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EDITOR'S WELCOME



The image above was snapped by Elizabeth Morgan at the back of a house on Fair oak Road. One is irresistibly reminded of Cnut, although thankfully Cardiff's sea defences likely to prove rather more successful. Still, this sort of urbanity is one of the things which gives Roath it's unique charm, juxtaposed as they are against fine historic buildings and leafy Edwardian parks. I firmly believe that this sort of environment keeps one young; if not, it at least preserves the delusion that one is, which is all my ambition.

Rather a brief newsletter this month, I am afraid. We have some wonderful articles coming from Gareth Brown in future editions, but these are still being finalised. So just a few bits of news, and details of our forthcoming lecture, which is the last of this Winter season. Could someone please tell our climate of this? I'm not altogether sure it knows.

Stay dry!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geraint".

Geraint Denison-Kurg
Acting E-Newsletter Editor

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ROATH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY 2023
THE NEWPORT TRANSPORTER BRIDGE:
A Bridge Through Time



Emma Newrick, *Heritage & Culture Manager*

The Transporter Bridge has dominated Newport's skyline since 1906, but why was it built and what does its future hold? Discover the stories of the men who designed the bridge, who built the bridge, the people who used it and the exciting plans for the redevelopment. Using archival images, video footage and oral histories. Emma will take attendees on a journey through time and over the river Usk.

SAINT EDWARD'S MUSIC & ARTS CENTRE
start 7.30pm access from 7.00pm. For live stream link please apply to Geraint
no later than Tuesday 9th May on: Denison-Kurg@outlook.com

ALL WELCOME! GUESTS £2.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £10.00

CALLING ALL TECHNOPHILES!
Jon Roberts



A volunteer is needed to provide back-up and to assist the Technical Team with the setting up of Society's laptop, camera, the Church Public Address system and Zoom broadcasting equipment for monthly Society meetings. No previous technical knowledge is required as the Technical Team will provide full instruction. The only time commitment over and above the duration of the meetings is to be there at 7pm to help set up and to dismantle the kit at the end.

If you can help or wish to know more, please email Ted Richards at roathhistorywebsite@gmail.com or Jon Roberts at kaardiffboy@protonmail.com.

(Editor's note: I know, I know, the Countess of Lovelace has been rather overused of late – and, moreover, has little-to-nothing to do with audio-visual equipment – but she is at least an easily recognisable figure in a room rather dominated by unattractively dressed 'great men' taking more than their fair share of the credit!)

MALCOLM RANSOM TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Ted Richards



We went to hear Malcolm sing last month at St Edward's when he was part of the Roath Community Choir and a concert they did with a choir over from Oregon, USA.

A video of the performance has appeared on YouTube and you can see Malcolm took centre stage (second half of the concert).

The American choir conductor was presented with a copy of one of Jeff's books on Roath as a memento - that can be seen at 1hr 22min into the video.

Link to video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1k10bHYd88I>

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