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Editorial



Happy New Year to all our readers. We have another interesting issue with plenty of events to keep you busy in the next three months.

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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/>


Brecknock Society and Museum Friends

Tuesday February 18th 2020 5.00pm
The Life and Work of Roland Mathias. Talk given by Professor Jane Aaron. Poems read by Paul Henry. The Muse, Glamorgan St, Brecon



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ENTRY FREE

Tuesday February 18th 2020 at 5pm
The Muse, Glamorgan Street, Brecon
LD3 7DW

www.brecknocksociety.co.uk

Friday March 20th 2020 . 7pm.
The 23rd Sir John Lloyd Memorial Lecture. 'A Pretty Castle and a Fair Place': The Conservation and Interpretation of Tretower Court and Castle. Dr David Robinson. Theatr Brycheiniog Tickets are free but need to be booked via the Theatre.



Nestling amid hills which frame the glorious Usk valley, the group of medieval buildings found at Tretower is one of the most remarkable in all Wales. The late medieval Tretower Court was saved for the nation by the Brecknock Society in 1930 and the twelfth-century castle was taken into the care of the State in 1947. Dr Robinson's interest in Tretower has developed over several decades and his lecture will look at the subsequent conservation work at both buildings, and at the various interpretations placed on them by different generations of historians.

Sunday 26th April - Henry Vaughan Memorial Service: Anniversary of the death of Henry Vaughan. Memorial Evensong at Llansantffraed Church . and wreath laying at his grave at 3pm. Refreshments afterwards

y Gaer (various) Please look out for various events at the Museum during February March and April 2020.=

Breconshire Local and Family History Society

All meetings are held from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on the first Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise stated. Meetings are usually held at the Library at "y Gaer", Glamorgan Street, Brecon. Non-members welcome.

3rd March 2020 - Rowena Akinyemi: Giraldu Cambrensis. Gerald of Wales [c. 1146 – c. 1223] had an important link with Brecon, having been its Archdeacon for two years.

7th April 2020 - Brecon Ironworks, Forge Villa. An illustrated Talk about this aspect of industry in Brecon. The Brecon Ironworks was one of the earliest in South Wales.

5th May 2020 - Visit to Forge Villa, The Struet, Brecon. Following our talk in April, we will visit the site of the Brecon Ironworks, at the invitation of the owner of the site. Booking in advance required through the email given above.

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Builth Wells Heritage Society

Following a most successful annual dinner in January, we are about to begin our 2020 series of meetings, and are very excited about the varied and interesting programme that kicks off with Roger Reece in February. Roger is an excellent speaker and is very well known in local history circles in Breconshire, especially within the area surrounding Llangorse Lake, (Blaenllynfi). The society has been busy recently re-

locating its large collection of artefacts, documents and photographs to its new home in the High Street. We are most grateful to our friends and former landlords at Wyeside Arts Centre for their help and assistance during our tenancy at one of their units. Everything was moved without mishap and our archivist now has the unenviable task of organising our new storage unit. Our aim in the foreseeable future is to allow access for research to our large collection once cataloguing is complete. We have had several new additions to our collection including a video film of the Builth Carnival in the year 1954. We are currently working on digitalising this. We also have a copy of Owen Ashton's now rare booklet "A Short History of Builth Wells" and an early guide to hotels, restaurants and guest houses in the town in the early part of the last century produced by the Builth Wells Chamber of Trade.

Forthcoming events: all at Wesley Church, Garth Road, Builth Wells at 7.30pm (Visitors most welcome- £3)

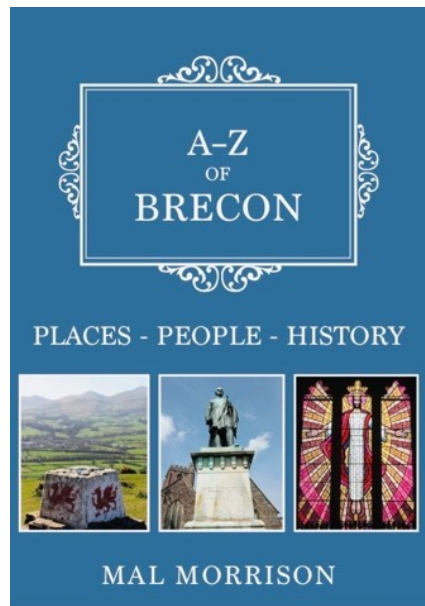
Friday 14th February, 2020 - Tallylyn, the Forgotten Railway Village – Roger Reece

Friday 13th March 2020 - Travelling in Patagonia – Viv Williams speaks about her recent visit to the region of Argentina where many Welsh families settled. The Welsh connections are still extremely strong.

Friday 4th April 2020 Up Top – Mid Wales Hospital – Hugh Purcell speaks about his detailed research and book about the Victorian asylum in Talgarth.

Friday 15th May 2020 - The Brecon to Monmouth Canal – Phil Hughes returns to give the second part of the story.

Friday 12th June 2020 - Brecon Cathedral – Dr Mike Williams is the current editor of Brycheiniog, the journal of the Brecknock Society, and also the Chapter Clerk and Treasurer of our beloved Cathedral.



Mal Morrison's latest book 'The A-Z of Brecon' is due for publication in mid February. It contains a variety of interesting items including the

haunted houses of Brecon, the great Brecon lady after whom Adelaide Gardens was named, our greatest ever poet(?), the origins of some interesting street names, the railways and canal, and anecdotes and interesting facts about our town and its inhabitants, plus an occasional trip outside the town walls, including the coming to our fair county of the greatest show on earth! Published by Amberley and available from all good bookshops.

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Crickhowell & District History Society

19 February 2020 Annual General Meeting - Speaker to be confirmed

18 March 2020 - Lahore to Llangattock - Ghee Bowman. Muslim soldiers in Crickhowell in the Second World War

22 April 2020 - Severn Estuary Crossings - Dr Naylor Firth

20 May 2020 Theophilus Jones, Thomas Price and a hidden sketchbook - William Gibbs

Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings. The meetings in February and March will be in the bowls pavilion, adjacent to the cricket ground. The meetings in April and

May will be in the Parish Hall, Church Lane. Admission charge for non members £4-00.

Hay Castle Trust

Tour Guide Opportunities

Hay Castle will be open later in 2020 and they are on the lookout for volunteers who would like to become history tour guides. Visitors to Hay Castle will be able to take one of two daily guided tours of the site.

The 50-minute tours are aimed at history fans and anyone who loves a good story. If you enjoy meeting new people, you can help share Hay Castle with visitors from across the world.

Working with Hay Tours, new tour guides will receive special training, thanks to funding from the Powys Leader Project, which includes using digital, Welsh, storytelling, sign language and learn interesting behind-the-scenes stories of castle life and the people who have lived here.

To find out more about becoming a tour guide at Hay Castle email info@haycastletrust.org

Llanwrtyd Heritage and Arts Centre

The Heritage Centre will open for the season in April. Our monthly Talks will resume on the 1st Wednesday of the month and the planned Talks are as follows:

February 5th 2020: Lord Nelson -
with Anna Knowles

March 4th 2020: The Twinning Exchange to the Czech Republic, 2019
with Georgie Perrett

April 1st 2020: The RAF Lancaster bomber crash at Llanwrtyd, 1944
with Tony Egan

May 6th 2020: The Mid-Wales Red Squirrel Project with Sarah Burdon.

Powys Family History Society

Radnorshire Group Meetings -
Held at Llanddewi Ystradenny Village Hall at 7-30pm

Thursday 20th February - The Ormathwaite Estate. Shirley Morgan.
John Price (1723-1798), banker of Penybont Hall, built up the sizeable Ormathwaite estate, including the manor of Golon, Abbey Cwm-Hir, purchased in 1790.

Thursday 19th March - The Great Pilgrimage 90.
Phil & Heather Bufton - In 1928, ten

years after the end of the Great War, the British Legion arranged for war veterans and the widows of fallen soldiers to visit the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres. 90 years later this was re-enacted by the current members of British Legion those who took part marched to the entrance of the town of Ypres in Belgium and onto the magnificent Menin gate as 90 years before. Film show of the 2018 GP90, which commemorated the 90 years since the 1928 event.

Thursday 16th April | 16th July |

Transcribing Meeting, various projects recording any archives relating to Radnorshire, welcome any offers of archives in private hands to record.

Breconshire Group Meetings

Held at Kensington Chapel, Brecon at 7-30pm

Monday 24th February - The Craft of a Wheelwright – Michael Davies

Illustrated talk on the structure of the wheel and how it is put together. Models of partially built wheels will be displayed as part of the talk in order to demonstrate the structure of a wheel.

Monday 30th March - Architectural Detail in Brecon Town –

A photographic tour with quiz. The talk will take a close up look at interesting architectural details that give character to a range of buildings in Brecon and also quiz the audience on their location. Dr Mervyn Bramley.

Monday 27th April

The Rev W.E.T. Morgan, friend of the
Diarist Rev Francis Kilvert of Clyro –
John Price

The Radnorshire Society

Saturday 16th May 2020.

10.00am to 4.30pm

Mayhem, Murder and Marriage: The Mortimers and the Welsh Princes

Joint Radnorshire Society and
Mortimer History Society
Full Day Conference At The Knighton
& District Community Centre

A panel of expert speakers will
explore the turbulent relationship
from the 11th century to the 15th
century between the Mortimer lords
of Wigmore and the Welsh Princes.

Tickets: Members of the Radnorshire
and Mortimer History Societies
£15.00; non-members £20.00.
Optional lunch £10.00. Tickets can be
booked online via:

<https://radnorshiresociety.org/>

or <http://mortimerhistorysociety.org.uk/>

Or phone 01597 851685 or 01584
831654 to book a place and arrange to
pay by cheque.

Ystradgynlais History Society

Commemorating the unveiling of the interpretation panel on the military aircraft crashes on the Black Mountain

The Ystradgynlais District Heritage &
Language Society is pleased to report
that an interpretation panel outlining
the history of the six military aircraft
crashes which occurred on the Black
Mountain above Craig y Nos, Glyntawe
between 1939 and 1953 was unveiled
at the Dan yr Ogor Caves complex at a
special ceremony on 28th October
2019.

Evidence of the wreckage of
Wellington bombers, a Lancaster and
an American Liberator bear witness to
the cost in young lives when things
went horribly wrong on the mountain
above Craig y Nos during that period.
Twenty-four airmen from the U.K.,
Canada and America lost their lives in
the accidents in this part of the
Brecon Beacons National Park. Some
of the losses were due to mist and ice-
covered wings, lost radio contact,
poor visibility, miscalculations in
navigation or engine failure. To mark
the aircrew's sacrifice, in the presence
of members of the Heritage Society,
military personnel and bandsmen
from RAF St Athan along with
members of the 1358 (Pontardawe)
ATC Squadron the bilingual panel was
unveiled by Squadron Leader Hefyn
Jones, Chief of Staff MOD St Athan

and County Councilor David Thomas Powys County Council.

The Panel was dedicated by Squadron Leader Stephen Lamond, the RAF Padre and Cadet Emily Pickering read bilingually a stanza of Binyon's '*For the Fallen*' before the '*Last Post*' was played by a member of the RAF Band.

An identical panel has also been located opposite the Dreflan housing estate in Cwmgiedd. Both panels have been located as close as possible to the sites of the two memorial first aid kiosks erected in 1940 by Ystradgynlais Rural District Council at the request of Hamble Air Services, Southampton from a £100 grant by the Company in 1939 to thank the villagers for their assistance in rescuing the personnel of the first recorded crash that of the Anson L9149 in January 1939. This resulted in the loss of two airmen. The kiosks, resembling a telephone kiosk's dimensions, were demolished in the 1970s.

The Society acknowledges the financial assistance obtained from the *Tesco Bags of Help* programme, Ystradgynlais Town Council, Powys C.C. and the management of Dan yr Ogof Caves in this project together with the sum raised by the Society's members. Thanks also to Jenny Hall, Paul Sambrook of *Trysor* and Phil Wait for their contributions to the text on the panel and its design.



Left to right C.C. David Thomas Powys C.C.; Arwel Michael, Society Chairman; Sqd. Ldr. Stephen Lamond, Padre; John Owens, Society Treasurer; Malcolm Best, Society Secretary; Sqd. Ldr. Hefyn Jones, Chief of Staff, MOD St. Athan; Cadet Fl.Serg. Carwyn Jones and Cadet Cpl. Ceri Young.

