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The Garden Party

The sun was shining as we gathered together for the Garden Party at Woodbourne on 30th June. Our prayers for sunshine had indeed been answered but we should have put in a request for wind strength too. This meant that despite the sunshine it was just a little too fresh to sit out on the lawn.

However we spent a very pleasant afternoon in Morfydd's splendid conservatory. Our catering was of course to our usual very high standard and we produced a magnificent spread of very tasty dishes.

Stuart our Chairman had recently celebrated a **very** special birthday. It seemed highly appropriate to present him with a surprise birthday cake which we all enjoyed!



We were delighted to welcome two new members to the society. They are Miriam and David Weston from Alton.



As always a huge **Thank You** to Morfydd for her generous hospitality. We all enjoyed a wonderful afternoon in her lovely home.

A special commendation to Keith and Hazel for their commitment to the washing up!





This month our Spotlight star is



Morfydd Muir

Morfydd is one of the founder members of the Society. She was born in Pen-y-garn near Pontypool but shortly after her birth the family returned to their home in London. Her father was in the Army and with the outbreak of war imminent Morfydd and her mother returned to Wales for the duration of the war. Morfydd spent a brief time in London before returning to Wales at the age of 5 to live with relatives. At the age of 16 she rejoined her parents in London but sadly her mother died soon after. Morfydd then had to take care of her father. She had hoped to develop her artistic talents by studying at a College for Art but had to abandon these plans and find a job. Her first job was at the National Coal board in the drawing office and then later Morfydd worked for the Greater London Council. Around this time a cousin had invited her to attend a Youth Club run by the Salvation Army. It was at this club she met a young man named Brian Muir. He was working towards becoming a qualified accountant. When Brian had gained his qualifications he and Morfydd were married and a few years later their daughter Helen was born. When Helen was 3 years old Brian took up a position in an accountancy practice in Petersfield. It was while she was house hunting that Morfydd met Keith and Hazel and in due course became the first Treasurer of the newly formed Petersfield Welsh Society.

After moving to Petersfield, Morfydd trained as a Nursery Nurse gaining her NNEB qualification. She then ran various playgroups and became the Area Organiser of the Playgroup Association. With this role came the responsibility for training playgroup supervisors. Morfydd is also a member of the Guiding association and has served as a Guide captain.

Somehow Morfydd and Brian found time to be foster parents. Over a period of several years they fostered 13 children in total. All of these children have kept in touch with the family.

Morfydd and Brian moved to Woodbourne 24 years ago. Sadly Brian passed away 8 years later. Morfydd now lives at Woodbourne with Helen, son-in-law Owen and grand-daughter Angharad. As we all know Morfydd is a very busy lady and has lots of interests. Much of her time is devoted to promoting the work of the Salvation Army. She organises a regular drop in club in Guildford providing lunch for less privileged people. She also confirms new members on their admission to the Salvation Army. Morfydd is often a guest speaker at various societies where she informs groups about the work of the Salvation Army. Morfydd has continued to nurture her artistic skills and teaches art to groups and also attends classes herself. In her spare time she also enjoys gardening, cooking, reading and visiting places of interest.

*Best Wishes to John for a speedy recovery
from the recent knee operation.*

July Birthdays

*Penblwydd Hapus i/
Happy Birthday to*

Keith

Elizabeth

Margaret

& Chris

