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Editorial

Spring is upon us and many lively and entertaining history events are queuing up for your attention. 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 will be the focus of many groups this year. Planning is also well underway for the Breconshire History Week in September. Keep a lookout for these events throughout this exciting year.

The next meeting of the Brecon Forum is at Llanwrtyd on 17th July 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

Saturday May 16th 2015. Medieval Brecknockshire and the Welsh Poets. Brecon Cathedral and Christ College, 10 am to 4pm. A special one day conference held in conjunction with The Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies and the University of Swansea.

For more information contact Elaine Starling (01874 711484) or evstarling@lineone.net
The registration fee will include lunch etc.

Saturday 20th June 2015 The Great Brecknock Pageant. For further details linked to the Agincourt Commemoration, see the Agincourt 600 website or contact Elaine Starling. Also on Twitter and Facebook. There is also a travelling exhibition visiting local sites. See website for details.

Friday 4th September to Sunday, 13th September BRECKNOCK HISTORY WEEK.

Programme devised by the Brecknock History Forum to include Open Doors.

One of the themes of this year's programme will be Brecknockshire Primary School

Breconshire Local & Family History Society

Did you Attend School in Brecon?

As part of Brecknock History Week on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 September 2015, we will be arranging a Pop-up Museum in St Mary's Church. We will be remembering school days so if you were a pupil, teacher or parent connected in any way to one of the schools in Brecon we want to meet you. We would like to see old photographs as well, and if possible, scan them so we can build up a collection of pictures. We will then print out some of the photographs and try to get names to the people in those

pictures. Full details of the Pop-up Museum will be displayed on posters in September.

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.

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

14 May: Peter Hill – 'Dowsing: a talk and demonstration'

11 June: Jim Davies – 'The Visit of Buffalo Bill to Builth Wells in 1904'

8 October: Phil Bowen – 'The Office of High Sheriff'

All meetings are at 7.30, in the Greyhound Hotel, Builth Wells.

Please note that we are changing our meeting day to a Friday, starting from the meeting on 13th November.

Hay History Group

Hay History Group continue to be busy. The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 May, 8pm, Cusop Village Hall, all welcome. Our chair, Alan Nicholls will give an illustrated presentation, "Aspects of the history of Hay", based upon in- depth research into the Lords of Hay and a building-by-building history of Hay Parish based on the census from 1841 to 1911. Alan has also written "Hay at War", a weekly account of how WWI affected the people of Hay, taken from the newspaper archives of the Brecon County Times, which will be published soon.

A popular light history of Hay as also recently been republished - The Book of Hay by Kate Clarke is now on sale in various bookshops in Hay - with an extra chapter bringing the book up to date from mid 1980's to present day, written by the Treasurer and Secretary of Hay History Group.

Hay Tours leader David Bennett has also been busy and has published "Major Injustice" - a fresh look at the controversial murder case of Major Herbert Rouse Armstrong. He has also released "Crime in Hay-on-Wye 1600-1915.

Hay Tours has introduced a new tour in a collaboration with the Warren Club which follows the history of the railway in Hay. Tours are now bookable on the Hay History website.

Plans for Hay History Weekend are emerging in a very exciting way and the programme for 3 days of activities over 11-13 September will be published on our website by 1 July. Find out more about Hay History Group at www.hayhistorygroup.co.uk

Llanwrtyd & District Heritage & Arts Centre

Following a number of successful grant applications the opening next year of our future Heritage and Arts Centre in Llanwrtyd Wells is now becoming a distinct possibility. Some additional funding is still needed to ensure that we can complete our project but we are hopeful that a number of grant applications currently under consideration by other donors will also bear fruit.

The Trustees of the Llanwrtyd & District Heritage and Arts Centre purchased the former Congregational Chapel in 2013 and over the past two years a team of hard-working craftsmen and contractors have been involved in the renovation of the building. Befitting of a heritage and arts centre many of the team have been drawn from the local community so that the building itself will be a testament to their skills and attention to detail which can from now on be enjoyed by present and future generations of local residents and visitors.

Headland Design Associates, Chester will be joining us this summer to lead us in the exhibition design and fit out of the Centre. In the meantime we shall be continuing to promote our new facility with a series of events and activities over the summer.

Saturday 16th May 2015. Our local primary school, Ysgol Dolafon, will present a display of research carried out by its pupils on soldiers from Llanwrtyd and District who fought in the 1st World War.

Friday – Sunday 5th-7th June and subsequent weekends throughout June. An exhibition by local artists, entitled ‘Our Community’, with workshops to be held on Saturdays.

Saturday 25th July We are proposing to organise a ‘History Fair’ and shall be pleased to hear from local history groups interested in participating.

Llyn Syfaddan History Group.

Thursday 9th July - Talk by David Raikes. “Treberfydd House, the story of a grade 1 listed building and the family who built it.” at Llangasty Parish Hall. Doors open for refreshments at 7pm for a 7.30 start. £3 at the door for non members.

Powys County Archives

Recent accessions to Powys Archives

Records from the Builth & Llandrindod branches of the Girls’ Friendly Society: minutes, 1889-1904; associate books, 1888-1912; receipt & expenditure book, 1912-1918; correspondence, 1895-1917; reports, 1905-1931 & visitors’ books, 1900-1918 [Acc 2260]

Additional records of the Brecknock Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs: programmes, 2000-2002 & papers concerning dances and rallies, 2000-2003. Records from Aberhonddu School YFC, 1963-1970; Bwlch & Crickhowell YFC, 1982-1987; Brecon & District YFC, 1942-1990; Cefn Coed & District YFC, 1946-1958; Cwmdru & Gilwern YFC, 1955-1962; Cray YFC, 1951-1958; Duffryn Crawnon YFC, 1957-1966; Llangammarch Wells YFC, 1969-1974; Llanfrynach YFC, 1954-1960; Llyn Safaddan YFC, 1956-1957; Penderyn YFC, 1941-1963; Penlan School YFC, 1958-1979; Trecastle YFC, 1969-1987 & Troedriwdalar YFC, 1944-1981 [Acc 2261]

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 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.

Agincourt activities in Brecon

The Welsh Archers Muster in Brecon

On 20th June, the High Street in Brecon will be full of archers, well almost. The Brecon Pageant is being arranged to mark the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt. Over 150 people will muster in the town and march to the Cathedral, in a possible re-enactment of events 600 years ago. There will be street entertainers and other side shows in the streets and at St Mary's Church there will be a display explaining the role of the Welsh Archers at the battle.

Many other events are being organised across Wales.

See www.agincourt600/wales for full details.