



# Talybont Matters

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## ORCHARD & TRAIL OPEN!

Saturday March 10th saw the official opening of the Talybont Orchard & Trail, the two mile, one hour walk that now links the four areas of trees planted over the past year.

The weather held (sort of) for the opening which was attended by over 50 local people. Proceedings started in Henderson Hall with refreshments, including some rather delicious apple hot cross buns. There was a short talk from Michael Wright and Cllr Simon Baldwin, the two driving forces behind this Community Council led,

Heritage Lottery funded project. Then the Chair of Talybont Community Council, Cllr Craig Burdon, thanked the Welsh Perry & Cider Society for their overall management, the Brecon Beacon National Park wardens team for their brilliant support with the trail and Charles Weston for the use of the land, permitted path and ongoing help. The Community Orchard and Trail was then announced officially open without further ado.



Then it was onto the walk. We split into two groups, each led by Simon and Mike, and set off in different directions visiting the four areas of planting—the canal opposite the lime kilns, Gilestone Community

Woodland, the playing fields and the area around the playground. The meeting of the two groups along the road into Gilestone Farm being a chance to offer friendly words to each other! At each orchard site there was a chance to read the various information boards, ask questions and inspect the work done. Also to identify which trees we would like to aim for come harvest time!

Talybont is very lucky in that it now has two lovely circular walks, the Orchard Trail and the Henry Vaughan walk which showcase the village brilliantly. Two short walks which each pass a number of pubs and Talybont café. What more could you ask for?

The Orchard trail route card can be picked up from the entrance to Henderson Hall and at the café. Also, all the local pubs and the café have been provided with laminated route cards to be used as table mats. So, no excuse for not knowing where to go!

We are all looking forward to Autumn when a few of the apple and pear trees might start to show signs of producing some fruit.

Mike Wright / Richard Abram



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## Tolkien in Buckland: Analysis and Evidence

There is a local tradition that Tolkien stayed in Talybont while writing part of *The Lord of the Rings*. That would have to have been sometime between 1937 and 1949. There is no evidence to support the timing of this stay, but it is regularly repeated by tourist authorities with the view of attracting visitors. Yet Tolkien's own *Letters* show that the only visits he made to any part of Wales during those years were short visits to Aberystwyth University as a visiting examiner and passing through the Principality on his way to Ireland to perform similar duties there.

The reason that Tolkien is associated with Talybont is his inclusion of a part of The Shire in Middle Earth he named as Buckland. There are twenty-three Bucklands in a gazetteer of England and Wales. Tolkienists appear to favour the one near Evesham as the model for Tolkien's Buckland because of his deep love for that rural area stemming from his boyhood.

Seamus Hamill-Keays, of Llansantffraed, has painstakingly analysed events in *Lord of the Rings* and correlated them with old maps and press reports, conclusively proving that Tolkien's Buckland was based on the topography of the Buckland parkland near Talybont. It was a boyhood discovery, Tolkien's familiarity with the demesne occurring long before he started to write *Lord of the Rings*.

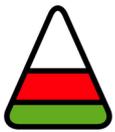
In an article in the current edition of *Brycheiniog*, the journal of the Brecknock Society, Seamus presents the evidence that indicates that Tolkien's remembrance of our Buckland was due to a holiday he enjoyed there with his brother and his guardian, Father Francis Morgan, probably in 1905 shortly after the boys' mother died.



Ronald and Hilary Tolkien, 1905

### Urdd Eisteddfod

Mon 28 May – Fri 1 Jun 18



urdd.org

Urdd Gobaith Cymru

The Urdd Eisteddfod being held in The Royal Welsh Showground is fast approaching and there has been some exciting news for two young ladies in Talybont, **Willow Irwin** and **Nia Rudge**, who have managed to secure a place in the finals after putting on a fantastic performance in the first round which was held in The Strand in Builth Wells on Wed 21 Mar 18. The two young ladies are part of a reciting group from Brecon High School who have all worked extremely hard to have achieved this. They will now be competing in the next and final round which will be held in the showground on Thursday 31 May 18 in the Anedd Wen at 7.45 in the morning (early start for all) with the top three moving on to the televised stage at 11.20 (which will then be televised on S4C later that evening). If you are able to make this, Willow and Nia would be extremely happy to receive your support.

Other achievements from Brecon High School are as follows, with their times and dates they are competing if you are out and about on the showground and want to support some local children please just go along:-

Wednesday 30 May 18

**Glesni Powell** – Brass Solo 7.45am Stiwdio 2 Stage 11.50

**Megan White/Chole Edwards** – Individual Recitation (Learners) 07.45 am S4C Stage 11.20

Thursday 31 May 18

**Carwyn Whomsley** - Boys solo Stiwdio 12.30 Stage 14.25

Nearer the time you can upload the Urdd app which will have listings of all competitions and updates on winners through out the day. The App also gives information on all activities happening throughout the week. You can go on line and buy an any day ticket from the Urdd website or buy tickets on the day.

Rhian Young



## Talybont WI

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month 7pm – 10pm Henderson Hall.

Our programme for the next few meetings is as follows:

### **9th May**

Make a felt toadstool with Jenny Smart from Bobbins

### **13th June**

Outing to be confirmed

### **11th July**

A guided walk around Merthyr with Huw Williams

New Members or visitors welcome.  
Sue Thorne



## HENDERSON HALL 200 CLUB

The Henderson Hall runs a 200 Club which helps with the upkeep of the Hall from which we all benefit. It is only £10 per year and the draws take place every quarter - usually at an event in the Hall. There are 5 Prizes each time which are £50, £35, £25, £15, and £10. Please think about joining this very worthwhile Village Club. If you would like to participate please contact Verity Ryan for an application form. Email: [hendersonhallsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonhallsecretary@gmail.com) or pick one up from the lobby in the hall.

The last Draw took place at a well supported Easter Bingo evening organised by Brenda Powell and the winners were as follows:

£50	Wynne Bowen
£35	Susan Large
£25	Margaret Scotford
£15	Jenny Merrill
£10	Marianne Stephens

## THE TALYBONT TOMBLES



24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – wow! What a Red Letter Day thanks to our Talybont Tombles – we broke our own village record!!!! We were 18 – our largest ever turn out!! Kevin was unable to join us on the day but did his stint the following week – thank you Kevin.

It was a really pleasant morning – sunny but chilly – quite a change from our normal damp Litter Pick days!!! We had one new recruit – Nina - thank you for joining us and hope you will be a regular member of our group, also young James

Richardson joined us for the second time.

Fiona had noticed that all the growth on top of Ashford Tunnel had been cut and cleared by the Canal & River Trust staff but it had left a large amount of exposed litter and she volunteered to pick it up but felt it necessary to take her car as she realised it was a large amount. “But I haven’t got a piece of paper for that section” I told her!!!! She went regardless!!! Thank you Fiona.



Mike and Clare scrambled down the bank at the top end of the playing field by Beniah Bridge and completely filled the litter bin located there together with some wire which they left at the side!!! Thank you for proving how athletic you both are!!

The Hall was jam packed with a cycling group and their vehicles but thank you to Clare for keeping me a parking space – even though it was designated for “Electric Cars only to charge up”!!!

Here is a photo of the 12 bags left by the Bus Stop complete with the designated “Collected by Volunteers” labels!!

Our next litter pick will take place on **Tuesday 8th May**, meeting at the Hall at 6 pm. It has been decided that this will be more worthwhile being the day after, what is anticipated to be, a very busy Bank Holiday weekend. An evening stroll instead of a Saturday!

Sandra Briskham (Organiser) 676297



**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 Oct to

April. 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**

Every Friday 10.30am—12.00

Les Williams 676568

**HENDERSON HALL NEWS**

**NOTICE OF AGM:** Henderson Hall will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome.

April was a busy month with our lovely volunteers putting on three community events. It was great to see lots of different faces and we hope that if you came to any of them, you enjoyed your evening.

In particular, The Unknown Soldier was a tremendous success and a really powerful show that left everyone talking about it. We were able to bring this to Talybont as part of the Night Out scheme and hope to be able to do another show later in the year, so keep your eyes open.

**Recycling:** We are really pleased to be able to offer some recycling at the Village Hall but we are struggling to keep it clean, tidy and dispose of fly tipping. We just don't have enough volunteers or hours to brush and tidy around it and the garden waste is a particular problem. If you are coming with garden waste, could we ask you to bring a brush and spade to clear up any debris which inevitably falls out of the bags as they are emptied. Your support in this is greatly appreciated. A tidy space promotes tidy habits Clare Wright

**Henderson Hall**

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Kirsten and Russell

Jones (Treasurer)

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We would like to express our  
thanks to the following for help  
in funding Talybont Matters.

**The Star Talybont Stores**

**Gardening Club The WI**

**Brenda Powell**

**Talybont Village Show**

**Make A Difference**



**CHURCH NEWS**

**SERVICES IN THE BEACONS BENEFICE**

This is our usual monthly service pattern:-

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – 10am Holy Communion for the whole Benefice  
at one of the six churches

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month – 10am Holy Communion, at Llandetty and also  
at Llanfrynach, and 11am Family Church at Henderson Hall (see below)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month – 10am Holy Communion, at Llanfeugan and  
also at Cantref.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month – 10am Holy Communion, at Llansantffraed and  
also at Llanhamlach.

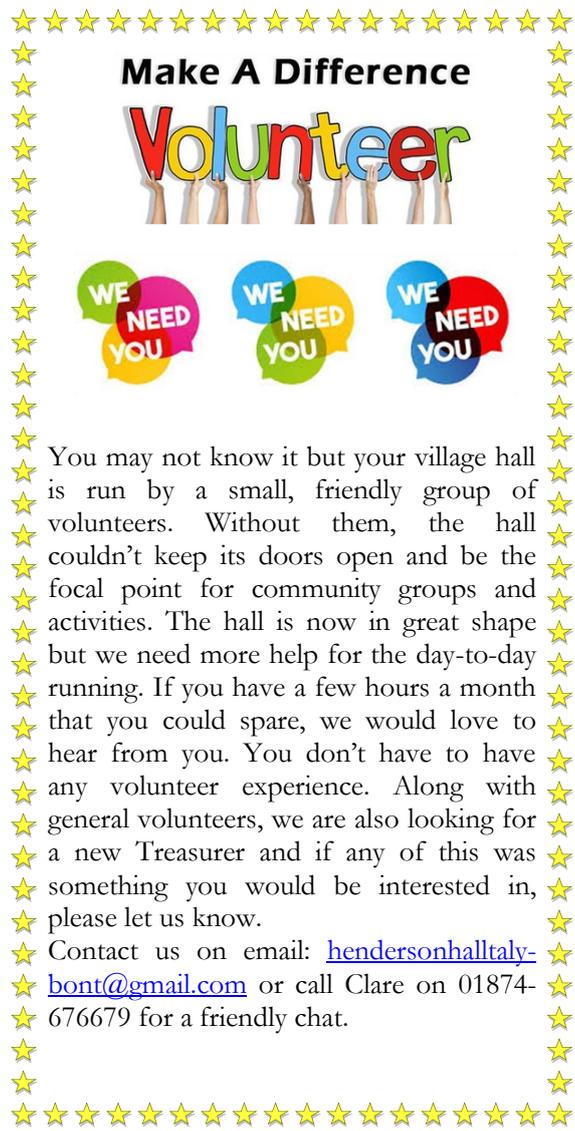
From time to time, Morning Prayer may be held instead of Holy  
Communion. There are of course also special services at Christmas, Easter  
and other Festivals. Further details can be found on our web-site:

<https://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/services/>

**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 u-tube clips.

For further details please contact Liz Bramley, 665267 or email:  
[liz.bramley@icloud.com](mailto:liz.bramley@icloud.com)



You may not know it but your village hall  
is run by a small, friendly group of  
volunteers. Without them, the hall  
couldn't keep its doors open and be the  
focal point for community groups and  
activities. The hall is now in great shape  
but we need more help for the day-to-day  
running. If you have a few hours a month  
that you could spare, we would love to  
hear from you. You don't have to have  
any volunteer experience. Along with  
general volunteers, we are also looking for  
a new Treasurer and if any of this was  
something you would be interested in,  
please let us know.  
Contact us on email: [hendersonhalltaly-  
bont@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonhalltalybont@gmail.com) or call Clare on 01874-  
676679 for a friendly chat.



# TALYBONT VILLAGE SHOW 2018



Talybont show will take place, as usual, on the Bank Holiday Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The schedule/programme of events will be available soon from your local community distributor and the shop. We are hoping that the climbing wall will be available this year, and already we have booked a good selection of stalls, including ice cream, a bouncy castle, the Owl display and face painting. Field activities will include sports for children. Other field events are being booked as this goes to print. Inside the hall and children's marquee will be the ever-popular range of competitions in horticulture (flowers, vegetables and fruit) together with photography, hand-writing for children, crafts, and cookery and domestic.

To help preparations for your entries to the show, the following are just some of the classes we hope you will support:

**Handicraft:** a knitted hat, a tapestry or embroidered article, a hand carved object, a quilted article of Patchwork

**Art:** a computer designed poster to promote Talybont (not to exceed A4 size), a painting - medium and subject of your choice (not to exceed A4 size, excluding mount), a handmade card (not to exceed A5 size when folded), a single colour drawing, pencil or charcoal, subject of your choice (not to exceed A4 size, excluding mount), a Collage (A4)



**Photography:** an architectural feature, sunrise or sunset, a portrait, reflection (The size of the photograph must not exceed a maximum print size of A4. Photograph mounts are allowed. Prints can be colour or monochrome.)

**Photography** (children & young people): a photograph, taken by you of: 'A Favourite Pet'. Age Group: 5 – 8 years, a photograph taken by you of: 'A Holiday Scene'. Age Group: 9 – 11 years, a Landscape Photograph taken by you Age Group: 12 – 16 years, a Manipulated Digital Photograph that you have produced. Age Group: 10 – 16 years

**Vegetable:** all for beginner/first time exhibitor. Ugliest

Vegetable, a collection of 1 Onion, 1 Potato & 1 Carrot, 2 different vegetables, 1 vegetable.

We also hope to have improved display space for entries for The Family Challenge & The Great Talybont Baking Challenge this year (more detail in the next edition of Talybont Matters). The schedule/programme will have fuller details of the huge range of competitions and events. The show committee is appealing for volunteers to help with hosting the stands including skittles, face paints, and hook-a-duck. In addition to the setting up and taking down of the various tents and display stands. Many hands make light work. So please do support the show by having -a-go at the entries, and volunteer to help with the stands.



Peter Seaman



## Talybont Stores, Canalside Cafe and Post Office

01874 676663

[www.talybontstores.co.uk](http://www.talybontstores.co.uk)

We would like to thank all our customers for their patience over the last few weeks with the work that has been going on in the Shop and Café. Hopefully will all be sorted soon?

If you have a special wine you love or something that we do not stock in the shop. Please let us know and we will try our best to get it in for you.

### Shop

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.

### Regan's Crafts - Made in Talybont

[madeintalybont@gmail.com](mailto:madeintalybont@gmail.com)

Local handmade gifts, crafts, keyrings and cards. Personalised greeting cards, vinyl mugs, vinyl and etched wine glasses and more available. Custom orders welcome.

### Café

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



### Post Office

Click and collect, health lottery, foreign currency, passport checking service, free cash withdrawals etc.



### Opening times

**Shop:** Mon to Sat 7am until 7pm. Saturday 8am until 7pm. Sunday 8am until 6pm

**Café:** Mon to Sun 9am until 4pm (Winter)

Mon to Sun 9am until 6pm (Summer)

**Post Office:** Mon to Sat 9am until 1.30pm



## ABER AND BENAIAH CHAPELS

A warm welcome awaits any visitors and residents to Aber and Benaiah Chapels for the Sunday Services which begin at 10.30 am. We have some new Ministers to take our services this year and it is always interesting hearing another point of view.

For more information phone Glasnant Morgan 676354 or Craig Burdon 676090

### Dates for Spring 2018

<b>Aber</b>		<b>Benaiah</b>	
May 6th	Mr Paul Rowe	May 20th	Ms Cilla Withers
June 3rd	Mr Glyn Mathias	June 17th	Rev. Catherine Foot
July 1st	Mrs Gill Todd	July 15th	Mrs Liz Tadd
August 5th	Mrs Lynda Probert	August 19th	Mrs Annette Thomas



## Siop Siarad



We continue to meet on a weekly basis at the White Hart. Recently, in co-ordination with Menter Iaith Brecon and Radnor we organised a Hidden History of Talybont Walk through the village. The day dawned pouring with rain, but by the time we started our walk the rain had stopped and held off for an hour or so, and, at the end, fifteen people were happy and dry and looking forward to our future sessions of promoting the use of the Welsh language in the community.

In May we are looking forward to attending the Urdd Eisteddfod in Builth Wells where some of our local children will be competing. We wish them Good Luck and Good Weather and we extend a welcome to anyone who would like to join us at Siop Siarad on a Friday morning.

Anyone with queries can contact  
Maureen Probert 676204  
Les Williams 676568

## Tea and Chat



This social group for the over 60's meets on the first Monday of the month at 3pm in the Henderson Hall.

Anyone is welcome and there is no charge, thanks to the hostesses, Talybont Energy and the Hall committee.

Cherry Jones

## Talybont Vintage & Artisan Fair

The fair will return once again to the Henderson Hall on Saturday 4th August. This year the event will be even bigger with a marquee on the field to the rear of the hall increasing the total number of traders to 33.

There will be an eclectic mix of vintage and retro paraphernalia from collectables to the quirky all sitting alongside artisan textiles and gifts.

The tea room will be selling delicious home made cakes and scones and there will be a prize draw to raise funds for The Brecon Mountain Rescue Team.



## 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

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| Friday June 1st | Visit to Nina's garden<br>Dan y Coed, Talybont |
| Wed June 27th   | Visit to Llanover Gardens,<br>Abergavenny      |
| Wed 11th July   | Visit to National Botanic<br>Gardens.          |

The club has had a successful start to the year. In January at our annual general meeting we elected new officers including Richard Abram as vice chair. Members then shared photo images of their gardens and answered questions on gardening 'problems'. Our February meeting looked at herbaceous borders with an expert and illustrated talk from Gareth Davies. Club Chairman. Peter Seaman was the speaker for March when he presented a visual tour of gardens he had visited on the Isle of Wight, Scotland and one of our favourites- Aberglasney. Earlier this month we took part in our annual '3-Nations' gardening quiz with Bwlch and Llangynidr clubs, which we won for the second time in 2 years. Congratulations to our team of Sandra, Nina, Jenny, Richard and Gareth.

Coming up we have planned trips to Nina's garden, Llanover Gardens and the Gourmet Gardener, the National Botanic Gardens near Carmarthen and to The Neuadd at Llanbedr. We warmly welcome new members. Phone either Peter on 676225 or Sandra on 676297

Sandra Briskham Club secretary



**BRECON  
MOUNTAIN RESCUE**



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### 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.

## Llanfeugan Church Update

Llanfeugan church recently went through some restoration and repair, ably carried out by J.L. Stephens of Talybont.

The pictures show the scaffolding that had to be erected in the church and the cleaning volunteers after the work had been completed. Thanks to both builders and cleaners for the excellent work.

Simon Baldwin



## WELSH LEARNERS CORNER

Cornel y Cymraeg

Some more everyday questions and answers to add to what you have learnt, just keep on using what you know and build on it everyday. You need to use it or you will lose it!

**Ble wyt ti'n mynd heddiw?** (Blair-ot-teen-min-d-hethy?) - Where are you going today?

**Bwlch** (Bull-ch (remember ch pronounced as in loch) – Literally translated 'Gap'

**Dyn ni'n mynd i Fwlch.** (Done-neen-min-d-ee-full-ch) – We are going to Bwlch. (Notice Bwlch changes to Fwlch, this is called a soft mutation and happens after 'i', but don't worry too much about mutations at this stage.)

**Aberhonddu** (aber-hon-thee) – Brecon and means mouth of the river Honddu

**Dyn ni'n mynd i Aberhonddu.** ( Done-neen-min-d-ee-aber-hon-thee) - We are going to Brecon.

**Dyn ni'n mynd i'r dafarn heno.** (Done-neen-min-deer-daf-van-hen-oh.) - We are going to the pub.

**Ble est ti ddoe?** (Blair-est-tea-thoy?) – Where did you go yesterday?

**Es i...** (Es-ee) – I went...

**Aeth e.../Aeth hi...** (I-th-ch/I-th- he) – He went/She went

**Es i i'r Siopa.** (Es-ee-eer –Sh-iop-ah) – I went shopping.

**Aeth e i'r parc** (I-th-eh-eer-park) - He went to the park.

Try these sentences everyday and change the words to where you actually went, even if you have to say that word in English, it will start to become normal and easy. I use these sentences all the time with my children – bant a ni! (Off we go!)

Rhian Young

## EMMA KIRKBY CONCERT

**'His Lute, His Fancy & His Flights'**

**7-30pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Llansantffraed Church.** Renowned soprano Dame Emma Kirkby and her group of young professional musicians - Dowland Works - will present a unique programme of lute music, song and poetry. From simple solos to delicate duets and colourful four-part airs by Dowland, Campion, their contemporaries and followers, the group will read and perform in the informal style of the time. Fittingly for the date, the programme will include felicitations and a toast to Harry and Meghan!

Tickets £14 (£4 children & students), to include interval time refreshments available from Mervyn Bramley (665267) and Sandra Briskham (676297).

