

Annwyl Cyfeillion/Dear Colleague/s

My apologies for not being in touch recently, but now there are some important developments in the Cymdeithas' programme which you should be informed about.

1. **Spring Tour 2015:** Naturally, we were disappointed not to have been able to run our Spring Tour, but we have learnt from what transpired. However, I am sure that you would wish me to thank **Ryan Jenner** for all the effort that he put in, as tour director. Very kindly and generously, Ryan has agreed to work on a proposal for a 2016 Spring Tour. He is very anxious to receive **your** suggestions as to what we might do and where we might go; a couple of thoughts for you to consider, in the footsteps of Thomas Pennant, 'A Journey to London', or a tour to the North East. Thus please pass on your ideas to Ryan: tel/ffon: **01745 561013**, or e-mail: [rjarjenner@hotmail.com](mailto:rjarjenner@hotmail.com)
2. **Silver Jubilee Activities:** We had hoped to run a jubilee choral evening this Summer and our Chair, **Norman Closs Parry** has made very considerable efforts to organize such an evening. However, the choir and its organizer get very booked up and if we can, we will try to organize an evening in the autumn.
3. As part of our jubilee programme, on **September/Medi 2<sup>nd</sup>** we are organizing a visit to The **National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth**. Full details are given on the attached sheet, overleaf. It is, as you will see, very important that we get an idea as to who might be interested, as this will affect the **price** of the coach trip and numbers for Dr. Paul Evans' lecture. Again, please reply to **Ryan Jenner**, as he is organizing the logistics of the day outing.
4. **On November 6<sup>th</sup> 2015**, we have our AGM. This year, it will be held in **Penbryn Chapel**, Whitford St. Holywell/Treffynnon. The evening will commence at **6.30pm**, as we wish to present to members an exhibition of our **Archive**, books relating to Thomas Pennant, currently held in **Holywell Library**. This will be followed by the AGM, **7.30pm** and then we will have a **Jubilee Tea**.
5. Our Silver Jubilee **Pennant Lecture** will, this year be held on **October/Hydref 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in Holywell/Treffynnon Library. This year's lecturer will be **Dr. Mary-Ann Constantine**, Senior Researcher at The University of Wales, Advanced Centre for Welsh & Celtic Studies, Aberystwyth. Dr. Constantine will lecture on '**Thomas Pennant's Women.**'
6. **New Books:** We are delighted to inform you that one of our members, **Dr. Peter Bishop** has produced a book entitled: '**The Mountains of Snowdonia in Art: The Visualisation of Mountain Scenery from the Mid Eighteenth Century to the Present Day**'. The book is published by a Welsh publisher, **Gwasg Carreg Gwalch** ( Llanwrst ) and is priced **£18.00**. The book has plenty of references to Thomas Pennant and to his illustrator, Moses Griffith and has been very well received. We have a copy in our Pennant Library in Holywell/Treffynnon. We are also delighted to inform you that Dr. Peter Bishop has agreed to give our **Pennant Lecture in 2016**, on **20<sup>th</sup> October/Hydref**. Further details will be posted later.
7. This year, **the National Eisteddfod** is being held in **Meifod**, Montgomeryshire and **The History Forum For Wales/FForwn Hanes Cymru** have requested our help in manning their tent during the Eisteddfod. We are also members of The Fforwn. Thus, if you are available,

could you contact their Chair, **Meurig Jones: tel/ffon 01974 831582**: Thank you/dioch yn fawr.

8. This year, our **Christmas Lunch** will be held on **Friday/Gwener 11<sup>th</sup> December/Rhagfyr, 12.30pm for 1.00pm**. As officers, we are suggesting that we avail ourselves of the **Stamford Gate Hotel, Holywell/Treffynnon**. However, if members have other suggestions, could they let us know as soon as possible.
9. **Website: Cymdeithasthomaspennant.com** continues to attract a considerable number of 'hits'. Also, if you have any items to put on our website, contact our website co-ordinator, **Ryan Jenner**. We remain very grateful to our website provider, **Delwedd** of Caernarfon and **Mike Roberts** and his team.
10. **Advance Notice: On April/Ebrill 16-17 2016**, there will be a conference, to be held at The **National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth**. The title of the conference is **'Wales and Scotland in European Travel Writing 1760-1870'** and will include discussion of Thomas Pennant and his tours. Some of us hope to attend and we will keep you informed.
11. Finally, we are following up our involvement with The **'Sacred Doors'** Project in Whitford Church and we hope to see some developments on this front. We are also in touch with the Tourism Dept. Flintshire County Council, re our proposals concerning **'Pennant Country'**.
12. In courtesy, I should inform you that I will be **away: 27<sup>th</sup> July/Gorff-17<sup>th</sup> August/awst**.

Please do keep in touch with us and, if you have any thoughts or suggestions, let us know.

In the final analysis, it is your society and we are privileged, as officers, to serve you, our members.

With very best wishes,

Hwyl,

Yours sincerely,

Paul Brighton ( Secretary/Ysgrifennydd )