

Notes from Local Interest Group 27th September 2024

Present in Hall: Maureen Lloyd (ML), John Price (JP), Allison Joyce, Jenny Francis, Roy and Avryl Lloyd, Bronwen Jenkins, Elsa Harflett, Sylvia Bigglestone, Grace Davies, Helen Barnett, Iris Lloyd, Victor and Cherry Williams, Edwina Griffiths, Gina Goodge, Dawn Richards, Malc Gonnella, Mollie Moore, Tim Francis

Present on Zoom: Wendy Ozols, Sylvia Illingsworth, Marilyn Price, Howard and Ann Dean, Juliet Lewis, Angela Jones, Mike Head, Sue Lawler

Apologies: Dainis Ozols. Joan Lloyd, Rev Janet Russell, Jennifer Lewis, Adela Campbell, Barbara Lloyd

ML welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that it would be in three parts, The Gossip AGM, planning for the new year of LIG meetings and a film show put together by JP of highlights from this summer's visits.

Gossip AGM

ML started by showing everyone the accounts and going through them.

Accounts ending August 2024					
Opening Balance 1/9/2023	£	2,213.70			
Printing Costs	£	1,130.00	Sales & advertising	£	1,276.00
Cas help	£	100.00			
Postage	£	147.45	PCC website refund	£	233.51
Zoom	£	143.88			
Bus shelter printing	£	99.42			
Website costs to be refunded	£	45.84			
Total expenses	£	1,666.59	Total receipts	£	1,509.51
Profit/Loss	-£	157.08			
			Closing Bank		
			Balance	£	2,056.62

This is the 29th year that the Gossip has been in circulation. ML explained that the Gossip was a "not-for-profit" publication and that any profits are used to purchase things for the community's benefit. An example of this would be the new maps which have been printed for display in the bus shelter (kindly prepared by Pete Spode). There is also some text to go with the maps and this will be put up in the bus shelter when it is ready. The Gossip profits also pay for the Zoom subscription. Anyone within the community is welcome to use the Zoom facility if they wish – they simply need to contact ML or John Price for details. The Gossip also pays for the Community's Website, although this money is refunded from the Community Council.

ML went on to say that she welcomes all contributions for the Gossip from members of the community. Circulation is around 200 and she has 240 printed every month because some are also sold at Clyro Garage, Erwood Gallery and the shop in Boughrood. Fifteen copies are posted – it now costs around £1.55 to post each copy and so postal subscribers pay £16 per annum. For those who have their copies delivered by hand, subscription remains at £6 per annum. At this point, ML

thanked her band of loyal and efficient deliverers for their hard work. One PDF copy is even sent to Vancouver in Canada!

Allison Joyce proposed a vote of thanks to ML for her hard work. Since there were no comments or questions, the AGM was completed.

Plans for Local Interest Group 2024/25

ML said that some work has already been put in place to organize talks/visits for the coming year.

October: ML will be away and so JP will be in charge. He has prepared a slide show for this meeting with items of local interest.

November: Allison Joyce has been in touch with Chris Jones from Kington Museum and he is willing to come to give the group a talk or to arrange an evening visit to the museum. A show of hands showed that people would prefer for him to come to give a talk – perhaps in preparation for individuals to visit the museum as and when they wished to do so. Allison agreed to arrange this.

December: No Meeting

January: Nothing planned as yet – see Suggestions below.

February: Allison Joyce has something prepared for this meeting – more details nearer the time.

Suggestions for talks for January, March and April

Cherry Williams has a project in hand. She has been doing research on a lady (NOT The Martyr of the Storm) who also perished in the snow in the local area. The proposal is that she could give a talk on this, in conjunction with the Rose Williams story, for a LIG meeting.

Richard Thomas has suggested in the past that an evening based on Mona Morgan's book – "Growing up in Kilvert Country" – would be of interest. JP has links with Mona Morgan and also has some photos, etc, that could be used to illustrate such a talk. Ann Dean said that she would be interested in putting something together, perhaps with the help of Joan Hughes and Howard Dean.

Suggestions for Summer Visits

Allison Joyce suggested that it would be interesting to visit Cusop Castle. Cusop History Group would be willing to show us around. ML asked her if she would be willing to organise this for May, June, July or August.

A visit to Cregina was also suggested – JP is the link here and will look into the possibility.

Another possibility for a visit is the two castles in Aberedw. ML said that access here was an issue and she wondered whether this would make a better LIG walk than a formal visit.

JP suggested that Clyro village would make an excellent visit – there is a great deal to see there. Brian Morgan would be a useful contact, but it would be good to get some of the locals involved in showing us around.

Ann Dean suggested that a visit to Cusop Church, with a possible link to the Hay Poisoner and his house would make for an interesting evening. ML wondered whether this could be considered for the following year if a visit to Cusop Castle can be arranged for this year.

Cherry Williams suggested a visit to Llowes. Her husband, Victor, is the one to get involved with this as he was born there.

ML reminded everyone who was looking into organizing a trip that the one in August needs to be shorter with an indoor part at the end because it tends to get dark a bit earlier.

Local Interest Group Visit Highlights – Summer 2024

The final part of the meeting consisted of clips put together by JP of the four visits made by the group in the summer: Glascwm – May; Llanbedr with Stuart Fry – June; Llanbadarn y Garreg – July: and, Llanshwer Moat archaeological dig – August.

ML thanked everyone for their useful suggestions for talks and hopes that we have the makings of a programme for 2024/25 now. She also thanked JP for providing the entertaining end to the meeting which enabled those who were unable to join the various field trips to see what they had missed.

As always, thank you to JP for his technical wizardry which allows those who cannot get to the hall to participate in the meetings via Zoom. Thanks also to the ladies who provided and made the refreshments for everyone to enjoy at the end of the meeting.