

BRECKNOCK HISTORY FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2019



A range of events during late summer and autumn across the historic county of Brecknockshire, some of which focus on

Music in Brecknockshire

The Brecknock History Forum

This brochure has been produced by the Forum, an informal gathering of groups interested in local and family history across Breconshire. The contents have been extracted from 'Hanes' an electronic publication which comes out quarterly.

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Some events may be part of **OPEN DOORS** which celebrates the architecture and heritage of Wales. For a full list of **OPEN DOORS** events in September, see the Cadw website: <https://cadw.gov.wales/>

A number of events on the Music in Breconshire theme have been specially arranged by our member societies/organisations and these bodies have also been asked to provide information or contact details in respect of music-making organisations in their local area. Information compiled in this way can never be totally comprehensive but we hope that we have been able to assemble enough information to give an idea of the importance of music to the cultural life of Breconshire. We have made a special effort to contact the organisers of local Eisteddfodau, recognising the historical significance of these events to the life of the local community.

Because the Brecknock History Festival covers the September/October period, most emphasis is given to musical events taking place during the next few months

Hanes is available on the Brecknock Society website:
<https://brecknocksociety.co.uk/resources/hanes/>

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Adelina Patti Celebrations

September 2019 marks 100 years since the opera singer Adelina Patti died at her home Craig-y-nos in Powys. The communities around Ystradgynlais and Brecon will be celebrating her life during the month of September with many events planned across the region. Adelina was one of the greatest sopranos in history. The composer Giuseppe Verdi, described her as perhaps the finest singer who had ever lived and a “stupendous artist”. This sentiment was shared by many critics and social commentators of her era. The events planned will feature her music, her life, her travels around Europe and America and her contributions to the communities of Brecknock.

Saturday 14 September 7.00pm

Gala Concert, Theatr Adelina Patti, Guildhall, Brecon

With Elin Manahan Thomas “One of the most exceptional sopranos of her generation” and the South Powys Youth Orchestra. Director of Music: Tim Cronin. Tickets from the Guildhall



Saturday 21 September 2.00pm – 4.00pm

“Patti Promfest” The Bandstand, The Promenade, Brecon

A free fun-filled afternoon for everyone: Music, dog show, stalls and family entertainment

Sunday 22 September 10.00am – 4.00pm

Celebrating Adelina Patti, Theatr Brycheiniog

Free but ticketed. Find out more about the life, loves and music of Adelina Patti, the most famous prima donna of the 19th century.

Tuesday 24 September 7.00pm

**Concert of the Prize Winners of the Adelina Patti Prize 2019,
at Theatr Brycheiniog**

The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama proudly introduce the winners of the first Adelina Patti Prize together with some of the most talented singers of the future.

Thursday 26 September 7.00pm

**Ystradgynlais District Heritage and Language Society.
Adelina Patti Remembered, The Welfare Ystradgynlais**

By film, spoken word and music. Entry £5.

Friday 27 September 6.30pm

**Music in the Park, The Boat
House, Craig-y-nos Country
Park**

On the centenary of Patti's death there will be a short musical performance at dusk and a commemorative ceremony. Refreshments provided but do bring a chair. £5 suggested donation.



Saturday 28 September

11.00am – 4.00pm

Craig-y-nos Castle

Tour the Castle: visit the grade 1 listed theatre and the music room. Free.



In addition to the listing provided here, look out for local publicity and details on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/adelinapatticelebrations2019>.

Other Festival Events

In addition to the Adelina Patti Celebrations there are several other Festival events taking place throughout Breconshire.

13th - 16th September Llwyn Celyn Open Days

Friday 13th September, 7pm

From the 'People's Farm' to the National Park (and beyond): Land and Landscape in the British Political Imagination, a public lecture by Dr. Martin Wright, Senior Lecturer in History, Cardiff University. Suggested donation of £2.50 per person.



13th - 16th September

Landscape and Story inspired by Raymond Williams' novel People of the Black Mountains. This event will take place throughout the day and is free.

14th & 15th September

Mark Griffin from Griffin Historical will be demonstrating the craft of medieval cooking in an open air kitchen, created especially for the weekend. This event will take place throughout the day and is free.

Llwyn Celyn, Cwmyoy, recently restored by the Landmark Trust, is an important 1420 house, just across the county boundary in Monmouthshire.

Contact at: llwyncelyn@landmarktrust.org.uk

Saturday 14th September



St. Paulinus Church, Llangors Talgarth Male Voice Choir

7.30pm to 9pm.

Free entry all donations going to the Church

Friday 20 September



St Cadmarch's, Llangammarch Wells

An evening of organ music. 7.30pm
To celebrate the centenary of the church itself, the organ and the window (WW1 dedicated).

Saturday 21 September

St Paulinus, Llangors - Day of Organ Music

There will be four half hour recitals (11.00am, 12.00 noon, 1.00 pm, 2.00 pm) which will showcase music from the time that the organ was built in 1720 to show how music written specifically for the organ has developed across the centuries and how it has been sympathetically developed to cope with these new musical advances. Free refreshments will be available with all donations going to the Church.



Sunday 29 September



Hay History Group and Cusop History Group - Pop-up Museum Parish Hall, Lion Street, Hay on Wye.

The pop-up museum will be open from midday until 4.00pm and will consist of displays of the work and research undertaken by the two societies in the past year.

4.00pm Tim Hoverd, Archaeology- Projects Manager, Herefordshire, presents a round-up of recent research on Marcher Castles.

Friday 11th October Builth Wells Heritage Society

The Gurkhas - Major Khusiman Gurang will give an insight into perhaps the most famous regiment in the army, that has had connections with Brecon for more than 45 years. Around 80 Nepalese families have settled in the area during this time. This is one not to be missed.

Eisteddfodau (in calendar order)

Llanwrtyd Eisteddfod 28 September 2019, Victoria Hall at 10.30am
Programme at <https://www.irfonvaa.co.uk/services>

The first recorded Eisteddfod in Llanwrtyd was held in August 1863. After a lull in the 1940s, the Eisteddfod in its current form began in 1951 when Elizabeth Carlton-Jones restarted the event. The first event took place in the Victoria Hall but moved to a marquee in following years until a severe thunderstorm disrupted everything. It then returned to the Victoria Hall.

Trallong Eisteddfod 2 November 2019

Primary School, Sennybridge at 1.00pm
Contact: Mrs Mary Robinson – 01874 624350

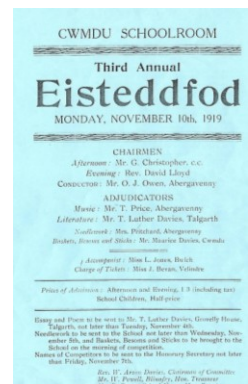
Trallong Eisteddfod was started many years ago, but lapsed after a while. It was restarted in the 1950s by teachers in Trallong Primary School and has been held in various venues before settling in Sennybridge Primary School. The Eisteddfod has a unique way of raising funds: since the inception of the Brecon Jazz Festival, a loyal band of helpers make and cook Welsh cakes in three different venues for the three days of the Festival.

Cwmdu Eisteddfod 9 November 2019

Village Hall, Cwmdu, at 1.00pm
Contact: Mrs J Huxley – 01874 730282

Cwmdu Eisteddfod celebrates its 103rd anniversary in 2019. The first Eisteddfod in 1916 was held in Cwmdu Schoolroom, progressing over the following years into a “spacious marquee” until the completion of the Village Hall in 1956.

Apart from a couple of missed years in WW2, it has been held annually.



Eisteddfod Trecastell March 2020

Trecastle Community Centre

Contact: Mrs Janet Watkins – 01874 636609

An Eisteddfod has been held in the Trecastle area for over one hundred years. In 2019 there were times when there was a full audience as children and adults displayed their talents in recitation, singing and literature. It is hoped that this tradition will continue as it provides children with an opportunity to practice their Urdd Eisteddfod pieces.

Heol Senni Eisteddfod 9 May 2020

Heol Senni Village Hall, commencing at 2.00pm

Contact: Mrs Siân Norgate - 01874 636621

The Eisteddfod in Heol Senni started in 1965 and was first run by the entertainments committee and subsequently by the village hall committee. Its venue has been the Village Hall in Heol Senni (the old school) for all of these events except two. Initially there were three childrens' competitions: parish of Senni, local area and open: now there are only open competitions for children and adults alike.

Upper Chapel Eisteddfod 25 July 2020, Community Hall Upper Chapel, at 4.00pm

Contact: Mrs Annette Thomas - 01874 622892

Upper Chapel is one of the largest local Eisteddfodau in Breconshire, if not in rural Wales, with a history stretching back to the late 1800s. The Eisteddfod in its current form was resurrected in the 1930s and has continued to the present day.

Music Festivals this summer and autumn

Brecon Jazz 9-11 August 2019

<http://breconjazzfestival.co.uk/>

Brecon Jazz was established in 1984. Jazz vocalist and critic George Melly had a house in nearby Scethrog and the festival was held on the only weekend that he was available. It quickly became a major event featuring some of the most famous names in jazz, parade bands, street music and a fringe.

Brecon Baroque Festival 24-28 October 2019

www.breconbaroquefestival.com

Established in 2006, Brecon Baroque Festival is led by violinist Rachel Podger, one of the world's leading interpreters of Baroque music. Each October, Rachel gathers together musicians of international profile for a long weekend of themed performances, talks and workshops. Alongside concerts at Theatr Brycheiniog and the Cathedral, there is a pop-up café and music venue at The Muse, and extensive work with young local musicians and schools.

Choirs (in alphabetical order)

Aberhonddu & District Male Choir

<http://www.breconchoir.co.uk>

There are records of a choir in Brecon dating back to 1889 but the choir in its present form was established in 1937. It is very active and performs at concerts and various charity fundraising events locally and further afield. The choir took part in the Saline and Nepalese Twinning events in Brecon in 2019 and will participate in the 'Patti Promfest' on 21 September.



Brecon Cathedral Choir & Cathedral Consort

<https://www.breconcathedral.org.uk>

Services every Friday and Sunday in term-time

Today's successors to the monks who would have sung in the Priory church over 900 years ago, **Brecon Cathedral Choir** consists of a mixed treble line of children aged between 8 and 14, and teenagers and adults singing the lower parts. They are supported by two full time musicians and a junior organ scholar. **Brecon Cathedral Consort** was founded in January 2010, as a small mixed voice choir that joins with the main choir on occasion.

Brecon Singers

<https://www.breconsingers.com>

27 September 2019, 7.30pm, **Fauré Requiem with Jubilo**; 28 September 2019, 6.00pm, **free concert with Jubilo**, both at St Mary's Church, Brecon. The Brecon Singers was founded as the Brecon Cathedral Singers in 1966 by the Cathedral's then Director of Music, David Gedge, providing an opportunity for the people of Brecon and surrounding area to sing and perform major choral works.

Builth Wells Ladies Choir <https://www.facebook.com/BuilthLadiesChoir/>

Various Autumn events, details of which are available on facebook

The Choir was formed in 1974, with its band of 50 choristers drawn from a wide area. It has, on two recent occasions, taken part in the Festival of Brass and Voices at the Royal Albert Hall, London. Locally the choir often joins with Builth Wells Male Voice Choir to raise funds for various charities.

Builth Male Voice Choir <https://builthmalechoir.org.uk/events/>

Various events throughout the Autumn, details of which are available on the website

Although Builth has a choral tradition going back over a hundred years, the present choir began in 1968. In 1982 the choir took part in the Festival of 1000 voices at the Albert Hall; an experience that has been repeated several times over the years. Recent highlights include trips to Cornwall in 2015 and 2017 to participate in the prestigious International Male Voice Choir Festival.



Crickhowell Choral Society <http://crickhowellchoralsociety.org>

Psalmfest, 23 November 2019, 7.30pm, St. Edmund's, Crickhowell

In 1981, Crickhowell GP David Hiley formed a choir largely made up of his patients. This has now become a mixed choir of 70 voices, conducted by Stephen Marshall. The choir has a wide repertoire, from established choral masterpieces to contemporary and lesser known works, particularly from the Baroque period. 25 years' ago, a Music Festival was introduced which takes place during the first Bank Holiday weekend in May and involves nationally acclaimed soloists.



Talgarth Male Choir <http://www.talgarthmalechoir.com>

Choir concert, 14 September 2019, 7.00pm, St Paulinus Church, Llangors

Joint concert with Tenby Male Choir and Hay Primary School, 11 October 2019, 6.30 pm, St Mary's, Hay on Wye

Côr Meibion Talgarth Male Choir was formed in 1969, and is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The choir has sung on numerous occasions at the Royal Albert Hall, the Principality Stadium and the Festival of Remembrance at St. David's Hall, Cardiff. They have had the honour of singing at the Menin Gate, and as part of this year's celebrations, sang at the Houses of Parliament.



The Unicorn Singers <http://www.unicornsingers.co.uk>

Advent Concert, 8 December 2019, 8.00pm, Our Lady and St Michael's Church, Abergavenny

Founded over 30 years ago, The Unicorn Singers is a choir of about thirty which mainly explores repertoires from the Medieval, Renaissance and Early Baroque periods. They perform at a wide variety of venues within and without Brecknock.

The Village Quire <http://www.villagequire.org.uk>

Orchestras and other music organisations

Brecknock Sinfonia <https://brecknocksinfonia.co.uk/index.html>

Orchestral Concert, 21 September 2019, 7.30pm, Brecon Cathedral

Musician and conductor Mark Foster founded the Sinfonia in the summer of 1999. Wishing to put on concerts in local venues he invited musical friends to play and from these small beginnings, the Orchestra emerged. It gradually widened the scope of its repertoire, to considerable critical acclaim. The orchestra comes together for four concerts a year.

Brecon Town Concert Band <http://www.brecontownband.com>

Various Autumn events, details of which are available on the website

Friends of Cwmdu Music <https://www.cwmdu-music.org.uk>

The Gwent Chamber Orchestra - with **Sarah Newbold** (flute) & **Eluned Pierce** (harp),
28 September 2019, 7.30pm, St Michael & All
Angels Church, Cwmdu

Friends of Cwmdu Music, formed as a charity in 2014, exists to provide a high standard of live music; give opportunities for performance to exceptional students and young professional musicians; raise money for the maintenance of the fabric of St. Michael & All Angels Church, Cwmdu. Each year, four or five concerts are held, with associated art/craft exhibitions.



Hay Music Trust <https://www.haymusic.org>

String Trio Plus, 7 September 2019, 7.30pm

An Evening of Opera with Singers of the National Opera Studio, 17 October 2019, 7.30pm,
both at St Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye

Since its beginnings in 2011, the inspiration of retired hospital consultant John Stark, Hay Music has followed the principle of staging quality chamber music at affordable ticket prices. With approximately 10 concerts per year, plus four weekend Chamber Music Festivals, in July of this year Hay Music celebrated its one hundredth concert.

South Powys Youth Music & South Powys Youth Orchestra

Various Autumn events, details of which are available on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/South-Powys-Youth-Music-Cerddoriaeth-leuenctid-De-Powys-154113897506/>

South Powys Youth Music (SPYM) sets out to identify, inspire and educate young musicians from all over South Powys. Its weekly programme is run by a team of professional musicians and teachers who coach the players and singers from pre-school years through to aged 18. SPYM currently runs seven groups, together with the **South Powys Youth Orchestra** (SPYO).



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Editorial

This special edition of Hanes features the Brecknock History Festival, above, with the focus on the commemoration of the life of Adelina Patti. There are many other events across Breconshire during the Festival to celebrate the history of this wonderful region so go along and enjoy one of these special events. Hanes is published every 3 months. The next edition is to be published November 1st 2019. Please

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Young Archaeologists' Club

The Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club is part of a network of Young Archaeologists' Clubs across Wales, and the UK, administered by the Council for British Archaeology. YAC is the only UK-wide club for young people up to the age of 17 interested in archaeology. YAC's vision is for all young people to have opportunities to be inspired and excited by archaeology, and to empower them to help shape its future. The Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club was established by a group of local volunteers in order to fill a gap in the provision of YAC branches in the Brecon Beacons and the Usk Valley. Brecon Beacons YAC is supported by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. You can find out more about the Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club by visiting our blog <http://bbyac.wordpress.com/>

Brecon Cathedral

A new heritage and culture network is coming to Brecon

Attractions and organisations in the heritage, culture and arts sectors in Brecon are being encouraged to shout out about what they offer residents and visitors to the town.

A new digital network will provide an opportunity for the town to highlight its fascinating and rich history and to promote how local people are involved with exciting music, theatre performance, dance, art and other cultural activities.

We are looking for individuals to help us find the unique stories featuring Brecon to show what makes it an attractive place to visit and stay for those looking for heritage, culture and the arts, attractions and activities. Help us to write up the stories to share on our soon to be developed digital portal. We are also looking for individuals who enjoy posting on social media and can help to share our stories - upskilling sessions available. Get in touch if you wish to learn more about the network: contact Andrew Davis at Andrew.arwain@breconcathedral.org.uk

The digital network project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

Builth Wells Heritage Society

Busy times at Builth Wells, our meetings have been extremely well attended and we have a full programme up until early 2021. Our collection of photographs and artefacts at our storage unit will need to be moved in the near future and we are currently in the process of sorting out a new home for them. Our ultimate aim is of course to house the collection in a location that is accessible to the public, where we can display some of our huge collection and items of interest and make available our research facilities and provide a focal point for visitors to the district and for students to research or learn about their town. We have spoken to representatives from Heritage Lottery Fund, PCC and PAVO but finding a suitable building and obtaining funding is a huge challenge. Time will tell where we go with this, but the committee is still actively considering the options.

Forthcoming events: All of our meetings are at *Wesley Church, Garth Road, Builth Wells* at 7.30pm. Non-members and visitors are most welcome and pay £3 including tea/coffee. No need to book.

13th September - *New Angles on Old Sites* - Julian Ravest is giving a fascinating talk on a new take on some of our historic sites.

28th September – *Annual Trip to St Fagans* – please note the coach is fully booked but we do have a waiting list in case of late drop-outs. Contact Sue at Builth Wells Library to get on the waiting list.

11th Oct - *The Gurkhas* - Major Khusiman Gurang will give an insight into perhaps the most famous regiment in the army, that has had connections with Brecon for more than 45 years. Around 80 Nepalese families have settled in the area during this time. This is one not to be missed.

1st Nov * - *Builth Wells High School* - Dr Colin Hughes taught at the school for many years and produced a book on its history. Dr Hughes is no stranger to our meetings and all of his talks have been well attended due to his charisma and knowledge. Come even if you never attended Builth Wells High School; you won't be disappointed. ** please note - the change of date has been made to avoid clashing with our friends at the Royal British Legion's annual remembrance concert.*

December – no meeting, annual Dinner on 12th January (tbc)

Crickhowell & District History Society

No meeting in August

18 September

Diane Thomas: Kilpeck Church

23 October

Phil Karrison: Slides of Crickhowell in World War 1 and Great War campaigns featuring local soldiers

20 November

Dr Celyn Gurden-Williams: Lady Llanover and her circle

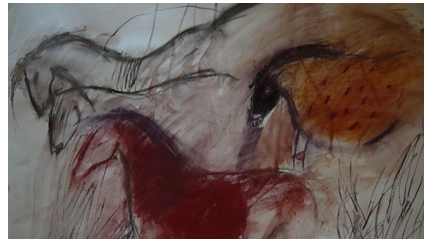
Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall, Church Lane. Admission charge for non members £4-00.

George Family Name Soc.

The George Family Name Society, which last year celebrated its 25th Anniversary, will be holding its annual "George Day" on 5th October 2019, at The Castle Hotel in Brecon, with registration from 9.30am. This year, Author and former Political Editor for both BBC Wales and ITN, Glyn Mathias, will speak about "The Real Welsh Cowboy." For more details see <http://georgefamilyname.org/> [facebook.com/TGFNS](https://www.facebook.com/TGFNS)

Llanthony Valley and District History Group

**Llwyn Celyn Open Days 13th - 16th
September Landscape and Story
inspired by Raymond Williams' novel
People of the Black Mountains**



Artist Diana Heeks will be exhibiting a selection of her works Landscape and Story inspired by Raymond Williams' novel People of the Black Mountains. This work is the culmination of four week-long visits to the Black Mountains during 2015, funded by an Arts Council of Wales Research and Development grant and supported by Peak.

Her work builds on several themes which arose during the period of research: the perception of "archetypes" of the Black Mountains landscape, meaning its inherently characteristic shapes, colours and textures; reflections on the stories themselves, the characters' human predicaments and crises and their resonance with the problems of today; the lyricism of the writing; and the expression, as witnessed by the wealth of archaeological remains, of a sweeping 23,000-year history of

human existence and struggle in this part of the Welsh borderland. "I have witnessed Diana's work developing ... and I am continually struck by the vitality of colour and form in her paintings. The work she has produced while resident in the Black Mountains (and further developed in her studio in West Wales) stands alone as an artist's abstract response to landscape. An understanding of Raymond Williams' PoBM novels is certainly of interest but not essential in appreciating this new work." – Rebecca Spooner, Peak, November 2015

This event will take place throughout the day on the **13th - 16th September** and is free. Diana will be holding a Private View of her work on Thursday 12th September. If you would like to attend, then please email us on: llwyncelyn@landmarktrust.org.uk

From the 'People's Farm' to the National Park (and beyond): Land and Landscape in the British Political Imagination, a public lecture by Dr. Martin Wright, Senior Lecturer in History, Cardiff University. 7pm, Friday 13th September Using the inspiration of Raymond Williams' unfinished novel *People of the Black Mountains* as a starting point, Martin Wright will explore what land and landscape have meant in the British political imagination over the last two centuries. What is the nature of the relationship between land, landscape,

political idealism, popular movements and practical politics?

How do these influences relate to our complex and conflicted ideas of nationhood? How might an understanding of the relationship between land, landscape and imagination help us to shape a more positive future? A suggested donation of £2.50 per person to cover the cost of refreshments and can be made on the evening.

To reserve your place please email us on: llwyncelyn@landmarktrust.org.uk

Llyn Syfaddon History Group

Sat. 14th September 7.30pm to 9pm.
St. Paulinus Church, Llangors –
Talgarth Male Voice Choir –Free entry
all donations going to the Church. See above.

Saturday 21st September
St Paulinus Church, Llangors - Day of
Organ Music - See above

Llanwrtyd Heritage and Arts Centre

The Heritage Centre Galleries host monthly Exhibitions of Art work. The Centre is open every Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Run entirely by Volunteers. Entry is free.

Wednesday 2 October:

"The Time and Tide Museum" in Gt. Yarmouth and the "St. Fagan's National Museum of History: How to bring the past to life. With Martin Piggott.

Wednesday 6 November:

"Lady Hamilton and Nelson". With Anna Knowles.

Wednesday 4 November:

"RAF Bomber Command, the Lancaster and Barnes Wallis". With Rob Thomas.

Galleries:

August:

Lon Owens - Paintings and Textiles
Jane Evans - Felted Art

September:

Jonathan Burton - Pottery
Irene Funnell - Glass

October:

Diane Matthias - Landscape Painting
Delia Hard - Painting

Powys Archives

Recent accessions relating to Breconshire:

11 log books from Builth CP School, Breconshire 1871-2008 (Acc 2573)
Records of 'Plan B for Hay' Committee, set up to oppose a supermarket/retail development, Breconshire 2011-2014 (Acc 2574)
Planning applications for Llanfrynach area, 2012-2019 (Acc 2579)

Photograph of Crai Parish Hall Committee, 1936 (photocopy but includes names); Presbyterian Church of Wales - programme for the Autumn session of the Association in the East, October 1949 (Acc 2580)