

**Breconshire Local & Family History Society (BLFHS)**  
**Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol a Theuluoedd Brycheiniog**



## **Newsletter 3: August 2011**

Welcome to our third Newsletter. We invite you to contribute articles, tips, questions and answers for others to share. Feedback is always welcome.

### **August Meeting Review:**

Subject: Visit to Talgarth Mill

Approximately 24 members went to Talgarth to see the newly restored flour mill. We had a very good tour of the building, which is on three levels. It was wonderful to see the mill wheel working. After the tour members went for refreshments in the lovely café which overlooks the River Ennig. We were served with homemade sandwiches and cakes. Delicious! I shall certainly be returning, if only to buy the homemade bread which is made on the premises. Many will have seen the programme on BBC1 called "Village SOS" on August 10th, where the whole process of the rebuilding of the Mill was shown. The programme is available to view again on BBC iPlayer, until 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011. There is a link from our website to the iPlayer version of the programme.

The Talgarth Mill website is at: <http://www.talgarthmill.com/>

### **Talgarth Festival of the Black Mountains, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2011:**

We will be in St Gwendoline's Church on Saturday and Sunday of the August Bank Holiday. The parish records will be available to search and we will be on hand to assist with research queries or just to have a chat. Do come along if you can. It is a good festival and FREE.

### **Internet sites for Local and Family History**

- **Archives Wales:** "Our online catalogue allows you with a single search to obtain information about more than 7,000 collections of historical records in the holdings of 21 archives in Wales. These archives are open to the public and you can use this site to plan your visit and find out more. Archives Wales forms part of the UK's National Archives Network." <http://www.archiveswales.org.uk/>
- **Welsh Journals Online:** Most historical societies in Wales have given permission to the National Library of Wales to digitise and make freely available the back copies of their Journals. To see the Journals as they are added to the website and to read through the articles, go to <http://welshjournals.llgc.org.uk/browse/>

### **Snippets from the press**

## **Brecon County Times 20<sup>th</sup> July 1915**

SCHOOL BOYS AS CADDIES – To the quarterly meeting of the Breconshire Education Committee on Friday last the Brecon District Committee complained that the attendance at the Brecon schools, and particularly at the Llanfaes Council School, had suffered in consequence of the employ of school boys as caddies at the Brecon Golf Club.

The attention of the Club was called to the matter some years ago, but the practice still seemed to be carried on to a certain extent. The Committee had, therefore, instructed the Clerk to inform the Secretary of the Golf Club that unless the practice is discontinued the Committee will be compelled to take steps to prosecute the persons employing the boys for illegal employment.

Thanks to Viv Parry for this article.

### **A song to remember**

Does anyone have a song or piece of music which is memorable because it evokes memories of childhood or of a special event? Would you like to share its title and why it is special, with us? To start us off, here is my story.

*My mother's father was well into his 40s when he married my much younger grandmother. He was born in 1875 and I often marvel that I knew my grandfather who had memories going back to mid Victorian times. I knew him for the final ten years of his life and one of my lasting memories was the first verse and chorus of a song which he taught me. It was called "Give said the little Stream". I loved this song and continued to sing it after his death, often with my mother, as I grew up. When my son, now aged 20, was born, I sang it to him and told him of its links with his great grandfather.*

*I wanted to find out more about the song, but, before the days of the internet, I did not know how to do this. Then one summer about ten years ago, I was in Hay on Wye and was browsing the surplus books which are piled onto open shelves in the grounds of Hay Castle. I picked up a damaged copy of "The Sunday School Hymnal" by Carey Bonner, and there in the list of first lines was my song, with all the verses and the music. You can imagine how I felt. Needless to say, this dog-eared book has pride of place in my book case. The music was written by W B Bradbury in 1860 and the words were by that veteran lyric writer, Anon!*

There is a copy of the song on our website at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wlsblfhs/images/give-stream.gif>

Send your stories to me, Hilary Williams, at the address at the end of this Newsletter.

### **A good read**

*"Fresh Flowers for M'Lady – the Story of Craig-y-Nos Castle and Dame Adelina Patti"*, by Tony Hibbert, Fineleaf Editions, 2011. Price £9.95p ISBN: 978-1-907741-02-9.

This book is written by the Grandson of Constantine Hibbert, Adelina Patti's Head Gardener at Craig-y-Nos, who had learned his skills at Chatsworth, Derbyshire. The account combines the general history of the area, which covers Abercrave, Craig-y-Nos, Glyntawe, Penwyllt and Penycae, with the family history of the Morgan, Watkins, Potter, and Hibbert Families.

The book is available at Brecon Museum and from the publishers at:

<http://www.fineleaf.co.uk/>

### **NEXT MEETING**

Date and time: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 2:00 pm.  
Venue: Brecon Library, Ship Street, Brecon  
Subject: Brecon Shops & Businesses Exhibition – The launch of the public exhibition of our project researching shops and businesses in the town of Brecon. The exhibition will be open to the public from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September at Brecon Library.

### **SOCIETY WEBSITE**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wlsblfhs/>

Googling **WLSBLFHS** will also find the public page. You then need to add your password to the address to enter the Members' pages.

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