



Post Maespedr



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A Musical Evening

Our host and DJ at the April meeting was Chris Stephen. He had prepared a very entertaining programme of music for us to listen to.

The theme of the evening was "Celebration" and as it was Gwen's birthday we all joined in with singing "Penblwydd Hapus" to her.

Chris then played a selection of music by a variety of Welsh artistes. We listened to items by some familiar names such as Bryn Terfel, Rhys Meirion, Karl Jenkins and Catrin Finch and there were also items by the bands Hogia'r Wyddfa and Ar Log.

It was a most enjoyable evening with an opportunity to listen to an excellent programme of Welsh music.

Diolch yn fawr Chris.



Down Memory Lane

At the May meeting Tony had acquired a very interesting film about the Swansea area. It illustrated the industrial development of the lower Swansea Valley from the mid 1930's to the 1960's.

The film was an interesting social and economic history of the area. Through the 20th century, heavy industries in the town declined, leaving the Lower Swansea Valley filled with derelict works and mounds of waste products from them. The Lower Swansea Valley Scheme (which still continues) reclaimed much of the land. It was amazing to see how polluted the area had become through heavy industry and the successful efforts made to clean and renew the area.

In the Second World War, its industrial importance made Swansea the target of German bombing, and much of the town centre was destroyed during the Swansea Blitz in February 1941. The film featured the post war redevelopment of the city.

In 1969, Swansea was granted city status to mark Prince Charles's investiture as the Prince of Wales. The announcement was made by the Prince on 3 July 1969, during a tour of Wales.

A Celebration of Jane Austen

In recent years our June meeting has involved partaking in Afternoon Tea. As this year marks the 200th Anniversary of Jane Austen's death it seemed appropriate to visit the Museum at Chawton.

Before visiting the house we had a lunch booked at the French Horn in Alton. About 30 members in total enjoyed an excellent 2 course lunch.



Following the lunch about ten members made their way to the Jane Austen Museum at Chawton. It was a lovely summer's day and the garden was in full bloom. Swallows were nesting in the bake house and were constantly swooping in and out on a mission to feed their chicks.



In the house we were entertained by Ellen demonstrating her musical talent on Jane Austen's piano. There were costumes available for dressing up but we were content to just try on the various hats and pose for photos



More photos can be viewed on our website

An Indoor Barbecue

For the first time in many years it was raining on the day of the annual barbecue. However this did not deter our hosts Sue and Roger as they just moved everything indoors. As we all sat in comfort, Roger was left to brave the elements to cook the food outside under the shelter of a parasol. But despite the inclement weather a very good time was had by one and all. A big thank you to Sue and Roger for their excellent catering and hospitality.



Information about Herne Leisure Centre

The kitchen door has been permanently closed so it cannot be used for entry or exit. The foyer door will be unlocked from 7.00 till 7.45 for entry. The hall door has to be unlocked as usual. If you arrive after 7.45 then you will need to ring the bell or knock on the kitchen door.