



Talybont Matters

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HENDERSON HALL

Talybont on Usk
5 November 2022

Bonfire night and fireworks display

Gates open 6pm Fireworks 7pm
Refreshments including burgers soup and hot chocolate
Entry; Child £2, Adult £4, Family £10

Parking at Talybont Market on Station Road from 5.30 pm

Bonfire Guys welcome. No sparklers please!
Unsupervised indoor play area for young children

Bonfire Display

Do you have any unwanted wood or cardboard for the bonfire?

If so, could you drop it off at Henderson Hall from 2nd November.

We rely on the generosity of volunteers to make the event a success. So if you are available to lend a hand on the night, or help us prepare, please email hendersonhallsecretary@gmail.com

Or text /call 07986436317

Thank you

Message from the Editor

As you are aware in the last edition of Talybont Matters I informed you of my decision to stop editing this publication as soon as a replacement can be found. The good news is that a couple of people offered to take on the role and one of these, David Macdonald, has been asked by the Community Council to take up the reins.

David has lived in the area for a number of years and the family is known to many of you. This edition is therefore my last as official editor, although I will be helping David produce the next one in January 2023. I wish him all the best in continuing to produce our very popular local newsletter.

Richard Abram

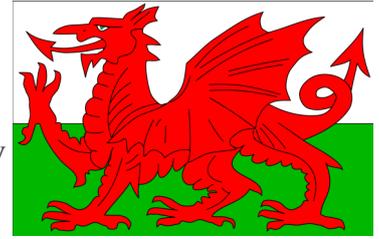
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WELSH LEARNERS CORNER - CORNEL Y CYMRAEG

Croeso i Gornel Cymraeg



Warm welcome to everyone to join Siop Siarad Talybont on a Friday morning in Henderson Hall.

Complete Welsh speaking beginners 10—11.

More confident to fluent Welsh speakers 11—12

Below are some phrases for you to practice saying, the present and how to say them when they happened in the past.

Dw i'n mynd – dween-min-d- I am going.

Aeth e – eye-th-er – He went

Rhedais i – red-dice-ee – I ran

Dw i'n darllen – dween-dar-l-len – I am reading

Darllenon ni – dar-l-len-on-ni – We read

Ysgrifennai i – Us-grif-fen-nice-ee – I wrote

Dw i'n canu – dween-can-nee – I am singing

Canaist ti – can-nice-t-tee – You sang

Es i – S-ee – I went

Dw i'n rhedeg – Dween-red-egg – I am running

Rhedodd hi – rhed-oth-he – She ran

Darllennai i – dar-l-len-ice-ee – I read

Dw i'n ysgrifennu – dween-us-grif-fenny – I am writing

Ysgrifennon nhw – Us-grif-fen-on-new – They wrote

Canais i – can-nice-ee – I sang

Diolch

Rhian

Talybont-on-Usk Community Council

Mobile Speed Units

Two Mobile Speed Units have been purchased by the Community Council. Posts have been installed in four locations, Station Road, Talybont Village and Pencelli. The Speed units will be rotated around the four locations. It is anticipated this move will help with traffic calming measures.

The Community Council is also working with Powys County Council Highways Department to develop a plan for further traffic calming measures throughout the community.

Meetings with Partners

The Community Council holds regular meetings with Senior Management of both Brecon Beacons National Parks and Canal and River Trust. Issues are discussed that directly affect its residence.

Gilestone Farm

The Community Council continues to pursue issues around the purchase of Gilestone Farm by the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government has given assurances they will meet with the Community Council as soon as the assessment process of the Green Man Business Plan has been completed.

Website and Facebook

The Community Council is in the process of redesigning its website and developing a Facebook page. Take a look at the website on www.talybont.org

Zoom Facility

The Community Council holds the Zoom Facility that any Community Group can access.

Please contact our Clerk should you want to use Zoom for any of your meetings.

Agendas and Minutes can be found on our website - www.talybont.org

Meeting Dates:-

Next meeting will be held on **Monday 21st November 2022**, all meetings are held in Henderson Hall at 7.15pm. Meetings can also be accessed over Zoom.

If you would like to attend a meeting please contact our Clerk.

Keren Bender 07951536001

email: - talybontcc@gmail.com

The Community Council continues to work on issues on behalf of its residents.



BOOK CLUB CELEBRATES 15th BIRTHDAY



Talybont book club was formed in September 2007 when a few enthusiastic readers got together to form a group. The ground rules were laid down and by and large they have been adhered to ever since. Every 6 weeks one person chooses the book, hosts the meeting and carries out research on the author. We did stipulate only tea and biscuits to be served as other book clubs have fallen by the wayside because they were too ambitious and included dinner parties!

We are now down to ten members as sadly Sylvia Bell passed away. She is still missed and her choice of 'Guns, Germs and Steel' by Jared Diamond continues to be talked about. In the 15 years our secretary has kept a record of the 130 books we have reviewed and considered. It is agreed the choice of different books introduces us to varied genres and a variety of reading experiences.



For our 10th Anniversary we had a day in Bath following in the footsteps of Jane Austen. This year we went on a guided walk round Hay on Wye, famous for its book shops, followed by lunch at Hay Castle. For many years the annual Christmas treat was the much anticipated tea at Gliffaes Hotel sitting in front of the log fire talking about our joint decision Christmas choice of book. The books we have read and discussed this year:

Ordinary Grace by W K Kruegar	The Dry by Jane Harper
Running for the Hills by Horatio Clare	Red Moon and High Summer by H Kaufmann
Katherine by Anya Seton	Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro
The Go Between by LP Hartley	Conundrum by Jan Morris
Cross Channel by Julian Barnes	84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff
Christmas is Murder by Val McDermid	



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Talybont W.I.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our meeting on Wednesday September 14th was sadly cancelled in respect of the death of our monarch Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen had been a member of the WI for almost 80 years, having joined when she was still Princess Elizabeth in 1943.

October saw the ladies partaking in a 'Pub style Quiz', with a glass of wine in hand to help the answers flow. Members Anne Jeans and Christina Gale had prepared picture questions on art, nature and culture. General knowledge is easy when you know the answers but some of these topics certainly got our brains ticking over.

Thank you Anne and Christina, a fun evening was had by all.

November is our A.G.M and planning meeting for the new programme for the year ahead. This too is always a fun meeting as members bring refreshments, it is a good social evening. To finish the year in December we will be going out for a Christmas dinner.

We have been pleased to welcome visitors and new members over the last few months but there is always room for more. If you fancy joining us please don't hesitate it would be great to see you.

W.I. meet in Henderson Hall at 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise stated.

Sue Thorne



The Queen's Green Canopy **PLANTING DATE!**

PLEASE COME TO JOIN IN AND HELP

The planting area for the Queen's Green Canopy will shortly be enclosed to keep the stock off and we are excited to tell you that we now have a date for the planting of nearly 200 trees. We will be assisted on the day by Jim Wright of Pryor and Rickett who will advise us how best to work.

We would love it if anyone who is interested and their families would come and help us plant on

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER AT 10.00 AM

Let's hope for a fine day: please bring a spade and wear suitable clothing and strong footwear! We look forward to seeing you here at

Cui to participate in the next phase of this exciting and environmentally important project. The meeting point is marked with a red star on the map. Mike Wright Sue Large



Henderson Hall Management Committee is undertaking a survey on how the Hall can offer support to individuals and families with the spiralling costs of living



WE WANT

YOUR



FEEDBACK

Complete it online at <https://forms.gle/q8KDzWsMu2p3GdkE7> or follow the link on the Hall's Facebook page

@Henderson Hall Talybont

Hard copies of the survey are available at Talybont Stores please complete by 14 November



HENDERSON HALL 200+ CLUB PRIZE DRAW

Do you ever use Henderson Hall? Have you ever attended a function there, or one of the monthly Film nights? Did you come to the village show in August, or plan to enjoy the Firework Night on 5th November? Do you think it's important that people in the village and wider community have a village hall they can visit for social and community events and hire when they want to?

If you answer yes to any of these, why not help support this fabulous venue and have a bit of fun by joining the 200+ Club Prize Draw? We have even increased the number of prizes on offer!

Every 3 months we award prizes to 7 lucky winners: 2 x £10, 2 x £15, £25, £35 & £50.

All you have to do to enter is pay £10 per year, ideally by Standing Order, and you will join the band of supporters with a chance of winning big! You can have as many numbers as you wish @ £10 each - just complete the form overleaf and return by email, post or through my door and you will be in the next draw. Payment can be via Standing Order, all details are on the form, or if you prefer, cash or cheque. Thank you for your support.

If you are already a member of the 200+ Club, please email the Treasurer with your phone number so we can speed up payment of your winnings! treasurer.hendersonhall@gmail.com

The September winners are as follows:

£10 Gwyn Jones
£15 Suzanne Thomas
£25 Elsie Frances
£50 Russell Jones

£10 Alastair Mackeown
£15 Amanda Williams
£35 Anne Marie Rhys Evans



200+ Club 2022 - Membership information

Henderson Hall Trust Fund
Registered Charity No 518549

Thank you for considering supporting Henderson Hall. Subscriptions are £10 per annum per number payable in advance. Each member will be allocated one number per £10 subscription. There is no limit to how many numbers a member may purchase. Prize draws will take place quarterly at Henderson Hall in Dec, Mar, Jun and Sep. The quarterly prize draws will be £50, £35, £25, £15 & £10. All prize winners will be notified by email. All profits will belong to the Henderson Hall Trust Fund and used at their sole discretion. In the event of any disputes arising, the decision of the Henderson Hall Trust Fund will be final.		
Title:	Forename:	Surname:
Address:		
Postcode:	No. of 200 Club numbers required:	
email:	Phone No:	
I wish Gift Aid to apply to all subscriptions & donations I make from the day of declaration (22p for each £1 donated). I confirm that I pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount to which I will give to all charities & Community Sports Clubs this year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT & Council tax do not qualify.		
Signature:	Date:	

Please return completed form to: Henderson Hall Trust Fund, Attn Treasurer, Glynderi, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7YP

Standing Order Form (to be detached & sent to member's bank)

Bank name and address:	
Date:	
Please pay to the credit of Henderson Hall Trust Fund, Sort code 51-81-27, Account no. 02105209 at Nat West, 28 High Street Superior, Brecon, LD3 7LF, using the reference "200 Club" and your name.	
The sum of ____ on ____ (date) and continue to pay annually on the anniversary until I notify you to cancel.	
Signature:	
Forename:	Surname:
Address:	
Sort Code:	Account no:



THE TALYBONT TOMBLES



The Talybont Tombles were out in force on Saturday 10th September and thankfully the weather stayed dry. There was a good turnout of 14 adults and 7 children, with Gerry having completed the canal bank from Talybont to Pencelli a week earlier. This was my first session flying solo, having taken over from Sandra Briskham who had started the village scheme 10 years previously.

Gareth and Eirona collected just over half a bag of rubbish through the village and along Station Road to the A40. This included mainly plastic bottles, food cartons, cigarette packets, tissues and a few glass bottles. This was replicated in other areas such as Henderson Hall parking area and playing fields, which was tackled by myself, Jayne Gold and her two young helpers Emrys & Albie, and their friend: Katie McMinn and her youngsters; Thomas & Seb. Unfortunately, Jayne returned the following day to find new litter in the area of the park and part of the field, which is extremely disappointing. Clare and Mike Wright collected just a third of a sack on the Dram Road/Reservoir/Pooh Stick loop, which is encouraging. However, they did have to pick up one and a half sacks of fly tipped rubbish from the small car park over the lift bridge.

Huw focused on the grass bank behind the bus stop and Penpentre estate, Mark Windham covered the road from the drawbridge, past Cui to Crossoak, returning to the village and Ellen Walsh Moorman covered the areas around the OAP bungalows and up to Gilestone Cottages – all of which were found to have low levels of litter. The canal bank from the drawbridge to Ashford tunnel, was covered by Lisa, who encountered some significant litter on the road back from Ashford tunnel and rubbish dumped over the fence where the canal path finishes and joins the road just before Ashford tunnel. Colin Parry covered his usual patch along the road to Aber village and along the reservoir dam wall, whilst Lettie Francis, Elsie, Pip, Sarah and Jessica covered the area of the Orchard Trail.



We collected 6 bags, plus the fly tipped items in paper sacks that Powys kindly took. As always it is disappointing that so much litter was collected in and around the village, but the general consensus of those who have been involved in the scheme for some time is that in general the amount of litter being dropped is much less than previous years, which is encouraging. I just hope the instances of fly tipping are isolated incidents.



A big thank you to everyone who turned up and took part and thank you for the warm welcome.

The next one will be on Sunday 6th November at 2.30pm, where we will look to concentrate efforts on the playing fields and Henderson Hall following firework and bonfire night. However, with enough volunteers we'll hopefully be able to extend to other areas of the village.

Please contact me for more information if you would like to join us on November 6th or future litter picks. Equipment will be provided.

Fiona Morris (Organiser)

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Talybont Show 2022

A stunning comeback!

After two missed years our village show returned in triumph! A misty start turned into a glorious sunny day attended by record numbers. Just what we all needed after all the doom and gloom.



The crowds flocked in to see a superb display of flowers, fruit, veg, photographs and crafts from young and older alike. The newly introduced Dog Show was a roaring (or should I say barking) success with 27 dogs entering the final category, 'The dog the judge would like most to take home!' Brecon Town Band did us proud, as did the Taiko drummers and the children's



entertainer, Jenny Any Dots. Craft stalls, the plant stall, a bouncy castle, birds of prey, military vehicles, Mountain Rescue, The Canal and River Trust, football training / skills and our friends from Ukraine all added to the fun. Record takings by the Llanfaes Dairy ice cream wagon and the burger stall, along with the lovely WI teas and cakes, meant no one went



hungry. The day was rounded off by our ever popular Children's (and adult) sports. Superbly compered by Chris Jones in his own inimitable style!

A brilliant comeback and a brilliant day.

Now the pitch! It was touch and go whether the show even went ahead this year. Last September we were down to five regular committee members with the prospect of losing one of these due to work commitments. Luckily a couple of new faces came on board and, almost at the last minute, it was decided to go ahead with the show. The decision proved the right one. However, much more help is needed if the show is to continue going forward. A superb way of contributing to one of the key dates in the village diary.

If you think you can help out on the organising committee then please come along to our next meeting at Henderson Hall on **Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm.**

Richard Abram





Usk Valley Gardening Association

After the show focused summer break our Autumn programme kicked off with a talk by Ray Woods on daffodils. The next meeting will be on **Thursday November 17th** in Llangynidr village hall. Subject to be finalised so please look out for announcements on local media or contact either

Gareth Davies, Chair gebdavies@btinternet.com
 or Susan Hankey, Secretary susicello@me.com

Member numbers are very strong but we always welcome new blood. All our talks, and activities are open to non members (with a one off charge of £3). However, a full years membership is only £10 - a bargain!

If you are interested, or want to know more about our new amalgamated (Talybont, Bwlch and Llangynidr) club then please contact either Gareth or Susan on the emails listed above.



CHURCH NEWS

ALL SOULS' DAY WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER: On All Souls Day we remember before God the faithful departed. There will be a special service at 7.00pm in Llanhamlach Church on that day. If you would like us to remember a loved one at this service, please either add their name to the list that you will find at the back of each church in the group, or let one of the clergy know.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Remembrance Sunday is 13th November. There is a service of Remembrance at 10.00am in Llandetty Church followed by an act of Remembrance at Cross Oak starting in time for 11.00am. There is also a Service of Remembrance at 10.30am in Llanfrynach Church. Everyone is welcome to either event.

HYMN SINGING FESTIVAL at LLANHAMLACH: You are warmly invited to a Festival of Hymns Service on Sunday 27th November at 6.00pm in Llanhamlach Church. Come and sing your favourite hymns and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES: These are the services which are taking place within the Beacons Benefice over the Christmas period:-

Sunday 18th December

10-00am Carol Service at Llansantffraed Church

10-00am Holy Communion at Cantref Church

6-00pm Carol Service at Llanhamlach Church

Friday 23rd December

6-00pm Carol Service at Cantref Church (tbc)

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

4-00pm Carol Service at Llanfrynach Church

5-00pm The Talybont Living Nativity returns for the first time since 2019!

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

10-00am Christmas Communion Service at Llandetty Church

10-00am Christmas Communion Service at Llanhamlach Church



You can find further details of all our church services and events on the Beacons Benefice

web-page:- <https://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/s475/> and on social media, or on the notice on the village noticeboard.

Kelvin Richards, Priest in Charge



TEA and CHAT

A social afternoon for senior citizens held on the first Monday of the month at Henderson Hall at 3pm.

Monday November 7th

Christmas party Monday 5th December

New Year Monday 2nd January

Do come along for a get together, cup of tea and cake.

Cherry Jones



Aber Chapel Christmas Service

Sunday 18th December at
10.30 am

Parking in the field

Join with us to start the
celebrations of Christmas
week



FATAL ACCIDENT ON. THE BRECON AND MERTHYR, RAILWAY.

6th December 1878 *Monmouthshire Merlin*

We have now to add another accident to the long list of sad occurrences that have lately filled our columns. On Monday night a disastrous railway accident occurred on the Brecon and Merthyr Railway, and was attended with loss of life and immense damage to property. It appears that a train, consisting of some forty trucks, laden with, coal, together with, several goods vans, was being driven along the line, there being two engines in the front, and two at the end of the train. As it started to go down the lengthened decline at Torpantau, about midway between Merthyr and Brecon, the train attained such great speed that the driver endeavoured to control it, but all attempts to do so proved futile, and the engine-drivers found that they were entirely overpowered. The velocity which the heavily weighed train had now obtained was something terrific, and it was perfectly running wild. At about a mile from Talybont the connecting rods of two of the engines broke, and thus added greatly to the difficulty in which the drivers were placed. At *Talybont* village the railway is carried by a bridge over the canal, and after a short embankment has been passed another bridge carries the line on over the road. Just before reaching the first bridge there must have been some obstacle on the line which caused a strong jerk to the train, which, however kept on at its flying speed until getting over the bridge spanning the road, and which is on a slight curve when the leading engine mounted the rails and dragged the whole of the train after it down an embankment some twelve or fifteen feet deep. On reaching the bottom the leading engine was turned completely round at right angles, and was then thrown completely over. In the descent of the train down the incline a number of the waggons, were thrown off the road, and dragged for some distance, but the velocity of the train was so tremendous, that nothing could stop it until it had passed both bridges and was precipitated to the bottom of the embankment. The shaking received by the bridge as the train passed over it must have been tremendous, for immediately afterwards one of the girders fell down, and soon after this the second gave, which the whole weight of the bridge now rested likewise collapsed, leaving the bridge itself nothing but a heap of ruins. Every truck in the train was smashed to atoms, and the debris mingled with the scattered coal formed a striking spectacle. The loss of property, which belonged to several firms, must be exceedingly great, but the most lamentable portion of the accident has yet to be told. The driver of the first engine, Joseph Thomas, was killed as he stood on the engine, and his body fearfully mutilated. His fireman, Davies, had a most remarkable escape from a similar fate. When the engine was thrown over he was pitched out into the road he was, however, dreadfully scalded by the bursting of the steam pipe, and on Tuesday afternoon lay in a very precarious situation. The driver of the second engine, Thomas Williams, and his fireman, Thomas Pask, were both killed and literally buried, as wagons came tumbling over each other down the embankment. Both these men were also frightfully scalded. The fireman on the engine at the end of the waggons named Fury, seeing that the train was entirely beyond control, went to the front of his engine to uncouple it, when the frightful shock came and his life was also sacrificed. The driver, whose name was not known, luckily escaped unhurt. The brakesman, Davies, escaped with his life, but suffers very severely from the shock. The bodies were taken to the White Hart, where an inquiry will be held.

Seamus Hamill-Keays, Llansantffraed

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