



**Brecknock Society
and Museum Friends**
Chair's Newsletter: April 2023

It was good to see many of you at the AGM on 13 April. As I mentioned then, planning is well advanced for events over the next few months, including a programme of events associated with the David Jones exhibition, which will open on 8 July.

You have already received details of Martin Crampin's talk on the stained glass in Brecon cathedral on **16 May**. We are asking you to register with Elaine Starling, so that we have advance notice of numbers.

On **3 June**, there will be a visit to Caerwent, led by Sian Rees, a retired Cadw inspector and details of this will be circulated in due course.

David Jones exhibition programme of events

The main purpose of this Newsletter, however, is to flag the developing programme of events linked with the exhibition, so that you can get some dates in your diaries. In due course, we will be producing a leaflet for wider circulation and there will be updates on the Society website.

Please do spread the word in and beyond Breconshire. It will be a wonderful exhibition with works from major public and private collections and a real opportunity to get y Gaer on the UK cultural map. There will be an accompanying exhibition of works depicting the Llanthony Valley from the Gaer collection in the permanent art gallery. If you would like to whet your appetite for this, the book of artists of the Llanthony Valley is already on sale in the y Gaer shop. As William Gibbs announced at the end of the Sir John Lloyd lecture, we hope that various organisations will want to arrange tours of both exhibitions. Please contact Elaine Starling-elainestarling10@icloud.com.

We are working in close partnership with the Brecknock Art Trust and the David Jones Center in Washington DC and the Regimental Museum also plans to organise some related events or an exhibition. Details to follow again.

Back to events. This is the story so far:

9 July (in y Gaer)- an all day conference featuring talks by experts on David Jones and a chance to visit the exhibition with Peter Wakelin and William Gibbs. There will a small fee to attend and arrangements in due course to register;

16 July at 4pm- Readings from the poetry of David Jones accompanied by harp music from Wales at Llansantffraed church-details already circulated, but a reminder will be issued nearer the time;

August (dates to be confirmed)- print workshops led by Ruth Lloyd, Ruth Gibbs, Jamie Tobin, Kath Littler and Bettina Reeves;

7 October- all day study day at y Gaer- details to follow in due course;

31 October David Jones exhibition closes but the accompanying Llanthony exhibition in the permanent gallery will remain open until mid November.

We look forward to seeing Society members at the events and of course the exhibitions.

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