

# Talysarn & Nantlle Partnership



Talysarn Ward Bulletin

April – June 2008

## SIMPLY CREATIVE HOBBIES CLUB UNVEIL WALL HANGING

It was an important and long anticipated day on Wednesday 2nd July, when the members of the Club assembled to put the final preparations for the afternoon's event, arranging the venue and refreshments, work display and photographs.

By 2pm a large crowd (standing room only!) was assembled prior to the arrival of our star guest, Miss Josie Russell. Then, as soon as the Ysgol Baladeulyn children arrived, the afternoon's proceedings commenced. Speaking on behalf of the club members, Christine Matthews welcomed the audience and described how the mural evolved. Tributes were paid to all who helped and gave support to the enterprise. She also expressed the affection in which Dyffryn Nantlle is held by the club members, hopefully demonstrated in the work to be revealed.

Special mention was made of the school children present and the fact that Josie, a former pupil, had generously given her time to be with us. Josie was then ably assisted to remove the cover, and received warm applause and was then presented with flowers by one of the schoolchildren.



Finally, Hazel Carpenter, who assisted us with professional advice and much encouragement was presented with flowers by Hazel Turner, the club's senior member. The afternoon ended with a buffet, wine and soft drinks. A silver collection amounting to £80 will be shared between Ysgol Baladeulyn and Josie's charity "Nets for Josie" which supplies mosquito nets for use by needy children in Nigeria.

The Hanging will be permanently on show at Llys Llywelyn for the enjoyment of the users. If you wish to view it privately, please contact Sally Barnes on 01286 882511. It is impressive and well worth a visit. Photographs/greeting cards depicting the work also available for purchase.

The Club, formed in 2005, meets fortnightly on Wednesdays at Llys Llywelyn. We welcome new members of all ages of either sex. Our emphasis is on sharing our interests in a pleasant environment –

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this means doing what YOU want to do – whatever that might be. Right now we are making baby clothes for the Premature Baby Unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd, but who knows what we'll get up to next! So do please contact our Chairperson on 01286 882511, or Secretary on 01286 880733 for further information.

## TRIGONOS

The Planning For Real® community consultation showed that in Dyffryn Nantlle there is a lot of interest in environmental, food and energy issues. Trigonos has been working on these for a while. We started by selling our vegetables from our little shed and in June 2007 began what is now a popular Local Market on Friday afternoons at the Canolfan in Talysarn. In November 2007 our woodchip heating and hot water boiler was commissioned, doing away with all the heating oil and most of LPG we used. Anyone interested in the boiler is welcome to look around. These steps helped us to win two Green Snowdonia Tourism Awards: BEST SUSTAINABLE TOURISM BUSINESS and THE LOW CARBON AWARD.

In the coming year the aim is to work with partners so that we can share experiences built upon them. Several steps are planned:

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- Working with the Talysarn & Nantlle Environment Group on an event looking at how renewable energy might be brought to more people in the valley.
- Expanding the horticulture to grow more good fresh vegetables and fruit for sale locally and for the Trigonos kitchen.
- Giving one field over to a “biodiversity meadow”, a place that will allow native plants and wildlife to thrive, and making it open to local people.

All this requires a lot of work and we welcome support from volunteers and young people on work experience. If you have any questions, or would like to keep in touch with the programme, please contact Trigonos at Plas Baladeulyn.

## BLODEUWEDD

The group have once again had a busy summer, new planters have been located outside the Communities First Office, Y Ganolfan, Talysarn, together with a new bench seat that has been kindly donated by Cllr Dilwyn Lloyd, the bench being dedicated to the memory of his grandfather. The bench has already proved very popular with people waiting at the bus stop!

We have also been working closely with Ysgol Talysarn, the children planting up to ten barrel planters around Gloddfa Glai bungalows, Talysarn. In addition, we have been helping the children plant vegetables at the school's fruit & vegetable garden. Some of the vegetables have already been harvested and sampled by the youngsters, the children particularly enjoying peas fresh from the pod, Japanese radishes and freshly pulled rhubarb! Much more produce will be ready on their return to school in early September. (Perhaps with all the rain this summer we should build a paddy field and try to grow rice next year!!)

Looking ahead, plans are already well advanced to work with Ysgol Talysarn to establish a community tree nursery and plant more trees around the community this autumn. We hope to train the children in how to grow trees from

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seed in order to create a sustainable supply of young trees for future years, Gwynedd Council's Tree Nursery at Parc Glynllifon providing the expertise and training. Grwp Blodeuwedd has also been heavily involved with the organisation of a Children's Anti-litter poster competition and from seeing the entries received from the young people the standard is very high and it will be a very tough job for the panel of judges to choose the winning entries. We are strongly supporting the project of having clean-up days to tidy up our communities. If anyone is interested in learning more about Blodeuwedd's activities, volunteering or joining the group please contact Tom Coleman on 01286 882354 or email on [tom@cymru1.net](mailto:tom@cymru1.net).

## LOCAL TRAINING

This time of year may not be the time to spend time indoors having training but this is the time to think about what we can do in the autumn and winter months. Many people have declared an interest in receiving training locally and the Partnership will be happy to arrange training sessions if there is a need. In order to ensure that appropriate training is given we would be grateful if you could let us know which courses you would like and send the information back to us at the Partnership's Office at the Talysarn Community Centre.

## NANT WELSH WALKING CLUB

We all have to take advantage of the weather at this time of year, and what better than going for walks in the fresh air and enjoy the beauty that is all around us here. The Nant Welsh Walking Club have arranged numerous local walks and are eager for more to join the club. If you are interested in joining the next arranged walk then contact Eleri Jones for more information and look out for posters which will advertise dates and times. All are welcome.

## TALYSARN CELTS

Congratulations to the Talysarn Celts Football team who won the Safeflue Cup competition. The game was played in Farrar Road Bangor, which possibly will be the last game that will be played on this field before Bangor City Football Club move to their new home.

It was a 2-0 victory for the Celts over a very experienced Felinheli team. Thank you to Alan Thomas for all his hard work and time with the young people of the area. Anyone interested in training with the Celts in readiness for the new season should contact Alan Thomas.

## FROM LÔN EIFION TO NANTLLE

Discussions are now being held to try and extend path from Lôn Eifion in Penygroes to Nantlle. The idea came from the Planning for Real consultation and the Talysarn & Nantlle Partnership, together with officers from Gwynedd Council, are looking at possibilities of developing the project. In extending the path it will create a safe environment for walkers, bikers and possibly pony trekking. The first part of the project will involve open the way from Penygroes to Talysarn and the officers from Gwynedd Council are now in the process of drafting a brief to value the cost of the work.

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## COMPUTERS FOR ALL

During the past few months both the Talysarn Community Centre and Llys Llywelyn in Nantlle have held drop in computer sessions for local people. The purpose of this was so that everyone could have access to computers. The sessions offered general use, an opportunity to practice what was learnt in training sessions and practical help from a local person. For more information about similar sessions please contact either centres.

## GLODDFA GLAI

The work of tidying up the path around Gloddfa Glai has now been completed. As well as tidying up, benches have been put in place so that everyone can have a sit down and enjoy the scenery around the area. One of the major problems highlighted in the Planning For Real consultations was dog mess / fouling. Seeing that a new surface has been laid on the path would it be possible for all dog owners to take responsibility for their dogs and clear up after them. Thank you.

## DATES OF THE NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

- 1 September** – **Talysarn Community Centre**
- 6 October** – **Llys Llywelyn Nantlle**
- 3 November** – **Talysarn Community Centre**
- 1 December** – **Llys Llywelyn Nantlle**

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## 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

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