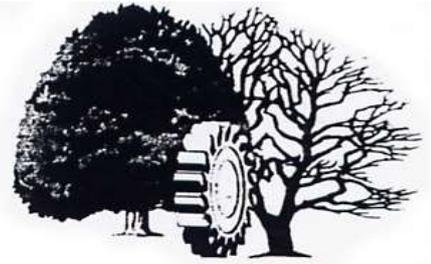


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## **The history of the old mill unveiled**

Over the last 2 years we have been developing a wetland area at the southern end of the wood which represents the start position of the old mill pond (now Clos Melin Dwr). As part of this project we have obtained plans, drawings, photographs and written information regarding the mill and pond area. With grant funding from Environment Wales, we have produced an information board which was erected by Cardiff Conservation Volunteers on the path behind Millrace Close overlooking the area. We would like to give our special thanks to Cardiff Rangers Adrian Leyshon for the construction of the sign and Alex Stewart for the graphics, who both gave up their own time to create this. Work is still needed to develop this area to its full potential; keeping the Japanese Knotweed and bramble at bay, shaping of the area and planting native wetland plants.

“The first reference we have found to Llanishen Mill and mill pond is in a pre-1762 sketch plan among the Homfray family documents. The mill was situated just to the left of the current junction of Clos Melin Dwr and Millrace Close.

The mill was in operation into the 20<sup>th</sup> century although it is believed to have ceased operation in 1903-4, the mill building was still lived in up to at least the 1940s. From the 1950s onwards, numerous planning applications were put forward, but although the mill was demolished in 1962, Millrace Close was not built until the 1970s, and Clos Melin Dwr in the 1990s. The mill pond varied in size over the years, at its maximum, it extended from about half-way along Clos Melin Dwr to the southern bridge in Coed-y-Felin. At some stage the mill pond became an ornamental garden pond of The Orchard, (Old) Mill Road, and it was still a garden feature in the 1960s.”

For people to find out about Coed-y-Felin and the “Friends” group and what we do, apart from this monthly article in the LINK and notices at all our entrances, we also have a web page attached to the Lisvane Community Council’s site [www.lisvanecommunity.org.uk](http://www.lisvanecommunity.org.uk). Now, Cardiff City Council Ranger Service has set up a facebook page “Wild about Cardiff” which gives details, pictures and information about environmental issues and groups such as ourselves in Cardiff. We are therefore looking at a way in which we can have a direct link into this site.

As mentioned in last months LINK, for this month’s working party on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, we are going to undertake the old and dying traditional skill of “hedge-laying”. This is where an old and overgrown hedge is trimmed, branches split and layed, creating a more dense and controlled living hedge. Because of area constraints and instruction needed, we are running this in 2 sessions; 10.30am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 4pm. **IMPORTANT**. If you would like to learn how this is done and want to have a go, please book your place in advance with Jonathan Singleton on 029 20747710.

**Jonathan Singleton**

**David Jones (Chairman), 36 Heol Cefn Onn, Lisvane.  
Tel : 21328572**

## **Diary Dates**

### **Friends of Coed-y-Felin**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January : Working Party, 2 sessions; 10.30am – 12.30pm and 2.00pm – 4.00pm, both meeting at the Heol Cefn Onn Entrance.**

**Learn and have a go at the traditional skill of hedge-laying. IMPORTANT – book your place in advance with Jonathan Singleton on 029 20747710**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February : Working Party, meet 2.00pm, Heol Cefn Onn Entrance  
Vegetation clearance around the mill pond area and general woodland management.**