



# Post Maes Pedr



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## We are a Musical nation!

Our host for the first meeting of 2015 was Chris Stephen. Following a very enjoyable evening of Welsh Music last year we had requested another opportunity to listen to some more of our favourite songs. Chris and Gwen have an extensive catalogue of Welsh music which Chris had researched very thoroughly to produce a very entertaining selection for this evening.

Chris had selected the songs to follow the story of the nativity with selections from Aled Jones, Pigyn Clust, Sian James and Hogiau'r Wyddfa to name but a few.

We then had a medley of musical selections including Benedictus by Bryn Terfel, Adiemus by Karl Jenkins and the Welsh Polka played by Crasdant. A special addition was by an artist named Rene Griffiths from Patagonia whose song title was Heno, Mae'n Bwrw Cwrw (Tonight It's Raining Beer).

It was a very enjoyable evening hearing some fondly remembered pieces as well as hearing some new ones too. A big thank you to Chris for preparing a great playlist.

## AGM & Quiz Night

This must have been the shortest AGM on record! With the absence of our outgoing Chair and Vice chair, (Incoming Chair) Secretary & Catering leader the formalities were in the very capable hands of Carwyn and Margaret. Carwyn read out the minutes from the last AGM and Margaret distributed the Financial report. As there were no matters arising we proceeded on to the next challenge of the evening – The Quiz.

There were four teams of four competing for the honour of being the best of the society! The Quizmaster was Sue Hobday who had set rounds on General Knowledge, Literature, City Nicknames and a picture round of Famous Jones'. It was a very close competition with all teams scoring high marks. However the Society Egg-Heads were Joy, Hazel, Margaret and Ian who were presented with their appropriate prizes – a Cadbury's Cream Egg each!



### The May Meeting

The May meeting has a flavour of Antiques Roadshow about it. Have a look in the attic or "cwtch dan star" (cupboard under the stairs!) to see if you have any interesting objects, family heirlooms etc that you could bring along to "show and tell" the story about your chosen item.



## Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant

On 1<sup>st</sup> March we gathered at the Hampshire Hog for our traditional dinner to commemorate St David's Day. This was the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society and we were delighted that two of our founder members, Keith and Morfydd were able to be with us on such a special night.

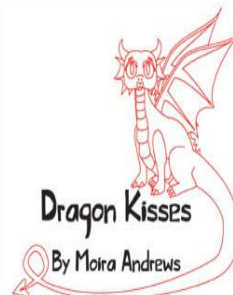
Our new Chairman Tony Phillips led us expertly through the evening's programme of events. Following the dinner we had musical entertainment with Ellen on the keyboard and Irwen conducting us and ensuring there was plenty of "Hwyl" in our singing.



To round off the evening Tony had selected a few poems with a Welsh flavour. As always, a very enjoyable evening with good food, good company and good entertainment.

## An Evening of Poetry

Following on from our poetry readings on 1<sup>st</sup> March the topic of our meeting later in the month was Favourite Poems. Our host for the evening was Carwyn who had asked us to select our favourite poem in Welsh or English. There was a wide variety of old and modern poetry ranging from Ceiriog and Wordsworth to Dave Boyce and Ronnie Barker! We even had the lyrics to a song by Roger Gilmour (of Pink Floyd) called *Granchester Meadows*. Irwen explained the various poetic forms that feature in Welsh poetry and gave us some examples of the different types. Chosen poems included *Nant Y Mynydd* (Mountain Stream) and *Y Gwcw* (The Cuckoo) by Ceiriog, *Ty'r Ysgol* (School House) by T.H.Parry Williams, *Y Llwynog* (The Fox) by R.Williams Parry and in English we had *Daffodils* by Wordsworth. We had poems from Welsh poets from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century – *The Heron* by Vernon Watkins and *All Day It Rained* by Alun Lewis. More modern work included *True Welsh* by Dave Boyce and *Ticketless* by Max Boyce (are they related?) and to end *Pricilla Jones* and *Me & Evan* by Ronnie Barker. Several people requested a copy of *Dragon Kisses* ...so here it is.



Nobody ever gives him a kiss,  
Not his mum or granny or dad,  
Nobody ever kisses him better-  
if he falls, then it's just too bad.

If we fed dragons on ice cubes  
And they sucked them hard like  
this.. sh..sh..sh..sh..

Kissing a dragon is dangerous,  
Even if you love one a lot.  
And it's hard to give one a cuddle,  
His breath is much too hot!

Their breath would smoke so  
gently  
There'd be time for one quick kiss!