if you can have a bottle or bottles ready when they call it is very much appreciated and helps to fund the Show which is such a popular village event.

In addition on the field there will be an exhibition of bikes that have been collected by the James family. There will also be a display of bees. The plant stall will be organised by Neville Danby; please bring contributions for this on the morning of the Show or give them to Neville beforehand.

The Show Schedule sets out all the competitions for adults and young people; if you haven't yet got yours copies are available in Talybont Stores, Canalside Café and Post Office. For adults there are horticultural, floral art, domestic, handicraft, art and photography sections. The Local Section is confined to all members of Talybont Gardening Association (TGA) and anyone living within a four mile radius of the village. The Open Section is open to anyone irrespective of membership of the TGA or where they live. When all the entries are exhibited on the day in the Henderson Hall it is a wonderful sight. This year there is a new prize a £15.00 voucher generously donated by the Walled Garden Treberfydd for the winner of Class 21, 'A collection of 4 kinds of culinary herbs', see, page 4 of the Schedule. contributions for this on the morning of the Show or give them to Neville beforehand.

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The Children's and Young People's Section has become so popular the committee have decided to provide more space this year! The competitions for this section have been moved to a different part of the Schedule this year, they can be found on pages 14 – 18; there may be some ideas for activities to counter boredom on a wet day! Once again there is a Family Challenge the key ingredient this year is a carrot so families it is time to put your thinking caps on! The display of the entries from the children and young people are always admired by visitors to the show and they are justly a matter of pride for all the entrants, their families and friends. The judges are always impressed by the inventive, original ideas and the care taken by the competitors in this section making it a tough one to judge!

So head off to the Talybont Stores now to collect your entry forms - and remember, it's a Green form for all adult entries, and a Yellow one for all child and young people's entries (one person per form please).

Pat Wilkie

Please note: all the details relating to the Annual Talybont Show are correct at the time of going to press.

TALYBONT VILLAGE LITTER PICK



Next Litter Pick

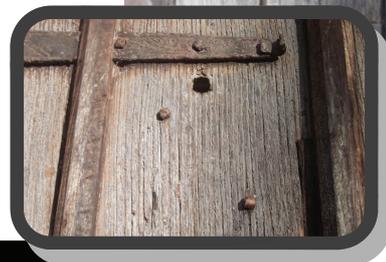
TUESDAY 12th AUGUST 2014

Please meet at Talybont Shop at 7pm
All equipment will be supplied - all we need is YOU for a couple of hours!

For further information contact:
Sandra Briskham 676297

Llandetty bullet hole!

Local school girl, Ffion Hilling, recently gave a presentation about her history project on Llandetty Church. In this she included these photos, which pertain to the following incident, detailed in the quote from Chris Barber's article in Abergavenny Chronicle published 3rd April, which was highlighted in the last issue of TM: "During the Commonwealth this church was used as a farm building by Puritan Colonel Jenkin Jones of Llandetty Hall, who took the title of the incumbent. One day he was supervising the milking of his ewes in it, when news arrived of the landing of Charles II. He mounted his horse, fired his pistol at the church door, shouting 'Ah, thou old whore of Babylon, thou'll have it all thy own way now.' He then rode off, never to be seen in the parish again, but the bullet hole is still visible."





The ENERGISER

*THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
TALYBONT on USK ENERGY GROUP
MAY — JULY 2014*

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

It's Ciao to Mike with a Pizza!

With an evening of celebration and pizzas at the Canalside Café, Talybont Energy have just said goodbye to Mike Bugler as a Director of our community social enterprise.

Mike has been a cornerstone for us, as our founder member and Chair for over 12 years, bringing skills, commitment and endless enthusiasm to our work. Members enjoyed reminiscing about all that had happened since our early days in 2002 when a hydro scheme at the reservoir was a twinkle in the eye: to the national television news live switch-on with our First Minister Rhodri Morgan in 2006! Mike's usual calm and professional demeanour didn't falter and he didn't miss a beat when the computer link to the turbine failed with seconds to go to the live broadcast! The countdown continued with no-one the wiser.

We'll miss your wisdom and generosity of spirit Mike - thank you for all you've done !

PS - we know where you live!



Community Energy Open Day

Sunday 21st Sept

Talybont Energy invites you to join us for an open afternoon:

2-5pm



This is your chance to ...

- ◆ Visit the Talybont hydro scheme at the reservoir - a rare chance to see our community's very own turbine in action and understand how it all works.
- ◆ Visit open homes in the community to see and learn about their experiences of solar PV installations, solar hot water heating and domestic hydro.
- ◆ Take a tour 'behind the scenes' of Henderson Hall's solar PV and new air source heating system.
- ◆ See the community woodland group's activities in the woodland at Gilestone Farm.
- ◆ Get some advice on energy saving tips for your home this winter.
- ◆ Learn about the community electric and biodiesel cars and how to join the car share scheme.

Everyone is welcome to come along.

We will be running a competition for children as part of the event with a prize!

It all starts at Henderson Hall at 2pm and maps to find the locations will be provided.

Derwen y groes (Cross Oak in the Parish of Llanfigan)

Annette Brooks, of Lower Cross Oak, has written a short history of Cross Oak - The first issue was published in the last issue of Talybont Matters. This follows on from where it left off...

Editor

My great-great-grandparents, Elizabeth James and Robert Baglin, were married in Llanfigan Church 21st Feb 1837 and lived in Cross Oak until 1861 when they moved to Llangynidr after losing their 4 of their children, who are buried in Brynore Chapel in the village.

Anne: born 1838, died 1841
 Mary: born 1842, died 1847
 Catherine born 1844
 Daniel born 1847, died 1851
 David: born 1849, died 1851

The Thomas family lived at Coity Bach from 1851-1940's and later moved to Cui farm.

So, in all, Derwen y groes was a busy little Hamlet.

By the 1900's the Coaching Inn had be converted into four cottages (The Brewery was N° 1, the Inn itself N°s 3 and 4, the hostelry was later rebuilt and became N° 5).

Green Hill was built sometime between the 1st and 2nd World Wars for Lord & Lady Brecon (Mr & Mrs Vivian Lewis).

By the 2nd World War the Price Family lived in 1&2, Ivor & Doris Parry lived in 3 with their family and old Mrs Whittaker lived in 4.

At this time Lord Brecon owned all the Cottages and in 1963 they all had a big make over and modernised with Bathrooms etc. N°s 1 & 2 became N° 1, N°s 3 & 4 became one and the Stables were converted into N° 5, where Mr & Mrs Roy Bufton lived with their family.



3 & 4 Cross Oak behind the War Memorial

The two cottages over the canal:

Mrs Fisher lived in the first one & Mr Dai Morgan and family lived in the second one.



At this time our cottages (Twyn Dwr and Mount Pleasant) were occupied by Mr & Mrs Ernest James (uncle to Des James the Garage) and Mrs Gladys James (the daughter of Mr & Mrs William Thomas, Coity Bach).

By 1975 my father and mother (Thomas & Eira Bevan) had retired to our cottage - some 150 years later than my great-great-grandparents Elizabeth & Robert Baglin.



Annette Brooks

Twyn Dwr, Lower Cross Oak, Talybont-on-Usk

Friends of Talybont Reservoir

Efforts to protect and promote the reservoir and its environment continue apace. In June, the Friends launched a new website about the reservoir. The site includes details of the recently completed scientific surveys on invertebrates, botany, crayfish and otters. Further information can be obtained from the site at www.talybontreservoir.co.uk. The Friends are most grateful to the Community Council and Talybont Energy for the grant to provide the website.

The Friends have acquired a number of copies of the entertaining and interesting book about the history of the reservoir 'The Talybont Saga'. These are available for purchase from the Friends by phoning 01874 676225. Last year we were lucky to be awarded a sizeable grant from the Brecon Beacons

Trust that helped fund the surveys, the nesting platforms at the southern end and the restored footpath between the new hide and the car park. On 16th July we welcomed members of the Trust to the reservoir where they inspected the work we had done with their money. Peter Ogden, chair of the Trust said "we are most impressed by the work of the Friends at the reservoir and look forward to further cooperation in the future".

The Friends warmly welcome new volunteers from the community to assist in work as diverse as litter picking and advising on future ambitions for the area. For more information phone 01874 676225 or visit our website.



Chairman of the Friends John Jones presenting Chairman of the Brecon Beacons Trust Peter Ogden with a copy of the 'Talybont Saga'.

Peter Seaman



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Sept 28
Oct 26**

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The Talybont Saga

a history of the construction of
Talybont reservoir

limited copies available

All proceeds will be used to
enhance the ecology of the reservoir

Phone 01874 676225

Wheelie Cool

**Bikes, Bands & BBQ at Henderson Hall, Talybont
September 14th, 12.00 – 4.00pm**



Come and watch Talybont's own Matti Hemming showing off his flatland BMX skills, test the newly constructed BMX circuit, compete in the mountain bike skills competition, drool over an impressive collection of Raleigh Burners – all to music!

- ♣ Official opening of BMX circuit
- ♣ Stunt Bike Show by Matti Hemmings – Flatland BMXer
- ♣ Music by Safely Insane and Fingertrap
- ♣ Retro Raleigh Burner Display
- ♣ Mountain Bike Skills competition
- ♣ BBQ



Bring Your Bikes!

Matti Hemmings, a leading light and professional BMX Flatlander (breakdancing on a bike), will show off his skills during the afternoon. Matti currently holds the Guinness World Records Title of Most BMX Cliffhanger Spins (one foot on the handlebars) In One Minute with 56 spins (awesome!).

The finish of the Canalathon challenge will be at the Canal Basin in Brecon. There will be a number of music based performances during this time on a stage erected over the water with refreshments provided by Brecon Brewing and Tipple 'n' Tiffin.

The canal will be buzzing throughout the day as participants make their way towards their goal, cheered on by locals and their team support. Please come along and support them – they would appreciate the encouragement.

Music on the Water

Brecon Canal Basin - September 14th, 2.00 – 8.00pm



The Canal Basin at Brecon is the finish point of the 33 mile Canalathon. A public event will be staged to celebrate the end of the challenge and congratulate those taking part.

A platform over the water (specially erected by HMS of Brecon) will be the stage on which bands will perform throughout the day.

Performances

- | | |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| 1.00pm | Cooper & Co |
| 2.00pm | Tell Tale |
| 3.00pm | Uskulele Brecon |
| 4.00pm | Jeff Alderman |
| 5.00pm | Alive & Kicking Community Choir |
| 6.00pm | Safely Insane |
| 7.00pm | Mike & Johnny Bird |



Refreshments will be available throughout the day. The canal will be buzzing throughout the day as participants make their way towards their goal. Come along and cheer the participants as they complete the 33 mile challenge, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the music.

Open day at TIRATANALOKA Buddhist retreat centre

Would you believe it - Tiratanaloka is now in its 20th year! We have been based in Aberclydach House (just opposite Aber Farm) since 1994.

We held 2 or 3 open days during the early years so that people in the local area would have a better idea of what the Centre is about but there was less interest after a while and we stopped after the year the bouncy castle was a wash out.

However, in order to celebrate our **20th anniversary** we will be holding an **open day on Sunday 7th of September from 10.00 till 5.00.**

I don't think we'll try the bouncy castle idea again, but there'll be a chance to look around the retreat centre and garden, chat to the team over tea and cakes, or listen to short presentations on meditation and Buddhism for anyone who is interested.

The original team of 4 women set up the charity and bought Aberclydach House back in 1994. They chose the name Tiratanaloka, which means place of the Three Jewels. Since then we have been holding retreats here for women from all over the world, many of whom have now joined our Triratna Buddhist Order. Seven of us work in the team at present, living together in Aberclydach House itself and teaching on the retreats. We also run all the practical aspects of the charity including keeping the house and garden in good repair, booking in retreatants, sorting the finances and ordering food. Mostly women come here in order to train for ordination, so they are already Buddhists with several years of practice behind them. They come from all walks of life - I've met women working in the health service, teachers, mums, academics, women who are unemployed, civil servants, women working with other Buddhists in businesses, students

and self employed women. We often have women here from abroad, and in order to help those who don't speak much English we have bilingual retreats, with Spanish or German translation.

We usually have 12 or 13 retreats a year, for two weeks or 10 days, with 20 to 30 women on each one. It's quite an intense life while a retreat is running. The day starts at 7.00 with meditation and then we spend time together discussing the teachings of the Buddha and how we go about putting them into effect in our daily lives. Each evening we finish the day with more meditation and a simple ritual of worship in the shrine room. We occasionally run different kinds of retreats including weekends for women from Bristol and Cardiff, or study retreats for members of the Triratna Buddhist Order.

So that's a little about us! I hope to see some of you in September.



Newsletter for Talybont-on-Usk,
Aber, Buckland, Llansantffraed,
Pencelli and Scethrog

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Open Gardens for Llansantffraed Church

Well it seemed like a good idea in September 2013! "Shall we open our gardens to raise funds for Llansantffraed Church?" said the Treasurer. "Oh all right then, never Opened before but we have plenty of time!".... Such was the conversation between Brenda (church Treasurer) & Sandra (Warden). "Who else can we ask?" "What about so-&-so, and so-&-so and we mustn't forget what's-his-name?"... "We could do Teas in my garage" said Brenda....

Then winter came and nothing more was said until, all of a sudden, "it's only 8 weeks now" - panic, panic!

However, on the lovely bright sunny afternoon of Sunday 27 July, seven willing garden openers took part - Mike & Lyn Bugler, Harry & Ceri, Brenda Powell, and from Maesmawr Close David Chalmers, Anne Jeans, and Neville & Monique Danby as well as ourselves here at Cornerbrook. All the

Church News

NO CLOSED CHURCHES!

Llandetty Church has been open for business for some time, so where were you?! **Llansantffraed Church** is re-opening on August 24th after major repairs to the floor for several months! Come & see the improvements!!

FAMILY PICNIC/RETIREMENT SERVICE!

Andy's final official service will be a United Family Service at 11am on **Sunday 31st August** at the rear of the Henderson Hall followed by a family picnic & you are all invited! We are not moving away for now as we

TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION

We are a very informal group with regular speakers & garden trips out during summer months. Indoor meetings are held in the Henderson Hall, always ending up with tea, coffee and biscuits!!

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME - JUST COME ALONG!**

Annual membership is only £5 per annum.

Saturday 23rd August: ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW & SPORTS, HENDERSON HALL & PLAYING FIELD.

Wednesday 17th September: Annual Show Reports and Discussion, all interested residents are asked to contribute "feedback" to this important event and to plan for next year's event.

Wednesday 15th October: Talk/slides by Peter and Margaret Seaman "Four Enchanting Northern Gardens".

AUTUMN COMPETITION - Arrangement of Berries, Twigs or Ivy displayed in a Flower Pot.

OTHER NOTABLE GARDENING DATES:

2nd August: Brecon County Show

8th - 9th August: Shrewsbury Flower Show

16th August: Bwlch Village Annual Show

16th August: Crickhowell Society Horticultural Show (Clarence Hall)

24th August: Llangynidr Annual Show (playing field)

21st September: Brecknock Gardening Society Show (Market Hall, Brecon)

27th - 28th September: Malvern Autumn Gardening Show

For any further information please contact either the
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gardens were completely different in content, size and style and the visitors were able to wander around and discuss the plants with the respective owners.

Sandra Briskham

When I was told about the idea of the Talybont-on-Usk Open Gardens the chance of realising a long held ambition took shape ... not a tearoom as I had often dreamt of but a tea garden. It was approved and the idea of vintage style teas developed, all I needed was a little help from my friends ... A sewing machine went into action for bunting; a small team agreed help to up-cycle unwanted plates to create 2 and 3 tier plates. Offers of cakes, scones and help on the day were gladly given by a great catering team and we

were away! On Sunday 27th July all the hard work came to fruition; for me it was a true joy to see my garden full of people enjoying themselves; it seemed alive. One lady spoke to me as she left, "I have never been to the Ritz for tea but today I feel that I have." Thank you to all the team who made this possible.

Pat Wilkie

Sandra and Brenda would like to thank everyone who participated in the event - those that opened their Gardens, provided plants for the plant stall, baked and helped with the Teas and those that toured the gardens; we made just over £1,000 for church funds, and we are now all "resting"!!

have a home here, so you won't get rid of us that easily!!

CELEBRATORY SERVICE at LLANSANTFFRAED

There will be a special service to celebrate the completion of the major works inside the church & the refurbishment of the Henry Vaughan grave which was completed earlier this summer.

This service will be held @ 3pm on **Sunday 14th September.**

HARVEST This takes place in the Henderson

Hall, Talybont on **Sunday 21st September** from 11am, the Harvest Thanksgiving service followed by Harvest lunch. Come & join us!

LLANSANTFFRAED CONCERT Friday 31st October, 7.30 pm when the popular Talgarth Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert in the Church. Local soloists will be Lowri Probert and Glasnant Morgan, tickets will be available nearer the time so watch out for the ticket sellers in October!

Andy Robinson