CHELMSFORD and DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY



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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEDI 2017

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. Please find below a list of forthcoming society events.

'CROESO YN OL'

Thursday, 28th September 2017 at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Our Autumn programme commences with our usual Croeso yn OI (Welcome back meeting). It is a great opportunity to catch up on all the news with old and new friends, and hopefully we will be able to welcome new members to the society. Our new President, **Brian Farmer**, will be there to welcome you and to inform you of the events and visits that have been arranged for the year. There will be cheese and wine refreshments and the usual raffle. **Mike Price** will present the visual highlights from the National Eisteddfod. Please note that the **new annual subscription** price is £20. Carys Williams will be there to receive your money or cheques. However, you can send your subscription to Carys at 3 Engelfields, South Street, Tillingham, Essex, CM0 7AT, prior to the meeting if you so desire. Please enclose a s.a.e with your cheque, which should be payable to £helmsford & District Welsh Society', and a programme card will be sent to you.

Refreshments- Catering Committee

Raffle prizes . Carys Williams, Gwenno Pope, Brian Farmer and Jim Armishaw

WELSH CLASSES – The next classes will be held on Monday, 11th and 25th September 2017 at Radley Green Farm at 2.00pm. Please ask for more details if you are interested in joining the Welsh classes.

HARVEST SINGS OF PRAISE-CYMANFA GANU DIOLCHGARWCH on Sunday, 15th October at 3pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell. Please put this date in your diaries and invite your family and friends to join you for this afternoon of song.

A booklet of the **history of the Society over the past five years** has just been published and will be **available to all members** at the September meeting. An online copy is also available on our website. **Thank you** to **Eddie Alcock** for producing this interesting booklet.

Since our last newsletter in June we have enjoyed various events including our spectacular **Annual concert** at Chelmsford Cathedral with the North Wales Male Voice Choir. It was a fantastic concert and we are now looking forward to next years concert on **June 9**th, **2018** featuring the **Aber Valley Male Voice Choir**.

We also enjoyed the following fundraising events- a delightful Morning Coffee in the Country' hosted by Carys & Arthur Williams, as well as an Afternoon Tea' hosted by Don & Shirley Moody. Thank you to Arthur & Carys Williams and to Don & Shirley Moody for their hospitality.

The North Wales Male Voice Choir and soloists James Edwards and Robert Lewis will be performing at The Welsh Church of Central London on Saturday 18th November 2017 at 6pm. The Society will be running a coach to this event. Concert tickets are £15. The cost of the coach has not been finalised but will be a maximum of £20. Please contact Arthur Williams on 01621 778711 if you would like to attend this concert.

SOCIETY NEWS

- Eddie Alcock and Maureen Byatt have both resigned from the committee after many years. We would like to thank them both for all their work and contribution to the society over the years. Maureen received her Honorary Vice-President badge at the AGM in June.
- Congratulations to Ron & Jean Jones who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary over the summer.
- Congratulations to John & Enid Morris who celebrated special birthdays recently.
- Congratulations to Brother Gildas who confirmed his vows at Our Lady Immaculate church, Chelmsford.
- Best wishes to all members who have been unwell recently.
- It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of **David Henfrey**. Unfortunately David had been unwell for some time and had been unable to attend our monthly meeting in recent months. His funeral was held on Tuesday, 5th September 2017.

Cofion Cynnes, Gwenno Pope