



# 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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## Your Hall Needs You!

The Henderson Hall AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 29th May at 7.30pm.

This is an open meeting and anyone is welcome to attend.

If you are interested in getting involved with your local community and helping to keep the hall running, we desperately need some more volunteers to be involved. If you want to know more about what we do and what it might involve, please feel free to call Cherry on 676232 or Clare on 676679.

Thank you

Clare Wright

## Peter Seaman retires from Community Council



Peter Seaman has retired as Clerk to Talybont Community Council after sixteen years' service to the Community. During that time his enthusiasm, limitless energy and skilful guidance have been major factors in ensuring that the Community Council is now regarded as one of the more proactive Councils in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The success of any organisation depends upon the cooperation between its various individuals and in

this respect Peter has had an excellent working relationship with the members of the Community Council and their many achievements can be attributed to this partnership. Much work was done to ensure that identified sites for sand and gravel extraction were not safeguarded in the "Park Plan" and following five years of painstaking research on Peter's part, in conjunction with the "Resident's Association", the caravan park at Gilestone was adjudged in the High Court to be unlawful and had to be closed down. Also, the Community Council, under Peter's guidance, succeeded in having improvements made at the A40 junction, an upgrading of the play area on the Playing Field and recently a traffic management survey to relieve parking congestion in the village. The latter is ongoing and it is hoped that some of the recommendations of the report can be implemented if finance is made available. Throughout his term of office Peter has been meticulous in maintaining the Community Council's accounts and he leaves office in the knowledge that much has been achieved during the last sixteen years.

We all wish him a happy and healthy retirement and trust that he and his wife, Margaret, who has been steadfast in her support, enjoy the leisure opportunities now available to them.

Gareth Davies

**Talybont-on-Usk Community Council has a vacancy for a councillor and is seeking to co-opt someone into the role.**

If you are interested in joining the Council, please contact the Clerk, **Katy Tutt** on 01873 810733 or by email [katy@katyandsteve.co.uk](mailto:katy@katyandsteve.co.uk) before Friday 18th May.

Many thanks to the volunteers who distribute this newsletter. We would welcome a new distributor for households in Llansantffraed. Please contact The Editor if you would be willing to volunteer. 01874 730243 - [era21@era21.co.uk](mailto:era21@era21.co.uk)

## Information doesn't get better than this!

A new information unit will be unveiled on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Talybont Stores which is being co-funded by the ERDF Interreg IVB NWE project, COLLABOR8.

The unit will be able to house all local leaflets and brochures which will be a great aid for visitors and the local community.

Many tourism businesses don't have the space to accommodate all the wonderful local

brochures and leaflets so this will be a great central point for visitors to browse the range of information about Talybont & the local area.

Regan Jones, owner of the stores, is also one of the 98 Brecon Beacons National Park Ambassadors and has a wealth of knowledge, excellent customer care skills and a very warm welcome.

Carol Williams, BBNPA



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



## HENDERSON HALL

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Flicks in the Sticks

Tues 22nd May at 7.30pm - 'Mao's Last Dancer' certificate 12 (ballet & clash of cultures - well worth seeing)

Tues 19th June at 7.30pm - 'The 13th Floor' - (sci-fi)

#### Queen's Diamond Jubilee Events

2 - 5 June - (see programme)

#### Henderson Hall AGM

Tues 29 May 7.30 pm

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Playgroup

Mondays  
10 - 12 am  
Pam Burdon  
01874 676605

#### WI

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed each month  
7pm - 10pm  
President:  
Kathryn James  
01874 623496

#### Brownies

Thursdays  
6.30pm - 7.45pm  
Sue Thorne  
01874 676293

#### Talybont Cricket Club

Wednesdays  
5pm - 6pm  
Geraint James  
01874 676272

#### Junior Tennis Club

Wednesdays  
6pm - 7.30pm  
Margaret Cox  
01874 676697  
Sarah Osborne  
01874 676633

#### Gardening Club

7.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month Oct to June.  
Chairperson:  
Brenda Powell  
01874 676639

#### Short Family Service

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month 11am for approx 25 mins.

## Henderson Hall key contacts

Cherry Jones (Chairperson) 676232  
Brenda Powell (Treasurer) 676639  
Sue Thomas (Secretary) 676254

For Hall bookings, contact Heather Stephens (Hall Bookings Secretary)  
Tel: 676242; Email: heather.leejem@orange.net

## JLS bag more awards!

J L Stephens Ltd are proud of their latest achievements in winning two awards in the local Powys County Council LABC Building Excellence Awards.

Elim Church Brecon won it's category & will now be put forward to the National awards.

Penparc Bwlch won a commendation in it's class for high standard of construction and workmanship.

### 50 and not out!

After fifty years, yes 50 years! Working for J L Stephens Ltd, Mr Ken Jones has decided to retire. Ken one of our most senior carpenters started his working career in 1962 under the guidance of Rex Rogers in our joinery shop. As you can appreciate, working for this amount of time Ken has

### The 200 Club Draw

took place at the Easter Bingo  
3 April 2012

Winners were:

£50 Richard Paley  
£35 Mandy Williams  
£25 Ian Bell  
£15 Alan Lewis  
£10 Edward Morgan

New members are very welcome  
Contact Brenda on 676639



worked on numerous projects locally and has always been highly respected for his craftsmanship by all our clients.

We wish Ken a long healthy and happy retirement.

Julian Lott

## Canal 200 cycle ride supports Mountain Rescue Team



Show your support for the Brecon Mountain Rescue Team!

Enter up to four people and help raise much needed funds.

The Canal 200 cycle ride will take place on Saturday 19th May 2pm-3pm from Henderson Hall, Talybont-on-Usk.

Local businesses organising the cycle ride hope the event will see 200 cyclists wheeling along the historic waterway using their pedal power to raise funds for Brecon

Mountain Rescue Team.

The start point in Talybont on Usk is hoping to see families enter and raise sponsorship of £10 per person. The ride ends at Brecon Canal Basin where there will be a free BBQ.

This event is part of Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal's 200th anniversary which is one of the longest and most beautiful cycle routes in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

There will be spot prizes along the route sponsored by Green Dragon Activities, which will include Macpac hydration back packs and a Macpac backpack.

For entry & sponsorship forms go to:

[www.greendragonactivities.co.uk](http://www.greendragonactivities.co.uk)  
or call 01591 610508

Other start points are at:

- ♦ 14 locks Centre, Newport
- ♦ Church Road, Gilwern.

Sponsorship from these start points is £25 per person. If starting from these two points you will also get a Bun, Beer and Banana at The Coach & Horses Llangynidr, as well as a BBQ at Brecon Canal Basin.

Carol Williams  
BBNPA



**Powys**

## Talybont WI's interesting and varied schedule

Talybont WI's 2012 Calendar has been compiled by members and reflects the diverse array of interests our members have.

In January we had a fascinating evening lead by Steph Dempsey from Brecon Museum. She told us about the history of the museum and the plans for the future. It was very interesting to hear about the uses of the building throughout its time. She then challenged us to guess the use of mystery items.

This had us all guessing wildly; we were amazed by the use some of these items were put to. February: we learned all about Sue Prosser's trip to Costa Rica, where she walked further than she ever

had before and raised money for cancer.

March: Glyn Mathias talked about his experiences as a TV Broadcaster, a very informative and amusing talk.

This was followed by our own Lettie Francis in April, who told us stories of her trip to India and the schools she visited. She was left wondering where we are going so wrong: the images she portrayed of Indian schools was somewhat reminiscent of the schools the ladies remember going to themselves, when good old fashioned discipline was the key to education.

In the next few months we would

be pleased to welcome new members to the following evenings:

- ♦ **May 9th** Demo. and participation to make a May Basket.
- ♦ **June 13th** Summer Outing TBC
- ♦ **July 11th** A Celebration: 200 years of Brecon Canal.

Sue Thorne

## The Travellers Rest's new Garden Room

Restaurant is now open - thanks to all who contributed in thought or deed, especially Bill, Hugh and Stuart, and their other halves for allowing them.

Doug and Joy Browning

# The Neighbourhood Policing Team, Brecon

I am Police Community Support Officer Steffan Rees. I started my career with the Police in July 2008 as a Special Constable, stationed at Carmarthen. I joined as a PCSO in October 2009, and worked with the Llandysul Neighbourhood Policing Team in Ceredigion. Working at Llandysul has given me the experience of working in a rural and agricultural community. I have served with the Brecon Neighbourhood Policing Team since April, 2011.

I am currently responsible for the Brecon Rural Ward, working alongside PC 1009 Steven Nicholls.

I am sure that many of you know PCSO 8051 Bryony Hope, the previous PCSO for the Brecon Rural Ward. She has changed her area of responsibility to the St John's ward, Brecon. Bryony's hard work has ensured valuable links have been forged in

the rural community. I hope to continue Bryony's work in the community. I have had the pleasure of meeting many residents in the Brecon Rural Ward already, who have given me a warm welcome to the community.

Although Powys is a safe area to live, over the last few months there have been several reports of theft within the Brecon Rural area. Thefts include scrap metal, heating oil and farming equipment, in particular Quad Bikes. Police are encouraging residents in the locality to report any instances of suspicious activity by phoning 101.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team will conduct Police Surgeries on the first Wednesday of the month at various locations. Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the surgeries if they wish to discuss any police related issues.

In addition, the team is visiting local live-stock markets to be accessible for farmers who have any issues they would like to discuss regarding rural crimes. We can also provide crime prevention advice regarding rural crime.

**Local Police Surgeries will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the following times and venues:**

- ◆ **13:00hrs**  
**Talybont Henderson Hall Car Park**
- ◆ **15:00hrs**  
**Cradoc Primary School Car Park**
- ◆ **17:00hrs**  
**Llangors Village Hall Car Park**
- ◆ **19:00hrs**  
**Llanddew Village Hall Car Park**

*CPSO Steffan Rees*

## Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations begin in Talybont



*The Community of Talybont-on-Usk celebrate  
The Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
1952 - 2012*



**SAT 2nd JUNE** Individual village events.

**SUN 3rd JUNE**

**11.00 am** United Service of Thanksgiving in the Hall.  
**12.00noon** Bring your own picnic lunch in the playing field.  
Teddy Bears' Picnic theme for children.  
Best decorated tablecloth/rug competition.  
Distribution of Jubilee mugs to 0 - 18 year olds.  
**2.00pm** Children's sports and activities  
Screening of the Thames River Pageant in the hall.

**MON 4th JUNE**

**2.00pm** Free entertainment. Fun in the field with inflatable bouncy castle and Gladiator Arena.  
**3.30pm** Know your village Treasure Hunt.  
Cream Tea and Chat for Senior Citizens in the Hall.  
**9.00pm** Assemble in hall car park for transport to A40 lay-by then walk up the Allt for lighting of the Beacon.  
Showing of Royal themed films in the hall.

**TUES 5th JUNE**

**10.00am to 3.30pm** Community / Family Ramble to the Bryn and open gardens at Coity Mawr. Bring packed lunches and suitable clothing / footwear. Approximately 5 miles.

On the afternoon of 13th March 5 oak trees were planted along the northern border of the Henderson Hall playing fields to mark this auspicious event of 2012.



Youngsters from 9 months to early teens did the planting with great enthusiasm and a suitable plaque will be erected to mark the occasion.

*John Jones*

### Scethrog Jubilee celebration

A party for all Scethrog residents young and old is being planned for Saturday 2nd June 2012.

For more information contact Pauline Fisher on 676387.



Visit the newly formed new visitor-focussed website,  
recently set up by Talybont tourism group:  
<http://talybontonusk.wordpress.com/>

## The Romans in the Middle Usk Valley

Those interested in the Roman Empire's entry into the Middle Usk may find the paper by 'Seamus' Hamill-Keays and published on the Academe website useful. Entitled 'The Conquest of the Silures – A Scenario of the Usk Valley,' the paper coalesces the opinions of leading scholars in this field.

The relentless advance of the Legions into South and Mid-Wales is evidenced by archaeological discoveries, particularly the recent uncovering of a full-size legionary fortress at Usk, and of course, the sometimes vague descriptions of the Roman historian Tacitus. The location of the marching camps of the Legions is the strongest clue as to the strategy adopted by the Romans in finally subduing that most troublesome of tribes, the Silures. The arguments for the routes of Roman

roads in this valley are presented in full. Speculatively, Seamus puts forward the evidence he has gathered for the existence of a Roman campaign base at Talybont-on-Usk on the right bank of the Caerfanell. The website is at :  
[http://lamp.academia.edu/WilliamHamillKeays/Papers/1193359/The\\_Conquest\\_of\\_the\\_Silures](http://lamp.academia.edu/WilliamHamillKeays/Papers/1193359/The_Conquest_of_the_Silures)

Seamus Hamill-Keays



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Email: ruth-brown@tiscali.co.uk

## Local lads fundraise for new bike ramps

'Over the Baas' is a group of young boys from Talybont-on-Usk who have got together to raise money in support of Talybont Community Recreation Group to replace the bike ramps in the playing fields. In the longer term they also wish to develop a pump track for biking.



They would like to thank The White Hart, The Star Inn, Talybont Stores and Bikes and Hikes of Brecon for their generous sponsorship of printed 'T'-shirts, which be on sale very soon in Talybont Stores.

**Contact us on:**  
[overthebaas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:overthebaas@hotmail.co.uk)  
or visit our facebook page: 'Over the Baas'

Lisa Preece

## Oil supply, gas and other interesting matters

Since my oil tank developed a nasty leak and let the water in my mind has been focussed on heating systems. People have been telling me for ever that Talybont has a gas pipeline passing close by and that getting gas installed should not be difficult. I rang Wales & West Utilities who are responsible for the pipelines. They confirmed we do indeed have a gas pipeline near the village but this is a high pressure line and taking a domestic supply off it would be like trying to take a domestic electricity supply off the National Grid and would require a special substation. To bring a gas supply to a community they would need at least 5 properties to be interested before commissioning an initial survey. The cost of installation would be in

the tens of thousands and they would need 28% of properties to agree to install gas, & over the following 20 years they would expect around 70% of properties to switch to gas. So a switch to gas appears to be a non starter.

On the oil front you may not know that the Office of Fair Trading is undertaking an investigation of the domestic heating oil market. Back in the autumn I was part of a locally recruited focus group asked to comment on problems with oil supply.

Apart from problems experienced during our two bad winters our main gripe was the prices charged.

While electricity, water and gas utilities have government appointed regulators no one stands between the individual con-

sumer and the oil companies. This has got much worse over the past few years as local independent oil suppliers have been swallowed up by Emo Oil, a privately owned Irish company. As I am sure you all know they have been convicted and fined for pricing offences in Carmarthenshire. The only way we have of getting better prices is for groups of neighbours to band together and try to fill their tanks at the same time.

To this end I would like to set up a small email list for interested parties in Maes-mawr Close/Lane so we can alert each other by email when we need to buy oil. Hopefully people in other parts of the village might consider doing the same.

Anne Jeans

## Friends of Talybont Reservoir activities

The Friends of Talybont Reservoir recently carried out a litter pick along a 500 yard stretch of the shoreline on the western side of the reservoir. 20 bags of mainly lager cans and bottles were collected. One of the litter pickers said "it is appalling how people can be so selfish and uncaring of our lovely countryside. The cans and bottles can cut a child and are blot on the landscape there." The group also installed a number of bat and bird boxes, some of which are already occupied. The Friends are also applying to move the old bird hide from Llangasty to a new location on the reservoir shore.



Future plans may also include the construction of a bird nesting platform to be moored on the water.

The 'Friends' were set up following the decision to create a Local Nature Reserve at the reservoir. They aim to support the environment, biodiversity and public enjoyment of Talybont reservoir, and to assist in the establishment and support of the local nature reserve.

We are all local people with the emphasis on doing rather than talking!

**If you would like to join and help improve our environment, please phone the Secretary on 01874 676225.**

Peter Seaman

# Ras Tor-Y-Foel Race

Saturday January 14th this year saw the inaugural running of the Tor-y-Foel hill race involving a distance of 7.4 km (4.6 miles) from the dam of Talybont reservoir to the summit of Tor-y-Foel and back, an ascent of 350m (1150ft).

The race was part of the South Wales Winter League organised by the Welsh Fell Runners Association (WFRA) and a report, results and photographs can be found via [www.wfra.org.uk](http://www.wfra.org.uk).

The race was won by Ben Moon in a time of 34m 29s with the first lady, Emma Hitchins, finishing in 39m 38s. According to the summit marshalls on Tor-y-Foel she was the only runner in the race who was able to keep running from the tarmac of the Upper Wenallt road up the steeper slopes of Tor-y-Foel - a considerable achievement that perhaps explains the smile on her face in this accompanying photograph.



There was a total of 60 runners in the race which was good news for the organisers considering that the race had been put

## Church news

**NEW FACES!!** Well, one anyway! We are being joined for the summer (so we must be going to have a summer!?!)) by the Deanery Curate, Jeremy Bevan. He is based for his training in Gilwern with his family. So if you see a new smiling face around, it will be Jeremy's! Please make him welcome.

**FAMILY CHURCH:** The next Family Service in the Henderson Hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (always the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) at the usual time of 11am will be a Pets' Service (Community Hall Committee permitting!). All creatures invited including their owners!! June's service will be incorporated into the Jubilee Service & on July's we hope to organise a picnic! Watch for posters.

**FATHERS' DAY:** After the great success of Mothers' Day & the dads' morning the day

together at quite short notice to fill a gap in the WFRA calendar.

One major factor in the success of the race was the contribution of local people who helped marshal and who supported the race. So many thanks are due to, Mike Bugler, Geraint James, Gerri Blake, Kerry and Adrian Andrews, Stuart and Sian Iles, Kay Lucas, Andrew Jenkins and Seamus Hamill-Keays. Another important factor was the fortuitous use of the YHA centre at Dan-y-Wenallt which provided a wonderful platform for registration and the subsequent prize giving for the race.

The lady who runs the hostel, Carol Roberts, made a significant contribution in making the centre available at very short notice. In these austere times the threat to places like this is ever increasing and I would urge everyone locally and otherwise to use this wonderful asset on our doorstep before the **accountants** cut and run.

Hopefully the race will be run again next year, provisionally Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> and more people locally will get involved in running or helping to marshal the event. Anybody who is interested in either option then contact me via [lrweryri@hotmail.com](mailto:lrweryri@hotmail.com) or 01874 676568 and I'd be happy to provide you with a route map of the course and run or walk you around the course. The WFRA also produces an excellent calendar of mountain races in Wales and if you would like a copy then let me know.

Talybont has something of a running history. Two of the events I know something about and two more I have at this moment just sketchy knowledge of.

before, there will be a Fathers' Day family service for all in Llanfeugan Church at 9.30am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. To prepare for that we'll reciprocate the dad's morning by inviting mums & children the day before Father's Day (Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 10-12) to the Hall to make cards & gifts for dads & partake of bacon butties!! All welcome! Free!

**EVENTS:** Easter Services at Llandetty & Llansantffraed were very packed, though the Good Friday Family Service in the Hall wasn't! It was nice to see Ashy Inglis, sorry Stokes, & her mob at Llansantffraed! The following Sunday there was a well-attended Deanery Pilgrimage/Walk along the canal from the Henderson Hall to Llanfrynach, via Llanfeugan (& the Royal Oak!!). Our thanks to all those who participated & especially to Geraint for providing transport back to Talybont! The annual Henry

The first of these latter two was a one off torch lit race off Allt-yr-Esgair to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and before that in the 1960's there was a race that started in Bute Town at the head of the Rhymney valley and finished at the White Hart here in the village.

If anybody has information about these two events then please let me know and then perhaps the next edition of Talybont Matters will be able to provide a more complete picture of Talybont's **athletic** past!

Les Williams

## Aber Chapel 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service and celebration

The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aber Chapel is being celebrated on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 10.30 am with a Songs of Praise morning combined with our three parish churches.

The occasion will also include some interesting historical facts about the chapel including the circumstances leading to this epitaph found in Aber burial ground on the tomb of Evan Phillips:

*'A sudden chance and in a moment fell  
And had no time to bid my friends farewell  
Think nothing strange, death happens to us all  
My lot today, tomorrow you may fall'*

Everyone is welcome to the celebration and refreshments afterwards.

Cherry Jones

Vaughan service in Llansantffraed Church at the end of April was quite well supported (last year's was cancelled due to a clash with the very late Easter!)

**JUBILEE!** Among the many events celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee there is a Family Service in the Henderson Hall on the Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> June) at 11am., before the picnic & sports. I gather that free commemorative mugs will be given out at that service to all under-16s in the community. What an incentive to come along!!! (The following Sunday is a united service with the church & chapels in the Hall at 10am. And there is a special Summer Songs of Praise at Aber chapel to celebrate their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary at 10.30am. on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome to either event).

Andy Robinson



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### ADMIN/COMMUNICATION WORK (PART TIME)

**Talybont Energy** is looking for someone with initiative, good people skills, flexibility and a strong interest in environmental issues to work on a contract basis for half a day a week helping the Board of Directors with the following tasks:

- ◆ Keeping website and blog up to date.
- ◆ Checking and responding to emails sent to Talybont Energy.
- ◆ Attending monthly Board meetings and covering relevant actions which arise.
- ◆ Work once a month from Talybont Cafe
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- ◆ Initiating and helping run Talybont Energy projects.

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depending on skills & experience.**  
Please send expression of interest to [info@talybontenergy.co.uk](mailto:info@talybontenergy.co.uk)

## TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION



Meetings are usually held on the  
3rd Friday of every month  
during the year  
either in the Henderson Hall  
commencing at 7.30 pm or visiting  
gardens during the summer months

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

**Friday 18th May** - Dilys Ayling, Merthyr Tydfil - "Trees & Shrubs for All Year Round Interest" - slides and talk.

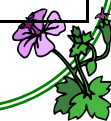
**Friday 15th June** - Day visit to Llanwrtyd Wells to view members Gardens from their local Garden Club - they visited us in August 2011. Leave village approx 9.30 am and bring a packed lunch.

**Saturday 25th August** - ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW & SPORTS, HENDERSON HALL & PLAYING FIELD.

### Other Dates for your Diary:

10 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Malvern Spring Gardening Show—visit
19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> Smallholders and Garden Festival, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> May	RHS Chelsea Flower Show
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> June	BBC Gardeners World Live, Birmingham NEC
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> - July	Hampton Court Palace Flower Show
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Talybont Gardens Open
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	RHS Tatton Park Flower Show
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells

Chairman: Mr Neville Danby 01874 676630  
Secretary: Mrs. Sandra Briskham 01874 676297



## Crickhowell High School Romanian Community Project 2012

In July 2012 three local students, Rachel Farr, Jess Morris and Brieg Kenchington will be travelling with a group of other students from Crickhowell High School to Romania to help with a

community project. We aim to help and improve the lives of some of the poorest members of a local



Romanian community by building a safe and reliable shelter in which a family can live and raise their children

in a safe environment. We hope to complete the house in the time that we are in Romanian and see the family move in. It will be a very challenging trip but we think an extremely rewarding experience.

We are in the process of raising funds for our expedition and would be very grateful if you could put a donation in our pot at Talybont Shop.

Rachel Farr

## Talybont Brownies

The Brownies have been very busy these last few months. Recently they have achieved their Cooks, Artist and Science badges. These were lots of fun to do and very rewarding. They have decided on a few activities they would like to do next, one of them being dancing.

If you are a dancing instructor who would like to give the Brownies a demonstration, please get in touch. The Brownies have been to see Disney on Ice in Birmingham and Peter Pan at the Brecon theatre.

In March we had a night of old Brownie memories

where grandparents and parents came and shared their old memories of their times in Brownies. Talybont Brownies meet at the Henderson Hall on Thursday's during term time from 6:30pm until 8:45pm. Currently the Brownie pack is full.

Rachel Farr

