

**Newsletter No. 20 ~  
Winter 2019**

**‘Lest We Forget’:  
Clarence Hall Exhibition  
9-11 November**

Several hundred visitors attended this exhibition organised by Crickhowell & District Archive to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1918 Armistice. For our contribution to the Exhibition, your Society provided a montage of Crickhowell and district during wartime. For its centrepiece we were privileged to have on loan from the Went family a summary of the war record of Charlie Went, including the medal presented to him on his return from the war by the town. Autumn Series of Talks



We covered a wide span of history from the Romans to the present day. In September Jeremy Bosanquet told us about the Romans in the Usk Valley with special emphasis on their fort at Abergavenny. Bringing us to the end of the twentieth century, in October, Mel Warrender, chairman of the Ebbw Vale Steelworks Trust explained why that site had been chosen for steelmaking. Finally, in November, we had a return visit from Malcolm Meadows who gave his usual polished performance combining text, photos and music in his explanation of the role of women in World War 1.



The Society would like to wish  
all members and friends  
a Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year



# Programme of Speakers for 2020

## Spring

**19 February** Annual General Meeting followed by:-  
Margaret Williams: '*The History of the Spike*'

(The Workhouse in Llangattock)

### **18 March**

Dr Ghee Bowman: '*From Lucknow to Llangattock*'

Dr Bowman will talk about his research into the history of Indian soldiers in and around Crickhowell during WW2.

### **22 April**

Dr Naylor Firth: '*Severn Crossings*'

This talk will cover the history of the different means of traversing the Severn over the centuries.

### **20 May**

William Gibbs: '*Theophilus Jones, Thomas Price and a hidden sketchbook*'

Mr Gibbs reveals Thomas Price's role in illustrating Jones' book on 'The History of Breconshire'

### **17 June**

Mrs Jennifer Moody: '*Joseph Harris 1703-1764, Polymath, Astronomer and the King's Assayer at the Royal Mint*'

A fascinating insight into the wonderfully rich life of Joseph Harris.

## Autumn

### **16 September**

Eric Gower: '*The Right Notes at the Right Time-the Story of the Sweetland Organ*'

**This talk is in St Edmund's Church not the Parish Hall**

### **21 October**

Brian Davies: '*Islands in the Channel, Flat Holme, Steep Holme, Caldy and Lundy*'

### **18 November**

Elizabeth Sibery: '*Social circles in the late 18c and early 19c in Crickhowell*'

An examination of the links between some of the prominent individuals in Crickhowell including the Orientalist Sir William Ouseley, the Strettons at Dan-y-Parc and the vicar, Henry Vaughan.



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Meetings are on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall, Church Lane beginning at 7.30.

Annual membership of the Society is £7.  
Entry to talks is £3 for members and £4 for non-members.

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