

# Post Maesped

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## Where are you from?

The January meeting began promptly at 7.30pm. The host for the evening was Chris Stephen and he introduced Huw Oakley who was going to give us the third session of a trilogy of talks giving the derivation of place names particularly relevant to club members. Many ancient place names are generally a description of the features of the locality and Welsh speakers can easily identify the components of the place names such as Aberporth. Huw has also researched other ancient Celtic languages and can find interesting correlations between place names in Gaelic, Cornish and Welsh. Several new members have introduced new place names to Huw's list, including Farnborough and Farnham. Huw plans to make all of his research, which is quite extensive, available to all members through the website so keep an eye out for that. A fascinating evening!

Report by Anne Weller



Where in Wales can this be?

Answers on a postcard to Carwyn!

## The A.G.M

The Annual General Meeting took place in February. Roger, Chris and Morfydd dealt with the business part of the evening as Tony our Chairman was unable to attend due to illness. The items on the agenda were dealt with very efficiently and quickly with no matters needing discussion.

With the business part of the evening completed it was time for the Quiz. There was a change of format from the usual rounds of questions. The Quiz followed the "Family Fortunes" format where teams had to decide on 4 possible answers to a question and selecting which would be the top answer. An example of a question: "Name a famous Welsh actor or actress". The top answer was Richard Burton but points could be scored for Catherine Zeta-Jones, Rhys Ifans or Anthony Hopkins. After completing ten questions the team with the highest score was 4+2. They were Kevin, Mary, Lynne, John, Carwyn and Menna. As they were our Smarties of the evening their prize was a packet of those sweets!

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant

We celebrated our Patron Saint's Day with the traditional dinner. For the second year running the venue was Waterloo Golf Club. There were 32 members present and we were delighted that Margaret Williams was also able to join us, having travelled from her new home in Nottingham.

The Grace was read in Welsh by Huw and in English by Sue W.

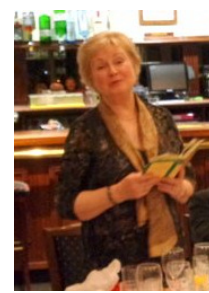
Following the dinner we had a programme of entertainment organised by Tony. We began with the loyal toasts to Wales and to the Society which were given by Morfydd and Roger.



The musical accompaniment was provided by Ellen thus enabling us to sing some of the traditional hymns and arias with gusto! Evan entertained us with five songs which he sang without accompaniment.



Poems were read by Lynne, Bethan and



Elizabeth.

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

### The Dragon Drive

The topic of the March meeting caused some puzzlement. The question asked was "What is a Dragon Drive?" All was revealed on the night - it was a variation on a Beetle Drive. In sets of 4 per table we rolled a dice to build a dragon. The first person to complete a dragon scored 10 points. On each table the players with the highest and lowest scores moved to another table. After six rounds there was a draw with three players scoring the same total of points. So there was a play off between Evan, Lynne and Sue W. The eventual winner was Sue Williams and she was presented with the prize of a chocolate dragon.

