



Crickhowell and District History Society

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Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter 2015. We were greatly saddened when Robert (Bob) Candy passed away a few days after attending our AGM. A gentle, kind and enthusiastic member, he will be sadly missed. Marj Beresford has moved away to join her family in North Wales. A long-term and tireless committee member, we will miss her enthusiasm and energy and I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in the new phase of her life.

We are very pleased with our new venue at the Parish Hall and we hope that you are, too. We also have a new website. The address is

<http://crickhowellhistorysociety.btck.co.uk>

Our numbers seem to be quite low this year, but we have been pleased to welcome some new faces alongside our dedicated regulars. Thanks to everyone who has attended. Please tell your friends about us. I must thank the members of the committee once again for their sterling work. It is much appreciated. Have a lovely summer and we hope to see you again when our Autumn series of talks resume on Wednesday September 16th.

Mal Powell

Our talks so far this year.

We started the year with one of our very popular regular speakers, Brian Davies, who presented a series of slides showcasing the pioneering work of Sergey Prokudin-Gorsky "*The First Russian Colour Photographer*"

He was followed in April by local historian Adrian Cook who gave us a fascinating "*History of Danycastell House*" situated in Castle Road.

In May, it was the turn of our learned President Robin Williams who gave us "*A Pictorial History of Ebbw Vale*".

Our talks were rounded off in May when Keith Bush informed us about "*The Life of the Rev Thomas Price (Carnhuanawc) of Cwmdy.*"



Carnhuanawc

In June, we held another slideshow presentation largely taken from the extensive collection of Chris Lewis entitled "*Images of Old Crickhowell*" which brought back many memories for those present and led to a fascinating exchange of recollections and local stories. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make our meetings such an enjoyable success.

Our Autumn Talks

We will be pleased to welcome a new speaker and the return of some old friends this autumn. Our season starts on September 16th when Bryan Davies will talk on “*The French Expedition of Henry V in 1415 (Agincourt) and the Welsh Involvement*” -

A month later on October 21st Malcolm Meadows presents a talk on “*Poets of the Great War*” .

We round off in style on November 18th when Chris Barber will regale us with his presentation on “*Abergavenny, Historic Market Town.*” We take our winter break in December and January.

Autumn Walk

Our President, Robin Williams, will be once again leading one of his popular and informative walks on Sunday, September 13th. starting at 2.00pm. This year it will encompass the old railway line and nearby tram-roads of the Clydach Gorge. We meet at Llanelli Quarry. See our website for further details.

Louis Hurley Memorial Prize

Unfortunately, due to the pressures of an inspection year, Llangattock Church in Wales School were unable to take part in our schools competition. Next year it will be the turn of Crickhowell CP School.

Magazines Available

Phil Harrison has given the Society over 50 copies of a magazine called 'Images of War' which covers all aspects of the campaigns in World War Two. We also have some copies of “*History Today*” and some back issues of “*Local History News*”. Members are welcome to borrow copies of these and we will bring some issues along to our next meeting in September so you can see what is available.



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