



# NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 2016

## Wishing You All A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year



Our volunteer Teddy bear will be drawing his own name from a hat full of suggestions from local school children later this week.. So we shall have to wait , meanwhile dynamic duo Neil and Phil did a great job at the Abergavenny Xmas Food Festival on the 11th December

Thankfully it has been another busy year at the Mill and as you will see we have had to get more help, packing the gifts left, sporting his Xmas hat, & earlier helping Adam with the milling. And if you turn to page 3 you will see that we would love more people to become involved, so please do take a read and see whether you might like to “resolve” to join our merry band in one or other capacity in the New Year.



More Xmas shopping to do or last minute tweaks on the decoration? Turn to page 5 for a peak at the stunning and inspiring Christmas Window at The Talgarth Mill Craft Shop where these lovely cards by Chris Green of Talgarth are on sale along with loads of interesting hand made gifts and our range of flours and breadkits.



**PLEASE HELP DREW BEAT CANCER** — Earlier this Autumn we were all shocked and deeply saddened to learn that the young son of Jon and Mel Barker-Wright, from Talgarth and involved with the renovation and rejuvenation of the Mill, was very poorly indeed. We are therefore raising money to help 4 year old Drew Barker-Wright who is suffering from a rare and aggressive Chordoma Tumour - can you help?

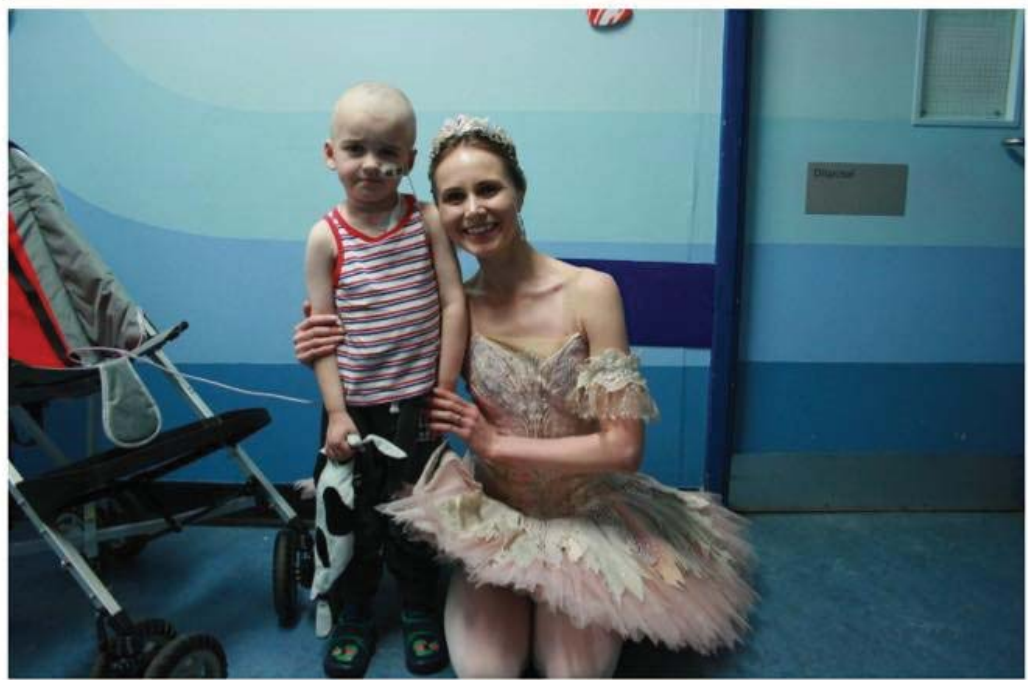
Please Visit the Just Giving page to see his story and donate...

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HELPDREW?utm\\_id=107](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HELPDREW?utm_id=107)

Also see The bakers table\* Facebook page for many more events and fund raising initiatives to help this much loved local family in their fight for Drew.

Many Local people are joining in and making a great effort to provide us all with a number of ways of being involved, from the local Fire Brigade offering Car washes.. "Look out for dates" - to Vince who has donated these lovely gift packs of delicious honey for sale at The Bakers' Table — along with Wreaths by Jean Powell and family and various goodies from Heidi Lewis.

## DREW BARKER-WRIGHT BENEFIT GIG



The Tabernacle, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017, 7.30pm by kind permission of Alan McGee & Kate Holmes. All proceeds to Drew's appeal.

Thieves of Time · The Candlelight Collective  
Jeff Alderman · FolkCountryRock · LICENSED BAR

Tickets £5 from The Bakers' Table 01874 711125





**COME AND JOIN THE VOLUNTEERS and DIRECTORS  
AT FELIN TALGARTH MILL  
AND HELP GUIDE AND BUILD THIS COMMUNITY  
ENTERPRISE FOR THE FUTURE**

Felin Talgarth Mill was restored back into a fully working watermill in 2011, with the support of the owner of the Mill, the local community and The Big Lottery Fund. The goal of the restoration was to provide support for regeneration in the local area, support tourism and other local businesses, provide employment opportunities and create a space that could promote education, training and skills development.

We have a strong and committed team of volunteers who support the running of the Mill and are keen to expand that group. Specifically, we are looking for:

**Directors** – Join our team of Directors to help support and guide the development of Felin Talgarth Mill. We would be particularly keen to attract people with a background or interest in education, regeneration and rural crafts & food production.

**Volunteers** – Join our team of guides, millers, flour producers, educators and gardeners, and be part of a vibrant, committed and supportive group, working to keep the Mill at the heart of the community.

During the first five years of operation we have seen over 38,000 visitors take a tour of the Mill and learn about its history and place in the rural community. A critically acclaimed café, The Bakers' Table, offers high quality teas, coffees, cakes and lunches, sourcing produce from local providers. A vibrant Craft Shop is a showcase for 36 local makers, knitters, felters, painters and potters etc. Primary and secondary school children have enjoyed bespoke visits to the Mill, supporting their Key Stage learning goals – “better than Pokémon” was the verdict from one group!

We want to continue developing the Mill to do more for the community, employment, education and regeneration. Over the next five years we are looking to build out our education programmes for primary and secondary schools, expand the use of the Mill facilities for creative talent and businesses, develop new ways to make the Mill a hub for learning and skills development, expand flour distribution to a broader base of customers and continue to increase the number of visitors attracted to Talgarth and the surrounding area.

We would encourage anyone who would like to help make a contribution to this community enterprise to get in touch!

On the Second page of this Newsletter you will find an appeal for help for Drew and we thought this was a good time to remind or advise everyone of **The Bakers' Table status as a CIC** or **Community Interest Company** - this means that they trade for social rather than financial objectives i.e. Supporting the local community through the kinds of events they are holding for Drew, and their previous involvement with Flix in the Stix and Talgarth Rural Market, their continued involvement with the twinning project, walking festival, Talgarth Sports, Talgarth Town Football Club through sponsorship, advertising etc. to help fund their events/kits and much much more!!

Meanwhile luckily it is business as usual at The Bakers' Table and there is still time to buy a gift voucher for one of our bread classes next year. Half day £65, full day £125. Something for everyone. You can pay on line or by phone and we'll send you a voucher by first class post. See [www.talgarthmill.com](http://www.talgarthmill.com) or 01874 711125

Here are some students on our recent full day class 'Bread for Autumn and Winter Meals'



Sadly we are a bit late to order these delicious Bakers' Table choc logs, editors apology!



There is also the opportunity to join a

#### DROP IN WORKSHOP



In The Granary, Talgarth Mill

On 30th December 2016

with Bridget Morgan

Any time between 11am and 3pm

Learn the Proddy Rag Rug technique to make flower brooches, fridge magnets, hair bands from recycled textiles.

Suitable for all ages from children to grandparents  
No booking, No Fee just small donation for materials



A rag rug Christmas wreath. Now for sale at Talgarth Mill Craft Shop from Bridget's Scrap Bag

Now available in the shop are these Bara Brith recipe Tea towels. They feature The Bakers' Table recipe, Illustration by local artist Alice Simms and are made in Wales on 100% cotton.



They make a perfect gift especially when teamed with the @talgarthmill flour and our new coasters.

Go on treat yourself or someone you love.



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