



Talybont Matters

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COMMUNITY ORCHARD UNDERWAY



As many people will be aware, March 25th saw the first phase of planting a new Talybont Community Orchard.

The day was warm and sunny as about 20 residents of all ages converged on the playing fields at Henderson Hall to help with the planting of 25 apple trees. Small areas of turf were removed and holes dug. The excavated soil was mixed with fertiliser which was then used as back fill around the young trees. These were then staked to support them in the first few years of their lives and covered with plastic guards to keep the bunnies at bay. All can be easily reached from the new 'trim trail' around the playing fields.

The trees are a mixture of eaters, cookers and cider making varieties and will hopefully be producing their first crop in 3 to 5 years time. All were Welsh or heritage sorts with one variety originating as near as Talgarth!

The project was led by the Community Council who accessed a Heritage Lottery grant through the Welsh Cider and Perry Association.

It is hoped that this is only the first phase and other sites can be identified around the village for future plantings.

Simon Baldwin



Penblwydd Hapus Siop Siarad !

In March we celebrated our fourth birthday. We meet weekly in the White Hart and arrange activities in the community for both fluent speakers and learners of Welsh. We are also helping to support the efforts to keep the Welsh language stream at Brecon High School.

Information about our group can be obtained from Maureen Probert, 676204.



The Talybont Vintage, Retro & Artisan Fair

Saturday 5th August 2017

10am - 4.30pm

Henderson Hall



Vintage China, Kitchenalia,
Clothing,

Retro Miscellany, Hand crafted
wood and jewellery

Artisan Bread, Cakes, Preserves & Chocolates

Vintage Style Tea Room

Classic Car Display

Charity Raffle supporting

**The Brecon Mountain Rescue
Team**

Admission - Adults £1, Children Free



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Many thanks to the volunteers and Talybont Stores who help in the distribution of this newsletter. Also to the individuals, groups and societies who have contributed articles for this edition.



The 2017 Village Show Schedule

The Schedule for this 2017 Village Show is almost ready to go to the printers. Copies should be available in Talybont Stores from the last weekend in April. This year the Schedule will be printed in colour thanks to the generosity of our sponsor Owen Cartwright at The White Hart Inn. Going into colour has given the opportunity to make the various sections easier to identify and I trust will help members of the community find the classes or information relevant to them. Each section has been colour coded:



The Local Section will have BLUE headings. Classes in this section are for residents of Talybont-on-Usk and people who live within a 4 mile radius of the village. The classes include vegetables, fruit and flowers.

This year for the first time a set of classes in the **Local Section for Vegetable & Flowers** have been reserved for **beginners who have never exhibited before in our Village Show**; these classes are highlighted with **ORANGE** headings. It can seem daunting to be competing alongside experienced gardeners, so we hope that having a special set of classes will encourage more people to 'have a go'. Alison Sparshatt at Treberfydd Walled Garden Nursery is giving two garden vouchers to the exhibitor who gains the highest number of points in the beginner/first time classes for vegetables and flowers.

The Open Section will have GREEN headings. Classes in this section are open to anyone who would like to take part, irrespective of where they live. The classes in this section are wide ranging including floral art, domestic, handicraft, art, photography as well as vegetables and flowers.

RED will signify Information specific to **adults**.

The Children's and Young People's Section will have PURPLE headings. Anyone up to and including the age of 16 years can take part in the various classes which cover photography, gardening, cookery, art work (painting, drawing or collage), handwriting, modelling and even a family challenge!

Peter Seaman has kindly put together a **summary of the classes** in the various sections. The summary is the insert to this edition of 'Talybont Matters'; it is a good place to start to find out about the Village Show. I hope your interest will be kindled and you will speed along to Talybont Stores or The White Hart Inn to get your copy of the Show Schedule, which is free of charge and find out what is involved in each class / individual competition.

I must take this opportunity to mention that Beginner / First Time Exhibitors does not confine members of the public to just taking part in these identified classes – as long as an individual meets the criteria of the Local and Open Sections they can opt to take part in as many of the classes they feel interested in.

The Children's and Young People's Section

Everyone who comes along to the children and young people's marquee is impressed with the variety and talent of the younger members of our community and friends and family who live further away.

Do look at 'your' section and think about what classes / competitions you might like to have a go in.

Once again there are the **Wheelbarrow Competitions**. Many of you returned your wheelbarrow in the autumn to Craig Burdon, thank you; some of you kept the wheelbarrow to have another go next year. However, if you kept yours and you will be unable to enter the competition please would you return it as soon as possible.

The Great Talybont-on-Usk Baking Challenge will be happening again this year. I hope they will have a go this year and that some new bakers will join in too. It is a good idea to have a practice before the event, just to help your confidence. In the next edition of 'Talybont Matters' there will be a few tips to help you, so do look out for them.

Photography is a competition that you can prepare for well in advance. Peter Seaman has written some tips to help you focus on key factors in taking a good photograph – he has done this for the adults as well!

Remember, some of the competitions can be entered by a group; it often helps to share ideas and work on them together. So why not encourage family or friends to join in – they may just be waiting for someone like you, to suggest they should take part. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing **all** your entries on **Saturday 26th August!**

Pat Wilkie



Photography Tips and Hints for the Village Show 2017

OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY (Classes 141–144)

The size of the photograph must not exceed a maximum print size of A4, photograph mounts are allowed and really set off your picture well. Prints can be colour or monochrome.

'Our industrial Past' is one subject and gives you plenty of choice in our area: think about lime kilns, Big Pit, and canal bridges. 'Movement' will engage your artistic talents. Think about 'panning' something going fast when you blur the background. 'A portrait' can work well in black and white especially if the subject hasn't shaved and is grubby as well! 'Rural Scene' provides you with huge opportunities in this area. Light is very important with strong low lighting flooding across your scene making it so much more dramatic. Clouds add to a scene whereas a totally blue or grey sky can be boring.



OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY: Children & Young People (Classes 145–148)

The photographs can be colour or black & white. Please note that owing to display space available, size of photographs must not exceed 7" x 5". The photograph must be by the person who enters it. 'A favourite pet' is best taken at its eye level. 'A Welsh Scene' gives you lots of chances but try include something in the picture which tells us 'this can only be Welsh'.

'A Landscape photo' will mean you are spoilt for choice. Try to get lovely colours and something of interest 'leading' you into the picture: a path or a stream work very well. The final subject is a 'Manipulated Digital photograph'. This gives you the chance to take a photo of perhaps a pattern or shapes and then using a computer to bend the image, change the colours, or copy it like a potato stamp across your photo. Try to make it really colourful and exciting. Happy snapping.

Peter Seaman. Photo judge classes 141 - 144

HENDERSON HALL NEWS

TOTALLY TALYBONT UPDATE

We have now started Phase 2 of the Community Totally Talybont project which is renovation and improvements to the Village Hall. Work has started in the entrance lobby so for a few more weeks the entrance will be through the glass door around the back of the hall. With our main toilets out of action whilst they are being renovated, we are using the disabled toilet at the back of the hall and the external public toilet is currently free for use. So far so good! If you have any queries about anything whilst the work is going on please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of us. We are all very excited.

Dai to the Rescue

On behalf of the hall committee and the hundreds of people who came and used the facilities at the hall over Easter weekend, I would like to say a huge thank you to Dai Poulton for yet again saving our bacon. At 5pm on Good Friday, we discovered that the main sewer from the only two functioning toilets, was totally blocked. Dai dropped everything (sorry Mrs Poulton!!), found someone who could come out with the right equipment straight away and met them at the hall to sort the problem out. Yet again, the drains were blocked with paper towels and 'flushable' wipes. Anything that says it is flushable REALLY isn't and it costs the hall hundreds of pounds every year. Nothing other than toilet paper should ever go down a toilet! So Hoorah for Dai and a weekend without any leg crossing ...

AGM

You are cordially invited to the AGM of the village hall on Wednesday May 31st, Henderson Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Clare Wright

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676509
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**VILLAGE REGULAR
EVENTS**

HENDERSON HALL

Short Family Church Service

2nd Sunday each month 11am for approx 30 mins.

Playgroup

Mondays 10 - 12 am Lydia Cox

Tea and Chat

1st Monday in the month 3-4.30pm.

Cherry Jones 676232

Zumba Dance Class

Every Tuesday 7:45pm

Heather Vaughan

Talybont Stores

Talybont Flicks

1st Wed each month

7.30pm

Clare Wright 676679

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2nd Wed each month

7pm – 10pm

Penny Morgan

01874 665283

Gardening Club

3rd Fri each month 7.30pm Sept to June.

Chair: Peter Seaman 01874 676225

Junior Tennis Club

Weds 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Sarah Osborne

01874 676633

Cricket Club

Geraint James

07980 160187

WHITE HART

Siop Siarad

Practice your Welsh

Every Friday 10.30am—12.00

Les Williams 676568

Brecknock Decorative & Fine Arts Society

www.brecknockdfas.wordpress.com

2nd May 2017 Jo Walton - More than Meets the Eye: British Artist & Camouflage

During the First and Second World Wars, artists became involved in designing camouflage, using new ideas about optics and perception to mislead, misdirect and deceive the enemy. In this talk we'll consider the background to the development of camouflage and explore the ways in which artists such as Hugh Casson, Oliver Messel and Julian Trevelyan helped the war effort. From 'dazzle camouflage' for ships, to complex illusions that hid power stations and military installations from aircraft, this is a story of secrecy, deception and artistic derring-do, all in pursuit of the great goal – victory in war.

6th June 2017 2pm AGM followed by:

Sarah Dunant – The most Infamous Family in History: the Borgias

Murder, poison, corruption and incest: all perfect ingredients for sensational popular culture, but in an age known for its brutality and church corruption, were the Borgias really so bad? This lecture reveals the real family that dominated the Papacy and Italian politics during the last decade of the 15th century: the charismatic figure of Pope Alexander VI, living inside his sumptuously decorated apartments, the career of his son, Cesare, cardinal, general, employer of Da Vinci and the model for Machiavelli's The Prince, and the journey of Lucrezia Borgia from "the greatest whore in Rome" to a devout and treasured duchess of the city Ferrara. Sometimes truth is more intoxicating than myth.

Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon 2-30pm.

Members Free. Visitors are most welcome. £7-50 either through the Box Office or on the door.

See Brecknockdfas.wordpress.com for further details of our programme and organisation.

Agi Yates

ABER AND BENAIAH CHAPELS

Everyone is welcome to come at 10.30 am to the services listed below. Different visiting ministers take the service which leads to many interesting approaches and interpretations. On occasions a DIY service is held when members of the congregation contribute.

Aber Chapel

May 7th Mr Dennis Williams

June 4th Mr Paul Rowe

July 2nd Mrs Liz Tadd

Benaiah Chapel

May 21st Mrs Penny Robinson

June 18th Mrs Gill Todd

July 16th Mrs Penny Robinson

TEA AND CHAT

This is held on the first Monday of the month, including Bank Holidays at the Henderson Hall at 3pm for anyone of retirement age. It has now been in existence for four years and it is an opportunity for people to get together for a social afternoon. Tea and homemade cake is provided by different hostesses and there is no charge.

Cherry Jones



THE TALYBONT TOMBLES



Saturday 18th February was our last Litter Pick when we were 10 "Pickers". The original date should have been the previous week but on waking up noticed this "white stuff" on the ground which would have made it rather difficult to find any sort of litter whatsoever especially if it was white!! So a decision was made to go out the following week instead when the weather was much dryer and kinder!!

We spread out over the village in pairs with our gloves, litter pick grabbers, brown bags, hoops, and for those on the road yellow high visibility jackets. We covered the Recycling area at the Hall and the immediate Henderson Hall surrounding area, Penpentre estate, the front and back of the OAP bungalows, the canal towpath as far as Ashford Tunnel, the main road through the village especially the area around the telephone kiosk and behind the bus stop, Station Road as far as the A40, the Dram Road, and from the drawbridge to Cross Oak on the canal towpath and back to the village on the road.

As usual I spent my time cleaning around the Recycling Bins in the hall Car park - a plea to residents yet again - **will you please ensure that all the recycling goes right into the bins and not dropped on the ground or merely dumped nearby, this is particularly important around the bottle bank where broken glass is a danger hazard for the children playing nearby on their bikes.** Also gardeners please try to remember to take a dustpan and brush with you in order to sweep up anything that you may have dropped whilst offloading your garden waste.

We were out for just over 2 hours which relates to 20 litter picking hours in total and 8 very full bags of rubbish were left in our usual place by The White Hart for Powys County Council to collect. I think we were all amazed at the volume of rubbish that we found in our respective areas, partly due to the lack of vegetation which makes everything more visible. It really is amazing what we pick up and it is obvious that the majority of the rubbish on the main roads leading out of the village - in all directions is thrown out of cars passing through.

Thanks to all my volunteers for their invaluable help in trying to keep our delightful village clean and tidy; if there are any groups or individuals who would like to borrow the equipment please let me know - you can then choose your own date to go "out and about".

The next village Litter Pick will be on SATURDAY 13th May

Please meet outside the Post Office at 10 o'clock

All equipment apart from your own gloves will be supplied – all we need is YOU for a couple of hours!!



Sandra Briskham (Organiser), Tel. 676297

CHURCH NEWS

FAMILY CHURCH 11AM ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE HENDERSON HALL

Family church is first and foremost good fun. The format is simple: half an hour of informal worship, discussion, stories, activities and prayer, followed by coffee. The Henderson Hall is an ideal venue as there's lots of space for children to be children, and good facilities for the rest of us older people. We usually have simple craft activities, and frequently use the projector and screen, which is particularly good for showing pictures, photos and 'You-Tube' clips.

For further details please contact Liz Bramley, 665267 or email: liz.bramley@icloud.com

GWENT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT AT LLANSANTFFRAED

Following a very successful concert of popular classical music for strings and organ performed by the Gwent Chamber Orchestra at Llansantffraed Church in October last year, another concert has now been arranged for Saturday 15th July. Watch out for tickets which will be available shortly.

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

We will shortly be starting a new 6 week course called The Joy of the Gospel, written by Paula Gooder and based on Pope Frances' recent work on Joy. It follows the format we have become familiar with in the Pilgrim course, and looks at questions which are particularly relevant for us as a church here and now, in particular how hard it seems to be to keep going and to share our faith with others. Meeting Thursday evenings every fortnight at 7-00pm, beginning on 4th May at 'Weatheroak', Llanhamlach

CONCERT IN AID OF CANTREF CHURCH

Organised by Rev Richard Podger and featuring a variety of local musical talent - 7-30pm Saturday 17th June, at Cantref Church.
Kelvin Richards



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TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It is with great personal regret that I have to report that four of our current Councillors will be standing down at the forthcoming election. **Gareth Davies** is retiring after forty years of council duties. His contribution to our community over that time has been immense. Another long serving councillor, **John Jones**, who has contributed greatly to the well being of the area, is also standing down as he has plans to move to Brecon. **Mike Bugler** has moved out of the area and so is no longer eligible to stand, and **Donna Derbyshire** is not standing due to the pressure of other commitments. It should be noted however, that all four retiring Councillors will continue to be involved in village initiatives, and so on behalf of the community I offer them our sincere thanks for all their efforts.

The playground has now been officially opened, and is being thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The opening and Easter Egg Hunt were a great success. It is pleasing to note that the accessible perimeter path is being well used by all age groups. Work on the Henderson Hall refurbishment has started and will continue until August.

Our playing fields have been further enhanced by the planting of community apple orchard areas, and so it is a big thank you to all who helped with the planting and to **Mike Wright** and **Simon Baldwin** for organising the initiative.

The Community Council is still seeking volunteers to accompany our local police visiting the popular car parks in our area for a few hours on weekend days. The volunteers offer visitors advice and information, and this BRAG initiative has been shown to considerably reduce vehicle crime in our area. If you can spare a few hours please add your name to the BRAG rota which is held in the shop.

We are receiving many complaints regarding the works done to the lifting bridge. These works were undertaken with no consultation with the Community Council, and the present situation remains unacceptable. Meetings have been held with the Canal and River Trust, who confirmed that the new barrier system was needed to comply with health and safety regulations. Our biggest concern is that the new path that crosses the road at the bridge is non compliant in terms of access in that the surface is inappropriate, the new crossing point is such that people crossing the road cannot see approaching vehicles and approaching vehicles cannot see the pedestrians or cyclists. This is an accident waiting to happen. The Council has also met with Highways, and a safe resolution to the issue is urgently being sought.

Finally, thank you to those who have made a donation to help fund this newsletter. If an organisation you are involved with feel that they can offer some financial support, please contact our Clerk, Katy Tutt.

Glyn Thomas Chair, Talybont Community Council

TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION



Talybont Garden Club - now recruiting!

Please do join us. **Indoor meetings are held in Henderson Hall, 7:30 pm starts, always ending up with tea, coffee and biscuits!!** You will be promised a warm welcome whatever your gardening ability.

Annual membership is only £5 per year.

For any further information please contact either the

Chairman:

Mr Peter Seaman 01874 676225 or the

Secretary: Mrs Sandra Briskham 01874 676297

Friday 19th May	Tour, talk and tea at Penpont Gardens with Mrs Davina Hogg. £10 each, arriving 2:00 pm
Thursday 15th June	Afternoon visit to Glanusk, Llanfrynach. By kind invitation of Mrs Lorraine Lewis. Arriving 3:00 pm
Wednesday 12th July	Afternoon visit an tour of Moreton Hall Gardens, Worcester. £10 plus travel expenses for minibus.



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**Llangynidr Farmers' and
Producers' Market**
Llangynidr Village Hall
Last Sunday in the month



**28th May
25th June
30th July**



There are tables available at the
market if you feel you would like
one.

Contact Jenny Thomson
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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.

Wherever possible 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.

Editor's Note

In compliance with the provisions of the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2013, this issue of Talybont Matters will be sent to the National Library of Wales for archiving as part of the Library's national collection.

To the Editor, Talybont Matters

We wanted to raise awareness with the Talybont Community Council and to the residents of Talybont via the Talybont Newsletter, that on the evening of the 29th March, our cat Otley was shot and injured by someone using an air rifle.

Don't get me wrong, we appreciate not everyone likes cats.....

We are not big fans of dogs ourselves but we would never consider causing harm or suffering to any animal.

Using air weapons to cause unnecessary suffering to an animal is an offence and carries both a significant fine and the possibility of a prison sentence. It has been reported to the police and recorded as a crime. We continue to liaise closely with them and understand they have been down in the village making some enquiries.

Otley is receiving treatment three weeks on for his injuries and remains very traumatised and withdrawn! He was back in the vets overnight just a few days ago. We just hope whoever inflicted this pain and suffering on Otley doesn't have to see any of their pets or family suffer like we have since the shooting. He may just be a cat to some people but he's part of our family.

We wanted to raise awareness amongst the community, especially warning other cat owners.

We have been living in Talybont just over three years and absolutely love it. It's such a great village but we are truly saddened by recent events.

We would appreciate if this could be highlighted to local residents. If anyone has any information we would be grateful if they could let ourselves or the Police know.

Kind regards, Fiona Morris and Huw Morgan
23 Penpentre, Talybont on Usk

Wrighties Scotland C2C2C Pedalthon

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is a stinker of a disease. It's the most common fatal genetic disorder to affect children around the world. At the moment there is no cure with life expectancy at the best between 15-20 years. Currently there are about 2,500 children in the UK with this disease and Harrison, of Harrison's Fund, is one. The Fund supports science research.

So to our trip! Why not cycle coast to coast in Scotland across the Great Glen Way, says Michael. Yes, that's do able especially as we can stay in B&B's along the way, I think. Oh, and then why not use a glorified pedalo to go back to the coast at Fort William along the Caledonian Way, a series of canals that link Loch Ness, Loch Oich and Loch Lochy? Oh, and wild camp along the way? In for a penny in for a pound!

We set off on April 29th and finish on May 6th so there you have it!

We know that there is always someone asking you to donate for something but hope our journey and the pics that we will post along the way (signal permitting), along with Harrison's story, will motivate you to give just a few pounds. Our Just Giving link is

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/C2C2C-2017

Thankyou. Clare and Michael Wright

