

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

New Moorings:

As well as the new 'out of town' moorings shown on the maps (denoted by the ring © symbol) similar rings have been installed at the following towpath locations:-

- 200 yds upstream of bridge 56 (map 2, p.26),
- mid-way between bridges 58 and 59 (p.26),
- 150 yds upstream of bridge 63 (p.26, by hammer symbol),
- immediately above and below bridge 76 (map 3, p.28),
- mid-way between bridges 77 and 78 (p.30, hammer symbol).

A new 70 yard long mooring layby on the offside at Sebastopol has been created by Torfaen Borough Council, 100 yards south of Bridge 46.

Long stretches of new rings have also been installed, as part of the 2008 repairs, at the following towpath locations:-

Llanellen (map 5, p.32)

Just downstream of bridge 91, very convenient for visiting Llanellen village.

Govilon (map 7, p.36)

From the dry dock to the Church Lane aqueduct.

Gilwern

A little upstream of bridge 106, convenient for the footpath from the bridge to Llanelly church.

Upstream of bridge 105.

Llangattock

Upstream from bridge 115 past the limekilns to the bend, (since reduced to two boat lengths just above the bridge).

Immediately downstream of bridge 116.

Immediately downstream of bridge 118.

Llangynidr

2 sets between bridge 131 and the bottom lock (No.64).

New Winding Point (created during the 2008 works):

65 yards downstream of bridge 81.

New Water Tap (installed during the 2008 works):

Gilwern Picnic Site upstream of Bridge 104.

Pump out: Now available at Country Craft, Llangynidr, p.46.

Canoe launching points:

Upstream of bridges 62, 72, 76, 80, and 145.

Opposite Gilwern car park site, upstream of bridge 104.

Downstream of bridges 84, 116, 122, 131, 165, 158.

Above and below Brynich Lock, and at both ends of the Ashford Tunnel.

Other Improvements:

The unsightly Bailey bridge topping Bridge 138 (p.49) has been removed and new stone parapets erected.

New towpath surface, Bridges 53 to 61 and 129 to 131.

New footpath from Br.162 to the River Usk.

ADDITIONAL SHORT WALK (circular, 30 mins):

(Llangynidr Locks)

Cross the canal at bridge 136, pass through the gate (sign-posted public right of way) and head diagonally left following the path behind the old workhouse and uphill across the field to the top corner. On a clear day, there is a superb 180° panoramic view to the north. Pass through two gates and turn left into the road leading back downhill to bridge 134.

AMENDMENTS

Folly Walk (p.71, 6 lines up from foot of page):

Sunken gully is now almost impassable. Keep to field alongside until you see new fence leading down to stile. (For Folly opening information ring 01495 764688)

Lock Operation (Going Downhill), p.20

The red and yellow cill warning lines have been replaced by a single black-edged white marker bearing in black the word CILL.

Eggs at Lower Wenallt Farm (p.48/49)

If eggs are not on towpath sale shoppers are welcome at the farm (just across bridge 141).

Post Offices (Amendments and Closures)

The Post Office at Llanellen has closed but remains open as a General Stores. There is still a post box.

The Post Office at Llanfoist is shown incorrectly on map 6 facing page 35. It is actually on the B4246, west of the Spice Lounge restaurant (formerly the Llanfoist Inn), in a green corrugated iron building.

The Post Office at Govilon has closed.

LOSSES

The Barn restaurant at Brynich has closed.

Please Note:-

ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS:

Mooring at the charging points (Pontymoile p.26, Llanfoist p.32/34, Llangynidr p.44/46, Talybont p.48/50 and Brecon p.56) is reserved for the electric boats of Castle Narrowboats.

TALYBONT DRAWBRIDGE (p.51):

Although the local school closed in 1991 children still have to go to school! **The stated times when the bridge should not be opened must be observed so that children do not miss the school bus.**

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SUPPLEMENT
1. Additions and Amendments
2. Food and Drink at a glance (reverse side)

FOOD & DRINK AT A GLANCE

(excluding principal towns, where there is a wealth of choice)

Abbreviations:

&E: Lunchtimes and evenings.
 L: Lunchtimes only
 AD: All Day
 Kesp: Kestiwani/separate dining area
 Gdn: Beer Garden ('Gdn' implies a grassed area with tables and seating)
 TV: Satellite TV
 Other: Regular or Guest ales, (L = 'Local' brewers) = Dog friendly

Children are welcome at all the venues listed below, unless stated otherwise.

Assume 7 day opening unless stated otherwise.

PLACE	PUB/HOTEL	PHONE	HRS --- FOOD ---	SEATING	AREA	EXTRAS
Nearst			L&E Rest. Bar	OUTSIDE	PLAY	
Bridge						

FIVE LOCKS (PONTNEWYDD) Cross Keys	01633 861545		✓	✓	✓	Gdn	Yes	Boaters book. B&B					L
	SEBASTOPOL/GRIFFITHSTOWN												
	Br.48 Crown 01495 755225	(9) ✓j	✓j	✓j	✓j	Yes	Gdn & canal side	TV, Live music Fri Evg.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Br.49 Open Hearth	01495 763752											✓
	PONTPOOL												
	Br.52 Horse & Jockey	01495 762721	✓	✓	✓		Yes	Yes		✓	✓	✓	✓
	MAMHILLAD												
	Br.62 Star	01495 785319	(1) abc✓	abc✓	ab✓	ab✓	Gdn	Yes	WiFi, Darts, QuizSun(alt)	✓			3✓+L
	Br.65 Horseshoe Inn	01873 880542	(5) ab✓	ab✓	ab✓								
	GOYTRE												
Br.70 Goytre Arms	01873 880376	(1) b✓	b✓			Gdn	Yes		✓	✓	✓	✓	
GOVLION													
Br.98 Lion Inn	01873 830177	a✓	a✓	a✓		Yes	Pool & Darts. Music Fri		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Br.98 Bridgend Inn													
CRICKHOWELL													
Br.115 Bridgend Inn	01873 810338	✓	✓	✓		Riverside Gdn.	B&B, WiFi,	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dragon Inn	01873 810362	✓b	✓			Gdn	WiFi, B&B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bear Hotel	01873 810408	✓	✓	L		Gdn	B&B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Corn Exchange	01873 810699	✓	✓	✓									
Britannia Inn	01873 812547	(7) ✓				Gdn	Bunkhouse, TV, Pool, Darts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓+L	
White Hart Inn	currently closed												
LLANGATTOCK													
Br.115 Horse Shoe Inn	01873 810971	✓	✓	✓		Gdn	TV, Darts, WiFi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓+L	
Vine Tree	01873 810514	✓	✓	✓		Gdn	Golf (visitors welcome)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓+L	
Br.117 Old Rectory Hotel	01873 810373	✓	✓	✓		Breakfast							
THE DARDY													
Br.118 Ty Croeso	01873 810573					Yes	B&B						
UPPER LLANGYNIDR													
Br.129 Red Lion Hotel	01874 730223	(1) ✓	✓	✓	✓	Aft. Tea	Gdn	Yes WiFi, B&B, Pool, Darts, TV	✓	✓	✓	✓+L	
LOWER LLANGYNIDR													
Br.133 Coach and Horses	01874 730245	(1) ✓	✓	✓		Canalside Gdn	B&B, Games Room, WiFi (Fests 20/5 and 28&29/7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓+L	
TALYBONT													
Br.142 Travelers Rest	01874 676233	✓e	✓e	✓e		Gdn	B&B	✓	✓	✓	✓	L	
Br.143 Usk Inn (Sim.Rd)	01874 676251	(1) AD✓	✓	✓		Gdn	B&B, Games, TV	✓	✓	✓	✓	L	
Br.143 Star	01874 676635	(2) ✓	✓	✓		Gdn	WiFi, B&B, TV, Live Music (Beer Fests June/Oct)	✓	✓	✓	✓	L	
PENCELLI													
Br.154 Royal Oak	01874 665396	(4) ✓f	✓f	✓f			Canalside Gdn		✓			✓	
LLANFRYNACH													
Br.158 White Swan	01874 665276	(9) ✓e	✓e	✓e		Gdn	WiFi, self catering cottages	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
GROESFFORD													
Br.163 Three Horse Shoes	01874 665672	(3) ✓	✓	✓		Yes(+ view) & Gdn	WiFi, TV	✓	✓	✓	✓	L	

Other useful establishments:-

PONTYMOILE: Marina Tea Room.

GOTTRE WHARF:

Canale (01873 881069),
Ital. Café (Wed - Sun, 10am to 5pm)

TLANFOIST (formerly the Llanfoist Inn):
Spice Lounge; Indian Rest & Takeaway.

CRICKHOWELL: Courtroom Café

TALYBONT: Stores, P.O. and Café

OPENING NOTES

FOOD NOTES

Information on this sheet is given in good faith but absolute accuracy cannot be guaranteed

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