



THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY 2018 / 2019



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Kidwelly Castle

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| Welsh Classes | <i>Sina Williams Ivy Price Mike Price</i> |

MONTHLY MEETINGS and EVENTS 2018 – 2019

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| SEPTEMBER 26 th | CROESO YN ÔL A welcome back evening after our summer break. Mike Price will show highlights of this year's EISTEDDFODAU held in July & August | |
| SEPTEMBER 29 th | COFFEE MORNING with Ann and Alan Simpson | # |
| OCTOBER 21 st | HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE at St Michaels & All Angels Church, Roxwell. | |
| OCTOBER 24 th | 'MIDLIFE CRISIS AND IT'S COINCIDENCES' with Elizabeth Jane Corbett | |
| NOVEMBER 3 rd | SING SONG with Fish & Chips at Radley Green Farm | # |
| NOVEMBER 28 th | MIKE'S MUSINGS with Mike Price | |
| DECEMBER 2 nd | CHRISTMAS TEA hosted by Jim & Liz Armishaw | # |
| DECEMBER 12 th | DATHLU NADOLIG gyda Rachel Bartells Christmas Celebration | |
| JANUARY 23 rd | NOSON LAWEN | |
| FEBRUARY 27 th | A talk by JENY HOPKINS Chief Crown Prosecutor for the South East | |
| MARCH 3 rd (Sunday 3.30pm) | ST. DAVID'S DAY SERVICE at Little Baddow URC | |
| MARCH 8 th (Friday 7pm) | ST. DAVID'S DAY DINNER at the County Hotel, Chelmsford | |
| MARCH 23 rd | MIKE'S MUSICAL MISCELLANY Hosted by Shirley & Don | # |
| MARCH 27 th | DEBRA JOHN from Swansea Brings to life EDWARDIAN MAID and TALES FROM WALES | |
| APRIL 24 th | AR EICH CAIS with Mike Price | |
| MAY 8 th | COFFEE MORNING at David & Edith's | # |
| MAY 22 nd | CHRISTOPHER BEAUMONT explores Patrick Moore's musical legacy | |
| MAY 23 rd to 26 th | SOCIETY VISIT TO BRIDGEND | |
| JUNE 2 nd (Sunday 10.30am) | SUMMER SERVICE with the congregation of Little Baddow URC | |
| JUNE 8 th (Saturday 7.30pm) | ANNUAL CONCERT with the "BRIDGEND MALE VOICE CHOIR" at Chelmsford Cathedral | |
| JUNE 26 th (Wednesday) | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and QUIZ NIGHT with Gwil Williams | |
| JUNE 30 th (Saturday 3.00pm) | SUMMER CELEBRATION at Radley Green Farm | # |

JUNE NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEHEFIN 2018

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

This is the last newsletter of the 'society's year', until our new programme starts in September. Our first meeting in September will be on **Wednesday 26th September 2018**, so please don't forget to put this date in your diaries. We will have another exciting and varied programme lined up for the year.

We have had a busy few weeks with various events. The **Society visit to Blackwood** was a superb trip, and enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to our President **Brian Farmer** for organising such a great trip. Photos of the trip are available on the society's website. In our May meeting, we enjoyed listening to the talented duo '**Afterglow**'. Rhiannon Howys and Reece Smith performed acoustic versions of some great songs. Our annual **Summer Service at Little Baddow** was a very pleasant service, which was well attended with some great singing. Revd Cally Hammond took the service for the last time on behalf of the Society. Our **Annual concert** at Chelmsford Cathedral was once again a huge success featuring The Aber Valley Male Voice Choir and supported by the talented trio Serin. This was a superb evening with a magical performance by Serin.

Details of the next monthly meeting and other events are listed below:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & QUIZ NIGHT

**Please note that the monthly meetings are now on Wednesdays
Wednesday, 27th June 2018 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at
7pm for a 7.30pm start.**

In the first half of the meeting the President and Treasurer will deliver their report on the Society's year, and the election of officers will be confirmed. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, where you can get involved with the running of the society, then please get in touch. There will be a quiz in the second half, with some special prizes for the winners! There will also be strawberries, cream and shortbread served by the catering committee

Raffle prizes- **David Brown, Sina Williams & Gwil Williams**

WELSH CLASSES—The next class will be held on **Monday 1st and 18th June 2018 at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm.**

MORNING COFFEE IN THE COUNTRY on Wednesday, 13th June 2018 at 10.30am hosted by Arthur & Carys Williams. The address is 3 Englefields, South Street, Tillingham, Essex CM0 7AT. If you require directions please ring them on **01621 778711**. Donation of £5 per person and a raffle prize will be much appreciated.

SUMMER CELEBRATION on Saturday, 30th June 2018 at 3pm- Please come and join us for a delightful 'Afternoon Tea' held at Radley Green Farm. Tickets are £7.50 and will be sold at our next monthly event. If you enjoy baking, **we would welcome any cake donations for this event.** If you are unable to attend, then please bring any cake donations to the AGM. Raffle prizes will also be much appreciated.

SOCIETY NEWS

- We would like to say a special '**Thank you**' to Arthur Williams, for all his hard work and effort involved with the organisation of our Annual Concert.
- Thank you also to **Brian Farmer**, who has been President for this past year. We have had an enjoyable programme of events under his Presidency.
- Best wishes to all members who have been unwell recently.

**Cofion Cynnes,
Gwenno Pope**

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT JUNE 2018

ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE at LITTLE BADDOW

On Sunday, 3 June, members of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society joined the congregation of Little Baddow United Reformed Church for their morning service. The tradition dates back to 1964 when Eric Davies, a member of the church, was the President of the Society, so this was the 55th joint service. The Society also celebrates St David, the Patron Saint of Wales, with a church service in early March each year. In 1990 this service moved to its spiritual home at Little Baddow Church, when the Society leads the service and is joined by the church members. The severe weather of the "beast from the east" had led to the cancellation of the service this March, and the society were grateful that the church members allowed elements of the belated St David's celebration to take place, and so the Rev. Dr. Cally Hammond, Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge was invited to lead the service. Cally has officiated at the St David's celebration since 1999. It was an emotional service as it was to be the last time she would be officiating; she was presented with flowers and a Society slate plaque. It was a lovely service on a beautiful day – no beast from the east this time. The singing was particularly good, the sermon uplifting. The service ended with Holy Communion, with the Rev. Christine Fowler the minister of the church officiating. The organist was Brenda Hooson, who always opens with a Welsh air and concludes with Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau. Afterwards coffee and biscuits were served in the vestry. The Society is grateful to the elders and congregation of the church for their kindness and friendship.

AGM

The AGM of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society on 27 June was Brian Farmer's last monthly meeting as President. He recalled the many superb events during his year of office, in particular the annual concert and St David's day dinner. He paid tribute to the committee for their support, and in particular Ivy Price, the Vice-president, the Secretary Gwenno Pope, the Treasurer Carys Williams, the Dinner Organisers Liz Armishaw and Kay Bright, the Concert Organiser Arthur Williams, David Brown the Web site/Audio Organiser, Mike Price the Multi Media Organiser, Edith Brown and her Catering Team and Shirley Moody who organised the Church Services. Special thanks were due to Shirley and her husband Don for their generosity in hosting so many of the Society's events, and the members who hosted five Fund Raising/ Charity Events. The Society is very busy with at least 22 well attended events each year. The Treasurer then presented the accounts, which showed that the Society had a healthy balance towards funding the coming year. Brian then presented a cheque for £1500 to J's Hospice Ambassador, Liz Armishaw, Brian's lead charity. During the year a further £435 had been presented to seven charities/worthy causes. The President for the 2018/19 season, Ivy Price, then took over and welcomed Liz Armishaw as her Vice-President. The outgoing members of the committee were all returned to office together with Ann Simpson. Following an interval for strawberries and cream Gwil Williams ran an exciting Quiz, and presented each member of the winning team with six delicious cakes baked by his wife, Maureen. It was agreed that there should be a quiz every year!

The last event of Brian's year, on 13 June, Morning Coffee in the Country, a Fund Raising/Charity event hosted by Carys and Arthur raised £352. Ivy's lead charity will be SNAP (details later). The first Fund Raising/ Charity Event of her year of office, on 30 June, Afternoon Tea at Radley Green Farm hosted by Shirley and Don raised £467.

Members were sad to hear that Elsie Salmon, a popular and active member of the Society, had passed away.

The first monthly meeting of the 2018/19 season will be the traditional Croeso Yn Ôl (Welcome Back), featuring Mike Price, on Wednesday 26 September at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.



Treasurer, Carys Williams



Secretary,
Gwenno Pope,



2018/2019 President,
Ivy Price



Brian Farmer hands over a
cheque for £1,500 to Liz
Armishaw, ambassador of the
J's Hospice



President Ivy Price
presents Liz Armishaw
with her Vice President's
badge of office



Shirley Moody reads a
poem



Quizmaster
Gwil Williams



Quiz teams decide on the
WELSH PLACES round



The winning team



President, Ivy Price welcomes everyone
to the next meeting on
Wednesday September 26th

JULY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS GORFENNAF 2018

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

As we have had such a busy few weeks with so many events going on, and more planned for September, we have decided to send one last newsletter before the summer break. We enjoyed a marvellous morning at Carys & Arthur Williams' home on the 13th June, and raised £352. All those who attended enjoyed their beautiful garden in the glorious sunshine. Thank you to Carys & Arthur Williams for their hospitality. The Annual General Meeting and Quiz Night was a superb evening and was well attended with 48 of our members. Thank you to Gwil Williams for organising such a fun quiz, and also to Maureen, his wife, for baking the cakes for the winning team. The Catering committee provided us with a delicious strawberry supper. The Afternoon Tea at Radley Green Farm at the end of June was another lovely afternoon. Thanks to all who organised the delicious food and the steady flow of tea. Thanks again to Don & Shirley Moody for their hospitality.

Please note that the monthly meetings are now on Wednesdays

Details of the next events are listed below:

CROESO YN ÔL

Wednesday, 26th September 2018 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.30pm.

Our autumn programme commences with our usual Croeso yn Ôl (Welcome back meeting). Our new President, Ivy Price, will be there to welcome you all, and to inform you of the events and visits that have been arranged for the year. Mike Price will present the visual highlights from the National Eisteddfod. There will also be cheese and wine, served by the Catering committee.

Raffle prizes- Enid Morris, Kay Bright and Brian Farmer

WELSH CLASSES—The next class will be held on Monday 10th and 24th September 2018 at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm.

COFFEE MORNING AT THE HOUSE ON THE HILL on Saturday, 29th September 2018 at 10.30am. Ann and Alan Simpson will be hosting this event at their home. The address is 10 Kingfisher Close, Hutton, Brentwood CM13 2NB. Tel: 01277 228927.

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE- CYMANFA GANU DIOLCHGARWCH on Sunday, 21st October at 3pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell. Please put this date in your diaries and invite your friends and family to join you for this afternoon of song.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE TRIP TO WALES- Please note that the new date for the trip to Wales will be 23rd to 26th May 2019. Ivy Price will be able to give us more details in the September meeting.

SOCIETY NEWS

Elsie Salmon's funeral will be held on Tuesday, July 10th at 11.30am at St Catherine's Church, Wickford, SS11 8BB. Please note that James and the family have requested that anyone attending the funeral to wear bright colours.

- Congratulations to Mair & Brian Thomas who will celebrate their Diamond Wedding anniversary over the summer.
- Best wishes to all members who have been unwell recently.

Cofion Cynnes,

Gwenno Pope

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEDI 2018

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready for our new programme of exciting events for this coming year. Details of forthcoming society events are listed below:

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Raffle prizes- Enid Morris, Kay Bright and Brian Farmer

WELSH CLASSES—The next class will be held on Monday 10th and 24th September 2018 at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm. Please ask for more details if you are interested in joining the Welsh classes for a fun afternoon of Welsh conversation and scrabble!

COFFEE MORNING AT THE HOUSE ON THE HILL on Saturday, 29th September 2018 at 10.30am. Ann and Alan Simpson will be hosting this event at their home. The address is The Kingfishers, 10 Kingfisher Close, Hutton Mount, Hutton, Brentwood CM13 2NB. The easiest turning off the main road in Mount Avenue. Their house is the first one on the right as you drive into the close. If you need further directions, please ring Ann & Alan Simpson on 01277 228927. Donation of £5 per person and a raffle prize will be much appreciated.

SONGS OF PRAISE- CYMANFA GANU on Sunday, 21st October 2018 at 3pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell. The congregations of the Roxwell group of Churches and The Chelmsford Welsh Society join in a joyful afternoon of singing in both English and Welsh followed by refreshments. Please put this date in your diaries.

VISIT TO SOUTH WALES 2019- Please note that the new date for the trip to Wales will be 23rd to 26th May 2019. If you are interested in attending this trip, please call Ivy Price on 01277 210541 or email ivyprice1940@gmail.com to reserve your place. Ivy will be able to give more details in the September meeting.

SOCIETY NEWS

- We welcome Ann Simpson on to our Committee.
- Best wishes to all members who have been unwell recently. We are looking forward to seeing you all again when you are feeling better.

*Cofion Cynnes,
Gwenno Pope*

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT SEPTEMBER 2018

CROESO YN ÔL

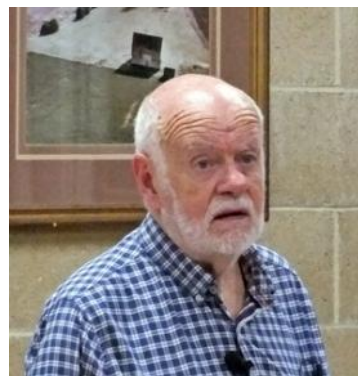


2018/2019 President IVY PRICE

Chelmsford and District Welsh Society was established in 1961. Membership is open to anyone with Welsh origin or connection and anyone with an interest in Welsh heritage and traditions. Monthly meetings are normally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month in Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The theme of the first meeting of the 2018/19 season on 26 September was Croeso Yn Ôl, Welcome Back. The President for the season, Ivy Price, welcomed the large gathering of members new and old, and guests, and invited Deirdre Pembroke from SNAP, her chosen charity, to give a presentation. Snap is a Brentwood based charity which supports thousands of families with children and young people with special needs or disability. Official funding has been cut severely over past years and they rely heavily on charitable donations. This is the second time they have been chosen as the Welsh Society's charity. Following a break for some delicious refreshments, and a chat after the summer break, Mike Price made his keenly anticipated highly professional annual video presentation of the events at the annual eisteddfodau. The National Eisteddfod this year was held in Cardiff Bay and began with a Carnival of the Sea, with a blend of cultures reminiscent of the old Tiger Bay. The competitions in the Eisteddfod proper were held in the magnificent Millennium Centre and opened with a highly entertaining choral competition of all ages and professionalism. Mike highlighted the Cardiff Academy Choir of junior schools and the winners, and the famous CF1 adult Choir. In one of the evening concerts the operatic baritone Bryn Terfel played the part of the narrator in a show about Paul Robeson, with an all ages cast. The Society donate the prizes for two of the competitions: Cai Fon Davies won the 16 to 19 boys solo and Glesni Rhys Jones won the 19 to 19 Girls solo. The young flautist Katie Bartels from Brentwood was a finalist in the Instrumental Blue Riband competition and Dafydd Wyn Jones, a nephew of society member Gwil Williams was a finalist in the Blue Riband Voice competition. Mike also showed the wonderful Stellenbosch University Choir from South Africa, which won three of the competitions at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.



DIERDRE PEMBROKE explains the aims of this year's lead charity, SNAP



MIKE PRICE compiler of this year's Eistedfoddau Competitions

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS HYDREF 2018

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

We enjoyed an excellent evening for our 'Croeso Yn Ôl' meeting. It was lovely to welcome some new faces and also to catch up with all of our old friends. Our President **Ivy Price** outlined the programme of events for the next few months, and **Deidre Pembroke** gave an informative account of this year's chosen charity, SNAP (Special Needs And Parents). A very big 'THANK YOU' to **Mike Price** for his fantastic audio visual presentation of this year's National and International Eisteddfodau, and 'Thank you' to the **Catering committee** for organising the refreshments. Thank you to **David Brown** for his help with all the equipment as always. **Ann & Alan Simpson** welcomed everyone to their coffee morning in 'The House on the Hill' on Saturday 29th September. This was a wonderful morning with great attendance and we raised over £300 for our charity fund. Thank you also to **Sandra & Roger Read** and to **Mary Jones** for helping to make this a successful event. **If anyone left their glasses (ladies) behind at the coffee morning, please contact me on 07724144432.**

'Elizabeth Jane Corbett - Midlife crisis and its' coincidences'
Wednesday, 24th October 2018 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House
at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Come and join us for another interesting evening.

Refreshments and Raffle – Ann Hunt, Yvonne Blackwood and Sina Williams

SUBSCRIPTIONS- **Carys Williams**, our Treasurer, wishes to thank all members who have already paid their annual subscription. She will be collecting the annual subscription at the next monthly meeting. In return, you will receive a copy of the 2018-19 programme. Should you be unable to attend, please send a cheque payable to '**Chelmsford & District Welsh Society**' to **Carys Williams, 3 Englefields, South Street, Tillingham, Essex CM0 7AT**. Please note that the new annual subscription is £20.

WELSH CLASSES – The next classes will be held on **Monday, 8th and 22nd October 2018** at **Radley Green Farm** at **2.00pm**. Please ask for more details if you are interested in joining the Welsh classes for a fun afternoon of Welsh conversation and scrabble!

SONGS OF PRAISE-CYMANFA GANU on **Sunday, 21st October** at **3pm** at St Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell. The congregations of the Roxwell group of Churches and The Chelmsford Welsh Society join in a joyful afternoon of congregational singing in both English and Welsh followed by refreshments. Please make every effort to attend.

SING SONG WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER (and a glass of wine!) on **Saturday, 3rd November** at **7.30pm** at **Radley Green Farm**. Please contact Ivy Price on 01277 210541 or email ivyprice1940@gmail.com to order your tickets. Tickets are £15 each to include a fish and chip supper with wine.

VISIT TO WALES MAY 23rd – 26th, 2019- Next year, our President is organising a visit to South Wales. If you are interested in attending this trip, please call **Ivy Price** on **01277 210541** or email ivyprice1940@gmail.com to reserve your place. A deposit of £75 each is required by the end of November. Please make your cheques payable to '**Chelmsford & District Welsh Society**' and send to **Carys Williams, 3 Englefields, South Street, Tillingham, Essex CM0 7AT**, or bring with you to the next monthly meeting.

SOCIETY NEWS

- Best wishes to **Elfed Owen** who has been unwell recently and we wish you a speedy recovery.
- Best wishes also to all of our members who have been unwell over the past few months. We are looking forward to welcome you back soon.

Cofion Cynnes,
Gwenno Pope

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT OCTOBER 2018

'SONGS OF PRAISE / CYMANFA GANU'

and

'MIDLIFE CRISIS AND IT'S COINCIDENCES'

with Elizabeth Jane Corbett



On Sunday 21st October the society joined the parishioners of St Michael and All Angels, Roxwell for an afternoon of hymn singing and music. Marie Brooks, church warden welcomed everyone and Ivy Price, Welsh Society President, introduced each item. Two members of the choir sang Panis Angelicus and an anthem was sung by the choir. Psalm 23 was read in English by Ivy Price and in Welsh by Arthur Williams. Our thanks to the officers of the church for hosting the event once more, to David Patrick for playing the organ and for the W.I. for providing refreshments.



At our monthly meeting on Wednesday 24th October the author Elizabeth Jane Corbett gave a fascinating insight into writing your first novel. Originally from Rayleigh in Essex, Elizabeth's family emigrated to Australia when she was a young child. She was married at 19 and by the age of 40, had raised three children.

She always had an interest in historic novels and began carrying out extensive research on immigration into Australia from the British Isles. As her mother was from Port Talbot, she decided to base some of her characters from Wales, as well as from the Convent Garden area of London. During this investigative period, Elizabeth developed an interest in Welsh culture and began learning the language in Welsh classes in Melbourne. She visited Wales on numerous occasions, attending writing workshops in Corris, near Machynlleth.

Her first novel, based on the journey of immigrants into Australia in the 1840's "The Tides Between" was published last year to impressive reviews. Elizabeth has been promoting the book throughout the UK and has given presentations in Welsh, a fact that really impressed our members. Her next novel will have more Welsh connections and is based on the life of the wife of the ancient ruler Owain Glyndwr.

Following Elizabeth's presentation, a lively and entertaining 'Question and Answer' session took place, which gave us an enthralling understanding of the demands of writing your first novel.



Gwyl Williams

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS TACHWEDD 2018

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

In our October monthly meeting we enjoyed a presentation and a fascinating insight into writing her first novel by Elizabeth Jane Corbett. Originally from Rayleigh in Essex, Elizabeth's family emigrated to Australia when she was a young child. During the second half of the meeting we enjoyed a lively and entertaining 'Question and Answer' session.

On Sunday 21st October, many of our members joined in the congregation of St Michael and All Angels Church in Roxwell, for Songs of Praise, followed by some delicious refreshments. Please find details of our next events below:

'MIKE'S MUSINGS'- Humour and stories from Mike Price

Wednesday, 28th November 2018 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House
at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Refreshments and Raffle – Janet Wash, Anja Welsh-Smyth and Glenys Freeman

WELSH CLASSES – The next classes will be held on Monday, 5th and 19th November 2018 at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm. Please ask for more details if you are interested in joining the Welsh classes for a fun afternoon of Welsh conversation and scrabble!

CHRISTMAS TEA - Liz and Jim Armishaw will be hosting this annual charity event on Sunday, 2nd December 2018 at 3pm at their home-38A Chignal Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2SB. Donation of £5 per person and a wrapped gift for the raffle will be much appreciated.

NOSON LAWEN - Our homespun evening of Welsh entertainment will be held on Wednesday, 23rd January 2019. We would like to encourage our members to take part and display their talents. Please don't be shy! You could entertain us with your songs, poetry, jokes, dance-or any particular skill that you would like to share with the members. If you would be interested in taking part in our 'Noson Lawen', please give your name to Ivy Price on 01277 210541 or email ivyprice1940@gmail.com, as we need more volunteers for this evening of entertainment.

VISIT TO WALES MAY 23rd – 26th, 2019- If you are interested in attending this trip to South Wales, please call Ivy Price on 01277 210541 or email ivyprice1940@gmail.com to reserve your place. A deposit of £75 each is required by the end of November. Please make your cheques payable to 'Chelmsford & District Welsh Society' and send to Carys Williams, 3 Englefields, South Street, Tillingham, Essex CM0 7AT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS- Carys Williams, our Treasurer, wishes to thank all 83 members who have already paid their annual subscription. She will be collecting the annual subscription at the next monthly meeting. In return, you will receive a copy of the 2018-19 programme. Should you be unable to attend, please send a cheque payable to 'Chelmsford & District Welsh Society' to Carys Williams, 3 Englefields, South Street, Tillingham, Essex CM0 7AT. Please note that the annual subscription is £20.

SOCIETY NEWS

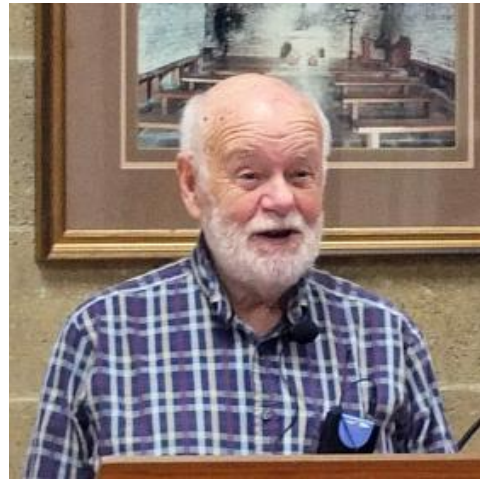
- We send our condolences to Eddie Alcock and his family, as his brother passed away recently.
- Our society website <http://chelmsfordwelsh.org.uk/home> is full of information on all past and future events, including a new report about the 'Activities of the Society 2017/18' compiled by David Brown. Thank you David for all your work involved with keeping the website up to date.
- Best wishes also to all of our members who have been unwell over the past few months. We are looking forward to welcome you back soon.

Cofion Cynnes,

Gwenno Pope

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT NOVEMBER 2018

MIKE'S MUSINGS



Fifty six members attended the November meeting of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society to hear one of their own, Mike Price, recount tales of his most interesting, happy and fulfilling life. His early childhood was spent in the Rhondda during WW2, with his grandparents playing a prominent role as his father was in the RAF in Canada. Mike thought he must be fighting polar bears. One grandfather, a stonemason, was a deacon in the Baptist Church. Only once did he manage to occupy the important corner seat, claimed by the senior deacon, by surreptitiously getting him to take a tasty laxative. An earlier valley doctor was the famous A J Cronin, an inspiration for the creation of the NHS. As a schoolboy, Mike worked for a butcher for two shillings and six pence, before getting a job paying 7/6 at the television shop. The coronation inspired the erection of many TV masts and a temporary hike in pay. Music was an important part of valley culture and oratorios were performed regularly by members of chapels and clubs. At the age of 17 he joined the famous Treorci male choir. Classical music has been an important part of Mike's life ever since. It was whilst in teachers' training college that he met Ivy (now President of the Society), who became a regular back seat driver on the pillion of his motorbike and eventually his wife. Ivy warned Mike against disclosing any further information! He began "proper work" as a science teacher in an Essex school, where 80 per cent of the teachers were Welsh! It was a job he enjoyed immensely, but he had always been interested in a career in broadcasting, and when he saw an advertisement for a job as a Studio Manager with the BBC he applied. His application was successful and he worked with the BBC until his retirement. The Vice-president, Liz Armishaw, congratulated him on delivering such an entertaining evening. There remains much still to tell and Mike promised to continue his musings later, during her year of office.

A fund raising/charity 'Sing for your Supper' event including a fish and chip supper raised £485.

A fund raising/charity event, Christmas Tea hosted by Liz and Jim, raised £300.



Ivy & Mike in a "Double Act"



Vice President Liz Armishaw gives thanks

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS RHAGFYR 2018

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

We have enjoyed a busy few weeks at the society. At the beginning of November, 46 of our members enjoyed a sing song with their Fish and chip supper and managed to raise £485 for our charity fund. Thank you to Don & Shirley Moody for hosting this event at Radley Green Farm.

In our November monthly meeting, Mike Price entertained us with his 'musings'. This was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Mike Price for such an amusing evening.

On Sunday, 2nd December we had our annual Christmas tea with plenty of delicious food and some carol singing. We managed to raise £300 for our charity fund. Thank you to Liz and Jim Armishaw for hosting this event at their home once again, and also to Buddug Rowland Frank for playing the piano.

Please find details of our next events below:

'DATHLU'R NADOLIG/Celebrate Christmas' with Rachel and Ken Bartels Wednesday, 12th December 2018 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The Bartels will be entertaining us once again on the harp and flute. There will be mulled wine and a Christmas themed supper to enjoy. Come in your Christmas hat and jumper!! There will also be a charity Christmas card for anyone to sign and donate if they wish.

WELSH CLASSES – The next classes will be held on Monday, 7th and 21st January 2019 at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm. Please ask for more details if you are interested in joining the Welsh classes for a fun afternoon of Welsh conversation and scrabble!

NOSON LAWEN, Wednesday, 23rd January 2019 – in our January meeting, our society members will have an opportunity to entertain us with their talents. Please come along to support them for an entertaining and fun evening.

ST DAVID'S DAY DINNER, Friday 8th March 2019 at 7pm-Tickets are now available for our annual St David's Day dinner at The County Hotel, Chelmsford. Tickets are £38.00 each. Please ring Kay Bright on 01245 380543 if you wish to order your ticket, or email kay.bright14@yahoo.co.uk. You can also inform Kay at the December monthly meeting. There is a Vegetarian option available, so please let Kay know if you require this option.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to send best wishes to all of our society members, especially those who have been unwell in recent months.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
NADOLIG LLAWEN A BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA

Cofion Cynnes,

Gwenno Pope

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT DECEMBER 2018

DATHLU NADOLIG Christmas Celebrations



The 52 members and guests at the Christmas celebrations of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society were welcomed by Ivy Price, the President, and offered a celebratory glass of warming mulled wine, served by Maureen and Keith Byatt. Entertainment was provided by the very talented Rachel and Ken Bartels on the harp and flute. They have long been great favourites of the Society, and they played a mixture of carols and other sacred music, Welsh love songs, classical music and jolly seasonal numbers. Rachel played a piece she performed at a concert in Ely Cathedral one December when she was a student at the Royal college, and had been rather overawed when the low lights were turned up at the end to see a packed audience. Her playing of The Interlude from Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols was particularly lovely. The haunting Myfanwy, considered by many to be the most beautiful love song ever, received long applause, and Ken's rendition of The Londonderry Air was exquisite. Ivy showed her talent playing the piano and leading the audience in singing several carols in Welsh and English. David Lloyd, Dave Almond and Clive Bright were excellent as the Three Kings from Orient Far. During the interval a welcome excellent spread of seasonal fare, prepared by the committee catering team led by Edith Brown, was enjoyed by all. Ivy read the greetings which many members had written on the Charity Christmas card instead of sending cards. £128 was raised for the charity fund. At the conclusion, Liz Armishaw, the Vice-president, congratulated Rachel and Ken on their talent, and thanked all those members who had been involved in making the arrangements for a lovely evening.



President Ivy Price welcomes everyone to the Christmas evening



Rachel Bartels wishing everyone a Happy Christmas



Ken Bartels, Flute



Rachel Bartels, Harp



Christmas Fare



Vice President, Liz Armishaw thanks Ken and Rachel for entertaining the Society at their festive Christmas meeting.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS IONAWR 2019

BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

We enjoyed another fantastic evening this December with the talented Rachel and Ken Bartels on the harp and flute. We also enjoyed singing several carols and it was great to see so many Christmas jumpers! Thanks to the Catering Committee for arranging the refreshments and to Maureen and Keith Byatt for providing the mulled wine. We look forward to a busy time for our society over the next few months.

‘NOSON LAWEN’ Wednesday, 23rd January 2019 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. We start 2019 with an evening of ‘homespun’ entertainment provided by our society members. Please come along to support them for a fun and entertaining evening.

Refreshment and raffle prizes-Diane Moul, Gwil Williams and David Lloyd

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SOCIETY NEWS

- We heard the news that an ex society member called Daniel (Dic) Lewis passed away in December. Dic was originally from Carmarthen and moved to Essex to work for Marconi, before becoming a Maths teacher. He was a member of our society around 15/20 years ago.
- A few of you might remember Steven Frank BEM, a holocaust survivor, who gave a talk to the society a few years ago. There will be a programme about him on the Children’s BBC channel CBBC on January 21st at 4.30pm, where his granddaughter will be tracing her family tree on ‘Who Do You Think You Are’ for children.
- If you are using Facebook, please can you take a few moments to look at the society’s Facebook page and ‘like’, ‘share’ or ‘follow’ any comments, as this will help to spread the news about the society and help us to reach to a wider audience. Thank you.

*Cofion Cynnes,
Gwenno Pope*

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT JANUARY 2019

NOSON LAWEN 2019



The Black Sheep Choir

The room was full to overflowing for the annual January Noson Lawen of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. The scene was set by an hilarious play written by the Society playwright, Brian Farmer. The varied entertainment which followed included David Brown's Indifferent Strings (John Diamond, mandolin; Hillary Camp, guitar; Clive Williams, guitar and David, electro/acoustic bass) who played a mixture of German, Hebrew and Irish numbers. They were joined by the ukulele duo Gwenno Pope and Brian for some audience participation numbers, including The Fields of Athenry. A Noson Lawen would not be complete without traditional Welsh airs played on a harp. These were played beautifully by Buddug Rowland Frank, who concluded with a nostalgic Llwyn On (Ash Grove). Southwold UKs duo, Mother and daughter Clare Hart and Christine Thompson who had travelled all the way from Southwold, for this their first "gig" played several tunes on their ukuleles. Kim Brown read a lovely poem about penguins, which she had composed, and followed by singing a folk song. The other soloists were Peter Freeman and Arthur Williams, who were also members of the Black Sheep Choir, formed several years ago by Derrick Thomas especially to perform at the Noson Lawen. Peter, who has a rich bass voice, sang All Thro' the Night and the spiritual Ride the Chariot, which have been sung by Paul Robeson, who was a great supporter of Welsh unemployed miners during the great depression. Arthur sang Anfon y Nico i Landwr. It is a beautiful song, and the words were composed by the poet (and later Archdruid) Cynan whilst serving in Macedonia during the First World War. Before he sang, Arthur recited the words and a moving English translation, which is true to Cynan's Welsh original, which he had discovered. Arthur was accompanied by Meinir Davies, a Blue Riband pianist at The National Eisteddfod of Wales. The Black Sheep (Stuart Anderson, David Almond, Peter Freeman, Brian Farmer, Gareth Williams, Jim Armishaw and Derrick Thomas) sang at the end of each half: Calon Lan (A Pure Heart) to the tune of The Rose; Precious Lord, Take My Hand, a favourite of Martin Luther King; the spiritual Down By the Riverside; and finally My Grandfather's Clock with the audience joining in the chorus. The programme was arranged by Ivy Price, the President and MC, and the thanks at the conclusion were given by the Vice-president, Liz Armishaw.



Welsh Learners, singing



Welsh Learners, the Welsh play



Indifferent Strings



Arthur Williams with accompanist
Meinir Wyn Davis



Peter Freeman with
accompanist
Liz Armishaw



Buddug Rowland
Frank



Clair Hart and
Christine Thompson



Arthur Williams



Meinir Wyn Davis



Kim Brown

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS CHWEFROR 2019

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

THANK YOU To all who volunteered and contributed towards making the Noson Lawen such a successful evening. A special thanks to 'Southwold Ukes' for travelling to Chelmsford to perform. It was another great evening enjoyed by all. We have a busy few months ahead of us.

ST DAVID'S DAY DINNER, Friday, 8th March, 2019 at 7pm at The County Hotel.

All tickets have now been sold for our annual dinner, and there is a waiting list. If you have reserved tickets that you no longer require, please let Kay Bright know ASAP. Please bring your money or cheque to the February meeting or arrange to send to Kay. Cheques to be made payable to the Chelmsford & District Welsh Society.

Here is a list of all the upcoming events:

A PRESENTATION BY JENNY HOPKINS Chief Crown Prosecutor for the South East who hails from Swansea Wednesday, 27th February 2019 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Refreshment and raffle prizes-Sue Bridges, Marion Farmer and Heulwen Newman

ST DAVID'S DAY SERVICE Sunday 3rd March 2019 at Little Baddow URC at 3.30pm This service is a special event in our programme. All members and non- members are welcome. Tea and cakes will be provided after the service.

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MIKE'S MUSIC MISCELLANY This event will be held on Saturday, 23rd March at Radley Green Farm at 7pm. Tickets are £15 each to include a fish and chips supper. Please contact Ivy Price on 01277 210541 to reserve your place. SOCIETY NEWS · Best wishes to Mair Powell with her upcoming operation next week. We wish you a speedy recovery. · We also send our best wishes to Pat Murray, who suffered a fall and has been staying with her family in Winchester. · All the best to Rosina Jones, who has not been well recently. We hope to see you soon. · 'Happy Birthday' to Kay Bright, who celebrated a special birthday this month. Date for the diary- Sunday, 20th October, 2019

VISIT TO WALES- May 23rd- 26th, 2019 Please can all who will be going on the trip send the outstanding balance of £275 to Carys Williams at 3 Englefields, South Street, Tillingham, Essex, CM0 7AT. Cheques to be made payable to Chelmsford & District Welsh Society.

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SOCIETY NEWS

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Date for the diary- Sunday, 20th October, 2019 at 3pm- Songs of Praise.

*Cofion Cynnes,
Gwenno Pope*

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT FEBRUARY 2019

A PRESENTATION by JENNY HOPKINS

Former Chief Crown Prosecutor for the East of England



President Mrs Ivy Price



Jenny Hopkins

There was a large turnout for the February meeting to hear the speaker, Jenny Hopkins, originally from Swansea, the former Chief Crown Prosecutor at the CPS for the East of England. Before beginning her talk, Jenny invited the audience to ask questions during her delivery. She gave a brilliant, witty and enlightening talk on the reasons why the CPS had been set up and the parameters within which it operates. Its remit covers England and Wales only. Responsible to the Attorney General, but acting completely independently, it advises the police on whether the evidence collected is sufficient, or rather needs to be supplemented in order to proceed with a prosecution. The CPS does not investigate crimes or choose which offences should be prosecuted. She gave examples of situations when it was and when it was not deemed to be in the Public Interest to Prosecute. Costs are rarely a factor. Where a decision to not proceed with a prosecution is made, a Victim's Right to Review might be implemented. The Attorney General may be asked to review a sentence which is considered to be too lenient. Interestingly, whilst Reasonable Chastisement is available as a defence to a charge of Common Assault in England, in Wales the Welsh Government has introduced plans to remove this defence. Jenny's topic and her delivery generated a wealth of interesting questions from an interested audience. Having heard her lecture, the writer of this report wonders why the CPS often receives a hostile popular press response. Surely the editors and journalist are not unaware of the parameters which govern the workings of the CPS? A cynic may say that it's because it improves circulation!



Jenny Hopkins



JENNY HOPKINS is presented with a society inscribed slate coaster by Vice President Liz Armishaw

MARCH NEWSLETTER CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MAWRTH 2019

What a busy month! Our February monthly meeting was a fascinating presentation by Jenny Hopkins about her work as the Chief Crown Prosecutor for the South East. On March 3rd we enjoyed our annual St David's Day service at Little Baddow URC. It was great to see such a good turn out from our society members. Thank you Shirley Moody for organising the service. The highlight of the month was our St David's Day dinner at The County Hotel on the 8th March. Our guest of Honour was Huw Edwards from the BBC, with musical entertainment provided by Rachel Bartels, Dafydd Wyn Jones and Meinir Wyn Davies. We enjoyed a fantastic evening with great food and great entertainment. A special 'Thank you' to Liz Armishaw and Kay Bright and to all who helped to organise such a successful event. 'Thank you' also to Gwil Williams who was our MC for the evening. Don't forget to check our website and Facebook page for some photos of the event.

'Debra John from Swansea brings to life **'EDWARDIAN MAID'** and **'TALES from WALES'** Wednesday, 27th March 2019 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Refreshment and raffle prizes Gaynor Birch, Carys & Arthur Williams

MIKE'S MUSIC MISCELLANY This event will be held on Saturday, 23rd March at Radley Green Farm at 7pm. This event on the 23rd March is now **SOLD OUT**. Tickets are £15 each to include a fish and chips supper. Please pay Carys Williams on the evening.

WELSH CLASSES The next classes will be held on Monday, 18th March and 1st April 2019 at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm

VISIT TO WALES- May 23rd- 26th, 2019 Please can all who will be going on the trip send the outstanding balance of £275 to Carys Williams at 3 Englefields, South Street, Tillingham, Essex, CM0 7AT by the END OF MARCH. Cheques to be made payable to Chelmsford & District Welsh Society.

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SOCIETY NEWS

- It was lovely to see Mair Powell at the St David's Day dinner following her recent operation, and looking so well.
- We send our best wishes to Lewis and Gay Davies, who have been unwell recently. We hope that you will be feeling better soon.
- All the best to Sandra and Roger Read who have been unwell recently.
- 'Happy Birthday' to Mike Price, who celebrated a special birthday this month.
- Happy Diamond Wedding anniversary to Glenys & Ron Freeman.
- Date for the diary- Sunday, 20th October, 2019 at 3pm- Songs of Praise.

The Chelmsford Welsh Society has a Twitter account. If you are on Twitter, or know someone else who is, please have a look at @chelmsfordwelsh. So far, this social media platform has proven to be successful and has created quite a lot of interest in our society.

Cofion Cynnes,

Gwenno Pope

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT MARCH 2019

ST DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday March 3rd **ST DAVID'S DAY SERVICE** at Little Baddow URC

The church service was arranged by Shirley Moody and conducted by the Revd. Michael Aston, with Keith Byatt at the organ. The President, Ivy Price read the lesson in Welsh and the Vice President, Liz Armishaw read the lesson in English. Following the tradition, the last hymn was dedicated to the two members who had died during the year, Elsie Salmon and Daniel Lewis. The dedication was made by Carys Williams. Following the service tea and cakes were served by Edith Brown and the catering committee in the vestry. The Society is grateful to the Minister and officers of Little Baddow URC for allowing them to use the church for the service, for the 28th year in succession.

March 8th 2019 at the COUNTY HOTEL, CHELMSFORD

The Society celebrated the feast of Dewi Sant, St David, the Patron Saint of Wales, with its 56th Annual Dinner at the County Hotel, Chelmsford, and a church service at Little Baddow URC. The 115 members and guests dined on beautifully dressed tables, with the Welsh national emblem, a leek, as a centre piece, under the regal gaze of y Ddraig Goch, the red dragon on the national banner. The rousing strains of the Men of Harlech, played by the harpist, Rachel Bartels, announced the entrance of the Mayor of Chelmsford, Cllr Yvonne Spence and her escort John Spence, and the guest speaker Huw Edwards, BBC news anchor, commentator and presenter, escorted by the President, Ivy Price and her husband Mike, the Vice President Liz Armishaw and her husband Jim, and Carys Williams. Grace was said by Brother Gildas. The dinner comprised: cyw a cennin gwasgedig a salad ffa gynnes ar surdoes (chicken and leek pressing and a warm bean salad on sourdough); lwyn cig moch rhost, mwtrin afal, gyda llysiau tymhorol a tatenau rhost neu newydd (roast loin of pork, apple compote, with seasonal vegetables and roast or new potatoes); tarten lemon a mascapone; (lemon and mascarpone tart); Coffi, te, a petit fours (coffee, tea and petit fours). Following the dinner the President proposed the loyal toast to The Queen. The toast to Dewi Sant was proposed by the Vice President. Huw Edwards delivered a strong speech, regretting the current increasingly divisive social climate across the whole of the UK as the 29th of March loomed ever closer. In proposing a toast to The Society he was encouraged that, amid the uncertainty, the members of the Society continued to celebrate their Welsh roots in an inclusive spirit. The president congratulated Huw on his excellent speech and proposed a toast to Our Guests. The mayor responded on behalf of the guests. There followed some musical entertainment provided by Rachel Bartels, the harpist, and the young tenor Dafydd Wyn Jones, accompanied by the Blue Riband pianist Meinir Wyn Davis. Dafydd, from Llanrhayadr, is a second year student at the Royal College of Music in London, and won first prize in the 16-19 year male singing competition at the Welsh National Eisteddfod in Anglesea, where the prize was donated by the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. He will surely have a successful career. At the conclusion, Ivy thanked Liz and Kay Bright, assisted by David Brown, and with floral arrangements prepared by Shirley Moody, for arranging such a splendid celebration and Gwil Williams for being such an accomplished M.C. The evening ended with a joyous rendering of Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau.



Top Table Party



Rachel Bartels



Huw Edwards



Gwil Williams - M.C



Ivy Price - President



Cllr Yvonne Spence, Mayor



Vice President
Liz Armishaw



Dafydd Wyn Jones



Meinir Wyn Davis



Rachel Bartels



Table Laid for Dinner



Secretary's Party with Huw Edwards



Dafydd Wyn Jones &
Huw Edwards



Liz Armishaw, Huw Edwards & Maureen Byatt

A PRESENTATION by DEBRA JOHN from Swansea
Wednesday 27th March 2019
who brought to life **TALES FROM WALES**
and an **EDWARDIAN MAID**



President Mrs Ivy Price



Debra John

The Society was pleased to welcome freelance actress and storyteller Debra John to its March 2019 meeting. Debra was born and brought up in Swansea, studied Drama and English at Aberystwyth University and achieved a Postgraduate Certificate in Education. Debra specialises in period costume character performances giving educational insight into the heritage of Wales and is perhaps best known for her roles in “The Story of Wales” and “Mamwlad”; in the latter of these, Debra played Amy Dillwyn, a role that she performed in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip.

Debra’s first half performance comprised five mythological tales being told to a young boy by an old woman:-

The first of these tales revolved around the misadventures of a Bat, a Bramble and a Cormorant. (As with so many tales the original source of this one is shrouded in the mists of time, a version being attributed at least as far back as Aesop, who, being a Greek fabulist born in the 7th Century BC (BCE) had, as far as we know no direct connection with Wales!). The Bat and the Bramble unwisely invest in a money-making scheme dreamt up by the Cormorant to ship goods over the seas. The ship is lost in a storm and sinks to the bottom of the sea leaving the cormorant to dive from cliffs to the seabed to trace the wreck of the ship its contents, the bat to live in the darkness to avoid its creditors and the bramble to snare the clothes of unwary passers-by so as to recoup its stock of wool that was lost when the ship foundered.

In the second tale Megan, a maid, moves with all of her belongings inland from Aberystwyth and is separated by a river from her most valued possession, her milk cow. She is accosted by a phantasmagorical monk who builds a bridge across the river to reunite the two. Unlike the Severn Bridge (and in the true spirit of mythological tales) passage over this bridge still requires the payment of a toll – on this occasion the right of the monk to ownership of the first living thing to cross the bridge. Megan manages to outwit the scheming monk by rolling a loaf of bread over the bridge to be eagerly pursued by her dog. The monk disappears leaving Megan to be reacquainted with her cow. For those members wishing to visit the site of this terrifying incident the bridge is now conveniently known as Devil’s Bridge.

Debra’s third tale centred around the stay of a wizard, Huw Lloyd, at an unfrequented inn near Betws-y-Coed – the two sisters running the inn being deprived of their custom by a series of mysterious robberies from previous guests. During the night an attempt is made on Huw’s possessions by two cats that enter his room via the chimney. Huw fights off the cats, cutting the wrist of one of them with his sword, and they flee back up the chimney. Assuming that the cats have been deterred from further larcenous activity Huw settles his bill observing that one of the sisters has a bandage around her wrist and so, realising that the sisters are witches who adopt the guise of cats, draws blood from the other thus removing the spell from both of them.

The fourth tale, contained in the Mabinogion, follows Prince Pwyll of Dyfed who, whilst out hunting, ascends a magical mound that will either show him a marvel or deal him a blow. The maid Rhiannon appears to him and, after a long pursuit on horseback by Pwyll, explains that she has sought him out to marry him in preference to her current betrothed, Gwawl. A disguised Gwawl attends their wedding feast and tricks Pwyll into granting Gwawl the hand of Rhiannon. Rhiannon instructs Pwyll to attend her wedding dressed as a beggar and request Gwawl to fill a 'small bag' with food. She has enchanted the 'small bag' so it cannot ever be filled and Gwawl is persuaded to step into it to control its magic. Pwyll traps him in the bag which his men beat and kick forcing Gwawl to relinquish Rhiannon and extract no revenge for the incident. Rhiannon marries Pwyll then journeys to Dyfed as its queen.

In the fifth and final tale a clever boy named Tangwyn is given permission to leave home by his father who cautions him that he should always listen to the words of a preacher. Tangwyn is eventually offered the job of House Steward to a rich nobleman however he is so popular in the household that the nobleman becomes envious of him and a plot is hatched to kill him. Tangwyn is asked to take a pitcher of beer to the lime workers on the estate little knowing that they had been instructed to kill the first man they see walking across the meadow towards them. Tangwyn sets out on his fateful journey only to hear a preacher calling to him and, mindful of his promise to his father, deviates from his task. The nobleman, thinking that his instructions had been carried out, sets out across the meadow with another pitcher of beer to thank the lime workers. The conclusion to this tale is immediately apparent!

Following refreshments and the raffle Debra returned in the costume of an Upper Housemaid in a grand Edwardian household and, in character, gave us a description of her duties in the household, weaving in various candid comments about her employers, other grand households and the servants around her (both above and below, bringing to mind the famous comedy sketch "I know my place"). Debra brought to life wonderfully and with considerable humour the life of domestic servitude made familiar to most of us by TV shows such as "Upstairs Downstairs" and (slightly less realistically) "Downton Abbey" and by books such as Margaret Powell's "Below Stairs".

It is to be hoped that another visit from Debra can be arranged in the future.



Debra John



Debra John



Debra John



Debra John



Vice President Liz Armishaw thanks
Debra John for a most entertaining evening

APRIL NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS EBRILL 2019

In our March monthly meeting we enjoyed a fantastic performance by the talented Debra John from Swansea. Debra entertained us with her incredible monologues. Our society members were treated to a feast of music at Radley Green Farm with **MIKE'S MISCELLANY** evening on March 23rd. Everyone enjoyed a chat over their fish and chip supper. Thank you to Mike Price for a wonderful evening and to Don & Shirley Moody for hosting the event.

'AR EICH CAIS'

Your favourites from the past with Mike Price. Wednesday, 24th April 2019
at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.
Refreshment and raffle prizes - Ann Simpson, Sandra Read & Gwenno Pope

ANNUAL CONCERT featuring the Bridgend Male Voice Choir and the talented trio SERIN will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 8th June, 2019. Tickets are £17.50 and are available from Arthur Williams on 01621 778711, or through our website. We have 500 tickets to sell for this popular event. It will require a big effort by all our members to ensure that we have another full house.

COFFEE MORNING AT THE BROWN'S David & Edith Brown will be hosting a charity coffee morning at their home 8 Forefield Green, Chelmsford, CM1 6YU on Wednesday 8th May at 10.30am. If you require directions please ring them on 01245 465052. Donation of £5 per person and a raffle prize will be much appreciated.

WELSH CLASSES The next class will be held on Monday, 8th April 2019 at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm.

JOHN STYLE'S funeral will be held on Tuesday, 9th April at 2.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral. We offer our sincere condolences to Cynthia and the family at this sad time.

SOCIETY NEWS Date for the diary- Sunday, June 2nd at 10.30am-Summer Service at Little Baddow URC. Date for the diary-Saturday, June 29th at 3.00pm-Summer Celebration at Radley Green Farm. Date for the diary- Sunday, 20th October, 2019 at 3pm- Songs of Praise. Secretary:

INFORMATION Don't forget to look at our society's website:

www.chelmsfordwelsh.org/home for a full report and photos of our monthly events.

Please also look at our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/chelmsfordwelsh

and our Twitter account:

twitter.com/chelmsfordwelsh

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Gwenno Pope*

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT APRIL 2019
AR EICH CAIS
with
MIKE PRICE



President, Ivy Price



Mike Price

At its April meeting the Society thoroughly enjoyed an “Ar Eich Cais” with several members submitting a variety of musical pieces for the entertainment of fellow members. Each choice was introduced by a short talk from the member concerned and accompanied by a video presentation.

Firstly Diane Moul introduced “The Waltz Song” from the comic opera “Tom Jones” written by Edward German Jones and sung by Joan Sutherland. Diane herself often sang this as an encore during her own singing career.

This was followed by Andrew Gold singing Never Let Her Slip Away, a favourite of Jonathan and Gillian Hinton from their courting days in the 1970s.

Alan and Ann Simpson’s choice of Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli singing “Time to Say Goodbye” was a reminder of a holiday in New Zealand, a trip that included a hunt for the elusive kiwi and a visit to a house built on whalebones, salvaged by the owner from his whaling expeditions.

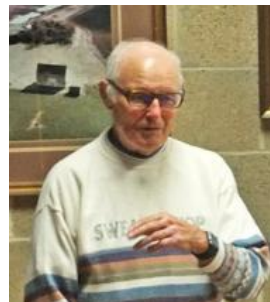
The next offering was from Glenys and Ron Freeman. Glenys introduced us to Harry Price a soloist with the Treorchy Male Voice choir (apparently known as the “Singing Dustman”). A recording of Harry and the choir singing “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” was preceded by Glenys’s personal film of Harry singing “Amazing Grace” at her daughter’s wedding.



Diane Moule



Johnathan Hinton



Alan Simpson



Glenys Freeman



Derrick Thomas



Clive Williams



Clive Bright



Shirley Moody

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT APRIL 2019 (continued)



Sina Williams



Anja Welsh-Smyth

Derrick Thomas introduced “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”, a favourite of his wife Vera. This was sung by Hawaiian singer Israel Kamakawio’ole and accompanied by Israel’s video, filmed in Hawaii. The poignant end to the video showed Israel’s ashes being scattered off the Hawaiian coast following his death in 1997; a death caused by complications from profound obesity (Israel’s weight is recorded to have peaked at around 54 stone).

Two versions of a traditional Welsh song “Bugeilio’r Gwenith Gwyn” came next. During his introduction Clive Williams reminisced about his own performance in 1958 as a 6-year old schoolboy at the celebration by Liverpool Corporation Waterworks of the 70th Anniversary of the construction of the reservoir at Lake Vyrnwy. The gloss on this event was somewhat tarnished in the minds of some locals as the construction had involved the “drowning” of the original village of Llanwddyn.

The school day reminiscences continued when Clive Bright introduced Kris Kristofferson performing “Casey’s Last Ride”, a track from one of his early albums. The track was remembered by Clive as a backdrop to a geography field trip to Betws-y-Coed in the mid-1970s.

“Eli Jenkins’ Prayer” from Dylan Thomas’s “Under Milk Wood” (on this occasion sung by Bryn Terfel as opposed to her husband Don) was Shirley Moody’s well-loved contribution to the proceedings.

Val Doonican’s version of “Paddy McGinty’s Goat” (whatever happened to “novelty” records?) followed Sina Williams’ recollections of her A-level days; these included fond memories of visits to “The Fountain” public house in Pontarddulais and being entertained by a local singer, Tommy Tucker.

Returning to an operatic theme Anja Welsh-Smyth selected “Nessun Dorma” as performed by Franco Corelli. Corelli (whom Anja recalled being known as “The Voice of Bronze”) performed this aria from Turandot with the Rome Opera Chorus and Orchestra at the height of his career in 1965.

Fittingly the evening’s entertainment was brought to a close by a rousing performance of “Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau” by choir and orchestra, performed in its entirety (yes, there are three verses) selected by Ivy Price.

Thanks go to all who contributed to making this evening such a success, particularly to Mike Price for all his hard work in co-ordinating the overall event and producing the visual accompaniment to our musical miscellany.

MAY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLTHYR MIS MAI 2019

Annwyl Gyfeillion – Dear Friends,

'Ar Eich Cais' was the theme of our April meeting, where a few of our members presented a variety of their favourite pieces for the entertainment of fellow members. Thank you to all who contributed to making the evening such a success, particularly to Mike Price for all his hard work in co-ordinating the event and producing the visual accompaniment to the musical miscellany.

For those of you who could not attend the March meeting, where Debra John entertained us with her incredible monologues, the full report is available on our website

<http://chelmsfordwelsh.org.uk/home>

You can also see a clip of her presentation on the YouTube link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eyy0_7t25R4

NEXT MEETING A Presentation by Christopher Beaumont-

THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF PATRICK MOORE

Wednesday, 22nd May 2019 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Refreshment and raffle prizes-Kay Bright, Sue Almond and Mary Jones.

TRIP TO WALES MAY 23rd- 26th, 2019

For all those going on the society's trip to South Wales, the coach will be leaving Radley Green Farm at 10am promptly. If you have any queries, or need any more information, please contact Mike Price on 01277 210541.

WELSH CLASSES The next class will be held on Monday, 13th May at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm. If you would like some more information about the Welsh classes, please contact Ivy Price on 01277 210541.

COFFEE MORNING AT THE BROWN'S

David & Edith Brown will be hosting a charity coffee morning at their home 8 Forefield Green, Chelmsford, CM1 6YU on Wednesday, 8th May at 10.30am.

If you require directions please ring them on 01245 465052. Donation of £5 per person and a raffle prize will be much appreciated.

Our **ANNUAL CONCERT** featuring the Bridgend Male Voice Choir and the talented trio SERIN will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 8th June, 2019. Tickets are £17.50 and are available from Arthur Williams on 01621 778711, or through our website.

We have 500 tickets to sell for this popular event. It will require a big effort by all our members to ensure that we have another full house. There are flyers and posters available, and if you would like to help promote and advertise the concert, please contact Arthur.

We will also be selling tickets at High Chelmer Shopping Centre on Saturday, 18th May. Please come and support us.

SOCIETY NEWS

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Barbara James. Barbara and Wynford have been members of the Society for a long time. We send our condolences to Wynford during this sad time.

The Bartels family have arranged a fundraising concert for the London Schools Symphony Orchestra, which will take place on May 19th at 3.30pm at Epping Forrest Community Church in Loughton. The details of the concert are also attached. Please make an effort to go along to support the Bartels family.

You might be interested in watching 'The 1900 Island' on BBC2 at 7pm on 24th May. The programme follows 4 families (including Ivy Price's niece), as they escape from modern life to live as a fishing community from the 1900's on Llanddwyn Island, Anglesey.

Date for the diary- Sunday, June 2nd at 10.30am-Summer Service at Little Baddow URC.

Date for the diary-Saturday, June 29th at 3.00pm-Summer Celebration at Radley Green Farm.

Date for the diary- Sunday, 20th October, 2019 at 3pm- Songs of Praise.

Cofion Cynnes, Gwennno Pope

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT MAY 2019

THE VISIT to BRIDGEND

THURSDAY 23rd to Sunday 26th May



Hotel







MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT MAY 2019 (continued)

A Presentation by Christopher Beaumont-

THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF PATRICK MOORE



Ivy Price, President



Christopher Beaumont and Derek Carden

Patrick Moore's Musical Legacy was the theme at the May meeting of the Society. Most people remember him as the quite unselfconscious British eccentric – a populariser of science without equal. In his obituary in the Guardian, Dennis Barker described him as having the air of a crusty, uncompromising bachelor and slightly dotty boffin.....straight out of a Victorian or Edwardian novel.....a distinguished amateur astronomer, prolific author, composer and manic xylophone player. His father Capt. Charles Calder-Moore died when Patrick was young, and he was educated at home by tutors and his mother, Gertrude, a retired opera singer, as he suffered from a heart condition. He developed an interest in astronomy at the age of 6 and became a member of the British Astronomical Association at the age of 11.

The subject of Christopher Beaumont's presentation was the other major lifelong interest of this remarkable man: music. Patrick had the gift of perfect pitch, and from the age of 10 went on to compose 116 pieces of music and 3 comic operas. Self-taught, much of his music was composed for xylophones. He also enjoyed performing, and on one occasion, at the Theatre Royal in Bath, he played 21 xylophone pieces, 19 of which were his own compositions. Christopher himself is also a remarkable man. He met Patrick when he was a schoolboy, and they went on to enjoy a lifelong friendship, so much so that he is now his archivist.....an enormous task since Sir Patrick left a vast library of material. Christopher displayed his own considerable musical talent by playing several pieces on the xylophone, including Penguin Parade, accompanied by the fine pianist Derek Carden. They were rewarded for their wonderful presentation by thunderous applause.



JUNE NEWSLETTER CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEHEFIN 2019

The society has enjoyed a busy few weeks with various events. The highlight of the year was the excellent **concert** at **Chelmsford Cathedral** featuring **The Bridgend Male Voice Choir** and supported by the talented trio **Serin**. There was a wonderful and emotional atmosphere at the cathedral. Thank you to all of our members who attended and supported the society to make this concert such a successful event. A special '**THANK YOU**' to **Arthur Williams** for all his hard work and effort involved with the organisation of our Annual Concert.

COFFEE MORNING AT THE BROWNS was a lovely event with a wonderful atmosphere. We raised £219 for our charity fund. Thank you to **David & Edith Brown** for hosting this event.

The May Monthly meeting with **Christopher Beaumont** was an outstanding evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The society's **VISIT TO SOUTH WALES** was a superb trip. Thank you to **Mike & Ivy Price** for organising such an excellent trip.

The **SUMMER SERVICE** at Little Baddow URC was a lovely service, even though the attendance was a little low from our members. Thank you to **Shirley Moody** for organising the service.

Photos of all of our events and a full report is available on our website
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WELSH CLASSES The last class of the society's year will be held on **Monday, 17th June** at **Radley Green Farm** at **2.00pm**. If you would like some more information about the Welsh classes, please contact **Ivy Price** on **01277 210541**

'AGM and QUIZ NIGHT' Wednesday, 26th June 2019 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The President and Treasurer will deliver their reports on the Society's year, and the election of officers will be confirmed in the first half of the meeting. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, where you can get involved with the running of the society, then please get in touch.

There will be a quiz in the second half, with some special prizes for the winners. There will also be strawberries and cream refreshments organised by the Catering committee.

Raffle prizes-Sina Williams, Ann Simpson and Buddug Rowland Frank.

SUMMER CELEBRATION Saturday 29th June at 3pm. Come and join us for an afternoon tea and a chat at Radley Green Farm. Tickets are £7.50 each and are available from Kay Bright on 01245 380543 or kay.bright14@yahoo.co.uk

Tickets will also be available at our next monthly meeting on 26th June.

Raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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- Best wishes to all members who have been unwell recently.

*Cofion Cynnes,
Gwenno Pope*

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT JUNE 2019

2019 ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT

BRIDGEND MALE VOICE CHOIR



There was a near capacity audience at Chelmsford Cathedral on 8 June for the 52nd Annual Concert of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, given by Bridgend Male Voice Choir, Serin, a close harmony trio of young ladies, and organist Scott Williams. The choir opened with Llanfair, followed by Schubert's Heilig in German, John Rutter's Down By the Sally Gardens, and the hymn tune Builth, showing an excellent mastery from pianissimo through to fortissimo throughout. Scott then played R Vaughan William's lovely arrangement of Rhosymedre. Serin followed with California Dreaming, an inspirational Tri Aderyn Cymraeg (Three Welsh Songbirds), a powerful Bridge Over Troubled Waters and concluded with a tender traditional Calon Lan (A Pure Heart) to the tune The Rose. The choir continued with the spiritual Ride the Chariot. A very moving song remembering the American Civil War followed, with Peter Morgan's masterful recitation of the Gettysburg Address followed by a song Tell my Father, which recounts a letter written just before he died in battle by a slave to his father. Alwyn Hughes's arrangement of the popular American Trilogy followed, with organ accompaniment at the climax. The first half ended with another poignant reminder of those who were killed in battle during WW2, The Fallen.

After the interval, during which the choir sold all the CDs which they had bought, the choir sang What Would I Do Without My Music, Rhythm of Life and Singin' in the Rain. Scott played Bach's Nun danket alle Gott. Serin sang a haunting Cwsg, Osian Cwsg (Sleep, Osian Sleep), Can you Feel the Love tonight from The Lion King, a Medley of Folk Songs and ended with a magnificent Andrew Sisters Boogie Woogie Bugle Song. The audience rose as one and called for an encore. The ladies responded with a beautiful rendition of an arrangement of Salm 121 (Psalm 121). Finally the choir sang three well-loved Welsh songs, a gentle and rather sad Myfanwy, surely the most beautiful love song ever written, J Howard's arrangement of Davey Davies's Y Darlyn (The Picture) and finally (Almost!), Gwahoddiad, with its wonderful crescendos of Amens, enhanced by organ accompaniment. They were not allowed to leave, however, without an encore, and obliged with Gunod's Cristus Salvator, with its bonus of another crescendos of Amens.

The audience also had an opportunity to exercise their lungs, which they did admirably, joining the choir for an enthusiastic rendering of Unwaith Eto'n Nghymru Annwyl (Once Again in Dear Wales) at the commencement of the second half, and Calon Lan at the conclusion.

One of the prerogatives of being the President of the Society is to choose which choir and soloists to invite to give the concert. Ivy Price was deservedly proud and delighted with the wonderful concert we had all experienced, and rewarded the Musical Director, Ryan Wood, the accompanist Stephanie Bailey, Scott Williams the Organist, the compare Gareth Davies, and the members of Serin, Rhianna Davies, Caitlyn Hudson and Joanne Griffiths, with gifts of thanks. Finally, the audience and choir raised the roof with a joyful rendering of the National Anthem, Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau.

The Society is grateful to the inhabitants of Chelmsford and district for the enthusiastic support they have given to the concert over the past 52 years. The 53rd Annual Concert will be held in the Cathedral on Saturday 13th June, when Trelawnyd Male Voice Choir, who last performed to a capacity audience in the Cathedral in 2011, will sing.



Musical Director and Conductor
Ryan Wood



Compere Gareth Davis



Scott Williams, Organist



Bridgend Male Voice Choir



A Capella Trio, **Serin**,
Caitlin Hudson, Rhianna
Davies and Joanne Griffiths



All change for the second half

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES REPORT JUNE 2019 (continued)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND QUIZ



President Ivy Price and the presentation of the cheque to Ivy's charity, SNAP

The AGM on 26 June was the last meeting of Ivy Price's successful year as President of the Society. Her chosen charity had been the Brentwood based SNAP, which supports thousands of families, from all over Essex, with children and young people who have special needs and disabilities. A cheque for £1750 was presented to their representative. A sum of £664 had also been presented to other charities and worthy causes during the year, which, as usual included £150 for the winners of the male and female 16 to 19 year old solo competitions at the National Eisteddfod. Ivy thanked the members of the committee who had been very supportive during her year of office, and in particular her husband Mike, and Shirley and Don Moody for their generosity in hosting musical evenings, committee meetings, Welsh classes and the Summer Celebrations. She also paid tribute to the members of the Society for their support in great numbers at all 22 Society events: ten excellent monthly meetings; St David's Day celebrations; Church services; annual concert; annual "pilgrimage" to the Land of Our Fathers; and five fund raising/charity events! Carys Williams presented her Treasurer's Report, which showed that the the Society was in good financial health, despite the challenging conditions. She emphasised the importance of maintaining the excellent standards of the presenters at the monthly meetings, and, to achieve this aim it was agreed unanimously that the subscription should be increased to £25 for the 2019/2020 season. Ivy then retired and Liz Armishaw was installed as President, with Arthur Williams as her Vice-President. Liz said she was greatly honoured to be President for the second time, and promised to do her best to maintain the high standard set by Ivy. The election of the committee members then took place. Liz thanked Enid Morris and Buddug Rowland Frank, who were retiring from the committee, for their valuable contribution. The remaining members continued in office and Sue Almond was voted on to the committee.

A quiz organised by Gwil Williams, with the assistance of Maureen, his wife, followed the break for strawberries and cream, and an opportunity for a sgwrs (chin wag).

The first event of Liz's term of office was the Summer Celebration held at Radley Green Farm on a very hot 29th June Saturday, raising £350 for her chosen charity, The J's. The first monthly meeting will be the traditional "Croeso yn Ol" (Welcome Back) on Wednesday 25 September, with an audio/visual presentation of this year's Eisteddfodau by Mike Price, and celebrated with wine and refreshments.

Jim Armishaw



Ivy Price hands over the badge of office of Presidency to Liz Armishaw



Liz Armishaw with her vice President Arthur Williams



Sina "the raffle" Williams



Quizmaster Gwil Williams



The winning table each with their prize of a cake made by Maureen Williams

JULY NEWSLETTER CYLCHLYTHYR MIS GORFFENNAF 2019

This is the last newsletter of the 'society's year', until our new programme starts in September.

This month we enjoyed our last monthly meeting of the year, which was the Annual General Meeting and Quiz night. The meeting was very well attended, and all enjoyed the fun quiz that was organised by Gwil & Maureen Williams. They also provided the winning team with some homemade fruit cakes. Thank you to Gwil and Maureen Williams for organising the quiz, also to David Brown for his help with the technical side and to the catering committee for the strawberry supper.

We also presented a cheque for £1750 to a representative from SNAP, which was the President's chosen charity.

Afternoon Tea was enjoyed by over forty members and friends on Saturday 29th June, kindly hosted by Don & Shirley Moody. Tea and cold drinks (owing to the mini-heatwave) were served, along with a superb selection of sandwiches and cakes. There was a special tea quiz, followed by the tradition of throwing a coin for a bottle of whiskey and also for a champagne bottle. Many thanks to all who came and to all who helped to make such a successful afternoon.

Our first meeting in September will be on Wednesday, 25th September. Please don't forget to put this date in your diaries. We will meet for our Croeso yn OI (Welcome Back) meeting. There will be some cheese and wine refreshment and Mike Price will be presenting the visual highlights from the National and International Eisteddfod. Liz Armishaw, the society's new President will talk us through the new exciting program of events for the coming year.

A very special Thank you to Ivy and Mike Price for providing the society with a great program of events, from interesting guest speakers to a fantastic trip to Wales. We have had an enjoyable year under Ivy's Presidency

WELSH CLASSES

The first class of the society's year will be held on Monday, 16th September at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm. If you would like some more information about the Welsh classes, please contact Ivy Price on 01277 210541.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Liz Armishaw, the society's new President is looking for some volunteers to host a charity coffee morning/afternoon at their home, anytime in the coming year. If you would be interested in hosting a charity event, please can you contact Liz on 01245 281162 before the 20th July.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the refreshments at our monthly meetings. Sue Almond will organise the rota, and will have more details in the September meeting. *THANK YOU*

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