

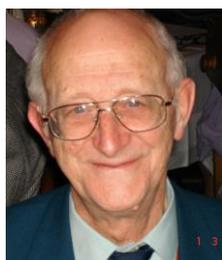


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Keith Williams

We were all very sad to hear that Keith had passed away on 11th February after a long and valiant battle with illness.

The Society owes its existence to Keith as it was due to his inspiration that it was established in the early 1970's.

Keith was proud of the society and maintained a keen interest in any developments through the years. He was always ready to give support and guidance whenever it was needed. In recent weeks he was delighted to hear that his beloved society was thriving with several new members joining us. May it continue to thrive for many more years.

Keith's life history was featured in Newsletter No.4 dated June 2012 if you would like to refresh your memories about his interests and achievements during his lifetime.

The A.G.M.

The A.G.M. and Quiz was held at the February meeting. There was a very good turn -out including some potential new members.

Tony Phillips began the evening by proposing a toast to honour the memory of Keith. Tony had provided the wine and glasses to enable us to do so.

The official part of the evening was dealt with quickly and efficiently by Tony, Margaret and Carwyn (who was deputising in Roger's absence.)

We then moved on to the entertainment - The Quiz. There were 6 teams competing for the winner's prize. There were 4 rounds of questions; a round on Wales, another on Cheese & Wine and 2 picture rounds about well known brands and shop logos. The overall winners were the team who were named "Y Tylwyth Teg" (The Fairy Folk) The team members were Bethan, Irwen, Gwen, Chris Menna & Carwyn, who were each rewarded for their efforts with a stick of Welsh Rock.(the edible variety!).

Memorial Service

On 25th February many members of the society gathered together at Buriton Church to attend “**A Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the life of Keith Williams.**”

Instructions had been given that we were to wear bright colours and not the traditional black. The church was packed with people representing all areas of Keith’s life and interests. Ellen played a wonderful medley of hymns and traditional welsh tunes before the service began. During the service we sang Guide Me Oh Great Jehovah, Calon Lan and Lord of the Dance. Huw gave The Tribute to Keith, Lynne also made a contribution and Morfydd read the poem “His Journey’s Just Begun”. We left the church to the sound of “Bring me Sunshine”. It was a lovely service to honour the memory of a very special man.

Following the dinner we had the loyal toasts to the Society and to Wales. Bethan delivered the toast to the Society in Welsh and her daughter Sian read the translation in English. Ludmilla gave the toast to Wales.



Tony presented Margaret with a gift to thank her for all her hard work as Treasurer over several years. Margaret will be missed very much and we are all very sorry to see her go. We wish her much happiness in her new home near Nottingham.



St. David’s Day



Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant

We held our Annual Dinner at a new venue this year - Waterlooille Golf Club.

The function room had been set out beautifully with plenty of elbow room! The tables were decorated with red serviettes, daffodils and Welsh flags and looked very colourful.

The food was excellent and the service was very efficient. Many members have paid compliments about the venue and requested a return visit next year.



Then it was on to the entertainment. Huw distributed the song sheets while Ellen took charge of the key-board with Irwen conducting us.





Images of Wales

We sang many of our favourites: *Sospan Fach*, *Calon Lan & Gwahoddiad* to name but a few. Individual contributions were made by Morfydd who enlightened us with some interesting facts involving links with Wales; Sue who read a poem about the Welsh language and Irwen who sang a solo unaccompanied.



A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the Anthem.

Although the society's new website has been in existence for well over a year we were aware that not every member had been able to access it. Therefore we had invited the web designer Carl Morgan to show us the content of the web-site. Carl is an expert in technology and is also a professional photographer and with these two talents he has created a very impressive web-site.

Carl demonstrated the different sections of the website and showed us what each section contained. The programme of meetings and newsletters are there, and also a section on Welshness. There are two photo galleries with a stunning range of images of the Welsh coastline that are Carl's own work. So far he has captured images of the coast line from Cardiff to Pendine and hopes to complete the entire coastline eventually. Carl is very keen for the web-site to be reflective of our society and contain the interests and ideas of our members. To start us off he has instigated a photographic competition. The task is to take an image of Wales and send it to webmaster@petersfieldwelshsociety.org The winners will be announced at the Harvest Supper on 16th October and the entries will be included in the web-site gallery.

Welcome/Croeso

We are delighted to welcome four new members to the society. They are Anne & Peter Weller (Ann is from Caernarfon originally) and John & Mattie Rees (Mattie is from Cardigan and speaks Welsh, John has family links with Ammanford).