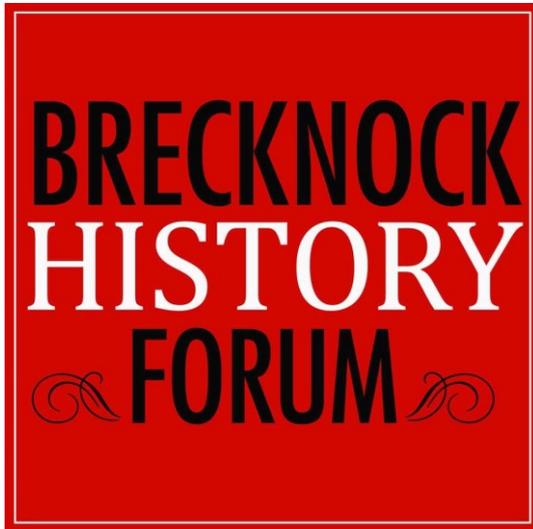




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### *Editorial*

The focus of many history groups in Brecknock will be on the upcoming History Week from 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September with a myriad of marvellous events to tempt you. The programme will be out shortly so look out for it and join in the fun. Many societies also have an excellent programme for the autumn detailed below.

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## NEWS AND EVENTS

### *Brecon Beacons National Park Young Archaeologists' Club*

The Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club is part of a network of Young Archaeologists' Clubs across Wales, and the UK, administered by the Council for British Archaeology. YAC is the only UK-wide club for young people up to the age of 17 interested in archaeology. YAC's vision is for all young people to have opportunities to be inspired and excited by archaeology, and to empower them to help shape its future. The Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club was established by a group of local volunteers in order to fill a gap in the provision of YAC branches in the Brecon Beacons and the Usk Valley. Brecon Beacons YAC is supported by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

You can find out more about the Brecon Beacons Young Archaeologists' Club by visiting our blog

<http://bbyac.wordpress.com/>

To register an interest in joining the club, or find out about our next session please contact Branch Leader Natalie Ward 01874 624437 [natalie.ward@beacons-npa.gov.uk](mailto:natalie.ward@beacons-npa.gov.uk)



of £13 rather than £15. Information on the book and the pre-publication offer will also be available on the Brecknock Society & Museum Friends website ([www.brecknocksociety.co.uk](http://www.brecknocksociety.co.uk))

**Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.** The inaugural event of the Brecknock History week is hosted at St Mary's in Brecon by the Society from 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

The title is "Breconshire Treasures". Societies across the old County of Brecknock will be present to display and talk about their "Treasures".

Dr Andy Greirson from the University of Sheffield, will also be in attendance to talk to members and visitors about his project which is using DNA to trace the origins of the Welsh.

**Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015.** An evening with the winner of the Roland Mathias Prize, Tiffany Atkinson, at The Muse in Brecon. For time, contact E.V. Starling on 01874 711484

**Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 2.30 p.m.** "The Sculpture of John Evans Thomas (b1810). A visit to Brecon Cathedral led by William Gibbs. There will be a talk in the Cathedral Heritage Centre followed by a viewing of some of his work in the Cathedral and in the Town.

**Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>** The 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt and St Crispin's Day, Evensong at Brecon Cathedral 3.00 p.m. Followed by a further commemoration service at St Mary's Priory Church, Abergavenny. 6 p.m. [www.Agincourt600.wales.com](http://www.Agincourt600.wales.com)

**Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 5 p.m.** In the Guildhall. 'The Brinore Tram Road' Historic background and recent research by John Jones and Tom Davies.

#### Agincourt Events

The Agincourt Exhibition can be seen at:

15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August at Trecastle, the home of Watkin Lloyd.

The Exhibition will be at Llywel Church. Other events are planned there and at Senneybridge Show.

1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September in Brecon History Week at the Guildhall, Brecon

14<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October at Brecon Cathedral

#### **Brecknock History Week 2015**

4<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September

Walk, talk, pop-up museum or open day – the choice is yours during Brecknock History Week. Events are being arranged in all corners of the county from Llanwrtyd and Builth Wells to Crickhowell, Brecon and Hay. Most are free of charge and there are many for all the family. Full details of History Week are in a special booklet which will be available in libraries, tourist information centres and other outlets. It will be published in mid- August.

### *Brecknock Society and Museum Friends*

'Above Brecknock' In March 2014, Dr Toby Driver, delivering the Brecknock Society's 17<sup>th</sup> Sir John Lloyd lecture, gave a packed house at Theatre Brycheiniog, a wonderful account of the archaeology and history of the historic County of Breconshire as seen from the air. Dr Driver works for the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments in Wales (RCAHMW) and this organisation, the Brecknock Society and the Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust have joined forces to bring you a book of the same subject, entitled 'Above Brecknock'.

During the autumn leaflets on this publication will be widely available, giving details of the book and also of a pre-publication discount offer. This offer, which will be of limited duration, will enable people to purchase the book at the price

## Breconshire Local & Family History Society

### Calendar of Meetings

For the remainder of this year, our monthly public meeting will continue to be held on the first Wednesday in the month at Brecon Library, even though the Library is closed to the public on that day. Non-members pay £1 admission. Access will be via the Library lift from the Library's garage area in Bell Lane.

**5<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Re-enactment of Medieval Times.** David Martin will visit to talk about the re-enactment camps held at Tretower Court and other locations around Wales.

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015. "Walter Wilkins, Founder of Brecon Old Bank and MP for Radnorshire, 1796-1828"**. Ken Jones will continue the story of Walter Wilkins, one of the notable Brecon residents of his time. After travelling the world, he settled in the town as an influential businessman.

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2015. "Llangynidr Mill Digs"** Jan Bailey will tell us about the work undertaken to uncover the history of the Mills in Llangynidr.

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2015. "The Work of the Society"** An opportunity to examine some of the work carried out by the Society over the past few years.

There is no meeting in December.

### Brecknock History Week 2015

#### Friday 4th to Sunday 13th September.

This year, the BLFHS's contribution to Brecknock History Week, will be a Pop-Up Museum in St Mary's Church, Brecon, with the theme of schools in Brecon and the surrounding villages.

**Friday 11th and Saturday 12th September. Pop-Up Museum.** Did you go to school in Brecon? If you, or a member of your family, have attended school in the Brecon area we would like to hear from you. We will be collecting memories of going to school in Brecon and the surrounding villages. So many of the school buildings that were used even twenty years ago no longer serve the same function and as we all know, reading and writing are now taught in a different way. Please come along and tell us about your schooldays, look at photographs and try to name everyone in the pictures, bring your photographs along for us to scan ... and don't forget your school reports if you dare! We are interested in all kinds of schools. Did you know that in 1878 there was a 'Brecon School for Cookery'. No one around now will have been to that school but what about the Needlework School that we believe was in the town in the 1930s? Our Pop-Up Museum is part of Brecknock History Week but, if you cannot come to the Pop-up Museum, please send us your memories and memorabilia so we can display them during the event.

All enquiries to Mrs Hilary Williams at [chair@blfhs.co.uk](mailto:chair@blfhs.co.uk) or telephone 01874 624432. Website is [www.blfhs.co.uk](http://www.blfhs.co.uk)

## Builth Wells Heritage Society

**8 October:** Phil Bowen – 'The Office of High Sheriff'  
All meetings are at 7.30, in the Greyhound Hotel, Builth Wells.

Please note that we are changing our meeting day to a Friday, starting from the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Hay History Group

### Hay History Weekend at Hay Castle

Fun for all the family is promised at the third annual Hay History Weekend, 11-13 September. The theme is the Battle of Agincourt, since 2015 marks the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and historical records show that 20 of the longbowmen who fought and won came from the Hay area.

Set perfectly in and around Hay Castle, this Medieval themed weekend will offer a full programme of events, including real knights on horseback, sword fights and horse carriage rides delivered by TV and film troupe the Cavalry of Heroes. Plus participatory workshops and shows with Hay Youth & Senior Theatre Group entertaining the crowds with their rendition of Henry V, sword and shield decorating, wood turning, calligraphy and talks from the UK's leading authorities on Agincourt and Medieval weapons: Anne Curry and Bob Woosnam-Savage. There will also be a pop-up museum featuring the archive of Eric Pugh. For the full programme and ticket information see [hayhistorygroup.co.uk](http://hayhistorygroup.co.uk)

'Hay at War' Alan Nicholls has published "Hay at War", a weekly account of how WWI affected the people of Hay. From the start of the Great War the people of Hay were caught up in the conflict across the globe. Whether serving on the front line, in allied occupations, or at home awaiting news from their loved ones, Hay was there. This account of the Great War is seen through the columns of the Brecon County Times. It deals with the news as seen weekly by the residents of Hay and it gives an insight to the everyday life in Hay during those war years. Many of those who survived the war returned home to Hay but their lives would never be the same again. The 290 page book is fully indexed containing the names of those who served, their families and many details of Hay from the war period. Available at Lulu.com

**Hay Tours.** Hay Tours has introduced a new tour in a collaboration with the Warren Club which follows the history of the railway in Hay. Tours are now bookable on the Hay History website. Tours of Hay Castle are also available - see the website for details.

Hay Model Railway Group have been renovating a large model of Hay Railway Station and its environs and it is available to view each Wednesday at the Salem Chapel, Bell Bank, Hay, and every other Saturday - a must for railway enthusiasts. See the website for further details. [www.hayhistorygroup.co.uk](http://www.hayhistorygroup.co.uk)

## *Llanwrtyd & District Heritage & Arts Centre*

Work on developing the former Congregational Chapel at Llanwrtyd into a Heritage & Arts Centre continues to progress very satisfactorily and further funding now ensures that the Project should be completed into 2016. We recently hosted the July Meeting of the Brecknock History Forum and visitors expressed good support, interest and enthusiasm for what has been achieved to date. Members have held their first meeting with Headland Design Associates, our Consultancy firm based in Chester, to plan the exhibition to present Llanwrtyd's history from the time in the eighteenth century when it was a tiny hamlet, through the Spa years and up to the present day.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September, afternoon.** As part of Brecknock History Week we are hosting a Talk and DNA sampling with Dr. Andrew Grierson of Sheffield University, subject to confirmation. We also plan to hold a "History Fair" to be held in late October/early November to which members of the Forum are invited to participate. Dates will be circulated to members by e-mail.

## *Llyn Syfaddan History Group.*

**9 September 2015. 1 pm.** Guided walk from Llangasty Hall to Llangasty Church, (decorated in the Gothic Revival style) and back via the Retreat, Treberfydd House Garden and the Walled Garden. Approximately 1.5 miles. Moderate terrain some of which may be damp. Teas available after the walk for £3 per person. (Cakes biscuits and refreshments). Llangasty Hall, LD37PJ

**12 September 2015. 1pm until 4pm** . An opportunity to see the site of the former Tallylyn Railway Station which has been transformed into attractive gardens and to see a display of railway artefacts related to the station and junction complex.at: The Old Station, Private Road,, Tallylyn. LD37TA. Teas and coffee available to purchase. Parking in field adjacent to the Old Station at the entrance to Private Road

## *Powys County Archives*

### **Recent accessions to Powys Archives**

Map of Yskir Ddafidd Farm in the parish of Llanwrtyd [Llanwrtyd], Breconshire, belonging to Roderick Gwynne, 1768 [Acc 2278]

Records of district nurse Elizabeth Rose Page of Llanwrtyd, Breconshire, including a volume of handwritten notes on nursing, 1906-1914 & registers of cases, 1920-1957 [Acc 2290]

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Read the latest Powys Archives Newsletter online

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/archivesnewsletter>

## *Powys Family History Society (Brecknock Group)*

Meetings are held at the new Kensington Church, Watergate, at 7.30, unless otherwise stated. There is free parking in the Watergate Car Park, close to the church.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015** at 7.30pm

Venue: Kensington Church, Brecon.

John Price will be showing some films of local interest.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015** at 7.30 pm

Venue: Kensington Church, Brecon.

Powys Family History Society AGM.

'Location Photography: A Privileged Life'. by Iain Wright Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (Aberystwyth). Iain will describe the photographic work of the Royal Commission in recording, monitoring and the preservation of Ancient Monuments, Buildings and Industrial Heritage of Wales. Iain is known for his splendid photographs used to illustrate the "Pevsner Buildings of Wales" series. (The Powys volume was published in 2013). He recently completed a survey of War Memorials of the First World War in Wales.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015** at 7.30pm

Venue: Kensington Church, Brecon.

Mr Steven Roderick is kindly giving a talk on 'Stanley Bligh of Cilmeri Park'.

## *Talgarth & District History Society*

The Society meets ten times each year at Gwernyfed Rugby Club, Trefecca Road, Talgarth on the last Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm (there are no meetings in August and January). The current chair is Sheila Lovell and the Secretary is Jan Hughes. Eight of the meetings are led by invited speakers on a wide range of topics and these meetings are complemented by a visit to a place of historical interest in July and a social event in December.