

## Notes from Local interest Group 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Apologies:** Edwina Griffiths, Iris Lloyd, Joan Hughes.

**Present:** Maureen Lloyd (ML), Wendy (WO) and Dainis Ozols (DO), Sue Farmer(SF), Sylvia Illingsworth, Avryl and Roy Lloyd, John Price, James and Jenny Martin, Victor and Cherry Williams, Grace Davies, Richard Thomas (RT), David Price(DP).

ML welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially James and Jenny Martin who are moving into the village.

### Rhosgoch Gossip Review

- There are 6 issues a year
- Trying to get them out earlier
- Next deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> November although earlier contributions are very welcome
- Welcome articles, adverts etc. One off adverts are free, regular adverts are £10 for the year
- Pat Harley has taken over the Painscastle deliveries from Chris Rose who is moving from the village
- Cost is £6 for a subscription, unless posted when it is £12
- Roughly break even although there was a small loss (£24.50) in the year to Aug 2019 but that is covered by the bank funds
- More suggestions for articles or regular columns would be welcome

Grace asked how Mikey's Diary was going to be replaced, ML will try out her ideas in the next few issues.

### LIG Review 2018/19

Local Interest Group do not want to make money, voluntary donations for tea/coffee cover the Adullam Hall costs for heat and light. There is a small reserve for paying speakers, which is a petty cash account.

LIG meets on the last Thursday of the month and we have had an interesting programme over the year with good attendance at most meetings.

Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Films John Price, Gwyneth Guy based on local interest and old time farming.
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Concluded WWI and Phil Jones on the WWI exhibition in Llandrindod museum. We also went to the exhibition in Llandrindod.
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> 2019	Great Grandmother's diaries by Cherry Williams. She lived at Danyfron, Colva 1858-1929. This was a very enjoyable evening although the snow prevented some attendees. Cherry has given it twice since a very successful summer evening in Colva Church.
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Wendy Ozols – history of trades and services at Pendre Farm Roy and Avryl provided pictures and invoices from 1890s to early 1900s as well as some anecdotes.
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Kilvert – Anne Dean. Ann focused on the diaries relating to local interest.
April 25 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Drovers – Bruce Smith & Christine McCann. A very interesting talk and especially related to Painscastle
May 9 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Visit to Clyro Nature reserve Cwm Bwddog Wendy Ozols to organise Stephen Mullard to lead. This was moved for the early purple orchids

June 27 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Maesyronnen Chapel – A wonderful evening, great weather and a lovely chapel and we were able to look around the adjoining cottage.
July 25 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Bottle Dock & Penishaplwyf, ML very disappointed to miss this, but enjoyed doing the research and feel there is still more to discover.
August 29 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Castle Farm which is now a holiday let & Painscastle village changes, with Ken, Cherry and Roy talking about Painscastle School.
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Review of year and planning meeting

### Planning Meetings for 2019/20

ML threw the meeting open and invited suggestions for next year's meetings. RT had sent several ideas by email which he now outlined.

- Abcwales – preserve and restore ancient buildings. He had spoken to them at the Royal Welsh. Could they talk to us and possibly we could become involved in local buildings.
- Old varieties of Oats possibly wheat or other plants which were adapted to specific localities. Perhaps could this be the basis for a talk? RT does have some knowledge and there is a lady in Llanidloes who may be able to do a presentation.
- Offa's Dyke: RT works with the Trails Officer, the Association has a management plan for the preservation of this ancient monument. Could there be someone willing to talk about this.
- Walton Basin Anne Goodwin has done talks on the Walton Basin, a past director of CPAT also did a talk at Kington which was very comprehensive. ML to pursue this further.
- Ancient and Veteran trees – Woodland Trust. Perhaps a summer visit to look at ancient trees, could find their location using the Ancient Tree inventory. DO suggested maybe Ray Woods. Is there a local warden who may be able to help. DO to email the Woodland Trust to ask them
- Old Tractors – any local experts, Grace has lots of pictures. RL spoke to Lee Miles who would be happy for a visit to Bryngwyn where he would show us his collection of old farm machinery. This looks like a definite summer visit.

John Price asked if we could get Paul Remfrey as he would like a talk about the area in Medieval times, with the links between the Castles like Painscastle and the mottes such as Dolbedwyn, Llandeilo Graban. Paul Remfrey lives in North Wales and was a carer for a family member, so it had been difficult for him to come in the past, DO to pursue. ML said she could get in touch with David Stephenson to see if he would be able to do something, he specialises on the Medieval period and lives in Llanidloes.

- RL said Lisa had suggested we have the Brecon Beacons National Park Geopark Officer to come and walk one of the local hills to explain the geology. It would be a good walk for June when the evenings are light.
- RL had seen an advert for a talk at Brilley Monday Club about Assizes and Courts locally. Bev Holmes from Addyman's Books is the contact and JP will send her email details to ML.

DO suggested perhaps we could have a talk from the Duff-Gordon family about grouse management on the moor, to include where people could go and when. Probably the gamekeepers would be able to talk about the management.

DO asked about a visit to Fran Shaw's Deer Farm. This could be combined with Llandeilo Graban and make a lovely summer evening walk. DP said Church House is being renovated and the new owners are interested in its history, and they could be happy for a LIG visit.

DO could we talk to Norman and Betty Lloyd for a visit to Great House in Newchurch. It is on ML's list but they were not able to do it this year, also ML had been to Ponfaen to see if that could be combined.

DO Could we do some research about the Medieval village of Pentre Jack. DO is happy to try, ML thought Ginny Guy may be able to help.

SF – would people like to visit Llanddewi Fach church? What about the Cwm, or some other places in the Llanddewi Fach area.

Joan Hughes had suggested a visit to Huntington School and Chapel, ML to arrange.

DO would like more contributions to the website, photos – old/new articles etc.

ML said if there were no other ideas for research she would close the meeting and thanked Avryl for the evening's refreshments.