

# Talysarn & Nantlle Partnership



Talysarn Ward Bulletin

April 2009

## Bulletin Update

As from the next issue, the Bulletin will be seasonal to cover Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The due date for the next issue, therefore, will be **14th August** when we will be looking for information about activities to be held in the autumn. Please include contact details together with dates and times for all forthcoming events and don't forget to send Wena reports and pictures of what you've been doing over the summer as well.

## Competition for new logo

Following last quarter's request for a new logo for the Partnership, we received 45 entries in total. Both schools responded enthusiastically, each sending in 21 entries. Together these made a colourful exhibition which was displayed both at Nantlle and Talysarn for local residents to choose their favourite. After counting the votes the winning logo was Margaret Shakespeare's – it includes local landmarks and elements from the story of Llew Llaw Gyffes after whom the valley is named. There was a tie for second place between Cara Thomas from Ysgol Baladeulyn and Caitlin Tocker from Ysgol Talysarn.



*The winning entry  
by Margaret Shakespeare*



*Runner-up:  
Caitlin Tocker,  
Ysgol Talysarn*



*Runner-up:  
Cara Thomas,  
Ysgol Baladeulyn*

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## Partnership Diary

<b>Monday 11th May</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Partnership Meeting</b>	<b>Canolfan Talysarn</b>
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Partnership Meeting</b>	<b>Llys Llywelyn</b>
<b>Monday 6th July</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Partnership Meeting</b>	<b>Canolfan Talysarn</b>
<b>Friday 14th August</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Items for inclusion in next issue</b>	<b>Partnership Office</b>

## Clwb Silyn

Since the last bulletin Clwb Silyn has had several memorable meetings. We had a lovely Christmas buffet in December, thanks once again to Liz's hard work. This year we had an afternoon of Music Therapy with Roberta Clements which was enjoyed by all who took part. In April a great afternoon making Easter Hats was great fun and the very distinguished judges (Wena and Glenys from the Partnership!) chose Nancy Thomas's as the winner.

Members of the Club are now looking forward to a summer outing – venue to be decided soon - and also to the Ganolfan's Summer Fair in August, again after the success of last year.



## 'Llwyddo Yng Ngwynedd' Roadshow

Stimulating enterprise and innovation in rural communities throughout Gwynedd. That is the aim of the new pioneering "Llwyddo yng Ngwynedd" project which will provide new opportunities to businesses, farming families and residents to trial new business ideas.

There will be an opportunity for residents in communities throughout Gwynedd to learn more about the project over the coming weeks in a series of public meetings.

The "Llwyddo yng Ngwynedd" project is part of the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 initiative that is being coordinated by Gwynedd Council on behalf of the Gwynedd Economic Partnership. In a strategy published by the Partnership in 2007 enterprise, local produce, environmental enterprises, renewable energy and creative industries were identified as key themes – and the aim is to ensure that these themes are embodied in the Llwyddo yng Ngwynedd project.

"These meetings will be a great way of discussing ideas face to face with members of the "Llwyddo yng Ngwynedd" team. We encourage anybody who is interested in developing a new service or product, who wishes to pilot a new business idea or promote local produce to attend one of the local events – it is a fantastic opportunity to establish contacts and identify opportunities."

For more information on the Llwyddo yng Ngwynedd Roadshow contact Dafydd Gruffydd or Sioned Evans on 01248 725713.

## Clwb yr Iard

5 young people from Clwb Yr Iard have taken place in a "Clywed" workshop which took place in April in Canolfan Talysarn and the Club have received a "Clywed" logo for a second year. The Club meets every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Llys Llywelyn.

For more information contact Ian on 880886.

## Eisteddfod Datod Tafod

In February the Welsh Learners' Group Datod Tafod held their first Eisteddfod which was attended by around 55 people in the Band room at Talysarn. Members of the groups Sesiwn Sgwrsio Pwllheli and Siop Siarad Blaenau Ffestiniog joined Datod Tafod in this exciting and enjoyable event.

The competitions on the stage included solo singing, recitation, joke / story, group recitation, sketch and playing a

musical instrument. The sketch "Parotiaid ar Werth" which was written by Group member Alison Weetman was performed by Datod Tafod. This colourful drama involved parrots and pirates!

The winner in each competition was awarded a book token and every entrant received a bookmark and a biro.

The winners on the stage were: Margaret Shakespeare (Recitation), Ann Watt (Playing a Musical Instrument), Siop Siarad Blaenau (Group Recitation), Sue Meek (Story), Datod Tafod (Sketch), and Gwynne Hemuss (Soloist).

The winners in the Visual Arts categories were Emlyn Roberts (Drawing Using Any Medium) and Rory Francis (Photograph).

There were two written competitions and Ann Watt won the Love Spoon for her prose "Gŵyl" and Gwynne Hemuss won The Cushion for her poem "Gwreiddiau".

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the occasion.

## Houses for local people in Nantlle?

Ymddiriedolaeth Tir Cymunedol Dyffryn Nantlle (a community land trust, and YmTic Dyffryn Nantlle for short) will be distributing a local needs questionnaire to every house in Nantlle within the next few weeks, in order to assess the local need for houses. If there is a need, the plan would be to build a limited number of houses with a clear priority being given to applicants with strong local connections.

The YMTIC's aim is to provide houses of a high standard to meet local needs, and at a price significantly below open market prices. The YMTIC is a company limited by guarantee set up to operate on a not-for-profit basis, to provide houses for local needs, rather than to make profit

Anyone living outside Nantlle who would like to receive a local needs questionnaire, or who wants to know more about the YMTIC's work, should contact Dafydd Watts, the YMTIC's Development Officer, in Antur Nantlle's office, the Technology Centre, Penygroes 07970574068 or [ymtic-dn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ymtic-dn@hotmail.co.uk)

The aim is to hold a public meeting in Nantlle once the results of the survey are in, to explain more about the YMTIC's work, and for the local community to be able to discuss possible ways to meet any need for houses for local people that has been identified. It is also possible that there may be opportunities for local people to invest in a project in their community, which would help ensure it's future.

## High Sheriff's Awards – Grŵp Blodeuwedd and Ysgol Talysarn

On 17th March 2009 Ysgol Talysarn and Grŵp Blodeuwedd were awarded the prestigious High Sheriff of Gwynedd's Community Service award as recognition for their work in the community, particularly at Gloddfa Glai bungalows. A small group representing Blodeuwedd and Ysgol Talysarn, including a few of the children, attended the awards ceremony at Caernarfon County Court buildings where the High Sheriff, Mr Peter Rogers, presented the award, an Engraved Crystal plaque and a Silver Cup together with a Certificate of Achievement. The children gave a short presentation to the High Sheriff and other distinguished guests showing the work that they had carried out in and around Talysarn.



This spring Grŵp Blodeuwedd will continue to work with the children of Ysgol Talysarn both in developing the school fruit and vegetable garden and in planting flowers around Talysarn. Meanwhile in Nantlle, Blodeuwedd plan to work with the children from Clwb yr Iard to brighten up Nantlle by planting more shrubs, trees and flowers in the village. In addition the group will be busy holding its usual Plant Sales and Afternoon Tea events.

If you would like to know more about Grŵp Blodeuwedd and our work or would like to help in any way, please contact Tom on 01286 882354.

## Little Engine Kitchen, Canolfan Talysarn

The Little Engine Kitchen is open for lunch every Thursday between 12 and 2pm.

Come along for lunch and a chat.

For more information pop in to the Centre or give us a ring on 881569.

## Old Photographs and History Group

A lecture entitled "What's the story behind the image" by Dr Gwynfor Pierce Jones will be held at Llys Llywelyn on Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm.

It will be an interesting lecture, discussing interesting and rare photographs. There will be an opportunity at the end for discussion over a cuppa. Everyone welcome.

## Iona ac Andy at Llys Llywelyn

On Friday 5th June at 7.30pm Iona ac Andy will be holding an evening at Llys Llywelyn. The village of Nantlle is very close to Iona's heart as she was born and raised here. We look forward to welcoming the duo back to Nantlle. Tickets will be on sale at Llys Llywelyn from the middle of May.

## Spinners and Weavers Exhibition

When people think of spinning and weaving, the picture that comes to mind immediately is an old lady from Wales with her dome hat, clothing of tweed cloth, red woollen shawl and a white frilly apron. Well, this was not the case on Saturday the 21st of March at Llys Llywelyn, but rather a group of enthusiastic ladies busy showing how to spin several types of wool and artistic weavers displaying beautiful items that were weaved from natural and dyed wool.

There was an opportunity for everyone to try their hand at spinning. It looked easy! But immense skill and perseverance is needed to succeed – as in any craft.

Thank you to Irene Roberts for arranging the day, and to the Llŷn Spinners and Weavers Association for their time.

## Gallery in the Ganolfan

Do you have photos or art that you would like to display? The Ganolfan has gallery space where individuals can display their work. For more information pop in to the Centre or give us a ring on 881569.

## An evening with 'Dangerous Age', Llys Llywelyn

Local folk group, Dangerous Age, are very popular in Llys Llywelyn. This was the second time for them to perform at the Centre. Last summer they performed at a barbecue arranged by Friends of the School.

On Friday 27th March a Cheese & Wine evening was held. The audience enjoyed themselves immensely. Following the enthusiastic dancing to the music the night before, several people had very stiff legs the following morning! Hopefully they will be available to come again. As they are so musical and professional they're worth hearing.

Thank you to Frances Williams for arranging the evening.



## Remember and Celebrate

Friday 6th March was a very important evening at Llys Llywelyn. Having only just celebrated St David's Day, it was a good reason for holding a Soup & Song evening. There was an even better reason. Lleisiau Mignedd choir had once again agreed to come and sing at Llys Llywelyn. Llys Llywelyn's treasurer, and also Lleisiau Mignedd's Secretary was our dear, belated Enid Francis. We were very eager to celebrate Enid's life, in the way that she would have liked, namely through singing. This was the main purpose of the evening. It was a fantastic evening. Llys Llywelyn was full to capacity with the choir at their best.

Everyone enjoyed the soup, and the raffle was drawn at the end of the evening. Raffle proceeds of £145.00 will go towards the Cancer Research Fund (Caernarfon Branch).

Thanks to Vera Jones for arranging the evening.

## Open University in Wales – Open near you in Talysarn

Partneriaeth Talysarn and Nantlle Communities First is working with the Open University in Wales to bring more learning opportunities to the area.

Did you know that with the Open University you can study from home, fit your studies around your other commitments and study at the times that suit you?

Gayle Hudson, Open University Development Officer is keen to give more people the opportunity to take up Higher Education study.

"Most people don't know just how flexible it is to study with the Open University" says Gayle, "Most people on benefits or low incomes are entitled to free courses too".

There are hundreds of courses available and a range of introductory courses for people who may be new to study. Subjects include Psychology, Environment, Law, Children, Maths, Arts, Health, and Management.

**Find out more:** The Open University will be running an **information day** and "**Taster sessions**" at the Communities First offices on **Thursday 2nd July**, between 10.30-2.30pm, come along and find out more.

For more information pop into the Communities First office or E-mail: [g.Hudson@open.ac.uk](mailto:g.Hudson@open.ac.uk)

Website: [www.open.ac.uk/study](http://www.open.ac.uk/study)

## Diary of Events For more information ring the appropriate contact

Saturday 9th May	10:30-14:00	Llys Llywelyn	Table Top Sale (Sally Barnes 882511)
May 9th-16th	<i>Information available soon</i>		Gŵyl Fai (Wena 881103)
Saturday 16th May	10:30-15:00	Village Hall, Penygroes	Blodeuwedd Plant Sale (Gŵyl Fai) (Tom 882354)
Saturday 23rd May	10:30-14:00	Llys Llywelyn	Book Sale (Sally Barnes 882511)
Wednesday 27th Mai	14:00-16:00	Llys Llewelyn	Blodeuwedd Afternoon Tea (Tom 882354)
Beginning June (date to be announced)		Canolfan Talysarn	Blodeuwedd Plant Sale (Tom 882354)
Friday 5th June	19:30	Llys Llywelyn	Iona ac Andy (Vera 880443)
Saturday 6th June	14:00-16:00	Canolfan Talysarn	Bwrlwm Eryri Poetry Workshop with Ifor ap Glyn (Nora 882027)
Friday 12th June	13:00-15:00	Canolfan Talysarn	Datod Tafod's Birthday with Geraint Lovgreen (Nora 882027)
Friday 12th June	20:00-23:59	Canolfan Talysarn	Talysarn Celts Comedy Evening (over 18's only) with Tudur Owen, Beth Angell and Geraint Lovgreen (Y Ganolfan 881569)
Saturday 13th June	10:30-14:00	Llys Llywelyn	Table Top Sale (Sally Barnes 882511)

Wednesday 24th June	14:00-16:00	Canolfan Talysarn	Blodeuwedd Afternoon Tea (Tom 882354)
Thursday 2nd July	09:00-15:30	Canolfan Talysarn	Open University Open Day (881569)
Saturday 11th July	10:30-14:00	Llys Llywelyn	Table Top Sale (Sally Barnes 882511)
Saturday 8th August	10:30-14:00	Llys Llywelyn	Table Top Sale (Sally Barnes 882511)
Saturday 23rd August	10:30-14:00	Llys Llywelyn	Antiques & Collectables Fair (Sally Barnes 882511)
Every Tuesday	15:00-17:00	Llys Llywelyn	Cyber Café Drop-in (Vera 880443)
Every Tuesday	19:00-21:00	Llys Llywelyn	Siop Siarad / Talk Shop (Nick 881103)
Every Wednesday	09:30-11:30	Canolfan Talysarn	Computer Suite Drop-in Session (Gwyn 882195)
Every Thursday	09:30-11:30	Canolfan Talysarn	Computer Suite Drop-in Session (Gwyn 882195)
Every Thursday	12:00-14:00	Canolfan Talysarn	Lunch – The Little Engine Kitchen (881569)
Every Thursday	16:00-17:45	Llys Llywelyn	Clwb yr Iard
Every Thursday	19:00-20:00	Canolfan Talysarn	Siop Siarad / Talk Shop (Nick 881103)
Every Friday	10:30-12:00	Llys Llywelyn	Coffee Morning (Vera 880443)
Every Friday	13:00-15:00	Canolfan Talysarn	Datod Tafod – Welsh Learners' Group (Nora 882027)
Every Friday	15:00-17:00	Canolfan Talysarn	Dyffryn Nantlle Market (Jane 880352)
Every Friday	18:45-20:30	Canolfan Talysarn	Dyffryn Nantlle Archers (Geoff 880527)

## Suggestion Box

If you have any suggestions you would like the Partnership to consider, put them in this box and send it to Dafydd Williams at the Talysarn Community Centre

Name: .....

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Your Suggestions: .....

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