

Talybont Matters



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Please send in articles!

The newsletter will be published quarterly, at the end of January, April, July and October. All articles to be submitted by 20th of these months to appear in the next issue.

Be a journalist, send in articles, news, and what's on in Talybont.

Wherever possible your articles will be published in the next issue. However the editor reserves the right to edit articles or hold them back for subsequent issues should there be insufficient space in the current issue.



In this newsletter you will find a special insert summarising the many different opportunities to enter something for this year's show. The full schedule is available from Talybont Stores or on the village website (<u>www.talybont.org</u>). The show offers opportunities for everyone to enter and it is hoped that you – the reader- will 'have a go'. We can promise you it will be good fun!

Local Talybont-on-Usk lad 2x Guinness World Record Holder for BMX bike performance!

Matti Hemmings, son of Lenny and Shirley Hemmings who live in Penpentre, Talybont, has recently made it into the Guinness Book of World Records - for the second time performing on his BMX bike!

Matti is a professional Flatland Rider and organiser of the UK Flatland BMX Championships. He toured with the Olympic Torch Relay for the London 2012 Olympics and recently appeared on Sunday Brunch and Blue Peter. He has gained a wealth of experience working with companies and on events such as the Olympic Torch Relay, featuring in a Toyota television advert, touring UK schools with his own demonstrations and workshops, and has created his own series of events and competitions for the sport to inspire a generation and develop the Flatland BMX in the UK.





Many thanks to the volunteers who distribute this newsletter



Talybont-on-Usk Energy is delighted to fund Talybont Matters

HENDERSON HALL

FORTHCOMING **EVENTS**

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Sat 4 May 10 am

BIG BAND NIGHT Sat 18 May - 7.30 pm

TALYBONT FLICKS - 7.30pm Tues 28 May Tues 25 June Tues 23 July

TALYBONT-ON-USK SHOW Sat 24 August

REGULAR **EVENTS**

Playgroup Mondays 10 - 12 am Kirsty Carr 01874 676514

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2nd Wed each month 7pm – 10pm President: Kathryn James 01874 623496

Brownies Thursdays 6.30pm - 7.45pm Sue Thorne 01874 676293

Cricket Club Wednesdays 5pm – 6pm Geraint James 01874 676272

Junior Tennis Club Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm Margaret Cox 01874 676697 Sarah Osborne 01874 676633

Gardening Club 7.30pm 3rd Friday each month Sept to June. Chair: Neville Danby 01874 676630

Tea andChat Ist Monday in the month 3-4.30pm. Cherry Jones 676232 Andy Robinson 01874 676584

Short Family Service 1st Sunday each month I I am for approx 25 mins.

Henderson Hall Key Contacts

Clare Wright (Chair) 676679 Phil Summers (Vice Chair) 676540 Donna Darbyshire (Treasurer) 676304 Sue Thomas (Secretary) 676254 Shirley Hemmings (Caretaker) 676456 Bookings: Position Vacant

Easy Fundraising idea - for Henderson Hall

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Henderson Hall Charity has signed up to the Easy Fundraising site. If you shop online with Amazon, Marks & Spencers, Argos, Tescos, Screwfix, plus over 2000 other big name stores PLEASE log If you search the Web with on to the easyfundraising site www.easyfundraising.org.uk and choose Henderson Hall as your cause then start shopping, it won't cost you a penny extra, the We have a huge and very expenstore pays the charity (Henderson Hall Trust) anything from 1-15%. Please use this site for all of your online purchases and help support the Charity which in turn helps to maintain our local Community Hall. Please spread the word to your friends & family.

The direct link to the site is: http:// www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

easysearch more money will be raised. The link is http:// hendersonhall.easysearch.org.uk

sive repair looming for our flat roof which may end up closing our hall if not done soon. Even if this fund raising idea only brings in a few hundred pounds it all helps and, with most of us shopping on line, we have nothing to lose. Your support is very much appreciated and the easyfundraising site is easy and pain free!

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE? Help us raise funds for Henderson Hall for FREE when you shop online! Just visit

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

and search for Henderson Hall, Brecon and follow the easy steps to sign up. Then start shopping using the links to over 2,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Next, ASOS, Tesco and more.

Every time you shop you will earn a donation to our cause at no additional cost to you! THANK YOU.

3 Talybont artists

are opening their studios

as part of

CRICKHOWELL

weekend

Clare Wright

Notice of HENDERSON HALL TRUST AGM Tuesday 21 May, 7.30pm in Henderson Hall

Big Band Night - 18th May

On Saturday 18th May we are excited to have a 1940's style 8piece Big Band coming to play at Henderson Hall. You can dance the night away or just relax and listen to Kittys' Little Big Band performing the fabulous sounds of the 1940's era. Classic tunes from the 40's greats including Glen Miller, Duke Ellington, Louis Prima and wartime favourites

The evening has been made possible by the support of The Night Out Scheme operated by the

Flicks in the Sticks

We have some more evenings lined up for the Friends of Henderson Hall. We would love to see some new faces and anyone is welcome along on the night. We are trying to show a good variety of films which we hope will appeal.

Don't forget that you are welcome to bring along your own drinks and nibbles and we do have nice comfy chairs now!

Arts Council of Wales and Welsh Assembly who are helping underwrite the cost of the band. There will be a licensed bar and raffle on the night. Tickets are £10 or £8 concession (16 and under or over 65's) and can be bought from Talybont Stores or contact Clare on 01874-676679 or hall committee members. Please spread the word and come along - it should be a brilliant night. Doors open at 7.30 pm!

OPEN STUDIOS Nigel Forster, Harry Chapman and Sue Thorne are welcoming visitors to their home and studio on Spring Bank Holiday 25th - 27th May. Why not pop along and take a peep at what they are doing, Nigel is a photographer, Harry works in wood and Sue in glass. More information about the event can be found on http:// www.visitcrickhowell.co.uk

> Tue 28 May, 7.30pm 'Argo' Oscar winner of Best Film, Cert 15

> > Tue 25 June, 7.30pm 'Les Miserables', Cert 12A

Tue 23 July, 7.30pm 'The Descendants', Cert 15



Help us to keep Talybont Village tidy and litter free!

The first "Litter Pick" of 2013 was a resounding success. It took place on Saturday 9th February - the weather was mild and dry and indeed very pleasant. We had 11 enthusiastic adults – all over 65 some even over 70!!!! Unfortunately there were no children this time due to a Beavers activity and swimming classes.

13 bags were collected – mostly three quarters full; our main target areas were the main road through the village, the canal towpath through the village, the village hall car park & recycling area, the children's play ground area and also the Dram road which is very popular with walkers and bikers and consequently there was lots and lots of bottles to be picked up!! We had not carried out a litter pick since last June so the large amount collected was expected.

I will be organising 4 litter picks a year -

to coincide with the delivery of Talybont Matters, when the date will be publicised. Notices will also be displayed on the Bus stop Notice Board. Do please join us and let's keep Talybont Village Tidy and Litter free. Sandra Briskham



Talybont Reservoir - invitation for more 'Friends'

In March a number of volunteers carried out a litter pick on the eastern side of Talybont reservoir. 7 bags of old lager bottles, beer cans, and some very smelly rubbish of dubious origin were collected and disposed of.

We hope that by the summer the Local Nature Reserve status of the

reservoir will have been officially declared – the first in the Park. We have also submitted grant applications for 3 very interesting projects at the reservoir, but at the time of going to press, we were still awaiting the results. IF we get the funds we want, it will be really exciting for anyone interested in our countryside and its wildlife. We welcome more people to join the 'Friends'. There is no time commitment, no membership fee, just a willingness to show some support for our lovely countryside.

If you would like to become a 'Friend' just phone 01874 676225.

STOP PRESS - Reservoir local nature reserve wins big grant awards

News just in.....the Friends of Talybont Reservoir have been awarded 2 grants, one of £13,395 and a second one of £2,165 towards 3 exciting projects at the reservoir and its Local Nature Reserve.

These grants together with volunteer support will enable the implementation of the 3 projects (footpath enhancement, nesting rafts and biological surveys).

The Brecon Beacons Trust made the $\pounds 13,395$ grant award following a detailed application setting out the plans for the projects. The Trust was set up with a $\pounds 1$ million donation from National Grid Transco in compensation for the installation of a high pressure mains gas pipeline through the National Park a few years ago. Peter Seaman, secretary to the Friends, said "dealing with the Trust has been a pleasure, especially with such a

great result! I can recommend it to anyone considering work to conserve and enhance their local environment so as to contribute to the overall quality of life of people who live, work or visit the Park."

The second grant was made by the Conservation and Community Fund of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and follows a similar grant from the Fund last year, to enable the installation of a new bird hide at the reservoir.

John Jones, chairman of the Friends said " We are most grateful to both the Brecon Beacons Trust and the Park Authority for their financial help. If anyone would like to help us to improve the environment there, have great fun and learn about nature, please do contact us on 01874 676225."



BRECON BEACONS TRUST



BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK



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NEWSLETTER of the **TALYBONT on USK ENERGY GROUP** April - June 2013

.... Good news, Carbon Crunchers! TALYBONT-ON-USK ENERGY ELECTRIC CHALLENGE

Has got off to a splendid start—but it can get even better with your help. Three local businesses - YHA Danywenallt, Brecon Beacons Holiday Cottages and the Field

Studies centre on Station Road - have all agreed to join in the race to save money (and of

course energy) by exchanging bad habits for good ones (as far as electricity usage is concerned, anyway).

Each of the businesses will have their premises given the once-over by ToUE's admin person (that's me) who will scour every room, clipboard in hand, to see how electricity is being used and abused. A report is then sent to the business, where it can be pinned up for everyone to see. The first such report to be done has already taken place, and the staff at Danywenallt have already proved to be extremely competitive, literally racing one another to turn off lights and adjust thermostats. Yes, really! It's that simple, just a matter of changing a few ingrained habits to save oodles of money; we will then compare consumption to the same time as last year. ToUE will give you back the amount that you save, in cash (up to $\pounds 250$).

So, how can the Electric Challenge get better?

The same rules that apply to each of the Businesses can apply to the home too, and we would love some households to take part, too.

The Challenge will run until March next year and you can hop on board any time you like.

ABOUT ToUE

Beautiful TALYBONT-ON-USK is the proud home of an inspiring and exciting not-forprofit community enterprise scheme.

A 36kw hydro electric turbine, housed in the original stonebuilt turbine house above the dam that you can see on the Talybont Reservoir, enables us to generate electricity which is then sold to Good Energy. The income from this power is then invested in further energy-saving and community–enhancing schemes in Talybont and the surrounding villages, including Aber, Pencelli and Scethrog.

If you would like to find out more, visit our website www.talybontenergy.co.uk

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Finally, if you prefer to see and speak to a real person as opposed to a virtual one, drop in to the Village Stores on the last Thursday of every month from 9am -11am! and have a chat! EVER WONDERED WHO ARE THE PEOPLE BEHIND TALYBONT-ON-USK ENERGY? OVER THE NEXT FEW ISSUES OF THIS NEWSLETTER, WE'LL BE PROFILING EACH OF THE DIRECTORS.

Here's Alison Kidd, who you are likely to have seen buzzing around the lanes in her photogenic crowdpleaser, Thierry Twizzy...



Alison is a psychologist and runs a company called The Prospectory with her partner Peter Williams, who is also a Director of ToUE. The Prospectory researches behavior, and generates and tests new product and technology ideas particularly eco ones. Alison has lived in Pencelli for 9 years and has been a Director of Talybont Energy for the past 5 years. She is particularly interested in low energy transport and behavior change.

MEET ANOTHER DIRECTOR NEXT TIME!

"TALYBONT Cottagers' Vegetable Show" - archive article

The following is a transcript from an article provided by Sandra Briskham, which she thinks dates from around 1889. The article refers to Mr J P W Gwynne Holford, Esquire, who was an MP for Brecon from 1870 to 1885. He died in 1899.

TALYBONT Cottagers' Vegetable Show

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES BY J. P. W. GWYNNE HOLFORD, ESQ.

Following in the footsteps and emulating the noble example set him by his revered mother the late Mrs. Gwynne Holford, the Squire of Buckland promotes and encourages thrift and industry among the cottagers of the parishes of Llandetty, Llansaintffraed, Cathedine, Cwmdu, Llangunider, Llanfigan, and Llanhamlach, by offering from year to year liberal prizes for the best vegetables, and so on. The Cottagers' Vegetable Show at Talybont was founded many years ago by the late Mrs. Gwynne Holford, and has been continued since her lamented death by her son (Mr. J. P. Gwynne Holford). It has been the means of creating a healthy spirit of competition among the cottagers of the district, and the stimulus which the offering of prizes has afford[ed] has resulted in the growth of, undoubtedly, some of the finest vegetables in the kingdom. Greater interest has been infused into the general arrangements of the gardens, and a most desirable result has been attained by awarding a prize annually for the cleanest cottage. The annual exhibition was held on Tuesday, in the Talybont Schoolroom, when many of the exhibits were of an extraordinary size and splendid quality. Taken as a whole the show was excellent, and the exhibits were well up to the standard of previous years. The potatoes were extraordinary good, and far superior to those shown last year. The onions and turnips were also remarkably good. The number of entries showed a decrease of 2 as compared with last year, 76 as against 78. The judges were Mr. Garrett (Buckland), and Mr Ballard (Glanusk). The whole of the arrangements in connection with the exhibition were admirably carried out by the Rev. James Griffiths - who for several years has taken the deepest interest in the show - assisted by Mr. Hodgson, schoolmaster. The show was well attended, and the advent of Mr. Gwynne Holford among the cottagers was hailed with enthusiastic demonstrations. The visitors included: Mr. and Miss Gordon Canning, Mrs Cambell, Capt. Travers and Miss Travers, Capt. H. R. Jones-Williams and Miss Williams (Cui Park), Rev. M. P. Williams (Llansaintffraed), Miss Williams (Aberclydach), Miss Eales, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Rev. James Griffiths, Mr. Hodgson (schoolmaster), etc., etc.

Mr. Gwynne Holford, who was received with cheers, before proceeding to distribute the prizes, descanted briefly upon the objects of the show. The exhibition, he said, was established by his late dear mother, whose name ever had and ever would be respected owing to her desire in every possible way to assist and help the poor as well as the rich and all her neighbours. (Applause). He was desirous of following her example, and as long as he had the honour and pleasure of living near them he hoped that desire on his part would ever exist. (Cheers). That show would continue to take place every hear (Applause). Its object, as they knew, was to encourage thrift and industry among the cottagers. and to stimulate them to look after their gardens and cottages and the welfare of their children - (applause) - and he trusted the entries would go on increasing every year. The number of exhibitors was two or three less this year than last, but notwithstanding this we was told that the vegetables on the whole were quite up to the usual average - in fact he was informed that the potatoe class - (the class he considered the most useful) - was the best they ever had at that exhibition. After referring to the fine harvest the farmers had been blessed with this year, the speaker made a few general remarks on the prize list, and then proceeded to distribute

THE PRIZES

as follow :-



Potatoes.-1st prize, 7s., Job Williams, Cwmbanw; 2nd, 5s., Thomas Pugh, Bwlch; 3rd, 4s., David Jenkins, Talybont; 4th, 3s., George Jenkins, Cathedine; extra prize, 2s. 6d., Llewelyn Williams; highly commended, Edward Leighton, Talybont.

Scotch Kale.—1st prize, 7s., Job Williams; 2nd, 5s., John Williams, Llansaintffraed; 3rd, 4s., Llewelyn Williams; 4th, 3s., Dd. Mainwaring, Bwlch.

Carrots.—1st prize, 7s., John Taylor, Talybont; 2nd, 5s., James Mainwaring, Bwlch; 3rd, 4s., John Davies, Scethrog; 4th, 3s., David Mainwaring.

Turnips.—1st prize, 7s., James Mainwaring; 2nd, 5s., Llewelyn Williams; 3rd, 4s., Dd. Mainwaring, Bwlch; 4th, 3s., Thomas Pugh, Bwlch.

Onions.—1st prize, 7s., John Davies; 2nd, 5s., Thomas Jones; 3rd, 4s., George Edwards; 4th, 3s., John Williams; extra prizes, 2s. 6d. each, Thomas Pugh and John Taylor.

Leeks.—1st prize, 7s., David Mainwaring; 2nd, 5s., James Mainwaring; 3rd, 4s., John Taylor; 4th, 3s., John Williams.

Parsnips.—1st prize, 7s., David Mainwaring; 2nd, 5s., James Mainwaring; 3rd, 4s., David Morgan; extra prize 2s. 6d., John Taylor.

Pot Herbs.—1st prize, 7s., Thomas Pugh; 2nd, 5s., Job Williams; 3rd, 4s., Margaret Davies; 4th, 3s., John Williams.

The prizes of 15s. each offered for the best cultivated garden in the parish of Llanveigan, and for the cleanest cottage in Llandetty as well as the prizes (12s. and 8s.) offered by Mrs. R. M. Crawshay (Cathedine) for the best flower bed in garden (blooming in September), will be awarded as soon as the judges arrived at the adjudications.

Bats, Braille and Scottish Dancing

Peter and Margaret Seaman came to WI on Wednesday 10th April to talk about their relatively new interest of bats. We were spell bound listening to Margaret and learning how she had first become interested in bats as a result of a course that she went on for visually impaired people. This sparked an interest in Margaret which led to her and Peter completing a comprehensive bat study for The Vincent Wildlife Trust in the Usk Valley and primarily at Gilestone Farm. We were fascinated to hear that we have rare. Lesser Horseshoe bats in the valley and that there is a brood site at Buckland Hall.

For the next WI meeting on May 8th we will welcome another Talybont villager, Gwenda Dinsdale, who is bringing her group to demonstrate Scottish dancing and for us to have a go.

Put on your dancing shoes and come along. NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

Margaret's speaking prowess was exercised again at Talybont Brownies. The girls are undertaking the Disability Awareness badge. Margaret told the girls about braille and other aids which she uses to help her manage on a day to day basis. They were fascinated to see her talking scales, and a very clever gadget which warns her when she has filled her cup up with tea so that she knows when to stop. Sue Thorne

WI Programme

Talybont WI meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month 7-10pm in the Henderson Hall. Summer Programme: May 8th 'Scottish Dancing demonstration and participation - organised by Gwenda Dinsdale June 12th Outing - to be confirmed July 10th 'Up cycling' by Su Pascoe

August - no meeting.

From Talybont to Molo!

As a Talybont on Usk resident for some 10 years now I thought that some people in the area might be interested in a project I am involved with.

The organisation is called Brecon Molo Community Partnership, and is a member of the Disability Wales Group. They have been in existence for several years and have raised money, and sent professionals out to Molo, which is in Western Kenya, to train up the health workers and assist them to help people in the area with health needs.

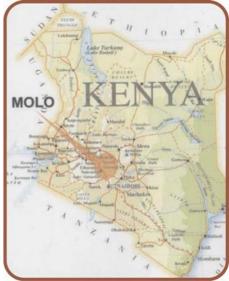
The next project is looking at getting children who have disabilities into school and into the community as a whole. In Kenya such children tend to be hidden away and are not given chances to make the most of their potential.

I am lucky to have been given the chance to volunteer with this project and will be flying out on Monday I5th April - Less than two weeks to go as I write this!! Of course I will already be there when you get to read this article. Whilst I am there I will be setting up meetings with Education Officials and delivering some training to both teachers and parents. I am also hoping to teach them how to make Assistive seating and standing frames for those children who cannot sit or stand on their own. It is all really exciting and I can't wait to get there. The money for my flight has come from an organisation called Multi-Agency Training Scheme (MAITS) and my accommodation costs will be met by a small grant from the Gibbs Foundation.

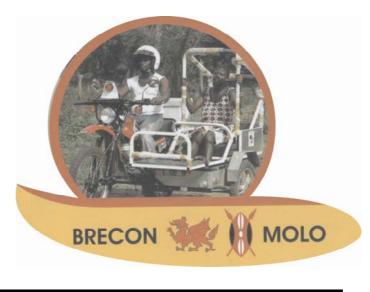
The Brecon Molo Group has longer term plans to continue working out in the Molo district and is applying for additional funding right now. If anyone else is interested in joining the group the contact details are as follows:

Paul or Rachel Lindoewood. Tel: 01874 730900 E Mail: <u>Paullindoewood@phonecoop.coop</u>

So....watch this space as no doubt I will be letting you all know how I got on after my return on 8th July.



Hilary Williams



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Newsletter for Talybont-on-Usk, Aber, Buckland, Llansantffraed, Pencelli and Scethrog

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Church News

TOGETHERNESS!!!

Our 3 Talybont Churches have now merged with our neighbouring Llanfrynach Group of 3 Churches! Effectively it means we miss out on one service a month: the 1st Sunday each month, which becomes a big united service doing the rounds of all 6 churches on rota (Llansantffraed in June & Llandetty in August).

Service times have changed too -9am, not 9.30 (1st Sundays still 9.30)

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!! There was a celebration service in Llansantffraed for the Crickhowell Walkers in March with



Unicorn Singers, the United Mothers' Day packed service in the Henderson Hall (with a wonderful surfeit of flowers, & teas from Pat Wilkie), a joyous wellsupported concert in Llansantffraed with Cor-y-Ffynnon choir from Llanddew (special thanks go to Brenda Powell & Sandra Briskham for organizing)

Pity that there were no Lent Lunches or collections this year (perhaps we should send the money from Mothers' Day, which used to go to Henderson Hall to the Bishop's Lent Fund?). Why the lack of parish or village support for Bacon Butty morning before Mothers' Day in the Hall? Thanks though should go to Emerald Crafts & to the Vicar's longsuffering wife who shouldered the responsibility of doing the bacon butties when no-one else would! (We won't be offering that again, either for this year's Fathers' Day or next year's Mothers' Day).

HENRY VAUGHAN: This annual Service will be at Llansantffraed at 3pm on Sunday 28th. April with St. Mary's Choir, Abergavenny. Maybe Talybont's "Eastenders" (in joke!) are getting a bit cultured this year?!

FORTHCOMING HIGHLIGHTS!! **Sunday 7th. July** we thought of having a Pets' Service & Family Picnic instead of the usual Family Church service, at the Hall/field from I lam. Good idea?

Talybont Matters

Andy Robinson

