

CRICKHOWELL & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

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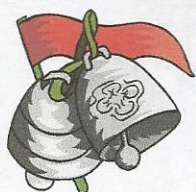
Chairman's Introduction

As we move towards the end of the year we look back on an eventful period for the Society with a change of venue for our talks, an electricity failure causing the postponement of one talk and two of our speakers having to cancel their presentations at very short notice. But we survived these changes and our activities culminated in the very successful History Weekend at the end of September which we arranged jointly with the Archive Centre.

Looking forward, we think we have another interesting programme of speakers for 2013. We will also be participating in an initiative led by the Brecknock History Society for a Brecknock History Weekend likely to be held in September next year. We will organise a guided walk and are intending to arrange a visit to Pontypridd Museum where Brian Davies, one of our regular speakers, is the curator

We have managed to attract some new members but we would like more. If you know anyone interested in local history please encourage them to come along to one of our meetings. In the meantime, thank you for your support in 2012 and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



History Weekend 28-30 September

The Weekend was the first time the Archive Centre and our Society have collaborated on a project and it proved to be an outstanding success. The events were well attended and we received positive feedback from many participants. The two organisations, with the advice of Chris Lewis, were able to donate £100 to the Volunteer Bureau's efforts to provide defibrillators in the local area.

Society's Talks for 2013

February 20 – AGM
The Dragon Inn, High Street

March 20 Linda Hall
-The History of Toilets.

April 17 Brian Davies
- John Nixon and the Welsh Coal Trade to France.

May 22 David Woodliffe
-Triumph and Tragedy.

June 19 David Harrison
- Capel-y-ffin and Father Ignatius.

September 18 Don Balkwill
-Gadgets and Gizmos plus quiz.

October 23 Malcolm Johnson
- Manufacture of Nails in Newport.

November 20 Robin Williams
-The History of Firearms.

Bequest From Louis Hurley's Estate

Your Committee was delighted and honoured to receive a bequest of £1,000 from the late Louis Hurley's Estate. Louis had been a founder member of our Society and had been a strong supporter of the Society for many years. As you know the Committee sponsored a history prize at Crickhowell Primary School last year and we intend to repeat this year with a local school and we felt that the history prize should be called 'The Louis Hurley History Prize'. We believe this would be a fitting tribute to Louis' memory and an action of which he would approve.



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Visit to the Regimental Museum, Brecon Sunday 21 October

The curator, Bill Cainan, welcomed 19 visitors, including 12 Society members, to an informative and entertaining tour of the museum which focussed on the memorabilia of the Zulu Wars but also reminded us of the contribution which Welsh regiments have made to the many conflicts in which our armies have been involved over the years.



Brecknock History Forum

The Forum, whose members consist of local history societies, has proposed that its members across the county should hold a History Weekend in 2013, probably in September. The intention is that each organisation in the Forum should hold one or more events over the weekend, for example, a lecture or a walk, in its area and that the Forum will publicise all the events probably by means of a leaflet. Discussions are continuing and we will keep you informed of developments. In the longer term, 2014 marks the centenary of the beginning of the First World War and the Forum is considering this as a theme for a History Weekend in 2014.

Vacancy for Secretary

Janice Marshall will sadly be relinquishing the post of Secretary at our Annual General Meeting on 22 February. We are very sorry to lose Janice who has carried out her role with efficiency and good humour. If you are interested in taking on this role Janice (tel 810305) would be happy to tell you more about it.

And finally.....2013 Calendar

Copies of our calendar with interesting views of old Crickhowell and district, priced at £5, are available from the Committee, the Courtroom Café and Askew's Bakery.