



Talybont Matters

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A SUMMER OF CELEBRATIONS!



TALYBONT-on- USK VILLAGE SHOW



A very successful Village Show and Sports in wonderful weather was held in the Henderson Hall and on the playing fields on August Bank Holiday Saturday. The sun shone all day, encouraging record breaking numbers to this traditional Talybont-on-Usk event. Activities on the field began with a fancy dress competition for the children followed by a full programme of various types of races for young people (and some older ones).

There were many attractions on the field to interest young people and adults alike. These included traditional village events like skittles and a pony ride, as well as a bouncy castle and a variety of stalls. Sports included egg and spoon races, sack races, obstacle course races and finishing off with tug of war challenges.

Competitive classes for children and young adults were staged in two marquees. These were well supported with many entries. There was a lot of interest in the two wheelbarrow competitions for children.



Adult competitive classes for flowers, fruit, vegetables, domestic, art, handicraft and photography were staged in the Henderson Hall. Overall entries were up by over 100 this year!

Altogether a hugely successful and enjoyable show, appreciated by the visiting public, and a reflection of the



hard work generated by the Show Committee and the many volunteers.

Peter Seaman

OLYMPIC TEA PARTY FOR TALYBONT

On September the 16th the rain decided to give us a break and the sun shone as two Olympians arrived to help us all celebrate the opening of the Totally Talybont Village Hub. The playground, trim trail, hall improvements and bike hub were all ready for inspection by Rob Davies, Paralympian gold medallist table tennis star, and Becky James, twice World Champion and Silver Olympic medal cyclist. And boy did we have cake ... donated by so many lovely people for the tea party.



The journey started a long time ago with initiatives to try and make the village hall more sustainable and reduce huge energy costs. Thanks to Talybont Energy and The Brecon Beacons National Parks 'Sustainable

Development Fund', this provided PV panels, air source heating and low energy lighting which helped provide the groundwork for further improvements funded by The Big Lottery.

It's been a mammoth task taking over four years, by the Community Council, Recreation Group and Village Hall. There have been discussions, questionnaires, planning, consultations and finally the actual project but we are there. Just a few small things left to finish off but everything is now operational.

This is now your moment to use the new and improved facilities both outside and inside and we hope they give everyone huge enjoyment. It's been such a pleasure to see so many locals running, walking and cycling around the new path at the playing field and hear children having fun in the new playground. If there are now new clubs or activities that you would like to see happening or perhaps a skill you can share, then please do let anyone at the hall or Community Council know.



Clare Wright

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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 Talybont Vintage, Retro & Artisan Fair



Saturday 2nd December 2017
10am - 4pm
Henderson Hall, Talybont
Brecon, Powys. LD3 7YQ

Vintage China, Kitchenalia, Clothing,
Retro Miscellany, Hand crafted gifts,
Artisan Bread, Preserves & Chocolates
Vintage themed Tea Room

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



Talybont WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Talybont WI will be rounding the year off with our AGM and supper evening in November and a meal out for Christmas in December. The year has passed so quickly with such varied sessions, but we now turn our thoughts to next year. Members are busy thinking up ideas for speakers to interest and entertain us in 2018, our new programme will be out in January. If you fancy giving WI a try come along on the second Wednesday in the month to Henderson Hall at 7pm. We would be pleased to welcome you.

Sue Thorne

Croeso Pawb! Welcome Everyone

There will be lots of opportunities for you to be involved in and hear Welsh locally.

Saturday 11th November 17 - Cwmdu annual Eisteddfod 1pm onwards, competitions for young and old.

Friday 8th December 17 in Llangynidr Chapel there will be a Welsh medium Carol Service - Time to practice your carols in Welsh - this follows on from a very successful Welsh carol service last year, which was held in Pennorth Chapel. This is run by the 'Siop Siarad Cymraeg' group that meet every Friday 10.30 in The White Hart.

More on the Urdd...

Saturday 7th October 17 saw the very successfully supported march through Brecon for the Proclamation of the Urdd. It was good to see good numbers from Ysgol-Y-Bannau and the recently saved Welsh Stream at Brecon High School. The Urdd will be held in the Royal Welsh Show ground in Llanellwedd. The Urdd will be held there May half term (28 May - 1 Jun 18). This is an amazing opportunity to experience what Welsh children compete in every year. It does hold learner competitions too so is open for all children. Musicians don't need to speak or understand Welsh either. There are two rounds to get through to compete in the Urdd:-

Round 1 - Local round held in Ysgol-Y-Bannau - (Alternates every year with Sennybridge.) Primary school age only.

Round 2 - South Powys round held in Brecon high School. (All under ages.)

Round 3 - Prelims round held in Urdd show ground.

The top three from round three get to go on the stage at the Urdd and are filmed for television and are placed first, second and third.

Felly dechrau ymarfer nawr, (So start practicing now) all details of the competitions will be released on the Urdd website at the start of the new year.

Rhian Young

Treasure Hunt Winner

We are pleased to announce this year's Summer Family Treasure Hunt winner has been drawn out by Heather Stephens of Talybont Stores and the winner is: **Team Riley from St Helen's in Merseyside** who completed the Treasure Hunt whilst enjoying their Summer holiday here in Talybont.

Dad Mark Riley confirmed they were thrilled to receive their prize in the post and has kindly sent us a photo with his daughter Jess that he is happy for us to share with you. Thank you to the following who donated goods towards the prize: Talybont Stores, Easts The Butchers in Brecon, The School Annex and The Brecon Beacons National Park.



TALYBONT BONFIRE NIGHT



This year Guy Fawkes night falls on Sunday 5th November at the end of half term. There will be the regular big bonfire and fab firework display at Henderson Hall. The gates will open slightly earlier this year at **5:30pm** when the bonfire will be lit, with the fireworks starting at **6:30pm**. The entry cost is the same as last year, £3 per adult, £2 per child or £8 for a family of 4. Please do come along and support this great village night. There will be food, soup, hot drinks, fun flashing novelties and lots of fun. Everyone is very welcome. There will be crèche facilities, available on the basis that you supervise your own children please. And please leave your sparklers at home, thanks.

Please note the new times! Gates open and Bonfire lit at 5:30pm, Fireworks at 6:30pm.

Taking over from the fabulous Stuart Iles is new firestarter, Ben Mullen, who is coordinating the bonfire building and firework display this year. Your help and support in making the night go with a bang would be much appreciated. If you can help out before or on the 5th please get in touch with **Ben on 07726 012922 or 676407**, ben.mullen_brm@hotmail.co.uk. If you have helped before we look forward to seeing you again. If it's your first time helping it's easy to offer as little or as much time & help as you can – it all helps towards a great night out.

GUYS WE NEED YOU: This year we're looking for Guys so during half term why not make one and bring it down on the 5th to claim your free burger! We'll sit them on top of the bonfire and have a prize for the best! We also need lots of wood based burnable materials so please start saving them up and bring it down to the village hall field. If you need any help delivering please contact Ben.

The key dates when help is needed are;

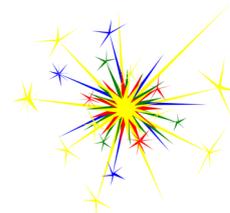
Up to 3rd November: Bring **wood based** bonfire material to the village hall collection area.

Friday 3rd November: Bonfire building

Saturday 4th: Bonfire building & site preparation: 10am onwards

Saturday 5th: Any final touches to bonfire from 2pm and any help on the night to run the event.

The following week: help clear up the site.



WANTED

Bonfire materials, Bonfire builders, Guys & Help on the Night!

To run the event we need lots of help so please consider being a Bonfire Night Volunteer. You could help with preparation during the day, assist the catering teams, stewarding the gate or help clear up on the night or following week. If you can give a hand please let Ben know, or just turn up on any of the prep or clear up days. Here's to another great village night!

VILLAGE SHOW, 2017

When the Village Show Committee was formed in 2015 requests were made for individuals to volunteer to help in the running of the Show. The response in 2016 was very encouraging and this support was again evident in so many ways this year, whether it was setting out and clearing the Hall, erecting and dismantling the marquees, stewarding, or helping out with the various activities in the hall and on the field. Such support demonstrates a true community spirit and on behalf of the Show Committee I would like to thank you all for your efforts.

Various responsibilities have been delegated to the members of the Show Committee which meets approximately four times a year. We have already held a post show meeting and planning for the Show in 2018 is already underway. I would encourage anyone who feels they can make a contribution to contact any member of the Committee to offer their help

The Show Committee comprises Gareth Davies (Chairman), Brenda Powell (Treasurer), Lettie Francis (Secretary) Richard Abram, Ceri Bevan, Craig Burdon, Kevin Hollings, Chris Jones, Sarah Osborne, Iuan Probert and Pat Wilkie.

Brenda Powell is retiring as Treasurer and, on behalf of everyone on the Committee, I would like to thank Brenda for her dedicated support over many years. If anyone in the Community feels they can fulfil this role please contact me or any other member of the Show Committee.

Gareth Davies

What about a 'Shareshed' in Talybont?



Are there any tools or other equipment which you don't own but would find useful?

Is your garage or shed full of tools and equipment which you only use a couple of times a year?

Some rural communities have set up community "Sharesheds" - i.e. shared stores of donated tools and other household items which members of the community can borrow for a small fee just when they need them.

The items vary from saws, drills, ladders and bill hooks to bike racks, tents, dehumidifiers, etc.

A few of us are exploring whether such a scheme might be both welcome and feasible here in Talybont.

It would really help us to know what you think. If you are at all interested, please tell us by using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y9Z6HMG>

You can read more about an example Shareshed in Totnes at www.shareshed.org.uk

Alison Kidd and Michael Wright



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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
Alice James 07971728010

Tea and Chat

1st Monday in the month
3-4.30pm.

Zumba

Every Tuesday 7:45pm
Gill Abram 665505

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

HENDERSON HALL

Dates for the diary

Bonfire Night

Sunday November 5th from
5.30pm (see separate article)

Christmas Bingo

Thursday December 14th,
doors open 7pm for 7.30pm
start.

Henderson Hall Contacts

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Kirsten and Russell Jones
(Treasurer) 676509
Julia Watkins (Bookings
Secretary) 676085

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The Star Inn

Autumn Menu

Tuesday – Saturday 6pm – 8.30pm

Booking Advised

Starters

- Homemade Soup of the day with oven baked garlic croutons and crusty bread (GF) All £4.95
- Deep fried Camembert cheese, sweet chili sauce and dressed leaves
- Oven baked Thai Fish Cake on a honey and mustard salad (GF)
- Vegetable Spring Rolls with garlic mayonnaise

Mains

- 10oz Sirloin served with grilled flat mushroom, roasted cherry tomatoes & fresh onions, and home cut chips (GF) £16.95
- Grilled Welsh Lamb Chops on rosemary and garlic potatoes, fresh vegetables with a red wine jus £14.95
- Pan Seared Fresh Sashimi Tuna Steak (cooked pink) on a bed of champ mash with fresh vegetables and creamy pepper sauce £13.95
- Homemade Red Thai Chicken Curry with basmati rice, naan bread, mango chutney and poppadom £11.95
- The Star Pub Classics**
- Homemade Pie of the Day served with fresh vegetables and hand cut chips. £11.95
- The Star Burger: Handmade 8oz Prime Welsh Beef Burger, crispy smoked bacon, melted Welsh cheddar, double cooked chips and onion rings. £11.95
- Fish and Chips: Freshly battered catch of the day with minted pea puree, homemade tartar sauce, fresh lemon, rock salt and chips (contains gluten, dairy, fish) £11.95
- Three Paddy Sweeney Pork and Leek Sausages with creamed mash, pan roasted gravy, garden peas and handmade onion rings £10.95
- Local Faggots on onion mash with mushy peas and gravy £9.95
- Mushroom & baby Spinach Risotto with freshly grated parmesan £10.95
- Sweet potato, Chickpea & Spinach Curry with a coconut flavoured sauce, served with rice / chips (Vegan, GF) £10.95

Sides

All £2.95

- Homemade Chips, Freshly battered Onion Rings, Fresh Market Vegetables
- Creamy Pepper Sauce, **Beer-battered Aber Valley Cowboy Pickles** #megalocal

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ABER AND BENAIH 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.

Aber Chapel

November 5th Mr Wyn Lewis
December 17th Christmas service

Benaiah Chapel

December 10th Mr Ifor Williams

Tea and Chat Christmas Party

December 4th Henderson Hall 3pm

THE TALYBONT TOMBLES



Our very first organised Litter Pick was 2nd June 2012 when I won equipment from a campaign run by the Daily Mail to "Litter Pick for the Queen" which was to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee; and on that first date we were 14 adults and 4 children. Our volunteer numbers have remained fairly constant over the past 5 years and I am most grateful to all of you who come along - whatever the weather!!! I think we have only had to cancel once due to overnight snow but simply went out the following week instead!!! There is no stopping us!!

Our last Litter Pick was on the 12th August when we were 14 Pickers. As usual all areas of the immediate village were covered as we worked in pairs; we all managed to find something to "pick up" but when all the bags were combined in total it only accounted for two and a half bags!! This was much less than normal. There was the normal rubbish that we expect - plastic bottles, crisp packets, pieces of paper but this time half a walking pole was found by Monique and Neville up the Dram road!! Are we getting it right, is the message getting through to locals and visitors or is there rubbish "lurking" in the vegetation waiting for the next time!!!!? Tim Martin was walking up the Dram Road earlier this week and came back with a foam camping roll up mattress which had been abandoned up there!! Wonder what will be up the Dram Road next time!!!!?



The next date will be **SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER**, please meet as usual outside the Shop at 10 am and bring a pair of gloves with you - I have the rest of the equipment.

Once again thank you 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".

Sandra Briskham, Organiser

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CHURCH NEWS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY : Remembrance Sunday is 12th November this year. There is a Service of Remembrance at 10-00am in Llansanffraed Church which is followed by an act of Remembrance at Cross Oak starting just before 11.00am. There is also a Communion Service with Remembrance at 10-30am in Cantref Church. Everyone is welcome to either event.

HYMN SINGING FESTIVAL at LLANHAMLACH: You are warmly invited to a Festival of Hymns on Sunday 26th November at 6.00pm in Llanhamlach Church. Come and sing your favourite hymns and enjoy cheering refreshments afterwards!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

Sunday 17th December

10-00am Carol Service at Llanfeugan Church

10-00am Holy Communion at Cantref Church

6-00pm Carol Service at Llanhamlach Church

Saturday 23rd December

6-00pm Carol Service at Cantref Church

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

10-00am Holy Communion at Llanhamlach Church

3-00pm Christingle Service at Llanfrynach Church

5-00pm The Living Nativity will hopefully be taking place starting from Talybont Cattle Market Car park in Station Road.

11-30pm Midnight Communion at Llanfrynach Church

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

10-00am Christmas Communion Service at Llansanffraed Church

10-00am Christmas Communion Service at Cantref Church

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/](http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/)

Kelvin Richards



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Post Office

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service, free cash withdrawals etc.



Café

Homemade food and cakes, sit in or
take away. Packed lunches available
on request



Honesty Book Shelf

Why not come and browse our Honesty Book
Shelf?

All monies raised is split between Talybont tennis
club and Brecon Dial-a-Ride.

£200 raised so far!



Shop

We stock a wide range of products from
fresh local meat, bread, milk, eggs, fruit and
veg. Coal, logs and kindling. Newspapers,
pet products, wines, spirits, local beers and ciders.
Frozen meals prepared in the café.

Lottery, Health Lottery, Top Ups, cash point (now
with a lower charge of £1.25), greeting cards and
stationary. Card payments accepted

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Servicing, repairs and hire



Opening times

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Sunday 8am until 5pm

Café: Mon to Sun 9am until 4pm
(Cooking till 3 pm)

Post Office: Mon to Sat 9am until
1.30pm



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Friends of Llangynidr School

Llangynidr Primary school in Llangynidr is a thriving
school with 135 pupils currently on the register. The
'Friends of Llangynidr' play an important role in the
organising of several fundraisers each year to raise funds
to make it possible to purchase 'extras' for the children.
For example, iPads etc. I have recently taken over as
'Chairperson', following a six-year position held by a
parent. The role of 'Treasurer' was also relinquished
after six years. However, we do not seem to be able to
re-fill this post! I was wondering if there is anyone out
there who would be able to offer their experience and
help us out at all. This is not a truly onerous position
but needs to be filled by someone who knows what they
are doing!

If you are at all interested and would
like to find out more, please call
Sarah Richardson 676374



Siop Siarad

On Friday December 8th 10.15am - 12md. We will be
holding a celebration of the Christmas story at Sardis
Baptist Chapel (Bottom Chapel) Llangynidr. No problems
with parking at road side on hill, or access to chapel.
We will be singing our favourite English Carols, reading
the Nativity Story, and a very special poem. All
proceedings are in Welsh. A bilingual programme will be
available. All levels of proficiency will be able to enjoy our
attempt to promote the use of Welsh in our local
community. Tea and coffee will be provided before our
celebration starts. There will be a warm welcome for all.
As well as regular Friday morning sessions in the White
Hart there is a '**touring**' aspect to the group. We recently
visited the '**State of the Art**' community hall and visitor
centre at Myddfai (www.myddfai.org) for a lunch and a
talk, yn Gymraeg, about the Physicians of Myddfai.
Followed by a visit to St Michael's church, established in
the 12th Century, which has the gravestone of the last
Physician of Myddfai.

Maureen Probert 676204 Les Williams 676568

CALLING ALL:

Dog owners, cider drinkers, apple pie eaters, tree-huggers, runners, walkers, nature lovers, fruit eaters, keen-to-learners, got green-fingers!



Your Community Council has arranged a host of activities this autumn, winter and early spring and would love all interested parties to come along and get involved – as much or as little as you like. If you fit into any of the above categories (and plenty more) YOU should be interested. These activities all connect to the **Talybont Community Orchard**.

In spring 2017 a great crowd came along to the village playing fields and to the playground to plant 25 apple trees – the first two of our four orchard sites.

Over the next five months we're going to clear and then plant the other two orchard sites. These are located alongside the canal opposite the limekilns in Talybont (courtesy of Canals & Rivers Trust) and on Gilestone Farm adjacent to the Community Woodland (thanks to Charles Weston). And we're making an 'Orchard Trail' which will circle the village linking all four orchards and providing a great new dog-friendly route for walkers and runners.

Dates for your diary are:

Saturday 11th November, 10am – Clearing & Planting on Gilestone Farm*

Meet at Gilestone Woodlands (not House) follow 'Woodland' sign from driveway. Hot drinks provided - bring food, spade and gloves.

Thursday 16th November, 7pm – An Introduction to Cider-Making* [Henderson Hall]

Saturday 25th November, 10am - Planting on Gilestone Farm

Saturday 9th December, 10am – Canal site planting

Saturday 13th January, 10am – Creating an espalier [alongside the playground]*

Friday 19th January, 7pm – Wassailing

Saturday 10th February, 10am – Pruning and Managing an Orchard*

Saturday 10th March, 10am – Launch Event: Introducing the Orchards and Trail [Henderson Hall]

NOTE: You don't need to have any existing knowledge - listings marked * are part informal training.



Watch out for more info on the Visit Talybont Facebook pages, talk to us, or pass on your email address for updates:

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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.

For any further information please contact either the

Chairman:

Mr Peter Seaman 01874 676225 or the

Secretary: Mrs Sandra Briskham 01874 676297

Friday November 17th

Presentation and talk by Dr Pamela Greengrass
- A Year in the French Alps

December

Annual Christmas lunch—date to be arranged



