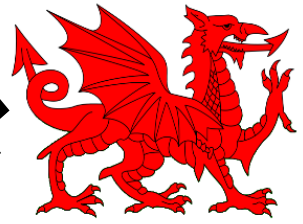


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Natter, Nosh & Noggin

Our Christmas get-together was of course on Zoom with about 23 members able to take part.

The programme for the evening consisted of a variety of readings given by members as follows: Menna started us off with 2 humorous poems: *The Funniest Face & I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*. Then, Tony (Clifford) read an excerpt from *A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens*. Bethan chose an excerpt from *Wild Wales (pub 1862) by George Henry Borrow*. Carwyn read *O Christmas Tree by Cynthia C Naspinski*. Sue H chose *The Nativity by Gervase Phinn*. Huw read *Nadolig? Pwy a Wyr? /Christmas? Who knows? By Ryan Davies* which he read in both Welsh and English. Sue W completed the readings with *The Thirteenth Day of Christmas by Dave Calder*.

Tony and Morfydd then presented the traditional part of the evening with a reading from the New Testament and Morfydd read a poem about The Salvation Army Band. We also had some

Christmas jokes from Morfydd. As in previous years we had the Christmas Quiz set by Carl. We had 30 questions about Christmas which really made us think very hard.

Then it was on to the carol singing. We attempted to sing a selection of the favourite carols but keeping in tune and in time was far from easy on Zoom!!! The evening was brought to a close with Christmas Greetings and good wishes for a better 2021 for all.



Film Night



In recent years the January meeting has been our Film night where we have enjoyed films such as *Under Milkwood, Pride and Their Finest*. This year we had a film about the history of the harp. Catrin Finch who was at one time the Harpist to the Prince of Wales travelled to Turin to discover how harps are constructed. The film also included some historical facts about harps through the ages. The film featured a gentleman named John Weston Thomas who makes and

repairs harps. He is a relation of our Elizabeth and lived in Sealyham near Haverfordwest. The place where he lived is now called Harp Maker's Farm in his honour.

For those who missed the film here is a link to it on You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IImURf8KUE>

The film about John Weston Thomas is also on You Tube and here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3z4UIZIVOIY>

Hazel Williams



We were all very sad to hear that we had lost a very dear life member of the society. Hazel passed away on the 8th February after battling numerous health issues in the preceding months. Hazel's husband Keith was one of the founder members of the Society and he was extremely proud of the continuing success of our society.



Hazel was also very proud of the society and was always ready with suggestions for guest speakers or activities for our meetings or items for the newsletter. She was particularly looking forward to the 50th Anniversary of the Society in 2020 which sadly due to Covid did not take place. Hazel was a member of several societies and had numerous hobbies and artistic talents such as painting and creating floristry displays known as Ikebana. Hazel had gained a qualification

in this art form after completing a two year course. She was also a member of the U3A.

Hazel will be greatly missed by numerous groups and individuals not least our society and members.

Hazel's Funeral took place on Tuesday 16th March at 12.15pm at The Oaks in Havant.

If you wish to make a contribution to Hazel's memorial fund please send a cheque payable to Andrew or Mark Williams at Hazel's address: 28 Lower Heyshott, Petersfield, GU31 4PZ

The donations will be used to buy garden vouchers for Petersfield Hospital so that a memorial can be created to Hazel.



A.G.M

The A.G.M took place via Zoom with 20 members in attendance. It was a very brief event due to there being very little to report on. The last time we had been together was 1st March 2020 for the annual dinner at the French Horn in Alton.

The minutes of the last A.G.M were shared; the Chairman's Report consisted of the account of the 2020 dinner and the proposed programme for the next few months. The treasurer's report will be shared later in the year. All members of the committee agreed to remain in post. Following the official business there was a 20 question Quiz. It comprised of a mixture of questions on Wales, Springtime and Valentine's Day. There were some impressive scores but the winner with the highest score was Bethan Butler.

Following the Quiz, we had a brief news round up from the members present.

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant

There would of course be no annual dinner this year on 1st March due to the pandemic. So, the only way available to get together was via Zoom. It had been agreed that everyone would wear some item of Welsh clothing. There was a splendid show of hats, flags, scarves, daffodils, leeks, rugby shirts, T-shirts. Morfydd looked magnificent in full welsh costume. The members who were able to take part are pictured below. Missing off screen are Huw & Ellen, Ian and Carl who came on-screen after the photo was taken.



We took a trip down memory lane with a slide show of previous St David's Day celebrations. These were images from the digital era from 2008 onwards. It was great to look back on the past and to see images of our annual dinners over the years. We ended the meeting with those present recounting memories of St David's Day from childhood days. Finally, we sang the anthem (tunefully?).

The next meeting will be on 15th April when we will be entertained by Janet Goring a professional storyteller.

A Welsh Bookshelf?



What's on the box?

Currently showing on S4C is the 2nd series of "Iaith ar Daith". In each programme a Celebrity and a welsh speaking mentor (also a well-known face) travel to different areas of Wales to face challenges while learning Welsh. So far in this series we have seen Steve Backshall with Iolo Williams; James Hook with Nigel Owens and Chris Coleman with Owain Tudur Jones. There are six programmes in the series which are screened at 8pm on Sunday. Previous episodes can be found on iPlayer.

At 9pm on Saturday is the 3rd series of **Keeping Faith**. A thriller set in the fictional town of Abercorran and filmed in Laugharne. It has some great views of the town, the castle and the coast. It is filmed both in Welsh and English and has already been screened in Welsh as "Un Bore Mercher". This current series is available on iPlayer.



*Easter Greetings to
all our members*

*Cyfarchion y Pasg
i'n holl aelodau*