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Editorial

2015 is here and a several historic events are to be remembered and celebrated this year in Breconshire and throughout the world. The 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt, and the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta. Keep a lookout for these events throughout this exciting year.

Hanes will be published every 3 months. The next edition is to be published May 2015. Please email any articles or information about events etc. with the heading "HANES" to alan.j.nicholls@btinternet.com by April 30th 2015.

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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/>

To register an interest in joining the club, or find out about our next session please contact Branch Leader Natalie Ward 01874 624437 natalie.ward@beacons-npa.gov.uk

Brecknock Society and Museum Friends

Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 3p.m. Guildhall, Brecon.
Unravelling Brecon's Woollen Industry
An illustrative talk by Weaver Sue Hiley Harris.

Friday 20th March 2015 7 p.m.

The Sir John Lloyd Memorial Lecture.

"Agincourt and the Brecknockshire contingent".
Speaker – **Professor Anne Curry** of Southampton University
Free but tickets booked from the Theatre Box Office from
January 2015, (Telephone No. 01874 611622)

Theatre Brycheiniog, Brecon.

Saturday 21st March 2015. Exhibition officially opened by Professor Anne Curry re Agincourt Theatre Brycheiniog, Brecon 11 a.m.

Monday 23rd March 2015. Brecknock Society and Museum Friends AGM. 2.30 p.m. The Old Museum (The Muse), Glamorgan Street, Brecon.

Sunday 26th April 2015. Annual Memorial event for Henry Vaughan. 3.00 p.m. Llansantffraed Church. Address by Helen Wilcox, Professor of English Literature at Bangor University on Henry Vaughan and George Herbert.

Saturday 16th May 2015. Medieval Breconshire and the Welsh Poets. Brecon Cathedral and Christ College. A

special one day conference held in conjunction with the Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies.
If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Starling 01874 711484 or evstarling@lineone.net.

Appeal for AGINCOURT 600

As part of the Agincourt 600 celebrations in Wales, a Pageant is planned for Brecon on the 20th June 2015. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Bryan Davies on 01874 623493. <http://www.agincourt600wales.com/>
Bryan would like representatives from different parts of Breconshire to be involved in the pageant.

Breconshire Local & Family History Society

Our monthly public meetings, are held on the first Wednesday in the month at Brecon Library. Non-members pay £1 admission. The meetings are held upstairs but the Library Lift is available; ask the Library staff for help.

4th March 2015. As part of World Women's Week activities in Brecon, Hilary Williams will give a PowerPoint presentation of the remarkable life and work of "Dr Mary Epynt Phillips (1875-1956)". Originally from Merthyr Cynog, she was the first female medical doctor to have come from a Welsh University.

1st April 2015. Harley Simpson will talk about "Brecon Slum Clearance"; the state of housing in Brecon and the efforts made to improve conditions for the inhabitants of the town.

If you have connections with a home for the elderly, or pensioner's group and would like to borrow the box of resources which made up the "Clark Photographic Exhibition", please contact as below.

All enquiries to Hilary Williams at chair@blfhs.co.uk or telephone 01874 624432. Website is www.blfhs.co.uk

Builth Wells Heritage Society

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Anna Page - An introduction to Palaeography

Hay History Group

Hay History Group are going strong, we meet bi-monthly and always have plenty to discuss. Our next meeting will be held on 18th March, 8pm, upstairs in the Three Tuns, Hay. All welcome. We will be commencing the organisation of our September History Weekend in early February.

At our last meeting in January we enjoyed a talk by Bryan Davies about the Agincourt campaign and the preparations throughout Breconshire and beyond to celebrate its 600th anniversary.

David Bennett, one of the Hay Tours leaders, has published his book about the Hay Poisoner, Herbert Rowse Armstrong, entitled "Major Injustice", which is available on

the book publishing website Lulu.com. Major Armstrong, a Hay solicitor, was found guilty of poisoning his wife Katherine and was hanged for murder on 31st May 1922. The book attempts to briefly cover details of the case as previously presented but emphasises new information to cover the most significant aspects and introduces a completely new theory about how Katherine might have died. The author suggests that the Criminal Justice Review Commission should review this case and submit the evidence to the Home Secretary who should advise Her Majesty to grant a Royal Pardon. Wherever miscarriages of justice occur they should be rooted out and righted. Our faith in the judicial process depends on that.

Hay Tours is now up and running, with a fantastic team of tour leaders, a set of historic routes of varying lengths and a brand new website. To take part in a tour, or to find out more please visit www.haytours.org

Powys County Archives

Recent accessions to Powys Archives

Minute book and register of members of Cymdeithas Cymrodorion Defynog, Pontsenni a'r Cylch, Breconshire, 1914-1927 [Acc 2226]

Records of the Cymdeithas Ddiwylliadol Cray, Breconshire, 1933-1971 & handwritten manuscript entitled 'The History of Education of the Hundred of Devynock from 1624-1972' [Acc 2227]

Account book of Sion Baptist Church, Sennybridge, 1944-1958; accounts and Sunday school record book of Trinity Calvinistic Methodist Church, Defynnog, 1916-2009; accounts and Sunday school record book of Tynewydd Calvinistic Methodist Church, Trecastle, 1912-1992; account book of Salem Calvinistic Methodist Church, Trallong, 1906-1973; appointment of head teacher for Llanfihangel Nant Bran school, 1908 [Acc 2228]

Records of Llanfrynach Church, including register of confirmations, 1902-1917; list of communicants, 1907-1916; churchwardens' account book, 1715-1770; plans, specifications and faculties for building works, 1855-1993 & vestry minute books, 1920-2001 [Acc 2229]

Records from Llanigon CP School, including admission registers, 1878-2013; log books, 1878-1992; medical log books, 1912-1976; annual reports, 1878-1913 & photographs, 1990s-2010 [Acc 2234]

Folder of material, including photographs, newspapers cuttings and letters, concerning Breconshire Girl Guiding celebrations of the 100th anniversary of Girl Guiding, 2010 [Acc 2238]

Three archaeological reports for properties in Crickhowell and Cwmdru, produced for applications for planning permission, 2014 [Acc 2252]

Volume of sermons by The Rev. Richard Davies addressed to inhabitants of Brecon, 1802-1811 & resolutions, list of subscribers, minutes and reports of the founding of a benevolent school in Brecon, c1810s [Acc 2253]

Additional records of the Brecknock Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs including minutes, 1944-1981; attendance books, 1966-1998; receipt and expenditure books, 1950-1980 & statements of accounts, 1987-1991. Records from Aberhonddu School YFC, 1960-1961; Bwlch & Crickhowell YFC, 1978-1982; Brecon & District YFC, 1948-1979; Beulah YFC, 1949-1983; Builth Wells YFC, 1969-1996; Bwlch & District YFC, 1965-1980; Christ College, Brecon YFC, 1965-1980; Cwmdru & Gilwern YFC, 1962-1969; Duffryn Crawnon YFC, 1949-1964; Erwood YFC, 1940-1981; Gwernyfed Park School YFC, 1952-1974; Hay on Wye YFC, 1949-1952; Llandefalle YFC, 1950-1994; Llanigon YFC, 1955-2002; Libanus YFC, 1953-1984; Penderyn YFC, 1940-1982; Penycae YFC, 1955-2000; Pontfaen YFC, 1952-1984; Sennybridge YFC, 1942-1993; Talgarth YFC, 1938-1974; Trecastle YFC, 1948-1989; Troedrihwaldar YFC, 1943-1988; Ystradgynlais YFC, 1946 & Ystradfellte YFC, 1965-1981 [Acc 2254]

Powys Family History Society (Brecknock Group)

Meetings are held at the new Kensington Church, Watergate, at 7.30, unless otherwise stated. There is free parking in the Watergate Car Park, close to the church.

Monday 23rd February 2015. Speaker Mr Gwyn Griffiths is giving a talk on 'Environmental Disasters, their Impacts and Outcomes'

Monday 30th March 2015. Speaker Mr Tony Hibbard (author of Fresh Flowers M'lady) talking on Adelina Patti and Craig y nos Castle.

Monday 27^h April 2015. TBCpm Maesyronnen Chapel, nr Hay-on-Wye. Rev. Michael Hodgson, Minister of the Plough United Reform Church, Brecon. He will be discussing the history of the Chapel.

Monday 18th May 2015. Speaker Mrs. Celia Morgan will give a talk titled 'Penderyn Snippets'

Monday 29th June 2015. Brecknock Group AGM.

Monday 27th July 2015. Speaker Mr Arwel Price is kindly talking about 'Arwel and his musical family background'.

Talgarth & District History Society

The Society meets ten times each year at Gwernyfed Rugby Club, Trefecca Road, Talgarth on the last Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm (there are no meetings in August and January). The current chair is Sheila Lovell and the Secretary is Jan Hughes. Eight of the meetings are led by invited speakers on a wide range of topics and these meetings are complemented by a visit to a place of historical interest in July and a social event in December. Forthcoming talks are as follows.

2015

February - AGM + Virginia Brown & Jan Shrivel - *The lives of the men listed on the Talgarth WW1 Memorial*

March - Lt. Col. Rodney Ashwood - *Welsh Regiment VCs*

April - Peter and Jenny Moody - *Joseph Harris, Astronomer of Tredustan (tbc)*