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Editorial

I am looking forward to a busy year enjoying all the historical delights promoted by our Societies. Many events are happening at both local and national level so have a look and get out to support as many as you can. Hanes is published every 3 months. The next edition is to be published May 1st 2017. Please email any articles or information about events etc. with the heading "HANES" to alan.j.nicholls@btinternet.com by April 30th. 2017.

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Theatr Brycheiniog

Friday 24 March 7.00pm

20TH SIR JOHN LLOYD

MEMORIAL LECTURE

'A Poet's View of Henry Vaughan'

Rowan Williams



Dr Rowan Williams is well known for his affection and respect for the work of the seventeenth century Breconshire poet Henry Vaughan, the Swan of Usk.

In his lecture, he will explore some of the overlaps and contrasts with other seventeenth century writers, especially George Herbert, and reflect on Vaughan's use of imagery and metaphor.

Tickets are free but seats should be booked via
Theatr Brycheiniog.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the
educational work of the Society

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Image left: Clive Hicks Jenkins Image right: Brian from Toronto, Canada

NEWS AND EVENTS

Brecon Beacons National Park Young Archaeologists' Club

The Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club is part of a network of Young Archaeologists' Clubs across Wales, and the UK, administered by the Council for British Archaeology. YAC is the only UK-wide club for young people up to the age of 17 interested in archaeology. YAC's vision is for all young people to have opportunities to be inspired and excited by archaeology, and to empower them to help shape its future. The Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club was established by a group of local volunteers in order to fill a gap in the provision of YAC branches in the Brecon Beacons and the Usk Valley. Brecon Beacons YAC is supported by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. You can find out more about the Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club by visiting our blog <http://bbyac.wordpress.com/>

Brecknock Society & Museum Friends

Tuesday February 14th 2017

Landscape of three Marcher poets:
The border country of George
Herbert, Thomas Traherne and Henry
Vaughan.

Mervyn Bramley. The Muse,
Glamorgan Street, 5.00 pm.

Friday March 24th 2017

The Sir John Lloyd Memorial Lecture
"A poet's view of Henry Vaughan "
The Revd Dr Rowan Williams
Theatre Brycheiniog 7.00 p.m.

Monday April 3rd 2017

Annual General Meeting
The Muse, Glamorgan Street 2.30 pm

6th May 2017

The Brecknock Society is organising a conference in conjunction with The Centre for Advanced Celtic Studies (CAWCS). The theme of the conference is "Windows on the world-travellers to and from Brecknockshire. The conference will be held at Penpoint. Further details will be available shortly.

Events at Llansantffraed Church in linked to Henry Vaughan

Sunday 5 March, 4.30pm -
[Celebration service](#) with Unicorn Singers

Saturday 11 March, 7.00pm -
Potpourri of Music and Words [concert](#)

Sunday 23 April, 3.00pm - Annual Henry Vaughan Memorial Event (ticketed)

For full details, see the new page on 'Llansantffraed' on our website www.brecknocksociety.co.uk

Breconshire Local & Family History Society

Our monthly meetings are held upstairs in Brecon Library on the first Tuesday in the month. Non-members are welcome to attend, with a £1 attendance fee. The Society also provides family history research guidance on the third Saturday of each month (including December) between 11.00am and midday at Brecon Library. All are welcome to attend. Advice can be given on sources of family history research in England as well as in Wales. Our Calendar of Meetings for the next three months is as follows:

7 Feb 2017 1901 À la Carte. Helen Ball will show us how to view Family History and Local History in Wales through the magnifying glass of Census Year 1901.

7 Mar 2017 Talylyln Railway Village Roger Reese will give a talk on this interesting aspect of Breconshire railway history. He is the Chairman of Llyn Syfaddan History Group,

4 Apr 2017 South Wales Sanatorium, Bronllys. John Powell has researched the important role this institution played in the local life of Bronllys and the health of the nation.

2 May 2017 Outing: A Walk around Historical Brecon. To be led by one of our members, Margaret Sommers.

6 June 2017 AGM followed by "Photographs of Brecon Past and Present". Following the business of the AGM, Rob Eckley will give an illustrated talk, using old photographs of Brecon and his own collection of modern photographs.

New Book on Brecon

Breconshire Local & Family History Society Chairman, Rob Eckley, has recently published a Book entitled "*Historic Houses and other Historic Buildings in Brecon*". The well-illustrated book provides a record of the old buildings and other places that have Historic Plaques on their walls. There is an accompanying map and index at the front of the book. Readers can take a gentle walk around the town and discover some of its history along the way. Breconshire Local & Family History Society would like to thank Brecon Town Council for their help in publishing this book. The book is

available for sale in a variety of outlets, or can be bought from the Author, Robert Eckley, for £9. Contact details for Robert Eckley are: Mr Robert Eckley, 42, Pendre Close, Brecon, LD3 9EW. Email: r.eckley@btinternet.com

Crickhowell & District History Society

Meetings at Parish Hall Church Lane, Crickhowell. 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

AGM - We are delighted that John Webb will regale us with "The History of Webbs" which will, we are sure, be a real treat. It will be our 20th anniversary next year and light refreshments will be provided by way of celebration.

22 March 2017 - Will Davies:
Crickhowell Castle, Its History and Buildings

19 April 2017 - Brian Davies:
South Wales a Millenium Ago

24 May 2017 - Robin Williams:
Industrial Archaeology in Action on the Glamorganshire Canal

We occasionally get requests for assistance via our website. With the help of Geoff Williams, we were able to help a professor from America with a query about a medieval tithe map of Tretower, which he had been

mistakenly informed was of Crickhowell.

Another American was concerned, as we have been, about the state of disrepair into which the Gwernvale chambered cairn at the foot of the Manor drive had fallen.



We undertook enquiries in 2013 but renewed our efforts and were informed that the site is owned by the Welsh Governments Trunk Road Agency and that Cadw were working with them to "*put together a programme of consolidation and re-presentation.*" No timetable was given, however, so we must hope that work will commence sooner, rather than later.

Our most recent contact concerned the meeting place of the Salvation Army that was once active in the town. If anyone has any information about this, please get in touch.

Archive Centre News

Staff at the Archive centre would like to thank everyone who helped their funds by purchasing one of their pens. They now also have a Facebook page. At the time of writing, the "Young

Men To Arms" book is with the publisher so should be out soon priced £10.00

Louis Hurley Memorial Prize

Next year, Llangattock Church in Wales School have agreed to undertake a project for us. Their chosen topic will be "The Victorians". We eagerly await their contributions but it is always a difficult task to judge as the standard of the entries is consistently high.

Hay History Group

Hay Castle Trust receives planning permission for restoration project

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority gave the green light to Hay Castle Trust's plans to restore Hay Castle. The project will ensure that the building is saved for the nation as well as for the community, and will allow the public to enjoy full access across the site for the first time in over 800 years.

New Book

Hay History Group Chairman Alan Nicholls has published "The Historical Directory of of Hay on Wye - Rural Parish ". It complements the earlier volume which covered the town of Hay. The survey in this volume includes Brecon Road, Forest Road and St. Mary's Road as well as the buildings and farms in the wider parish. Each building that was listed on the census from 1841 to 1911 is

included. The census information is listed for each property with additional research taking the history of many of the properties back several centuries. While this project is mainly to research and record the buildings of Hay town and rural parish and their history, and to be used as a resource for future study, it will also be of interest to those who know and love the parish of Hay. The paperback A4 book has 200 pages and costs £14.99. It is available online at www.Lulu.com or email Alan at: alan.j.nicholls@btinternet.com

Llanwrtyd Heritage and Arts Centre

Our Centre will re-open for the 2017 season on Thursday 13th April and following the same pattern as established last year will be open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. We will however be open on the evening of Friday 3rd and during Saturday 4th February as the town is hosting the annual Lord Crawshaw Memorial Walk on the Saturday.

We are in the process of modifying the rear facilities at the Centre as the present kitchen is being transferred to the rear room which will become a staff kitchen and Artist's workroom. The present kitchen area is being refurbished to become an extra display area and make access to the upstairs Artist's area easier. We are also proposing to have a small retail

area at the Centre where various Welsh local products can be purchased.

We continue our series of Talks, which are held on the first Wednesday of each month: these are –

1 February 2017 Geoff Williams from Dynefwr Walkers “The John Muir Trail in California” ... and as a contrast .. “The Cambrian Way in Wales”.

1 March 2017 Richard Davies, Curator at the Military Museum in Brecon .. “History of the Royal Welsh Regiment”.

5 April 2017 Peter James, Mayor of Llanwrtyd ... “Llanwrtyd, the Abernant Lake Hotel and the Czech Refugee Children”.

Talks are at 7.00. p.m. Admission £2.00 to include tea, coffee, refreshments. All welcome.

Powys Archives

Work continues on the new Archive facility at Unit 29, Ddole Road Industrial Estate in Llandrindod. A new roof and external walls have just been completed and attention is now being turned to the internal refit of the building and the creation of the new archive and modern records stores. Please see our Twitter ([@PowysArchives](#)) and Facebook ([@powysarchives](#)) pages for further updates.

Until the building work is complete the Archives’ searchroom continues to be based at County Hall in Llandrindod and we are currently operating our normal opening hours. Please see our website for more details.

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/archive/s/find-archives-local-records/archives-office-location-opening-hours/>.

Recent accessions to Powys Archives

Talgarth/Mid Wales Hospital Cricket Club records, Breconshire: minute books, 1981-1998; first XI score books, 1982-1995; second XI score books, 1982-1994; third XI score books, 1986-1991; Sunday XI score books, 1991-1997; Mid-Week League XI score books, 1991-1997; mixed score books, 1960-1998; scrapbooks, 1980-1997 & team photographs, 1981-1987 [acc 2324]

Notice to quit from tenant Margaret Lloyd to Mr Downes of Brecon of premises called Rhyw, Cray, Breconshire, 1882 [2333]

Programme for Thinking Day service held in St Mary's Church, Brecon, 2016 [acc 2337]

Appointment of trustees for Sir David Williams' Charity, Gwenddwr, Breconshire, 1938 [acc 2339]

Approximately 600 plans of housing schemes, council offices, village halls, libraries, museums, police & fire stations, courts and schools belonging to Brecon, Montgomery, Radnor &

Powys County Councils, Brecon & Radnor District Councils, Brecknock & Ystradgynlais Rural District Councils and Llandrindod Wells Urban District Council, 1899-2001 [acc 2340]

Glasbury Primary school records, Breconshire: admission register, 1899-2012; photographs, 1924-1957; examination papers, 1878-1905; reports, 1881-1944 & schemes of work, 1911-1959 [acc 2351]

Crickhowell Parish records, Breconshire, including registers of services, 1883-1893; electoral roll, 1929; charity account book, 1961-1992; school managers' minute book, 1957-1966; school account books, 1837-1871 & two altered tithe apportionments, 1854. Llanfihangel Cwm Du Parish records, Breconshire, including school managers' minute book, 1903-1954 & managers' attendance register, 1903-1938 [acc 2356]

Crickhowell Rural District Council: sanitary inspector's register of notices served, 1952-1974; four registers of water samples (public & private supplies), 1963-1968; 1968-1973; 1973-1977; 1978-1982 [acc 2357]

B/w photograph of Trericket Mill, Erwood, Breconshire, C19 [acc 2363]

Marriage register for Garthbreny Parish Church, Breconshire, 1973-2004 [acc 2364]

The National Library of Wales

The National Library of Wales has been undertaking a huge project to put all the tithe maps for Wales onto a website. The final website will go live in March 2017 but it is well worth a look now. Search for "cynfin.wales", all the webpages are available in English or Welsh.

The project is still under development and the schedules for the tithe maps are still being transcribed by over 900 volunteers across Wales. This means that some tithe maps have not been completed and some facilities on the webpage are not yet available.

However it is fun to play now!

Search for "cynfin.wales"
The web page:
"cynfin.archiveswales.org.uk" will come up

Select "Tithe maps" from the list along the top of the page

Select "Brecknock" (or another county) from the list on the left-hand side

Run down the list that now appears and select a parish. The items shown are the work being done by volunteers to Transcribe, Georeference and Visualize the maps. Try clicking on one and just play around.

Eventually, you will be able to have the tithe map and the modern OS map

side by side or overlaying one over the other. When overlaying it will be possible to fade in/out one of the maps in favour of the other to highlight features which interest you.

As all the information from the tithe schedules is being entered into the site eventually it will be possible to search for a personal name, a field name, a house name or feature such as all arable fields. This should be available from March onwards but I am sure they will announce the launch of the site in the press.

Wednesday 22 February 2017

1:15PM to 2:15PM

The Inventory of Historical Battlefields in Wales

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales is launching a new website, a research resource containing information on the locations of over 800 battles. The presentation given by Scott Lloyd will introduce the project background, the *Battlefields Inventory*, and the problems of mapping uncertain locations. Important questions will include: how many times did Viking raiders come to Wales? Which regions of Wales have seen the most conflict over the last 2,000 years, and what archaeological evidence survives for Welsh battlefields?

***** Free admission by ticket. *****

Box Office: (01970) 632 548
or online

Wednesday 29 March 2017

2:30PM to 3:30PM

Gallery Talk: Stories of the Saints

One of the exhibition curators, Dr Martin Crampin, takes us on a tour around the gallery and exhibition.

***** Free admission by ticket. *****

Box Office: (01970) 632 548
or online

Wednesday 19 April 2017

1:15PM to 2:15PM

The Shadow of Nanteos

As one of the most important houses in Cardiganshire, Nanteos has attracted people from around the world. The mansion is rich in mystery and legend: from lost treasure to the famous healing cup. With extracts from her latest novel, set in the 1750s during the notorious Cardiganshire lead wars, author Jane Blank brings this fascinating house and its people to life.

***** Free admission by ticket. *****

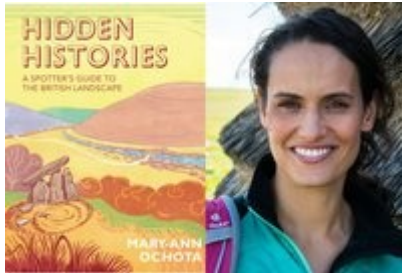
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Elan Valley Visitor Centre

8 April 2017 2.00 -3.30pm

Learn about the history of Caban Coch Dam, the workers' village and other stories on this easy one mile walk. Meet at Elan Valley Visitor Centre. see: www.elanvalley.org.uk

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be published in October 2016 and entitled *Hidden Histories: A Spotter's Guide to the British Landscape*, will be the subject of her talk.

Wednesday 15th February 7.45pm

£11.50 - concessions available

Join TV presenter and archaeology writer Mary-Ann Ochota on a journey through Britain's historic landscape. What clues should you look for to puzzle out the origins of a village, or the age of a hedgerow? What are the secrets hidden in tumuli, chambered tombs and churchyards? Drawing on her new book, *Hidden Histories*, this talk will be packed with clues and examples of what to look for and where to go to decipher the story of the landscape around us. A must for all landscape detectives!

Mary-Ann Ochota is a broadcaster and anthropologist whose work has taken her across the world, including into the Chernobyl exclusion zone, the Algerian Sahara, across Australia's Simpson Desert, and to the slums of Dhaka and Delhi. She writes regularly for *Geographical*, *The Great Outdoors* and *The Telegraph*. She has presented programmes such as *Time Team* and *Unreported World*. Her new book, to