

Breconshire Local & Family History Society (BLFHS)
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Welcome to our Newsletter. We invite you to contribute articles, tips, questions and answers for others to share. Feedback is always welcome. Have you missed an edition? Read the archived Newsletters on our website.

August Meeting Review – Visit to Abercamlais House.

As a follow up to last year's talk given by Mrs Susan Ballance on her Abercamlais family and house, twenty members booked a visit to Abercamlais. We were very lucky that the rain stayed away during the tour. Mrs Ballance told us about the history of the construction and development of the house as she showed us round the grounds. She then invited us into her home and showed us the main ground-floor rooms and entrance hall. You can view John Ball's photographic record of the visit on our website.

Brecknock History Week - 6th - 15th September 2013

This month's Newsletter has been 'hijacked' by the **Brecknock History Week**. A free bilingual booklet is available giving details of all the events arranged by history groups across Brecknock. If you receive this Newsletter by post, a copy of the booklet is enclosed. If you receive this newsletter as an email attachment, you can download the booklet as a PDF file from the BLFHS website or by clicking [here](#) (English version) or [here](#) (Welsh version).

Although this is the first ever Brecknock History Week, we are pleased to report that **48 events** have been arranged by **24 different organisations** at **eleven different venues**. Some of the historic buildings are open to the public under the '**Open Doors**' scheme run by the *Civic Trust for Wales*. Under this scheme, which runs during September, public and private buildings across Wales are encouraged to open to the public, free of charge. A full list of all the Open Doors buildings is available on the [Civic Trust for Wales](#) website. Powys Library staff will be happy to help you look that up on a library computer!

The Breconshire Local & Family History Society is contributing to History Week by displaying some of the information gathered under our on-going **Shops and Businesses Project**. We have been collecting details of the shops and businesses in Brecon town for some time and so it is exciting to be able to prepare and share the material we have collected.

Most shops along High Street Inferior and The Bulwark in Brecon (the area from Lloyds Bank to Brecknock Museum) have kindly agreed to display in their window an A4 poster giving a list of the businesses that have occupied their premises over the years, together with other fascinating historical information about the people, trades or businesses based there.

However, we know there is a lot more information out there – and maybe some of the details we have gathered so far are incorrect. With this in mind, we will run drop-in sessions at Brecon Library from 10.00 – 12.00 each day from 7th to 14th September (excluding Sunday). There will also be a display of the Shops and Businesses material in the library for the month of September.

We hope you will enjoy exploring Brecknock during History Week and look forward to seeing you at Brecon Library.

NEXT MEETING: Our usual Wednesday Meeting in September will not be held because of the History Week which will begin at the end of that week. We hope that as many of you as are able will, come to Brecon during History Week and join in the events. We will man a table at Brecon Library from 10.00 – 12.00, each day from 7th – 15th September (excluding Sunday). Do come and have a chat.

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