



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.

Talybont Welcome Scheme

We want to welcome new residents – can you help us out?

The Talybont on Usk Womens' Institute (WI) are planning to offer our usual warm welcome to new residents by taking them a hamper with a WI cake and local food, along with a brochure giving information about events, clubs and societies, information about local service providers, as well as vouchers for a drink in our lovely local pubs and café.

Can you help us out?

We are looking for local businesses who can support the project; for example, by offering new residents :

- free drinks in return for visiting their premises
- adverts from local trades people who may like to offer reduced rates for their services.
- information about clubs and societies where they can meet the community.

If you are a local business, or you can help in any way, please email Sue Thorne at tynywern1@tiscali.co.uk

The Talybont Welcome Scheme initiative is being supported by Brecon Beacons National Park Authority through their Rural Alliances Project. This transnational project, 50% part-funded by the EU through their ERDF Interreg IVB North West Europe Programme, aims to strengthen communities in rural areas of NW Europe and help to address negative impacts brought about by demographic change.

In March 2015 the BBNPA sponsored Sue Thorne and Cherry Jones, as representatives of Talybont WI, to make a trip to visit Innovatiesteunpunt vzw in Leuven, Belgium (one of the Rural Alliances partners who are undertaking a similar scheme). Talybont's Welcome Scheme has come about as a result of cooperation and sharing ideas with them. Thus, in line with the Interreg philosophy, this local project has been derived from a cooperation of people from different countries working on common issues that touch the lives of EU-citizens and in its turn contributes to a more cohesive EU society.

Sue Thorne



High Sheriff's Award for locally-based volunteer, Rhiannon Davies

In March 2015 Rhiannon Davies, from Abercynafon, received a High Sheriff's Award in acknowledgement of her personal drive, commitment and determination to raise awareness of dementia and give a voice to those living with the condition. The award recognised that Rhiannon has been instrumental in developing a multi-agency approach to raise awareness and remove the stigma often associated with dementia.

Rhiannon, along with colleagues from the Brecon and Hay Dementia Support Community Group, has developed resources and run Dementia Friends information sessions for a range of Powys-based community associations, organizations, businesses and individuals. These sessions have given participants a better understanding of dementia and the small things they can do to make a difference.

In addition the Group has established Brecon Dementia Action Alliance, developed a website

www.dementiafriendlybrecon.org.uk and set up a range of initiatives including intergenerational projects involving care homes and schools, joint projects with the Library and Museum, a community Singing for Life project, and collaborative activities with the Alzheimer's Society.

As a result of these activities and initiatives, in August 2014 Brecon was recognized by the Alzheimer's Society as 'Working to become Dementia Friendly', the 1st community in Wales to achieve this status. This will be celebrated during **Dementia awareness week (17th – 23rd May) with a community concert at Brecon Guildhall on Saturday, 23rd May.**

If anybody would like more information on dementia support and these local initiatives please contact brecondfc@gmail.com or phone 07946 445234

Nicholas Willson

Advertise goods, services & activities

Free!

Many thanks to the volunteers who distribute this newsletter

Editor's Note

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



HENDERSON HALL

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Henderson Hall AGM

Wed 27 May 7.30pm

FLICKS

Wednesdays 7.30pm as follows:

6 May - 'Marvellous' (cert 15)

3 June - 'Chef' (cert 15)

1 July - 'Inside Llewyn Davis' (cert 15)

5 Aug - 'Dear Frankie' (cert 12)

TALK by Prof. Peter Mathews, NRW Chairman (see page 7)

Tues 30 June 11:30am followed by lunch

REGULAR EVENTS

Short Family Church Service

1st Sunday each month
11am for approx 25 mins.

Playgroup

Mondays
10 - 12 am
Kirsty Carr

Tea and Chat

1st Monday in the month 3-4.30pm.
Cherry Jones 676232

Zumba Dance Class

every Tuesday 7:45pm
Heather Vaughan
Talybont Stores

Talybont Flicks

1st Wed each month
7.30pm
Clare Wright 676679

WI

2nd Wed each month
7pm - 10pm
Penny Morgan
01874 665283

Gardening Club

3rd Wed each month
7.30pm Sept to June.
Chair: Gareth Davies
01874 676200

Junior Tennis Club

Weds 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Margaret Cox
01874 676697
Sarah Osborne
01874 676633

Cricket Club

Contact Geraint James
01874 676272

Henderson Hall Contacts

Clare Wright (Temporary Chair) 676679 (Vice Chair - Vacant) Donna Darbyshire (Treasurer) 676304
Shirley Hemmings (Caretaker) 676456 Sue Thorne (Bookings Secretary) 676293

Henderson Hall AGM
Wednesday 27th May, 7.30pm
Anyone is welcome to attend!

Community Council News

The Community Council has allocated this year's generous community grant, given by the Talybont Energy Group, to the following projects:

- Tea and Chat
- Talybont and Scethrog Litter Pickers
- Pictorial history of Talybont on Usk project
- Village children's visit to Techniquet
- Village show displays
- Purchase of a gas BBQ for Henderson Hall Committee, for use at community events, and for hire
- Community defibrillator

A big thank you to Talybont Energy.

The community defibrillator will be placed outside Talybont Stores and resuscitation training will be available to all in our community. Please look out for information at the shop, and let us see if we can make Talybont the best resuscitation qualified community in Powys.

The Community Council is leading an initiative together with Dyfed/Powys Police, the National Park and Natural Resources Wales to help provide information and make our area safer for residents and visitors. The BRAG project mounts patrols to all major tourist sites in our area at weekends. The project has already helped several groups either lost or injured, and since patrols have started car park crime has been reduced.

We need more volunteers!
Please contact Glyn on 01874 676254.

The Council still struggles to manage parking and congestion in the village. Powys Highways have been most helpful by restricting parking in key areas and encouraging parking at the village hall. Highways also recognise that speeding through the village is a real issue, and we are looking at ways in which this problem can be dealt with.

Unfortunately our old village toilets have been closed by the County Council. However, the Community Council has negotiated a grant to keep the village hall toilets open. Not the perfect solution, but the best option available in the present climate.

Finally a huge thank you to Claire Gray for making such a success of Talybont Matters. Her hard work over the years has been greatly appreciated by all.

Glyn Thomas

Henderson Hall has been suffering from unsightly fly-tipping at the recycling area of the hall, which is a cause for concern.

May we remind people that the council will pick up 5 large items for £25 or you can pay £100 a year for dropping off large items at the recycling centre in Brecon.

The 200 Club Draw

Winners of the April Draw were:

£50 Alan Lewis

£35 Pam Burdon

£25 Cherry Jones

£15 Elsie Francis

£10 Gwendaline Craig

Thank you to all members for your continuous support, and also to all the new members who joined for the first time this year.

New members are very welcome
Contact Margaret Cox on 676697

Zumba Dance Class

7:45 - 8:45pm

every Tuesday

at Henderson Hall,
Talybont on Usk

£4.00 per session

All ages welcome - please
arrive at 7:35 to sign in.

**Proceeds to be donated to
children's play equipment
and tennis courts at
Talybont Playing Fields.**

Talybont WI

Meets the 2nd Wednesday
of each month
7-10pm at Henderson Hall

Newcomers Welcome!
Secretary Penny Morgan: 665283

Programme:

May 13: Sue Brook, TV chat show host, 'My Experiences', to include a short film show.
Competition: A childhood black-and-white photograph of yourself.

June 10: Outing or Meal TBC

July 8: Bridget Morgan: A rag rug workshop.
Competition: An interesting or unusual brooch.

Talybont Show Preview 2015

This year the Talybont Show is being held on Saturday 29th August. Schedules will be available in early May from the shop or the schedule secretary, Pat Wilkie, tel 01874 676425. This will give you plenty of time to read through the competitive classes and decide which ones you wish to enter.

The Children's section promises to be one of the best ever. In addition to all the old favourites we are introducing a "WHEELBARROW COMPETITION", which

will allow the children to plant up a wheelbarrow with flowers and/or fruit and/or vegetables to depict the Nursery rhyme "MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY". The children may use any additional items to illustrate the title. Ten wheelbarrows have been kindly provided by Talybont Energy for which we are very grateful. They will be available for planting up from 1st June by application to Pat Wilkie, tel 01874 676425, on a "first come, first served basis" and the empty barrows should be returned to Craig Burdon at Talybont Mill by the end of September.

The on-field activities include the popular ride-on miniature train, a hands-on display of owls, the bouncy castle, skittles and face painting. Music will be played at times throughout the afternoon.

Don't forget the children's fancy dress, so Mums and Dads put on your thinking caps and conjure up some really creative costumes which will all add to the fun on the day.

Gareth Davies

Talybont Tombles



I think we were all amazed at the volume of rubbish that we found in our respective areas, part of this was due to the lack of vegetation making everything more visible, but unfortunately this was more than the equivalent collection last February when we were 9 collectors and filled 4 bags!! A few of us discussed the possibility of litter picking more often so for a trial period we will be out every other month instead of every 3 months.

Out of interest the age range of the Pickers were:

- Under 30 (Tessa and her pram);
 - age 40-50 (x3);
 - age 63-65 (x3);
 - last but by no means least age 70-76 (x8)!
- So now you all know what you have to look forward to when you reach 3 score years and ten!!!!!!

The following week was Half Term and so Anna from the Star and her 2 sons litter picked up the Reservoir, and Tessa and her friends and young daughters litter picked in the village play area – this is what we want – the young and very young to be made aware of our environment and we must try to make it fun for them.



Sandra Briskham
(Organiser)
Tel 676297

Our last Litter Pick was on 14th February (St Valentines Day!!) when the weather was dampish to start but by the time we finished it turned dry and cloudy, and luckily it was not cold as it could have been in February.

We were 15 "Pickers" plus a young Mum with a pram, and we were all out for just over 2 hours so by my reckoning that is 30 man/woman hours of litter picking achieved, in which time we gathered 15 full and heavy bags of rubbish duly placed outside the toilets for collection.

So please make a note in your diaries or on your kitchen calendars for the next "picking" dates. They will be:

- SATURDAY 9th MAY and
- SATURDAY 11th JULY

Please meet as usual at 10 am outside the village shop.

It is possible that due to family commitments I may not be around for every litter pick but Gareth has very kindly offered to be my "understudy"!!!!!! Thanks Gareth.

Talybont Flicks

Our next Flicks night will be on **Wednesday 6th May at 7.30pm**. It will be the heartwarming film 'Marvellous', cert 15, a biopic surprising true story of Neil Baldwin who refused to accept the label of learning difficulties and who carved out an extraordinary life as a circus clown, lay preacher, university welfare officer and kitman for Stoke City Football Club. Director, Julian Fargo creates a film infused with the real Neil's indomitable spirit; featuring a real community choir, the actors' real life counterparts, and a beguiling blend of photomontage and social realism.

The up-coming programme of films for the next few months is as follows:

- **June 3rd: 'Chef'** certificate 15 - a feel-good comedy starring Scarlett Johansson, Sofia Vergara and with Dustin Hoffman and Robert Downey Jr.
- **July 1st: 'Inside Llewyn Davis'**, cert 15 - a drama from the Coen Brothers.
- **August 5th: 'Dear Frankie'** cert 12 - a heartwarming drama starring Emily Mortimer and Gerard Butler.

Clare Wright

Hope to see you there!

'Who's for Tennis?'

**Sunday afternoon
5th July**

Open Gardens ...
'The Blue Garden', 1 Maesmawr Close

'Vintage'
Strawberry Teas
@ 15 Maesmawr Close

Raffle, White Elephant Stall, Plant Stall

All proceeds to be donated to the
Talybont-on-Usk Tennis Court
Resurfacing Fund





National Plant Monitoring Scheme

"I'm doing this. Am happy to share the results if anyone is interested. My square is at the top of Abercynafell so I'm really looking forward to it!" *Adele Nozedar*

EVERY FLOWER COUNTS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL STOCK TAKE OF UK'S WILDFLOWERS—*Making plants a priority*

The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS), which was launched in March 2015, will for the first time enable scientists to take an annual stock take of the UK's wild plants and their habitats, but to do this we need the public's help. We are looking for volunteers to carry out surveys of wildflowers and their habitats that will provide robust evidence of which widespread plants are increasing or declining, as well as indicating the changing state of our most valued habitats such as grassland, fenland and even road verges. Plants are nature's building blocks and this new monitoring scheme will sit alongside existing schemes for the UK's birds and butterflies to help us understand more about how the countryside is changing.

Chris Cheffings, from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee says

"Currently, information on plant species' abundance and change is very limited, and it is difficult to gauge the condition of habitats outside protected sites. JNCC is delighted to be able to support the NPMS, which will fill this significant gap in UK biodiversity surveillance. The annual results collected by volunteers will help to identify trends in hundreds of species, allowing us to assess plant community changes."

The search is now on to find 2000 volunteers to take part in the NPMS who will play a vital role in gathering information.

Together the volunteers will monitor wild plants in 28 important habitats, ranging from hedgerows and meadows to salt marsh and scree slopes.

Hayley New, from Plantlife says "The NPMS is hugely enjoyable and over 400 volunteers have helped us set up the new scheme. It's easy to do and everyone will receive free training and guidance plus support from the partnership for volunteers who have queries, as well as web support and illustrated guidance notes – so volunteers will have the perfect survey tool kit to get them started!"

Dr Kevin Walker, Head of Science, Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) says:

"It's really great to finally have a national scheme that everyone can take part in. Whether you simply love wildflowers or are a budding botanist, input from volunteers will provide sound evidence on how our wild plants and habitats are changing. It's a fantastic achievement and should mean that wild plants are at the forefront of discussions on how our environment is changing and what we should be doing about it."

How does the NPMS work?

- Volunteers will be able to choose from three options depending on their level of

expertise: recording from a short or an extended list of target species in each habitat or recording all species they find in their plots.

- Volunteers will be given a 1 km square with a grid showing up to 25 locations. Surveyors will be asked to visit three of those locations and carry out surveys in square plots and then identify two linear features such as hedgerows, rivers and road verges and survey these locations too.
- The squares have been randomly chosen, but with a focus on squares containing habitats of interest.

Oliver Pescott, from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology says "The results from this new scheme should allow us to quantify the smaller changes that are occurring within our most valuable habitats. In the past, volunteer-collected data have been able to demonstrate the results of large-scale habitat loss over the last century, now we would like to reveal even more detail about the changes within the remaining areas of these habitats in our landscape."

For more information on the NPMS and how to take part please visit

www.npms.org.uk

Katie Cameron, Communications & Outreach Support Officer, NPMS

New book by local author

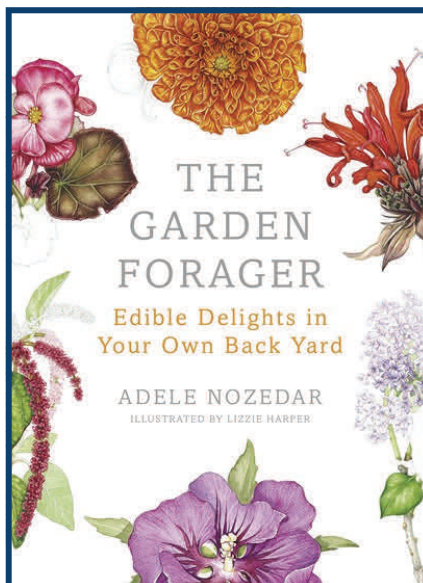
If you enjoyed **The Hedgerow Handbook** then you'll love this, the new book from local author Adele Nozedar.

'**The Garden Forager**' takes a look at many of our regular ornamental garden plants, largely not native to the UK, which are, in fact, not only edible, but delicious. Geraniums, lilac, even hostas are very tasty. This book also features a particular sumac tree which is growing in Talybont!

The book is available locally from Talybont Village Stores (£12.99).

Adele will be appearing at the Hay Festival on Tues 26th May at 10am, an event generously sponsored by Brecon Beacons Holiday Cottages, and has an official launch event at the National Botanic Gardens of Wales on 30 & 31 May. www.adelenozedar.com

Adele Nozedar



Talybont Community Woodland

Spring is here...what better way to enjoy nature, rich in tooth and claw, than to spend a few hours in our Community Woods?

The next 3 dates are as follows

- 26th April
- 17th May
- 14th June

Join our Facebook group for details of Woodland-related news. Log on, (see what I did there) and search under 'Groups' for Talybont Community Woodland.

If you need further information contact Adele on 07581 226524

Adele Nozedar



National Plant Monitoring Scheme

Monitoring our wild flowers

Photo: Shutterstock

Tal-y-Bont Walk

The 7th of March saw my second walk for the Crickhowell Walking Festival, this time in the Usk Valley around Talybont-on-Usk. As usual our host for this walk was the Star Inn and my sincere thanks go to Anna and Ian once again for an excellent venue and support. The weather favoured a little better although it remained cold and thirty species were seen during the walk.

What is it?

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS) is organised and funded by BSBI, CEH, JNCC and Plantlife. The aim is to collect data to provide an annual indication of changes in plant abundance and diversity.



Photo: Shutterstock

Why is it needed?

Thanks to volunteers, we have a very good understanding of changes in the populations of birds, butterflies and bats. Plants are the foundations of ecosystems, but currently we do not have a good measure of changes in plant populations.



Photo: Shutterstock

How will it work?

This is a scientific survey, so you will be randomly allocated a convenient 1km square to visit. The visit involves recording plant 'indicator species' in plots. Within your 1km square you will record around 5 plots.



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Who can take part?

Anyone interested in nature who can identify plants, or who is keen to learn. Different levels of participation ensure that all who are keen can participate: you do not have to be an experienced botanist. There will be training materials provided and the opportunity to attend workshops throughout the year.



Photo: Shutterstock

Rooks were the first species seen followed by **Song Thrush (singing), Starlings, Jackdaws, Blackbirds, Chaffinches**, two **Grey Herons** and a circling **Red Kite**. Along the canal we watched **Mallards, Dunnock, Wood pigeons, House Sparrows, Robins** with **Herring Gulls** overhead.

As we walked along a section of the Henry Vaughan path we saw a male **Sparrowhawk** flying overhead. A pair of **Mistle Thrushes** were also flying over as did **Pied Wagtails** and a single **Redwing**. **Blue Tits, Great Tits** and a **Wren** were seen here too. We stopped briefly to look at some of the spring plants coming through such as **Dogs Mercury, Lesser Celandines, Dog Violet** and **Wild Arum**. We continued along the path through a section of forestry populated with **European Larch, Sitka Spruce** and **Norway Spruce** to the bench where we had our tea stop. Just prior to this we watched three **Goosanders** flying quite high over the valley and during our tea stop we were serenaded by a **Coal Tit** as a pair of **Red Kites** circled overhead.

We followed a path which took us down into the valley below where we would be following the Caerfannel River back to the start. **Dippers** were the key bird to see here. A **Nuthatch** called in the large Oak tree above us and a **Treecreeper** was spotted spiralling up an Alder. A flock of **Long Tailed Tits** passed through feeding as they went. Numerous **Common Buzzards** were circling

overhead and finally we got to see a **Dipper** which gave excellent views as it gently bobbed up and down on a large boulder in the river. One of our group was from Poland and she was delighted to see this gem of a bird.

Finally our last bird was a **Raven** and from there we descended into the Star Inn pub for some excellent doorstep sandwiches and homemade chips, and of course a drink or two.

Neville is a natural history expert who is available for numerous walks, power point nature talks and quizzes, bird identification courses and school visits.

He can be contacted through his website at

www.ecologycymru.co.uk

Neville Davies



For more information visit: www.npms.org.uk



The group that joined me for the walk



A second local author publishes a second book...

Allt Publishing are pleased to announce that the second book in the series 'Tales of Talygarn' is available on Amazon Kindle. 'Midsummer in Talygarn – Dirty Tricks' is an eclectic mix of skulduggery in the Welsh Marches with Putin's FSB, Russian Mafia, MI6, SAS, MI5, Druids, a homophobic priest, Masons, Fleet Street, aggressive veggies and militant gays. Many of the characters seek to ensnare, ridicule, blackmail or deceive others. There's a chuckle on every page. A follow-up to the best selling 'Springtime in Talygarn – Sex for the Over-60s' with the same lovable OAP characters.

Seamus Hamill-Keays

Llangynidr Farmers' and Producers' Market

May 31

June 28

July 26

And don't miss the

Llangynidr Show:

August 30th!



The Great Escape! - (by a third local 'author-in-the-making!')

Dull thud at the front of the car on way to Talgarth sadly signaled the probable demise of another squirrel, a brief pause doesn't find anything damaged behind us so press on the remaining couple of miles to Talgarth, passing thoughts that really only rats with tails and that at 50 mph creature would have known little about its fate.

Arrival at car park is interrupted by shriek from wife, a not uncommon noise that could signify anything from childbirth to a roving mouse. In fact she has seen the poor animal embedded in the grille of our (new) car. Often called upon to deal with any matter that has either blood or other bodily fluids involved I stroll round to inspect the road kill, only to be faced with the rear end of a very much alive grey squirrel. The poor creature has managed to wedge itself half way through the now broken plastic grill. Admittedly the car is a Skoda but even so the plastic looked pretty substantial to me. A quick assessment suggests that only way to release it is to push the broken grille, this results in a very angry squirrel disappearing into the bowels of the car and taking up residence in the gap between radiator and bumper, nice and warm, at this point masterly inactivity seemed in order so adjourn for lunch as any squirrel without a headache could squeeze out the same way it had come in.

Our return does not see any resolution, the creature objects strongly to being encouraged on its way with a stick, I encourage the wife to put fingers inside and pull it out by its tail but she replies that it might carry anything from Bubonic plague to Ebola virus so that idea gets me nowhere. Technically she is not correct but I did understand her reluctance.

Decision is made to return home on basis that creature might expire on the journey; this proves not to be the case and creature is if anything enlivened by the experience, wind in its tail etc. Then seek a variety of opinions from the village's squirrel experts. There are quite a few of them but perhaps not all the experts they claim to be! Some useful suggestions, some less useful; shooting it is perhaps the most popular amongst them, a weapon is even loaned for the purpose. This terrifies the wife who fears that the start of an assault from the Powys arm of Al Qaeda is imminent, however shooting it would likely have meant a radiator like a colander so this is not attempted. Poisoning was also popular but was let down by the simple problem that creature declined to eat. It having already been offered a variety of left over Christmas treats by the wife. I don't think chocolate tree decorations ever had much hope but did think some Christmas nuts might have got a more positive response. Stabbing it to death and pulling it out piece by piece was felt to be a step too far and was also hindered by the practical problem that creature was by now pretty mobile, any such demise would shortly have resembled Texas chain saw massacre.

I felt confident that next morning would certainly bring resolution; the creature was revived and would shortly pack up his bags and leave. 8 am the next day showed him still in residence; how easy will it be to remove grille I wondered? A search of the Internet did not help much: any search with the word 'removing' involved being provided a variety of ladies with minimal clothing. I am discouraged from pressing on with Internet search despite my perhaps too obvious enthusiasm; hence a telephone call is felt to be the next step.

The call to the Skoda dealer was difficult, mainly I think because I couldn't hear what they were saying over the gales of laughter. Eventually having convinced them that it was not April the first, two conclusions were reached: first, they didn't want the car with attached squirrel in their workshop as there were at least a dozen health and safety regulations such a move would contravene; secondly, getting the grille off meant undoing a clip near the radiator - this would prove difficult in the combination of full body armour and boxing gloves the wife was now wearing. Eventually a 10cm by 6cm hole was carved in the already damaged grille to allow access to the creature - problem solved!

Not a chance! Despite now having open access to the big wide world he clung on to the radiator despite being pushed and pulled; at one point the separation of a large chunk of tail fur sent the wife shrieking to the house. There was even a primitive attempt at waterboarding; this had little impact other than possibly making him crosser still, he certainly didn't admit to anything. I felt he was hanging on for more Christmas nuts that were duly proffered.

Ever one to see a problem rapidly to its conclusion I decided to slope off for a beer, as by now the whole assault had occupied several hours. I returned to see the rather indignant creature strolling down the garden presumably with a stomach full of nuts; I confess both relief and a sneaking admiration for a genuine survivor.

Phil Darbyshire





Brecon Foodbank, which officially opened in July 2014, is run by the community for the community: non-perishable food is donated by local people – schools, businesses, churches and individuals - and local volunteers help run the foodbank by packing, sorting and distributing the food. It exists to help people through times of financial crisis, when they may struggle to find money for food.

Brecon Foodbank, in association with the Trussell Trust, is an emergency food service to help people through times of financial crisis. Every client is referred to the foodbank by a care professional working for an agency such as social services, Age Cymru, and Brecon Advice Centre. To prevent

dependency on foodbanks our clients are entitled to up to three consecutive foodbank vouchers and where appropriate, we signpost them to organisations able to help resolve the underlying problem. Food parcels have been designed by dieticians to provide recipients with nutritionally balanced food for three days. If you ever need help from Brecon Foodbank and you are not sure how to be referred, either speak to any care agency with which you are involved, you can phone us for more information during our Warehouse opening hours, or you can email, using the contact information below. If you wish to donate food, look out for collection points in local shops and businesses. Donations can also be made at local churches, and at our Warehouse during opening hours.

Contact: Telephone: (01874) 625461
 Email: breconfoodbank@gmail.com
 Website: www.brecon.foodbank.org.uk
 Lyn Bugler

BRECON FOODBANK

OPENING TIMES

Distribution Centres:

Bishop Bevan Hall, Brecon:	Tuesday pms 2.30 – 3.30
St. David's Church Hall, Llanfaes:	Friday ams 10.00 – 12.00

Warehouse:

11 Lion Street, (The old Cyber Café/YMCA) Brecon,
 Open at the same times as the distribution centres.



Countryside of Wales: responding to climate change

Talk by Professor Peter Mathews, chairman of Natural Resources Wales

Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 11:30am at the Henderson Hall, followed by lunch.

Donations on the day to cover costs, but pre-booking essential to 01874 676225 or email peter.seaman@btinternet.com by 20th June.

We warmly welcome non-members to our events.

Readers may know that Natural Resources Wales has not enjoyed the best start in life. However it should be starting to mature and develop good quality longer term policies and practices, and it will be fascinating to hear the top person describe its work and perhaps defend some decisions taken! Professor Mathews will look in particular at our countryside and its protection, conservation and biodiversity, and then climate change and best practices that could be adopted in this area.

This event is organised by the Brecon & Radnor branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW).

CPRW, established in 1928, is Wales' foremost countryside Charity. Through its work as an environmental watchdog it aims to secure the protection and improvement of the rural landscape, environment and the well-being of those living in the rural areas of Wales.

Peter Seaman

TALYBONT STORES, CANALSIDE CAFÉ AND POST OFFICE

Shop

Stocks a wide range of products including fresh local meat, sausages, bacon, bread, milk, eggs, fruit and veg. Coal, logs and kindling. Newspapers, Pet products. A good selection of wines, local beers and ciders.

Photocopying, Lottery, Top Ups, Cash Point, greeting cards and stationary available

NEW – Made in Talybont homemade Crafts and Cards

Café

A wide selection of homemade foods and cakes. Daily specials.

NEW – Afternoon Tea

Takeaway drinks and meals. Packed lunches.

Everybody's favourite Soft Serve Ice Cream

Free Wi-Fi for customers

Post Office

Click and collect, Health Lottery, Foreign Currency, Passport Checking Service, free cash withdrawals and much more.

Bike and Canoe Hire

We have teamed up with 'Bikes and Hikes' to offer bike and canoe hire.

Pensioners' Specials

2 course specials available Monday to Friday

Information Point

For local events and day outs

Opening times

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

Café : Mon to Sun 9am until 5pm

Post Office : Mon to Sat 9am until 1.30pm

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News from the Churches

Introducing our new Priest in Charge, who will be leader of a team ministry along our stretch of the Usk and around Llangorse Lake.



I am delighted to be given this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Kelvin Richards and I have been appointed as Priest in Charge and Ministry Area Leader Designate of Llanfrynach, Cantref, Llanhamlach, Llanfeugan, Llansantffraed, Llandetty, Bwlch, Llangasty Talyllyn, Llangorse, Llanfihangel Talyllyn and Llanywern – that's eleven churches in all!

I have been ordained in the Church in Wales for nearly 32 years - for the last twenty six years I have lived and worked further down the Usk Valley as Rector of Llangattock & Llangynidr, and before that I served two curacies in my home city of Swansea.

I am married to Rachel She trained as a computer programmer and currently works with BT in Cardiff. Our hobbies include a keen interest in early music – I enjoy playing the organ and piano and I'm the proud owner of a harpsichord.

I will take up my new duties and move into the Rectory in Talybont, at the beginning of June and shall look forward to meeting and getting to know you all, along with the challenge of this new ministry. With every good wish,
Kelvin



Carwyn Scott-Howell

The whole community was deeply shocked to hear of the recent tragic skiing accident involving Carwyn Scott-Howell from Coity Bach. We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Scott-Howell family. They are much in our thoughts and prayers; on the first day of the school term, a book of condolence was opened and a special service held in Brecon Cathedral, and we remember them particularly in our regular services in the Talybont churches and chapels.

TALYBONT-ON-USK & DISTRICT GARDENING ASSOCIATION

We are a very informal group with regular speakers & garden trips out during summer months. Indoor meetings are held in the Henderson Hall, always ending up with tea, coffee and biscuits!!

7:30 pm at the Hall
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
- JUST COME ALONG!

Wednesday 20th May: "Preparing for the Show" - expert advice from the Panel on how to prepare and present your items for Show Day, vegetable, flowers, photography and more. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Wednesday 17th June: Visit to **Abbeycwmhir Hall and Gardens**, further details from Wynne Bowen, Tel 676313

Saturday 29th August: **SHOW DAY** - see page 3 for more details

For any further information please contact either the Chairman: Mr Gareth Davies 01874 676200 or the Secretary: Mrs Sandra Briskham 01874 676297

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Palm Sunday in Talybont

Peggy the donkey was chosen to lead our damp but cheerful Palm Sunday procession through the village.