

E-NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Welcome to this month's edition of the e-newsletter! Above is a snap taken of some of the committee at the Clifton Street Festival, which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended! Our AGM in September went smoothly and very much to plan, with special thanks owed to Lyn Smith and Janette Cooper, who kindly agreed to take on the roles of Membership Secretary and AGM Minutes Secretary respectively.

We still find ourselves without a treasurer, however, so I must renew the appeal made by our chairman Gareth in our last edition for someone to come forward to fill this very important role, without which the society will be unable to properly function. On which note, I also need to correct an error in the last edition - the message from our Chairman was wrongly signed as the 'Gareth Brown, Programme, Events and Membership Secretary'; Gareth is, of course, our Chairman, and the indefatigable Elizabeth Morgan is in fact the Programme & Events Secretary; my sincere apologies to both!

This month's lecture is on Newtown, arguably Cardiff first and latterly most obscured suburb, and where many of our forebears passed through following their arrival from Ireland. This is to be followed by a walk around the same the following Sunday; advanced booking essential!

À bientôt,
Geraint

Geraint Denison-Kurg
Honorary Secretary

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ROATH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday, 12th October, 2022

☘ NEWTOWN: LITTLE IRELAND ☘

MIKE CROCKER



Irish women working on the potato wharves

St. Edward's Music & Arts Centre 7.30pm start, *with access from 7.00pm.*

For link to live stream apply to Geraint, *no later than Monday, 10th on:*

denisonkurg@outlook.com

ALL WELCOME! GUESTS £2.00, ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £10.00

Ben Childs PhotoArt



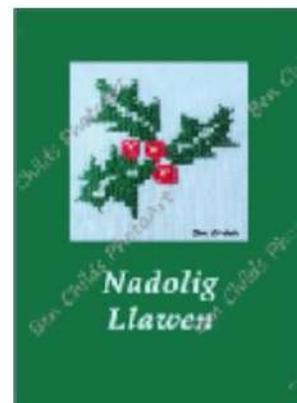
Ben will be setting up a table at our October meeting, giving us the opportunity to make some hassle-free Christmas purchases, at advantageous prices.

There will be new calendars for 2023 - one of Cardiff scenes and one featuring the Vale of Glamorgan (with covers depicting Penarth, Barry or Dinas Powys).



There will also be new Christmas cards, notecards, greetings cards etc.

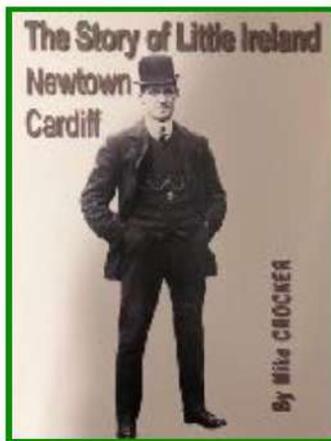
A generous percentage of all takings, will be donated to the Society.



ROATH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Sunday morning, 16th October, 2022

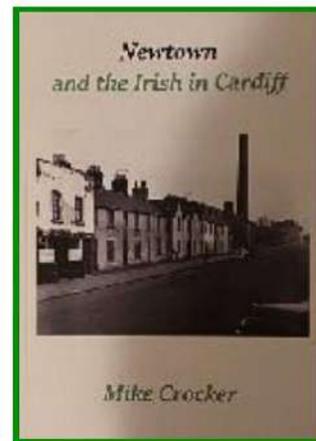
🍀 **NEWTOWN: GUIDED HERITAGE WALK** 🍀
with **MIKE CROCKER**



LIMITED PLACES

**ADVANCE
REGISTRATION
ESSENTIAL**

book via
roathhistory@gmail.com
or
029 2048 2658



Starting at 11.00 o'clock from the
Novotel Hotel
Schooner Way - Atlantic Wharf
Cardiff, CF10 4RG

1.15 minute stroll, tracing the once
vibrant community of **Little Ireland**



Newtown Memorial Garden

RUPERRA ZOOM TALKS SERIES FOUR

A fourth series of Ruperra Zoom talks, which are free, will start on Thursday, 13th October and continue every fortnight until December 8th. These talks are not organised by Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust but just by myself with my husband Chris.

It was very good to have so many people emailing in to say that the zoom talks should continue if possible, so I am glad to have been able to find more speakers willing to talk about Ruperra, to enable us to soldier on. It is hoped that Caerphilly Council Planning Committee will have the Ruperra applications on the agenda for September 28th so that at last there will be some news.

We will continue Series 4 as zoom talks because although this means there is no community atmosphere like in a local group, a cheerful audience has emerged with people from several different local societies whose aim is to hear about Ruperra Castle! As the ancient monument and its site is privately owned and we have no meeting room, zoom talks have been the best way to inform anyone who wants know about this important heritage building.

The Programme of Series 4 for Ruperra Zoom talks

1. Monty Dart “Ruperra in the News.” Articles and photos from newspapers of the day.

Thursday October 13th at 7.30pm.

2. Prof Maddy Gray “Who were the Herberts?”

Thursday October 27th at 7.30pm.

3. Pat Jones-Jenkins “400 Years Ago - Why Ruperra Castle?”

Thursday November 10th at 7.30 pm.

4. Dave Hale “The Language of the Court at Ruperra.”

Thursday November 24th at 7.30 pm.

5. Chris Jones “Protected Species at Ruperra.”

Thursday December 8th at 7.30 pm.

The link for all the Zoom meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81502728402?pwd=b1VMK081eXNuVGw5RIU5a2JmUWF0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 815 0272 8402

Passcode: 852260

Pat Jones-Jenkins September 2022
Tel 01656 741622



☿ BRANCHING OUT

Combining stories and science to uncover
the social and cultural values of urban trees

STORYTELLING PERFORMANCE

With Pat Ryan

Storyteller, Writer and
Research Consultant

**St. Edward's Church
Music & Art Centre**

Saturday 15th October

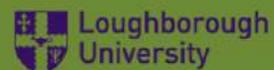
5.30 - 7 pm

for 16+

This event is free

Address: Westville Road, Roath, Cardiff. CF23 5DE.

(At the Westville Road & Blenheim Road junction)





A48 Theatre Company presents

FAR FROM HOME



**Hear the stories of seven Australian soldiers
nursed in Cardiff during WW1**

Fri Nov 11th 7.30 pm: Temple of Peace, Cardiff, CF10 3AP

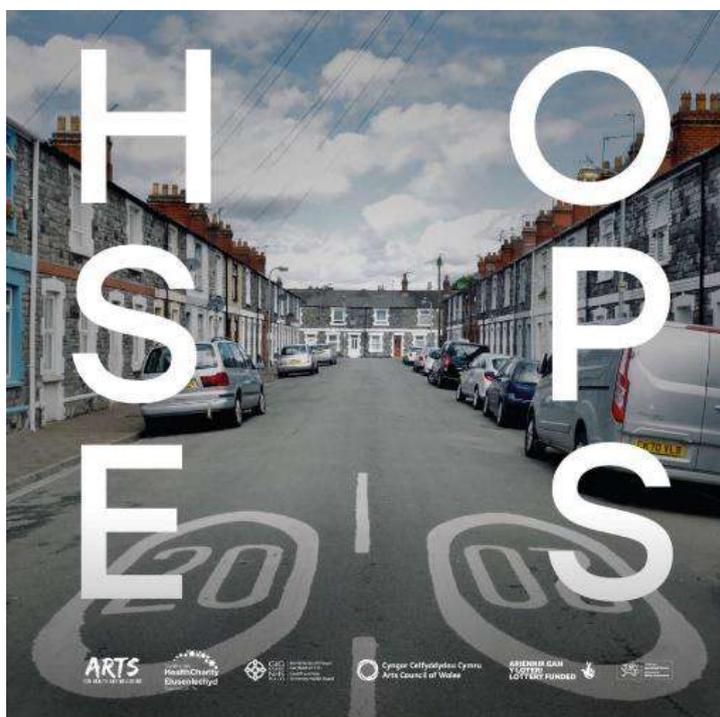
Sat Nov 12th 7.30 pm: St John's Church, Canton, CF5 1NX

Sun Nov 13th 2.00 pm: Cathays Cemetery Chapel, CF24 4PY

Tickets from: www.a48theatrecompany.com

Refreshments Available

**THE INFIRMARY CHAPEL - CAPEL I BAWB
REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS
Ted Richards**



Those of you who attended the AGM will have heard our Chairman Gareth Brown make reference to us working with Capel i Bawb, the new library in the old Cardiff Royal Infirmary chapel. The aim of this cooperation from our side is that it should help raise the profile of our Society in that area of the city.

As part of this cooperation we have been asked if we could help provide volunteers willing to invigilate public viewings of an installation by award-winning composer arranger, John Meirion Rea.

The installation is due to be on display at Capel i Bawb Wednesday, 19th – 21st October. If sufficient volunteers can be found it may be extended into the following week. **Please may I ask you to consider volunteering for such a role?**

If you are willing to volunteer please contact Cathy Turner directly at Catherine.turner2@cardiff.gov.uk. She will manage the volunteers and arrange a rota. Alternatively, if you would like more information first, please e-mail RoathHistoryWebsite@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.

A LETTER FROM 'OLD SOUTH WALES'

Rita Bray

Being a 'remote' member (living in Cornwall) has its advantages and disadvantages.

The disadvantages being, that I never get to attend meetings, therefore I never get to meet the Members, nor am I able to join you all on those splendid Summer Outings to places of interest and beauty.

Meetings being streamed online is a big advantage, enabling me to listen and watch some excellent presentations by many knowledgeable Speakers, I've learnt a lot about Roath and Cardiff from these Wednesday evening Zoom Meetings and hope one day to spend a holiday in South Wales and visit some of the places.....and maybe join you on an outing!

I was particularly pleased to put faces to names at the AGM Zoom meeting, (Elizabeth Morgan, Ted Richards and Geraint Denison-Kurg) many thanks to these these members who were prompt and willing to welcome me to the Society back in January. Since joining the Society I have been more aware of the similarities between Wales and Cornwall.

The languages.....Cornish and Welsh, the coastline, the place names, the Chapels and Choirs and, of course, Mining.

My reason for joining RLHS, (which has been very fruitful so far), is that it was the place of my Grandfather's birth and his father (my Great-grandfather) was a Coal Mine Sinker. This has led to my interest in Mining, particularly Coal mining in and around Cardiff during the mid to late 1800s.

I wonder if there is a member with a similar interest? Look forward to hearing from someone?

Rita Bray
Cornwall.
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ALL ABOARD THE SS STANWELL!
-Part Two-
Ted Richards and Jon Roberts

We recently received the an enquiry via the website concerning the SS Stanwell, as featured in our last e-newsletter. What follows in the outcome of the research undertaken to answer the query!

S.S. Stanwell – Cardiff-based crew

John L Davies – 46 Claude Road – Master

This appears to be John Davies, born in Newport, Pembrokeshire in 1881. In the 1939 Register Georgina M Davies (b.1881) was living at 46 Claude Road (John was not there). In the 1921 census Georgina Maud Davies née Stephens (aged 40) was living in Fern Cottage, Newport, Pembrokeshire, with John Davies (master mariner - out of employment) and her father-in-law John Davies (retired water mariner). John and Georgina had married in 1909 in Barry. Georgina died in Newport, Pems in 1941 aged 60. I can't find any record of them having children, nor of when John died. The middle initial 'L' appears to be a typo?

D. E. Jones – 99 Monthermer Road – First Mate

This is David Edward Jones, born 1903 in Cardiff to David Edward Jones, a master mariner, originally from Llanon, Cardiganshire and Mary Jane Jones née Williams, originally from Dowlais, Glamorgan. When David was born the family were living at 220 Inverness Place. He attended Roath Park School. In the 1921 census that were living at 99 Monthermer Road and David was an apprentice in the Merchant Navy working for the Western Counties Shipping Company. I haven't been able to find out if he married as he has a common name. He died in Cardiff in 1981 aged 78. He did have siblings so there may well be living relatives.

D G Owen

I think this is David George Owen, born 19 Feb 1895 in Dinas Cross, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire. David George Jones married Lily M Davies in Cardiff in 1924. In the 1939 Register Lily M Owen is living at 65 Wentloog Road, Rumney, Cardiff with, by the looks of it, two children.

N. Harries – 4 Bangor Street

I think this is Haldon Osborne Harries, born 1902 in Aberavon. The initial 'N' looks to be a typo.

In the 1939 Register 4 Bangor Street was occupied by James Osborne Harries (b.1876), a commercial traveller in the clothing trade, and his wife Emily Harries (b.1879) and their married daughter Vera Gwendoline John (b.1908). In the 1911 census Haldon, aged 9, is living with the family in Aberavon. Haldon is living at 4 Bangor Street in 1964 with his elderly mother.

The 1911 census for the family when they were living in Aberavon shows no reference to a N Harries and all births were accounted for (i.e. no children away from home at the time of the census). I purchased the 1921 census for the family and again no evidence of an N Harries.

Haldon Osborne Harries goes into the merchant navy (the only one of the family to do so). He died in Llanishen, Cardiff in 1987. There are records of him leaving and arriving at various ports, indicating he had a navy career. Can't find any records of him being married. Picture available on his Merchant Navy card.

C. A. Glus – Bath Street, Cardiff

I think this is Clifford John Guias, born 1898 in Cardiff to Augustus Guias, a master mariner, who was born in Montreal, Canada and Emma Guias née Turpitt. Clifford was baptised at St Mary's, Cardiff. He went to school in Grangetown. Served in WWI with the Royal Army Medical Corps, 14th Field Ambulance. In 1942 he records his career as being Merchant Navy, Chief Steward. I admit it is a bit of a jump from C A Glus to C J Guias, but not impossible. He lived at 50 Halsbury Road, Victoria Park, Cardiff. The newspaper article on the Sandwell says he lived at Bath Street which is a mystery, as there is no Bath Street in Cardiff. Also his rank was Chief Steward in some records. Is this too different from Cook or not I wonder? His elderly mother lived in Broadway which gives a Roath connection, thereby making all 5 crew members having East Cardiff connections - intriguing. He died in Bexley, London in 1977. He does not appear to have ever married. His siblings did marry and have children.

GET IN TOUCH



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