



CWM DULAIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter - Cylchlythyr

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Hello everyone / Helo pawb

This month we have come to the end of a rather unusual and unexpected season for the Society! Up until 4 months ago we enjoyed a series of interesting talks ranging from “*Wales – China*” and aspects of the history of the Neath area. Sadly, we missed out on “*Education in 18th century Wales*” and the “*Contribution of Women in the 19th century*”. Finally, the Annual General Meeting was postponed.

This letter is to assure you that since then the Committee continues to review the ongoing situation arising from the Coronavirus pandemic and is looking to resume Society meetings as soon as feasible. The general opinion seems to be to restart towards the end of this year or the beginning of 2021 which may be more probable.

With that in mind and as we may be running out of jobs to do at home! I wonder if perhaps we could explore our historical spirits and activity! One idea arising from recent reading and broadcasting is the description/ definition of an area by a series of objects or locations. For example, Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, in 2010 published a book entitled “*A History of the World in 100 Objects*” while more recently, Neil Oliver, known for his TV programmes on archaeology and history, wrote “*The Story of the British Isles in 100 Places*”. Perhaps we can do a similar thing for the Dulais Valley? Do you have any suggestions? If we could agree and compile a list, it could be enhanced with descriptive texts or pictures from our archives?

If you have any suggestions in response to the idea above or would like to contact me about a Society activity, please email me at the address on this message i.e. t.fearnside@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01639 636436

Lastly may I thank all the Committee for their work and support during the shortened season and look forward to a new session with renewed optimism and ideas once this virus and its effects have been managed and overcome.

Keep well and safe / Cadw'n iach a diogel
Best wishes / Dymuniadau gorau

Tim Fearnside
and *The Committee*

Local News

George Evans (President) tells me that a new monument in the form of a Celtic Cross has recently been erected at the site of St Patrick's stone. This has been financially supported by Walters Mining company and by Welsh Water who contributed to the landscaping of the site. I look forward to being able to travel up the valley to see it before too long.