

Talysarn & Nantlle Partnership



Talysarn Ward Bulletin

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BWRLWM BYSEDD

Recently pupils at Ysgol Talysarn have been trying to create a business of selling Christmas Cards and art and craft bags. They have been working with Bethan Jones from the Business and Venture company in designing the cards and the bags, financing the venture, researching into the market and marketing the products. They have also been working with Nick from the Talysarn and Nantlle Partnership and he has managed to find some funding to allow the group to visit craft fairs to sell their products in places like Glynllifon and the Faenol. They have enjoyed making the cards and bags and they will be on sale from October onwards from the school and in local shops. All the proceeds will go towards Ysgol Talysarn.



COMMUNITY ARCHIVES WALES – LLYS LLYWELYN



Above: a group that gathers at the Llys Lywelyn Community Centre to scan old photos. From left to right: Lis Roberts, Robin Williams, Tomos Alun Williams, Eryl Thomas, Eirlys Williams, Gwilym Roberts, Glyn Thomas

Recently a new project, Community Archives Wales, was launched in partnership with the National Library of Wales and the Nantlle and Drws y Coed History and Old Photographs Group at Llys Llywelyn, Nantlle. Dr Gwynfor Pierce Jones gave a presentation and also showed his own selection of photographs of the Penyrsedd Quarry

It was very interesting to see some of the audience joining in when they recognised some of the old characters that used to work at the quarry, and the old buildings. It is important that we know and keep our past history. If you have any old photographs of the area that the group could copy then please contact Eryl or Glyn Thomas, Bryn Deulyn, Nantlle.

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FARMER'S MARKET

The local Farmer's Market is going from strength to strength. It was started by Llysiau Lleu Group to enable them to sell their local produce that is grown at Trigonos Nantlle. By now there are about 6 stalls selling fresh local produce, vegetables, cakes, bread, and eggs. Visit the market every Friday between 3.30 and 5.30pm, where you can also have a chat and some refreshments at the Centre's Injan Fach cafe. Anyone interested in selling their produce should arrive in plenty of time to set up their stall and be ready to sell by 3.30pm.

PLANNING FOR REAL®

We are now in the final stages of the Planning For Real Programme following the consultation sessions and the final report. Now the hard work begins by producing an Action Plan and developing some of the suggestions that took precedence by the community. The Talysarn and Nantlle Partnership is keen to work with local groups and individuals to develop the community's vision that appeared through Planning For Real. Meetings will be held in the near future to discuss and to try and develop specific projects. It is essential that you take part.

BLODEUWEDD

Grŵp Blodeuwedd have had a busy few months over the summer and early autumn. One particular project that they have been working on is the building of a mixed shrub & perennial border at Gloddfa Glai bungalows, Talysarn. They planted over 150 small shrubs and trees and are now planning a bulb planting day with volunteers and the young people from Ysgol Talysarn to plant over 500 spring flowering bulbs in and around the new border. Grŵp Blodeuwedd would like to thank all those who helped, especially the young people, Carys Pritchard, Sue Jones, Ysgol Talysarn and Humphrey Jones from Gwynedd Council's Housing Department which supported the programme with a £150 grant.

At the recent Llanllyfni Community Council Garden Competition award evening, Grŵp Blodeuwedd were presented with a special award to recognise their work in the community and received a certificate and £25 in garden vouchers from Fron Goch Garden Centre. For more information about the work of Grŵp Blodeuwedd or how you can help please contact Tom Coleman 01286 882354 or tom@cymrul.net.

TALYSARN & NANTLLE ENVIRONMENT GROUP

TNEG is an independent voluntary group set up "to protect and enhance the natural and cultural environment of Dyffryn Nantlle". Our members are people who live locally and are concerned about the environment. If you want to know more you can either contact us or come to one of our meetings. Meetings are held monthly and are open to all.

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PLAS BALADEULYN, FOOTPATH AND LLYN NANTLLE UCHAF

Can we put an end to a recurrent rumour that seems very unwilling to die? It is said that Trigonos has stopped people going down to the lakeside via the path from the road. This has always been untrue. The path is open except during emergencies such as foot & mouth, fallen or dangerous trees and the one day a year required to signify its permitted route status.

The path is a permitted route, not a right of way. It runs through the kissing gate from the main road and down through a small wood to the lakeside. Not being a right of way it is not signposted. When we arrived at Plas Baladeulyn the walk along the lakeside was no more than 100 yards or so to a slate and wire fence that blocked any further progress. About 5 years ago we decided to extend the permitted access further along the lakeside by opening up gateways and placing a slate bridge over the stream, Afon Y Garth. This created a path running about 400 yards along the waterside.

Unfortunately this path does not connect with any other so walkers have to stop at the boundary of the Plas Baladeulyn land and return the way they have come. It is not possible for people to come up through the fields to the Plas itself because that is the centre of our business activity. We ask people to visit the lake via the kissing gate and not through the main entrance to the Plas, to respect the fact that the fields are working farmland with sheep and pastures for cropping, and to keep to the lakeside path. In return Trigonos will be happy to see people continuing to enjoy this wonderful landscape.

If you have any questions about access please call the Trigonos office on 01286 882388.

DIGITAL FUTURE PROJECT

A project to build people's confidence in information technology has been developed in Gwynedd. The aim of "Dyfodol Digidol / A Digital Future" is to raise awareness of new technology and the benefit of digital inclusion. With seven years experience in preparing community projects, which includes IT, Deudraeth Cyf is the project provider throughout Gwynedd.

The Digital Future taster sessions held at Llys Llywelyn Nantlle has proved very useful and popular with those who want to learn and use a computer. The offer to receive training, FOR FREE, is open to anyone who lives within the Talysarn and Nantlle area. The sessions will be held at the new computer room within the Talysarn Community Centre and will also continue to be held at Llys Llywelyn Nantlle.

If you would like to receive more information or if you are interested in developing your computer skills then contact Dawn Thomas, Development Worker on 01766 771795 or Dafydd Williams on 881103. The project is supported by Communities @ One, a venture by the Welsh Assembly Government, which is administered by the Wales Co-operative Centre, to help people in Communities First areas to gain experience from new technology. This programme was funded jointly with the Welsh European Funding Office Objective 1 & 2 and the Welsh Assembly Government.

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CLWB YR IARD

Clwb yr Iard's leaders must be congratulated on their dedication in developing a club for the young people of the area. With up to 50 members on their backs the task of organising activities and getting buses to carry everyone is no mean feat. Even so, several activities were organised over the summer holidays which included a trip to Camelot Theme Park, a day at Plas Silyn, Fun Day at Llys Llywelyn, Ice-skating in Deeside, Ten Pin Bowling in Glasfryn, a day of climbing and canoeing at Plas y Brenin, cake decorating session and mosaic making session.

The next big thing the club's organising is 'Nantlle's Got Talent'. We look forward to seeing who's got the biggest talent in Nantlle!

DOROTHEA QUARRY

Once again Dorothea Quarry is on everyone's mind. With new owners having taken over the site, new ideas to develop the old quarry are being talked about. Unfortunately, due to the fact that the new company's representative had to be taken to hospital, the public meeting that was supposed to be held on the 26 September had to be postponed. The Talysarn and Nantlle Partnership are keen to work with the company in order to arrange more public meetings to enable the community to have their say on any development and a meeting will be held in the near future - watch out for the date. Come and have your say and put forward your ideas.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Community Land Trust (CLT) has taken a positive step forward in ensuring that affordable housing will be built in the area. With the support of Cist Gwynedd (Gwynedd Council) and the Tudor Trust the CLT have secured funding to employ a development officer for 18 months in order to develop the project.

One of the main sites that the CLT are eager to build on is Gloddfa Glai and it is important that everyone should be aware of, and support, any development on this site.

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