

Undeb y Mamau ~ Mothers' Union

We continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month, still on Zoom. Jean ensures that those members who are unable to access Zoom are kept up to date, even if they are unable to hear our speakers.

We had a fascinating talk in February from Rev. Dr. Mary Thorley, "We are neither bad nor good, - Rebecca Riots and me". She took us back to her Great, Great, Grandfather, Rice Price Beynon, who was considered to be licentious, useless and a drunk. He had 6 children with Martha Jones and 2 more with Mary Evans, neither of whom did he marry.

In 1842 he put an advert in a newspaper asking for information about the Rebeccas, which resulted in rioters going to his house and shooting 12 shots into the house.

In 1852 he stood up for the labourers working for the Railway, who were paid with tokens which they had to spend in the company shop. He also disciplined a man who was ill treating his wife. It was also possible he was the suspected magistrate who was a Rebecca rioter, arrested while dressed in women's clothes. So, was he good or bad?

Mary finished with stories of some Lladdarog characters, being careful not to name them, in case!!!

We took part in the Wave of Prayer on 25th February, at 12.30pm, again on Zoom. We also continue with the quiz on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm. The last one set by Kate, with a Welsh theme, was won by Jean and Huw. Elizabeth is setting the March quiz.

The speaker at our March meeting held electronically on the 11th was Canon and Chancellor Librarian Patrick Thomas who told why he was called Patrick – have you guessed? Yes he was born on St Patick's Day. As always, he gave such an interesting talk that we didn't really want him to stop! Born in the 5th century, at 16 years of age St Patrick was sold into slavery in Ireland. After six years he dreamt of his escape and fled to England. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and probably was responsible in part for the Christianisation of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons.

Dates for your Diary - Please note time and location

Thursday 8th April. 2pm On Zoom:

Members afternoon with contributions from Marian Daniels, Wendy Jones and Eluned James.

Thursday 13th May. 2pm in Church:

Guest Speaker Samantha Duggan, Plant Dewi.

Thursday 10th June. 7pm in Church:

Flower Arranging with Wendy, Blodau Blodwen. As always we will stick to Church in Wales Regulations and members will be informed of any changes.

Don't forget to support Plant Dewi and the Baby Bundles (see Margaret Rees), also Cross in your Pocket (me) and Mission to Seamen.

Any queries regarding Zoom access contact Margaret Rees and any other queries to Jean Voyle Williams 01267 275222

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