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Three Societies!

The title of our May meeting was “Three Societies” which caused some puzzlement to many! It was in fact an attempt to liaise with our neighbouring Welsh/ex-Welsh societies. We had invited members of Portsmouth Welsh and ex –Winchester to join us for a social evening. As we were very uncertain of the response, it had been decided to borrow the Indoor Curling set as a safety measure. (Thanks to Margaret for organising it.) However at the last minute we had 4 acceptances from Winchester and 10 from Portsmouth. With 14 of our members absent that balanced the numbers quite neatly! There had been a few worries about catering but as always there was plenty of tasty food on offer!

As our objective was to socialise it was decided to set up the Curling equipment and hold a Red versus Blue competition. Ian organised everybody into Red or Blue teams and Margaret kept the score. Everybody joined in very enthusiastically and there was a great deal of laughter throughout the evening. The Blue team scored the highest number of points overall. The play off for the Individual Winner was between our Kay Smith and Richard Evans from

Portsmouth. In a close contest Richard emerged as the winner.

During the evening there were plenty of opportunities to chat and make connections! Our guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves and there have been several messages of thanks, with compliments for the warm welcome, a fun filled evening and our excellent catering! Our guests also hoped that they would be invited join us again very soon.



Guests from Winchester



The Finalists



and Portsmouth

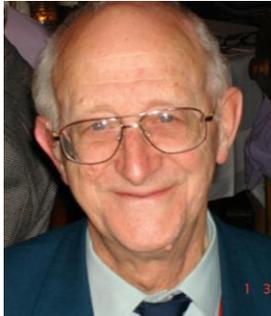


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This month our Spotlight Star is



Keith Williams

Keith is one of the founder members of the Petersfield Welsh Society. He is very proud of his Welsh roots in the Vale of Clwyd where he was born on his grandparent's farm. At the time Keith's parents were living in Nottingham and this is where Keith started his school life. Within a few years the family moved to Wakefield and then a year later to Brighton. With the onset of war Keith was evacuated from Brighton and spent the duration of the war with his family in North Wales. In fact he remained there until he had completed his education. On rejoining his parents he worked for 2 years in his father's Ironmongery business before beginning his 2 year teacher training at a London college.

Keith began his teaching career in Hersham, Surrey and as he was keen to gain experience in all kinds of schools such as Junior, Primary and Church schools he quickly moved on. His career ladder took him to Esher, Woking, Egham and Virginia Water where he became Deputy Head teacher. The next rung of the ladder took him to Hampshire where he took up his first Headship in Harting. A second Headship at Overton provided the challenge of opening a brand new school. His third Headship was at Petersfield Junior School and then in 1974 he was appointed the first Head Teacher of the brand new Herne Farm Junior School where he remained until his retirement.

During Keith's time in Esher he had enrolled at evening classes where he met a young lady named Hazel ... and the rest as they say is History! Keith and Hazel have 3 children, 2 sons and 1 daughter and 6 grandchildren.

Somehow during his teaching career Keith also found time to be a Magistrate and served for 24 ½ years.

Although Keith has now retired he leads a very active life with lots of interests. He is particularly interested in Archaeology, Genealogy and Social History and is a member of several groups or societies supporting these topics. He is also a member of the local branch of U3A (University of the 3rd Age) and of course our Welsh Society! It is due to Keith's innovation that the Petersfield Welsh Society was created in 1970. I am sure we are all indebted to him for getting it all started with his co-founders. Keith is obviously a mine of information about the Welsh Society and has many tales to tell of past events and members! It would be interesting to share some of these memories in future newsletters.

The Garden Party



Saturday 30th June at 12 noon

Please can you let Morfydd know if you are going to attend and also let her know whether you are bringing a Sweet or Savoury item of food.

As usual please bring a garden chair and your own drink & glass and pray for good weather!

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