



As we approach the end of 2013 we can look back on another successful year. We have widened our activities by continuing our series of visits to local museums and these have been well received by members. Although our overall membership has reduced slightly our monthly talks continue to attract about 20 members which is a satisfactory turnout for a small organisation. Our financial position remains sound.

We are now well established in the more comfortable environment of the Dragon and we are grateful for the new owners the Rowe family for allowing these arrangements to continue.

It has been pleasing this year to see the increasing role of the Brecon History Forum in encouraging local history societies and similar organisations to come together to promote local history. Their work culminated in the county wide programme of events in September of which our Society's contribution was a guided walk around Crickhowell.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to our President Robin Williams for his continued guidance, to your Committee for their work in the day to day running of the Society and especially to the membership for your enthusiastic support. If you have any comments on any aspect of the Society's business or any suggestions for things we might do differently please let us know.

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year.

Clive Ralph

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General meeting takes place in the Dragon Inn at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th. February 2014.

Louis Hurley History Prize

One of our most satisfying roles is the sponsorship of a history prize for Crickhowell and Llangattock Primary Schools. Following generous sponsorship from the estate of the late Louis Hurley we now award a shield for the participating school to display in addition to small monetary gifts to the prizewinners and the school.

Earlier in the year, the award was open to senior pupils from Llangattock Church in Wales Primary School. The pupils did the work in their own time and produced projects that were of a very high standard and which showed some excellent research and presentation skills.

1st. Prize went to Jim Smith, 2nd. to Phoebe Gregory and 3rd. to Stella McCloy

Highly Commended were Morgan Butterfield, Anna Eynon, Katrina King, Sebastian Thomas, Eloise Vincent, Elin Wright and Josh Wright.



The Louis Hurley Memorial Shield



**World War 1 Commemoration -
Can You Help?**

You will know that 1914 is the hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War. Communities throughout the country will be recognising this in a variety of ways. We have met with The Archive Centre and U3A to co-ordinate work on the commemoration and, in particular, to avoid duplication between the groups. We hope that schools, churches, chapels and other interested groups will become involved

Work is at an early stage but our present intention is to trace the lives of men recorded on the memorial stones in Crickhowell and surrounding villages. The intention is to mount an exhibition in the Clarence Hall in September 2014 showing the results of our work and this might be followed by a booklet on the impact of the war on the town and surrounding parishes including short biographies of the men who fell in the war.

We would like as many members as possible to be involved in this project. If you are interested in researching the history of individual soldiers or contributing in any way please let us know. We can give advice on how to do this. We have a list of those soldiers for whom work still needs to be done.

If you have any photos of the town in the First World War, of relatives who served, or memorabilia or press cuttings relevant to that period it would be helpful if we could see it. If you have stories about the town or events at the front which may have been passed down within families we should like to hear about them.

The Dragon Inn

The new owners of the Dragon, the Rowe family, have asked us if we can provide some background on the history of the Inn. We are checking our usual sources, including the records in the Archive Centre, but if you have information or anecdotes about the Inn please let us know.

Brecon History Forum

The Society's contribution to the two weeks of county wide events co-ordinated by the Brecon History Forum in mid September was to lead a walk around the town on 12 September. At the last moment we were unable to access Porthmawr Tower and St Edmund's Church. But the 8 participants enjoyed excellent presentations on the history of their homes from Mr and Mrs Moseley at the Old Police Station and from Mr and Mrs Raikes at Latham House. We were indebted to them for allowing us into their homes. The walk finished at the Clarence Hall where Ann Chamberlain gave us some background about the Hall and where we viewed the excellent exhibition organised by the Archive Society.

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