



# Talybont Matters

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## An auspicious visit in the Henry Vaughan Garden from Weatherman Walking



As summer faded to a colourful autumn in the Henry Vaughan Garden we were surprised by a visit from Derek Brockway of Weatherman Walking and his lovely team on their journey from Talybont Reservoir to Brecon. Many thanks to Anne, Cherry, Linda and Anna for coming along to tidy, be interviewed and chat and for Adele to forage for them!

Also the garden wouldn't be so lovely if not for everyone who passes by through the year, tidying trimming, strimming, cutting the grass and emptying the poo bin. Many thanks to you all and long may it be a little haven for locals, wildlife and visitors alike!

Dont forget to look out for the wild daffs along the wooded edge next spring, now in their third or so year!

Nina and Sandra October 2023

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### 200 Club Latest Winners:

- £10 – Helen Jones & Margaret Robinson
- £15 – Craig Powell & Liz Daniel
- £25 – Marianne Stephens
- £35 – Monique Danby
- £50 – Regan Jones

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## TALYBONT-ON-USK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Council is almost back to full strength, with just one seat remaining. It was announced on 17<sup>th</sup> October that this will be filled by election.

The Council is hoping to secure some grant funding from the Welsh Government to finance ground maintenance, and will then be able to offer more support to Henderson Hall in the running of the public conveniences.

Councillors are busy forging ahead with projects such as the installation of the rugby posts and the development of a pump track. It has been reported that the re-lining of a section of the canal has been put on hold until October 2027 by the Canal and River Trust. This work is considered to be a high priority and the matter has been raised with Powys County Council to hopefully bring the work forward with their support.

The exciting news that ospreys have made a home here in the valley was discussed with Welsh Government representatives at a recent meeting in the village, and we await the report commissioned by them. This report may have some implications for the implementation of the Gilestone Farm Project.

HENDERSON HALL  
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# Bonfire night and fireworks display

Gates open 6pm Fireworks 7pm  
Refreshments on sale including hotdogs, burgers, soup,  
hot chocolate and mulled wine  
Entry: Child £2, Adult £4

Parking at Talybont Market on Station Road from 5.30 pm  
Unsupervised indoor play area for young children  
Bonfire Guys welcome. No sparklers please!

### TEA and CHAT

A social group for seniors

First Monday  
of the month at  
Henderson Hall, 3pm:

November 6<sup>th</sup>

December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Party

January 1<sup>st</sup>  
New Year's Day

Everyone welcome for a  
catch up, chat and cuppa.



## Our Talybont Ospreys

Over the summer a pair of Ospreys built a nest in a tree on Gilestone Farm. The Osprey is one of the rarest and most spectacular breeding birds in Wales, with up to seven pairs breeding annually since 2004. As such, every breeding site is of considerable national importance. There are no records of the Osprey ever having bred in Mid or South Wales, and it is probable that these will be the first birds to do so for several hundred years. They have been spotted occasionally passing through this area, for example there is a report of one on Llangorse Lake in May 1938! They will have selected Gilestone Farm due to the lack of disturbance, tranquillity and the availability of fishing grounds. One of the Talybont Ospreys is ringed and is a 5-year bird raised in Scotland. The pair seemed to have taken a liking to Gilestone Farm around three years ago and probably first spotted it on their winter migration. Ospreys arrive in the UK towards the end of March from their wintering grounds in West Africa and normally depart the UK early in September. Ospreys develop long term bonds with each other and with their nest, continuing to return to the same nest for many years to come. Interestingly, the male chicks return to their natal (home) territory as juveniles and so will be establishing their own nests in the valley in due course.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act identifies Ospreys as a Schedule 1 bird making it a criminal offence to disturb them whilst nest building or raising chicks. They are also one of only three birds in the UK with year-round legal protection for their nests. Disturbance to the birds or their nest can result in a prison sentence and an unlimited fine. Sadly, because these spectacular birds are still persecuted it has been necessary to install security measures. The nest is protected by a video recording system that automatically alerts the police if anyone tries to approach the site. The initial costs of these measures were met by the local charity, the Usk Valley Conservation Group, although the Welsh Government, as landowner with a legal responsibility to protect the birds and the nest, has now taken over that duty.



*The first photo of our Ospreys, captured by Peter Seaman in August 2023*

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The Welsh Government has contracted Osprey specialist, Dr Tim Makrill, to prepare an Osprey Conservation Plan and this will not only set out the measures needed to ensure the birds are not disturbed, but will also consider options for public viewing, possibly including a 'nest cam'. In the meantime, please note that the Orchard Walk is a permitted path only and there are no public rights of way on the farm.

The County Bird Recorder Andy King, whose advice and support has been so valued, together with the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, the Usk Valley Conservation Group and the farmer Charles Weston are keen to support the Welsh Government's conservation efforts to secure the long-term future of the birds on the farm.

This is a major conservation success story for Wales – the first Ospreys to establish a nest outside of North Wales for hundreds of years – and one that I am sure all residents of our community will be proud to support.

**Peter Seaman, Usk Valley Conservation Group**



## WELSH LEARNERS' CORNER – CORNEL Y CYMRAEG

Croeso

Siop Siarad Talybont have been enjoying some interesting sessions in the White Hart. Sometimes we just sit and chat yng Ngymraeg, sometimes we read articles from golwg or lingo Newydd, or members will bring in something of interest to them.

Croeso cynnes i bob level o Gymraeg 10.30am – 12.00pm pob bore Gwener ('Warm welcome to all level of Welsh, 10.30am – 12.00pm, every Friday morning').

Have a go at the sentences below – can you use them in your everyday conversation? Or come along to Siop Siarad and try them out here.

Beth brynaist ti? – Beth-brun-niced-tea? – What did you buy?

Prynais i laeth ddoe – Prun-nice-ee-lye-th-th-oi – I bought milk yesterday.

Beth ddysgaist ti? – Beth thusk-guy-st-tea? – What did you learn?

Dysgais i lawer o eiriau Newydd – Dusk-gice-ee-law-er-oh-a-ree-eye-ne-with – I learnt lots of new words.

Pryd codaist ti? – Preed-cod-iced-tee? – When did you get up?

Codais i am saith y bore 'ma – Cod-ice-ee-am-sigh-th-ur-bor-reh-ma – I got up at seven this morning.

Ble est ti ddoe? – Bl-air-est-tee-th-oi? – Where did you go yesterday?

Es i i'r cyngerdd neithiwr – Es -ee-eer-cung-gerdd-nei-th-you-er – I went to the concert last night.

What have we learnt from these sentences?

Beth causes a soft mutation – Prynais changes to Brynaist

Pryd has no soft mutation – Codaist stays as Codaist

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Prynu – to buy

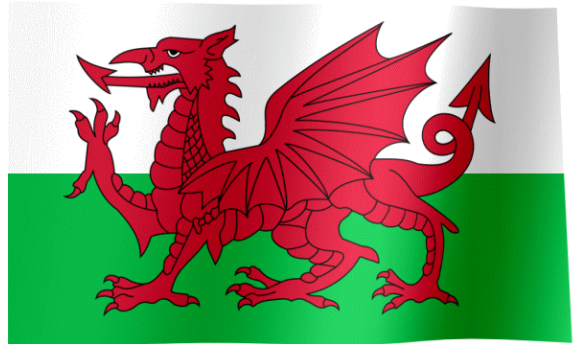
Dysgu – to learn

Codi – to get up/raise

Mwynhau!

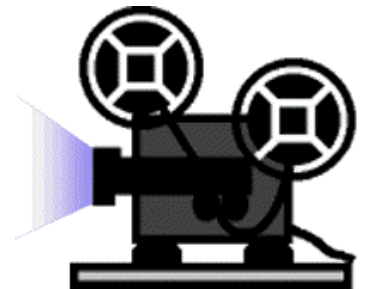
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## Talybont Flicks

Don't forget your local Flicks on the first Wednesday of each month. The last two for 2023 are **Empire of Light** on **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, starring Olivia Coleman and Colin Firth, and **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** on **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. Two lovely films you shouldn't miss. Usual time of 7.30pm start in Henderson Hall, and you are welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Look forward to seeing you . . .





## The Talybont Tombles

As Summer came to an end ('What Summer?' I hear you ask!), the Talybont Tombles got together on September 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a damp one, but that hadn't dampened the spirits of our volunteers. Eleven adults and two pooches turned out to tackle the key areas around the village. It was great to see many regulars and welcome some new faces, with Hilary Williams from Talybont and John Burgess, originally from Talybont but visiting from Buffalo, USA, joining us for the third organised litter pick of 2023.

There were some heavy showers about, but everyone was keen to get involved and tackle their designated areas. Gerry Blake joined us on the Saturday, having also cleared the back road from Talybont to Pencelli the day before, collecting over half a bag of litter. Gerry covered from Pwllwhead farm to Aber village, and then up to and including the Talybont dam wall. Unfortunately, Talybont dam continues to be a problem area. Gareth and Eirona Davies covered the area through the village and along Station Road to the A40. They collected much more litter than in May, with the A40 slip road to the Usk bridge a particular hotspot.

There was very little litter collected from along the canal, however in mid-September many areas were quite overgrown. Any hidden litter will become more apparent at our next session in November. John Burgess kindly covered the area from the lift bridge to Ashford Tunnel, returning along the road. There was far more litter on the roadside than the canal, but low compared to previous sessions. I know John really enjoyed taking part and this was something he'd been wanting to be involved in for some time. Luckily our September litter pick coincided with his recent visit. Ellen Walsh Moorman and her two pooches covered the canal bank to Pencelli, again collecting very little litter.

Hilary Williams kindly covered the Orchard Trail through the woods at Gilestone and returning to the village. Again, there was very little evidence of litter and only small amounts collected. Dawn Goodwin kindly covered the areas of Penpentre estate, Canol Pentre front/rear, the hall up to Gilestone Cottages and the areas behind the bus stop, again collecting relatively low levels of litter. Craig Burdon covered the Dram Road. Clare and Mike Wright covered the Cross Oak/Cui triangle along the roads and returning to the village, with small amounts of litter collected.

I collected limited amounts of litter from the playing fields, games area, Henderson Hall car park and children's play area. When the weather improved a couple of days later, Sandra Briskham was kind enough to cover Maesmawr Lane and Maesmawr Close. In total we collected seven bags of litter (some fuller than others). Although there were some areas which saw higher levels of litter, in general, the quantity of litter collected remains low. A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the September pick and everyone who does their bit to collect litter in between our organised picks.



**Our next Talybont Tombles litter pick will take place on [Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.](#)  
Meeting at Henderson Hall. New members are always welcome.  
Equipment will be provided, but please bring your own gloves.**

Fiona Morris (Organiser)

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## Friends of Llandetty Church

Following a successful Brecknock History Festival open day at the church last month and the official launch of our group, the Friends of Llandetty Church have gradually been progressing our projects which have the collective aim of opening up the churchyard and the building to the wider public, both locals and visitors alike.

We have been concentrating on developing and raising funds for our churchyard project. We hope that the project will consist of the following:

1. Completing our initial clearance of the overgrown areas of the churchyard including re-establishing views to the River Usk along its north-eastern boundary, and making all areas within the boundary walls safe and accessible to visitors.
2. Continue and complete our clearance of the undergrowth within, and the re-establishment of, the avenue of yew trees.
3. Start our clearance of the former south-east entrance to the yard and recreate a small accessible car parking area.
4. Install a composting visitor WC to encourage more people to visit and spend time here.
5. Install some facilities for visitors such as wayfinding and informational signage, and picnic benches to encourage visitors to explore and inhabit the space.
6. Install a new information board at the entrance to the yard to inform and encourage visitors to explore the yard and the historic building.
7. Create and enhance the various zones that have been identified by our ecologist to improve the biodiversity of the churchyard and provide interesting and informative spaces for our visitors to explore and dwell in.

This work is possible thanks to the award of several grants and incredibly kind donations from the friends of our new group. We have to date raised over £11,000, including substantial grants from the Gibbs Trust, the Green Man Trust Community Fund and the BBNP Local Nature Partnership, plus a donation from a very generous former Talybont resident.

We hope that the work will start later this month. We are currently seeking quotes from local contractors and have applied for planning permission for the new information board. If you wish to become a formal 'friend' of Llandetty Church, keep up to date with our plans or get involved in our exciting projects please have a look at our new Facebook page, Friends of St Tetti's Church Llandetty, or contact us directly. We are not a religious group, we just share a common interest in the enhancement of our local churchyard and church building.



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# TALYBONT ON USK SCARECROW TRAIL 2023

October Half Term  
30th October - 5th November

Walk the trail and vote for your favourites! Trail maps will be available online or to pick up in Talybont Stores, Henderson Hall and the village bus stop. Voting will close at 4pm on 5th November

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## Powys Ukrainian Oral History Project

In May 2023, with the support of Powys County Council and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations, Henderson Hall Committee was awarded a small Refugee Support Grant to set up a **Ukrainian Audio Recording Oral History project**. This project brings to life the experiences of some of those involved within the Powys Ukrainian Resettlement Programme and showcases the personal stories of those who sought sanctuary, alongside hosts and individuals from statutory and voluntary sectors who have come together following the illegal invasion of Ukraine.

As part of this storytelling project, Ukrainian refugees from South Powys share some of the challenges they have faced, and how they have adapted and adjusted to their new situation, as well as give their perspective on life in Powys and their future plans. Hosts, supporters and volunteers focus on the roles they have played in helping individuals and families to settle.

The project was coordinated by **Beacons For Ukraine** and professionally recorded at Henderson Hall in Talybont on Usk by As You See It Media, based in Crickhowell. It was launched very successfully at the Royal Welsh Show in July. The recordings are now permanently sited on the Henderson Hall website:

<https://www.henderson-hall.com/welcome-to-https-hh-mikelewisdesign-co-uk/support-for-ukraine-and-refugees>

### Aber and Benaiah Chapels

Benaiah Chapel Service  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am

Aber Chapel Service  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am

Christmas Service at Benaiah  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am

The Christmas message underlies an informal service, to which adults and children are welcome. Should anyone like to contribute with a poem, reading, song or play a musical instrument please get in touch with **Craig Burdon** on **01874 676090**



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### Talybont WI

I am always surprised and delighted by the interests and knowledge that members of our community have. In September we were pleased to welcome Pat Wilkie to talk to us and share her passion for one Edwardian gardener in particular, Henry Avray Tipping. Pat talked us through her journey of study of Victorian and Edwardian gardeners and their gardens. She had many pictures of the gardens and homes that 'Harry' developed and made these come alive with her stories.

October took us to Patagonia and the stunning scenery which Annie Dixon had trekked in. She too shared her photos and stories, making us long for a visit ourselves.

November is our AGM where we will be thinking about our programme for 2024. I am sure there are others in our community who have equally interesting stories to tell, and we would love to hear from you. We will be going to Peterstone Court for our Christmas dinner in December.

Talybont WI is going from strength to strength, our numbers are increasing and are very healthy – we must be doing something right. Guests are always welcome. Contact **Penny Morgan** on **01874 665283** or just come along on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Henderson Hall.

**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**





## An Update on Llansantffraed Church

St Bride's Church sits in a prominent position across the Usk from Talybont, with the Allt towering above it and its Italianate steeple looking across the valley. It is one of many churches across Wales dedicated to the important Irish saint, Brigid (or Bride, or Fraed in Welsh), and has a rich history, a wonderful interior and, we hope with the support of the community, a secure future. The exact origins of the church are rather clouded in the mists of time, but it is known that there was a stone church on the site from the 13<sup>th</sup> century onwards. The font dates from this period, and we are delighted that we have been able to make use of it for two christenings in 2023. The church was rebuilt



in 1690 and then in 1884, when Mr JPW Gwynne Holford of Buckland had – for the 1880s – a state-of-the-art Victorian Gothic church built on the site in memory of his mother, Maria. The architect was Stephen William Williams of Rhayader, who was involved in early excavations at Strata Florida and who designed many prominent buildings, including Buckland Hall. The grave of the 17<sup>th</sup> century poet Henry Vaughan, the Swan of Usk, sits above the church, and next year we will celebrate the centenary of the visit of war poet Siegfried Sassoon, which prompted Sassoon's celebrated poem, *At the Grave of Henry Vaughan* ('Above the voiceful windings of a river / An old green slab of simply graven stone / Shuns notice, overshadowed by a yew . . .').

Mrs Sandra Briskham was churchwarden for many, many years and did so much to secure the future of the church, including coordinating significant renovations of the roof, floor and boundary walls carried out by JL Stephens at various times over the past 15 years. The church reopened after the pandemic with a service of thanksgiving in September 2022, and since then a new team, led by Mrs Ellen Walsh Moorman, has been working hard to ensure a warm welcome for all at our services that take place on the third Sunday of the month (and which are always followed by refreshments).



We have been trying to think creatively about other ways that we can make use of the church to allow more people to enjoy its wonderful interior and excellent acoustics, and we have resumed successful concerts with our partners, the Unicorn Singers (who are based in Llangattock) and the Gwent Chamber Orchestra (led by Steve Broom of Talybont). A particular highlight was a performance of poetry and music to celebrate the life and work of the poet and artist David Jones.

**Our next concert will be a carol concert from the Gwent Chamber Orchestra on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm.** Llansantffraed has an excellent organ, which was recently restored following a generous bequest in memory of Mr Richard Martin-Hurst. The organ is played at our services with great skill by our organist Mrs Susan Williams and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan for her continued, and wonderful, playing.

We were so very grateful for all the energy and ideas Ellen has brought to the church over the last year – a great deal has been achieved which we hope to build on. Ellen has now stepped down as churchwarden and we have a small team committed to the future of the church, **but we could certainly do with more people getting involved as part of our friendly and welcoming team.** To find out how or for details of how to become a Friend of Llansantffraed, please drop me an email. Please also contact me if you are interested in seeing inside the church – while it is currently locked, I am usually in Talybont at the weekend and I would be delighted to show people around. Revd Liz Bramley, one of the Ministry Team, is also around most of the time: [liz.bramley@icloud.com](mailto:liz.bramley@icloud.com)

**Will Hutton**, on behalf of the Llansantffraed Church Committee

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## USK VALLEY GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Meetings of the Usk Valley Gardening Association continue to be well supported. The latest was held in the Village Hall in Bwlch on 21<sup>st</sup> September when the guest speaker was Edward Smith of Credale Nursery, near Leominster. Edward gave an excellent presentation on the cultivation of Acers (Japanese Maples), and the talk was very wide ranging, dealing with all aspects of cultivation such as seed sowing and grafting.

Edward explained that his Japanese maples are grafted onto either home-grown (from seed) maple stocks or onto hardy North American stocks, which are specially imported. Japanese maples are very adaptable and easy to grow in well-drained soil, sun and dappled shade, needing very little pruning. Their variety is never ending with their delicate foliage enhancing even the smallest of gardens.

The next meeting will again be held in Bwlch Village Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 7pm. The guest speaker will be Roger Evans and the title of his talk is 'Tulip Mania'. Roger gave us a very interesting talk last year on Fungi, ranging from yeasts and other microfungi to mushrooms and toadstools. November is an ideal month for planting tulips of all types in containers and in the open garden. The range of different types is so extensive that they can be had in flower from early March to June.

All are welcome with free entry for members and £3 for non-members, payable on the door. Please get in touch for further information.

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### Planting purple crocuses for World Polio Day in Talybont



**Many thanks to Brecon Rotary, who came to Talybont village on 21st October to plant over 1000 purple crocus corms with us for World Polio Day (October 24th).**

**They are raising money and awareness to help eradicate the polio virus throughout the world by an effective vaccination programme. Although only two countries now have reported cases of infection with the wild virus their aim is to stamp it out totally.**

**Thanks to all their volunteers and people in the community who came out and got planting!**

**Look out for them next spring near Henderson Hall!**



### Aber, Benaiah and Bethania Chapels Preliminary Notice

An invitation to meet in our church yards to hear about some of the late characters buried there, and for a social history afternoon with refreshments.

This will be held in late Spring when we will visit our Chapels and hear about the lives of some of the past residents from the Talybont Community. If anyone has a relative or friend that is buried in one of the Chapels and would like to share their story please get in contact with **Cherry Jones** 01874 610607



## IN MEMORIAM

### Sergeant William Charles Turner RFC 1891-1917

William Charles Turner was the older son of Charles, Butler of Buckland Hall, Llansantffraed, at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. 'Will' attended Cathedine School and later Brecon Boys' County School. He then served an apprenticeship in the motor trade in Cardiff, returning to Brecon to run his own business. He was fascinated by flying machines and in January 1914, months before the outbreak of war, sold up and joined the Royal Flying Corps as an Air Mechanic. He flew with No. 5 Squadron to a base in France on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1914, among the first British aeroplanes to land there. He survived 16 months on the Western Front, in the early days often flying as observer. He then took up instructional duties at No. 1 Technical Training School near Reading. He was promoted to Sergeant and then selected to train as a pilot. Following Ground School and Initial Flying Training at RFC Coley Park, he joined 38<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron at Rendcomb in Gloucestershire to finally get his 'wings' by going solo.



Photo courtesy Imperial War Museum

*Gloucester Chronicle*, 9<sup>th</sup> June 1917

Sec. Lt. Leonard Rivers of the Reserve Squadron RFC, told the inquest in Cirencester that Sergt. Turner was sent to the aerodrome where he was stationed, as a certified flyer, and for further tuition, and was considered fit to fly alone. This he did, on Sunday morning (3<sup>rd</sup> June), starting shortly after six o'clock. He flew very satisfactorily for a time, and then attempted to land. He overshot the mark, switched on his engine again to avoid running into a wood, and rose easily and properly. He circled a few times and when at a height of 1,000 yards he got into difficulties, and spinning round several times the machine nose-dived and fell in an adjoining field. The machine struck the ground before bursting into flames - it did not do so before. Before anyone could get to Sergt. Turner his head was badly burned and witness had no doubt death occurred when the aeroplane struck the ground... The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death for which no-one was to blame.

*Brecon County Times*, 14<sup>th</sup> June 1917

Will's funeral took place on Thursday at 2.30pm and was one of the most impressive witnessed in Brecon for some time. Hundreds of people watched the procession to the cemetery and most houses and places of business showed signs of mourning. The cortege was headed by a firing party, composed of members of the South Wales Borderers from the Depot and the Depot band. The coffin, which was covered by a Union Jack and a large number of wreaths, was drawn on a gun carriage by eight Sergeants from his Squadron past his old school on Cradoc Road. The band played Chopin's "Funeral March" and the "Dead March in Saul".



This is the impressive grave monument of Sergeant Turner, paid for by his parents. It is surmised they turned down the offer of the standard Imperial War Graves Commission gravestone as they wished to be able to join their son. His mother Sarah, who had been living in Southampton, was also laid to rest here in 1929.

Brecon Cemetery has 13 graves of servicemen who died in the First World War and 11 who died in the Second, amongst them eight Punjabi Muslim soldiers of Force K6 that included four Mule Drivers of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps. Most of these were Mule Drivers, but there was also a Bellows Boy, aged 18, a farrier's assistant. They had all survived Dunkirk.

Compiled by Squadron Leader **Seamus Hamill-Keays** BEM, Llansantffraed



## Church Notes

We are very pleased to say that Kelvin Richards has now returned to work. Please note his new contact details:

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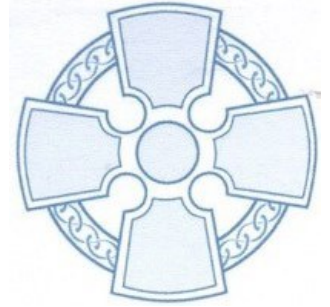
Liz Bramley (Curate) ✉ [liz.bramley@icloud.com](mailto:liz.bramley@icloud.com) ☎ 01874 665267

Our team leader in the Brecon and Epynt Ministry Area is Revd Dr Gill Todd:

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Our regular pattern of church services continues as before:

First Sunday of the month	Llanfrynach, Holy Communion 10am
Second Sunday	Llanfeugan, Holy Communion 10am Henderson Hall Family Church 11am
Third Sunday	Llansantffraed and Cantref, Holy Communion 10am
Fourth Sunday	Llandetty and Llanhamlach, Holy Communion 10am
Fifth Sunday	December 31st Llansantffraed (tbc) March 31st EASTER SUNDAY, services tbc



November and December have differences for Remembrance and Christmas:  
See the page opposite for our special church services, to which all are most welcome.

Check for details and updates on the **Churches around Talybont** Facebook page.

**Liz Bramley and Kelvin Richards**

**Gwent Chamber Orchestra**

**Llansantffraed Church  
Talybont**

**10<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 pm**

**Music to include:  
Corelli, Mozart,  
Vivaldi and Taverner**

**Tickets £10 from Julia Watkins 01874 676085 or  
at the door**





**Brecon and Epynt Ministry Area**  
**November and December 2023**  
**Special Church Services**  
**in the Beacons Area**



**HARVEST**

**Fri 24 Nov** 6.30pm Harvest Supper, Henderson Hall

**REMEMBRANCE**

**Thu 2 Nov** 7pm 'Light a candle for All Souls', Llanfrynach

**Sun 12 Nov** Remembrance Day Services:  
**10am** Llanfeugan and **10.15am** Henderson Hall  
then **11am** Act of Remembrance, Cross Oak  
**10.30am** Llanhamlach

**Sun 26 Nov** 6.30pm Llanhamlach Hymn Festival

**CHRISTMAS**

**Sun 10 Dec** 10am Llansantffraed Advent Service  
3pm Gwent Chamber Orchestra Christmas Concert

**Sun 17 Dec** 10am Llanfeugan Carol Service  
6pm Llanhamlach Carol Service

**Wed 20 Dec** 6.30pm Cantref Carol Service

**Sun 24 Dec** 10am Llandetty Carol Service  
4pm Llanfrynach Crib Service  
5pm Talybont Living Nativity

**Mon 25 Dec** 10am Llanfeugan Christmas Communion  
*West End Service tbc*



The Talybont turbine is running well and generating energy at a rate of 19kW (our summer rate). This is determined by the Welsh Water compensation flow rates which vary across the seasons. We will soon switch to the higher winter rate.



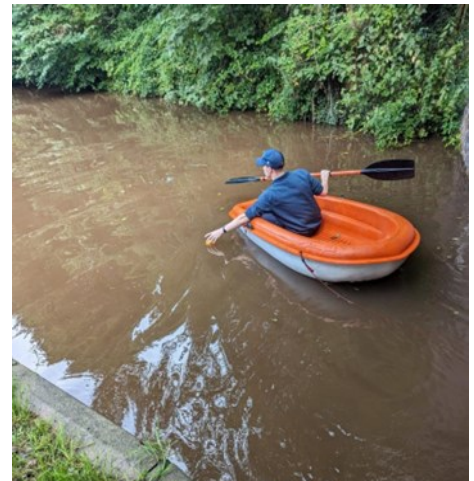
*Weekly turbine check*

Billy Merrill-Glover, who won our student energy project competition this summer, has completed his feasibility study for a water source heat pump on our canal. Billy chose the Royal Oak as the canal side property to focus on. We would like to thank Andrew, Fran and team for helping Billy with the data he needed about the Royal Oak to do his assessments. Billy's extensive calculations concluded that a canal source heat pump would offer a lower annual operating cost than the pub's existing heating systems. However, whilst being more energy efficient than an air source heat pump, the combined abstraction licence and discharge permit required for an open loop system using our canal make a water source option significantly more expensive. This is disappointing but, now we have a set of calculations thanks to Billy, we may still explore other technical possibilities. We are also keen to run another student energy project competition next summer.

As a Board we are currently working to identify sources of practical domestic energy saving advice for our wide variety of homes and budgets. Two of our directors are currently pilot testing a company that offer tailored consultations to see if they would be a good service for us to recommend and possibly part-subsidise. We will post any updates on that in the next few months on our website, [talybontenergy.co.uk](http://talybontenergy.co.uk), and also on the Talybont Facebook page and in the winter issue of Talybont Matters.

You can always contact us with your energy questions or any energy project ideas via [info@talybontenergy.co.uk](mailto:info@talybontenergy.co.uk) As volunteers, we can't promise an immediate reply or that we will know the answer to your questions, but we will always try!

**Alison Kidd**



*Billy using oranges (a recommended method!) to measure the canal flow rate*

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