



Talybont Matters

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THE SHOW IS COMING TO TOWN!



The popular and traditional Talybont show will take place on
Bank Holiday Saturday, 26th August 2017.

It is not too late to plan your family entries. In addition to vegetable and floral classes, don't forget the various cookery, photograph, art, modelling, fancy dress and of course the sports events. The various competitions include new classes this year for absolute beginners, so have a go. Full details are available in the Show Programme - copies in the shop, on the special website www.talybontshow.org and available locally in each village. Please deliver your entry forms to Gareth Davies at Lonicera, Station Road, Talybont by

Wednesday 23rd August – it helps a lot with preparing for all the entries.

The last two years has seen a fantastic volunteer support effort to set up all the equipment, and once again we appeal for your help. As the show has grown, we have provided more and more facilities and we want to maintain these standards. We particularly seek help from **2pm on Thursday 24th August** to prepare the hall, and then from 6.30pm that evening to prepare outside including the marquees. The more people the better, so PLEASE do come along at either 2pm or 6.30pm. We also will need help straight after the show. The clearing away takes a lot less time but it has to be done and if we could again get 20 or so volunteers from about 5.30pm it would be brilliant.

We are most grateful again to our sponsors, the **White Hart Inn** for the programme, and **Skyme Electrical Solutions** and **Talybont Energy** for the wheelbarrows in this very popular children's competition.

The Show Committee



Decision For Closure of Brecon Welsh Stream Overturned.

In April 2015 Powys County Council proposed to close the Welsh Stream in Brecon High School, this was opposed by the majority but due to the uncertainty of the future of the Welsh Stream many children left leaving only 30 pupils. After three attempts to close the stream lots of children were left uncertain where they were going to go to High School in September. After further waiting, Powys County Council finally came out with the Objection report which was 145 pages long and supported by a petition with 1711 signatures.

The new cabinet listened to us, read our objections and the Portfolio holder for schools Councillor Myfannwy Alexander recommended to keep the Welsh Stream in Brecon High School. This was put to vote in Powys County Council chamber on Monday 3rd July 2017 and the decision to close the Welsh Stream in Brecon High School was overturned. eight members voted to keep the stream, one abstained and one was not allowed to vote due to speaking out against the proposal from the start.

From families that want Welsh medium education for their children, we would like to thank the community of Talybont for coming together to support the protest against the decision to close Brecon Welsh Stream. Thank you to the **Community Council** for supporting its residents and objecting to the proposal. Thank you to **Talybont Tennis Club** and **Siop Siarad Cymraeg** for your support. Thank you to the residents for letters that you wrote and for signing the petition and thank you to **Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick** for helping us fight against the proposal to close it and representing us and giving us a voice within the Council.

This now means that families can come and choose to live in villages like Talybont and have the choice of Welsh medium education. May the Welsh language now be able to grow and flourish.

Cenedl heb iaith yw cenedl heb galon

Nation without language is nation without heart

Diolch! Diolch! Diolch!

Rhian Young

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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.



TALYBONT FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

1st July – 3rd September 2017

Pick up your entry form from



Talybont Stores for your chance to WIN a Local Produce Hamper

(Hamper on display at Talybont Stores)

Entry fee £4 to include up to 4 free drinks



Talybont WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

August: No Meeting.

September: Tying a scarf with Theresa Abrahams. Evening arranged by Ruth and Tina.

October: Slide show. A journey down the silk road with Robin Martin. Evening arranged by Anne and Christina.

November: AGM with supper

This year has been a particularly varied programme with more variety to come. Our trip last month to 'Gegin Gareth,' was so much fun. I had wondered if a morning watching cooking and an afternoon flower arranging would be my cup of tea, how wrong I was. Gareth regaled us with tales throughout, keeping us laughing for much of the time. Somehow he also managed to cook a starter, a main course, and two cakes while talking. We were to sample these for lunch and afternoon tea. Lunch caused further uproar as in no way were the corks prepared to come out of the champagne! Brenda was not to be beaten so after much gritting of teeth, grunting and groaning, bashing and breaking the cork gave in and came out in bits. There was no great flourish from these bottles but the taste was good. Flower arranging turned out to be equally entertaining and after cheese and cakes we rolled into the bus for Geraint to bring twelve fat ladies home!

Talybont WI have welcomed 31 new permanent residents to our community since June of 2015. It is just possible that our eagle eyes have missed you, if we have we are sorry but it is easily remedied by calling **Sue on 01874 676293** or speaking to any other WI member who will arrange for you to receive a box as soon as possible. We hope those of you who have received a box have felt welcomed and have join some of the organisations that take place on a regular basis.

Sue Thorne

Henderson Hall Contacts

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Kirsten and Russell Jones (Treasurer) 676509

Julia Watkins (Bookings Secretary) 676085

Totally Talybont Update

A huge thanks to all our local groups and anyone who has used the hall over the past few months. Your patience and support have been greatly appreciated whilst the internal work was carried out. Internally we now have our new lobby with renovated toilets and a new disabled WC and baby changing facility.



The new kitchen is also installed and open for use. It means that large parties and events can be catered for so do feel free to check it out next time you are in the hall. We are pretty excited about it!

The external work is underway to insulate and recover the huge 200sqm flat roof. At the same time, we will be installing rainwater harvesting so that we can use this water for the new external toilets and bike hub. Work should be completed by mid to late August. As our existing external public loo has had to be closed for this part of the project, we have got one Portaloo in the car

park for visitors use. Not ideal but better than having your legs crossed and it won't be for long.

We want to invite village residents along to the opening of the new facilities so keep the afternoon of Sunday 17th September free for a 'Totally Talybont Tea Party'. More information will follow so please pencil this in your diaries and look out for more info on www.Talybontonusk.com, visit talybont Facebook page and posters. We will be putting on a free cream tea for local residents but will ask you to let us know if you can come along so we know how many to cater for. Just a chance to swing by and socialise with one another as well as take a peek at the new facilities. We hope you can make it.

Clare Wright



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TALYBONT BOOK CLUB 10 YEARS OLD

Talybont book club is celebrating its 10th birthday this year as the inaugural meeting took place in September 1997. The original ten members meet every six weeks and take it in turns to choose the book and host the meeting, which involves carrying out research on the author and leading the discussion. The books are varied and give us the opportunity to be introduced to different authors and read books which we may not necessarily choose ourselves. Lots of interesting discussions have resulted from the subjects covered.

This year is the Bicentenary of Jane Austen's death so we read Emma and enjoyed a Georgian tea at a member's house. The celebration culminated in a railway trip to Bath to visit the Assembly Rooms, the Jane Austen museum and a sumptuous tea in the Pump Room listening to the palm orchestra.

The group also arrange theatre trips and have a December treat of a cream tea at the Gliffaes Hotel to discuss the Christmas book.

Our meetings give a lot of pleasure and we would certainly encourage a Talybont Second Book Club to be set up.

A selection of our recommended books:

The Aftermath by Rhidian Brook

My Life in Houses by Margaret Forster

Bad Blood by Lorna Sage

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

The Last Foundling by Tom Mackenzie

Patagonia by Bruce Chatwin

Burial Rites by Hannah Kent

Meadowlands by John Lewis-Stempel



Cherry Jones

HENDERSON HALL NEWS

End of an Era: The face of the hall, **Shirley Hemmings** is taking a well-earned retirement after 10 years of running around after us all! She will be finishing at the end of July and we would not only like to say a huge thanks to Shirley and her side-kick Len, for all their hard work over this time but also wish them both well as we know they want to spend more time with their family. Best wishes both. Can we ask that you all bear with us whilst we try to fill Shirley's boots?

Short Mat Bowls: We have been lucky to have donated some short mat bowls equipment. We know how popular this is as a pastime and hope that someone would like to start up a local club for residents of the village. If you think you would be interested in taking part or helping to run a local night please contact Allan Jones (676588) from the hall committee or email hendersonhalltalybont@gmail.com

Other Clubs or Courses: We would love to hear from you about any other clubs or courses you would like to see at the village hall. If you have any skills you think you can share it would also be great to hear from you. Let anyone on the committee know or email hendersonhalltalybont@gmail.com

Outdoor Activity Events: We would like to reassure everyone that we are doing our best to work out a solution to the parking issues that arise from the 4 outdoor activity events that use the hall as a base. It is something that we have taken very seriously and been trying different ways to deal with it over the last 18 months. We are in discussion with these organisers with regard their activity for next year and hope we will have a good outcome from this. The Lottery Project will leave us with a super updated facility but we still need to cover running costs of over £1000 a month which is a huge task for a small group of volunteers. The big events help to keep the doors open and support local use. We appreciate it is a bit of a rock and a hard place but please keep using the hall, help with fundraising and most of all, enjoy the new village hub.

Clare Wright

The Talybont
VINTAGE, RETRO
& ARTISAN FAIR

Saturday 5th August 2017
10am - 4:30pm
Henderson Hall, Talybont-on-Usk,
Brecon, Powys, LD3 7YQ

Vintage China, Kitchenalia, Clothing
Retro Miscellany, Hand Crafted Wood and Jewellery
Artisan Bread, Cake, Preserves & Chocolates
Vintage Style Tea Room, Classic Cars & Bikes

Charity Raffle supporting,
The Brecon Mountain Rescue Team
Admission - Adults £1, Children Free

Hall Caretaker

If you are local and have some flexible hours each week to offer on a self-employed basis, this could be ideal for you. We are looking for a key holder (non-cleaning duties) to open and close for external events and parties. Please email expression of interest hendersonhalltalybont@gamil.com or if you want to chat about this role call Clare on 01874-676679.



**VILLAGE REGULAR
EVENTS**

HENDERSON HALL

Short Family Church Service

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

Playgroup

Mondays 10 - 12 am

Alice James 07971728010

Tea and Chat

1st Monday in the month
3-4.30pm.

Zumba

Every Tuesday 7:45pm

Heather Vaughan Talybont Stores

Talybont Flicks

1st Wed each month 7.30pm

Clare Wright 676679

WI

2nd Wed each month 7pm - 10pm

Penny Morgan 665283

Gardening Club

3rd Fri each month 7.30pm Sept to

June. Peter Seaman 676225

Food Assembly pick up

Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Ceri Elms

Junior Tennis Club

Weds 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Sarah Osborne 676633

Cricket Club

Geraint James 07980 160187

WHITE HART

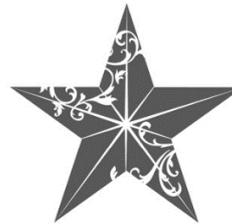
Siop Siarad

Practice your Welsh

Every Friday 10.30am—12.00

Les Williams 676568

Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, LD3 7YX01874 676635



mail@thestarinntalybont.com

The Star Inn

Mathew, Lyndon, Helen and family would like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome we've received since taking over at your village pub last October.

Thank you in particular for working with us as we seek to make the necessary physical improvements the cherished place requires. As most of you can attest, we're not talking major refurb, just a little TLC (with more extensive refurbishment primarily behind the scenes at this stage).

Of course, in making sure to open every day, our hours have been reduced this year to evenings and weekends (all day during holidays) in the most part to get everything done with minimal interruption. It's very much a work in progress, but we're getting there and we're in this for the long haul.

Thanks for sticking with us, keep in touch using the links below, and watch this space. 😊 Diolch o galon, Mat



**Quiz Nights Tuesdays
from 8.30pm**



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ABER AND BENAIHAH 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

August 6th Mr Paul Rowe
Sept 3rd Mrs Penny Robinson
Oct 15th Mrs Gill Todd

Benaiah Chapel

August 20th Mr Ifor Williams
Sept 17th Mr Ray Lewis
Oct 12th Harvest Festival Mr Aled Jones

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



Our last Litter Pick was on Saturday 13th May when we were 12 "pickers" and as usual we worked in pairs around the various village walks and popular destinations - 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 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.

During the following week a large Sheep Fair took place at Llwyn Bedw, Aber Village and the day after our litter pick a Half Marathon Challenge run with around 650 runners commenced at the Henderson Hall. Had I known about these two events beforehand I would have chosen the following Saturday for obvious reasons! However the following week I carried out a thorough check on the venues involved and it was pleasing to note that the organisers of both events appeared to have cleared up the majority of their rubbish.



Thanks to all my volunteers for their invaluable help in trying to keep Talybont village clean and tidy and 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".

Our next litter pick date will be on **SATURDAY 12th AUGUST**, please meet outside the shop at 10 am.

Sandra Briskham, Organiser

676297

CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service for Llansantffraed, Llandetty and Llanfeugan will be held at Llandetty Church this year at 10am on Sunday 22nd October. All welcome.

There are also Harvest Services at Llanhamlach Church at 6-00pm on Sunday 24th September, Llanfrynach Church at 6-00pm on Sunday 8th October and Cantref Church at 4-00pm on Sunday 15th October.

GWENT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT AT LLANSANTFFRAED

Following a very successful concert of popular classical music performed by the Gwent Chamber Orchestra last October, the Orchestra returned to Llansantffraed Church for what proved to be another very successful and well attended concert on Saturday 15th July. The orchestra was joined by local singer Miss Lowri Probert who sang a delightful selection of Handel Arias and Welsh Folk Songs.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT LLANDETTY CHURCH

On 4th July the Bishop of Swansea & Brecon came to conduct a Confirmation at Llandetty Church - Mrs Jenny Jarvis was confirmed by Bishop John in a very moving service, in the presence of members of her family and friends, along with members of the congregation of the Beacons Benefice who had also come to support her.

Bishop John explained the importance of confirmation and stressed to all present that they have a responsibility to help and encourage Jenny as she continues on her journey of faith.

This was also an important event in the life of Llandetty Church – the only church known to be dedicated to St Tetti – as it had been many years since the last confirmation had been held there.

Following the service, the congregation were treated to Pimms and nibbles and chatted to Bishop John who answered questions, posed for photographs and generally enjoyed the occasion.

You can find full details of all our Church Services on notices in the village, in the churches, on the Community Council website:

www.talybont.org

and on the new Beacons Benefice website: www.http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/



Kelvin Richards



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THANK YOU FROM THE WRIGHTIES ..

What a trip, what an adventure and how kindly the Scottish weather treated us! Not a drop of rain for 10 days with wall-to-wall sunshine (and no midges) for most of it. We completed our cycle along the Great Glen Way from Fort William to Inverness in 3 days then back to Fort William pedaling Winsome across Loch Ness, Loch Oich and Loch Lochy in 5 days. Exhausted but happy by the end of it and we even discovered that Winsome was pretty good at surfing the rather big waves on the Lochs!



A huge thank you to anyone who supported us with kit, advice, donations or good wishes. We managed to raise £850 with our Just Giving page and have also had £300 cash donations which we couldn't have done without you.

THE ARTS SOCIETY : BRECKNOCK

'A history of Jewellery from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth Taylor'

A talk to be given by the well-known 'Antiques Roadshow' expert John Benjamin

Tuesday, 5th September at 2.30pm
Theatr Brycheiniog

Tickets £7.50

Available in advance from Theatr Brycheiniog
Box Office 01874 611622
Or 'on the door' on the day

Visitors will be most welcome
Tea or coffee available after the talk

TALYBONT ON USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Following last editions report that four Councillors were to be standing down at the election - **Gareth Davies** retiring after forty years of council duties, **John Jones**, standing down and moving to Brecon, **Mike Bugler** having moved out of the area and **Donna Derbyshire** not standing due to the pressure of other commitments - I am now very pleased to announce the following new councillors have been enrolled, **Jon Eardley, Regan Jones, Dave Newberry** and **Colin Parry**. We wish each councillor every success in their new role, and look forward to delivering initiatives and results that best serve our residents.

The AGM held in May, saw the election of **Craig Burdon** to Chairman and **Simon Baldwin** to Vice-Chairman. Our thanks go to **Glyn Thomas** for his hard work as Chairman in the previous year, and his continued efforts with several ongoing projects.

We are receiving many complaints regarding the works done to the Draw Bridge. These works were undertaken with no consultation with the Community Council, and the present situation remains unacceptable. We are working with Liam Fitzpatrick, our County Councillor to bring about improvements to the current access arrangements. Liam is busy working to bring all parties to the table in order to get an agreeable resolution. A meeting is to be convened between Canal and River Trust, Highways, Brecon Beacon National Park and Councillors. Hopefully good news to follow!

Craig Burdon Chair, Talybont Community Council



The Community Council is pleased to be able to offer once again, thanks to the generosity of Talybont Energy, a fund of £2,000 for community projects. Applications for grants should be made in writing to Katy Tutt, Clerk to the Council via email at katytutt1976@gmail.com by September 11th, with successful applicants being notified after the October meeting of the Council.

Siop Siarad

We continue to meet every Friday morning in the White Hart 10.30am - 12md.

We were very sad at the death of **Mrs Dorothy James** one of our faithful members last month. We will miss her lively contributions very much.

If there is anyone out there with any historical information about the past and present pubs, tafarns and inns, of Talybont or know of anyone who has done any previous work on the subject please could you let me know as we may have a project in the pipeline.

Maureen Probert 01874 676204

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

Thursday 17th August	Trip to Aberglasney Gardens, Near Llandeilo, which will include a conducted tour with a member of staff. We will be car sharing and if you are interested or require any further details please contact Wynne Bowen on 676313 or email wynne.bowen@gmail.com
Friday 15th September	Visit to The Walled Garden, Treberfydd. Tour, talk and tea, cost £6 for tea or £15 for light supper.
Friday 20th October	Paul Green, Green Leaves Nursery, Newent. Talk and demonstration - Plants of the seasons, coloured foliage and stems in the garden. There will be plants for sale.



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



**Sept 24
Oct 29**



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

Contact Jenny Thomson
jterwbant@hotmail.com

**Llangynidr Show Sunday 27 Aug
A great day out!!**

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.



WELSH LEARNERS CORNER

Hello, my name is Rhian and I will be running the 'Welsh Learners Corner' in our newsletter.

For those that know me, it will be great to hear you trying out the phrases I put in here and also if there is anyone, be it adults or children who would like support or help with their Welsh then there are a group of us in Talybont who would be happy to help out. Siop Siarad Cymraeg group that meets every Friday in The White Hart at 10-30 - 12.00 is also a good place to start.

I have been learning Welsh for 10 years and I don't promise or pretend to be fluent, there may be mistakes, so please let me know. Here are some simple, basic Welsh that is easy for us to use everyday:

Shwmae (shh-my) - How are you?

Bore Da (bor-e-da) - Good Morning

Prynhawn Da (prin-hown-da) - Good Afternoon

Noswaith dda (nors-why-th-a) - Good Evening

Nos da (nor-sta) - Good night

Diolch (di-olch) - Thank you (ch pronounced as in loch)

As it is coming up to the holiday season, what about these few sentences to make you sound a Welsh speaker.

Wyt ti'n mynd ar gwyliau? (oit-teen-min-d-ar-gwilly-eye) - Are you going on holiday?

Ble wyt ti'n mynd? (Blair-oit-teen-min-d) - Where are you going?

Gobeithio bydd y tywydd yn braf! (Go-bay-th-i-o-bee-th-ur-too-with-un-braf) - Hopefully the weather will be fine!

Next issue we will be looking at the Urdd Eisteddfod as it is coming to the Royal Welsh showground next May. Look out for Mister Urdd coming to a school near you soon.

Pob lwc using the phrases, I look forward to hearing them and will be building on these in the next issue!

Rhian Young



THANK YOU

As you may be aware, the way Talybont Matters is funded has changed. We have been very fortunate over the past few years to receive funding from Talybont Energy. However, due to circumstances beyond their control, they are no longer able to continue with this support. The Community Council has been asking for funding from local clubs, businesses and individuals in order to keep this popular quarterly publication going. We would like to express our thanks to the following for help in funding Talybont Matters.

**The Star
Gardening Club**

**Talybont Stores
Brenda Powell**

The WI

