

Breconshire Local & Family History Society (BLFHS)
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Newsletter 36 – September 2014

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.

September Meeting Review: “Walter Wilkins, Governor of Chittagong, Brecon Banker and MP for Radnorshire 1796-1828. Part 1”

Ken Jones gave the first of his two-part talk on Walter Wilkins, a member of a well-known Breconshire family. Having had access to Wilkins family papers as well as doing research in various libraries and archives, Ken created a portrait of a man who worked his way up through the ranks of the East India Company and then came home to run an estate and serve as MP for Radnorshire. Having gathered so much information on Walter Wilkins, Ken felt he would need two talks to do it justice. The audience were very interested and a lively question period followed the talk. We all look forward to part 2 in 2015.

You can listen to a sound recording of the talk on our website. From the members' homepage, highlight the 'Resources' button and click on 'Meetings' from the drop down menu.

For more information on this topic, see

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_India_Company

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1820-1832/member/wilkins-walter-1741-1828>

<http://ghgraham.org/walterwilkins1741.html>

An interesting read about the relationships between members of the East India Company and the men and women of India, can be found in William Dalrymple's “*White Mughals: Love and Betrayal in 18th-century India.*” 1st published 2002 by Harper Collins.

This month on our Website

Since our last Newsletter (published 19 August 2014) we have added/updated the following:

- **Parish Pages:** added *Crickadarn* and *Crickhowell* (seventeen parishes pages now available)
<http://www.blfhs.co.uk/members/parishes/index.htm>
- **Public Articles:** item updated 5 Sep <http://www.blfhs.co.uk/article17.htm>
- **Monthly Meeting Report:** added an audio-recording of the September meeting:
<http://www.blfhs.co.uk/members/meetings/index.htm>
- **Noticeboard:** updated 13 Sep <http://www.blfhs.co.uk/noticeboard.htm>
- **Public News Pages:** updated 15 Sep <http://www.blfhs.co.uk/news.htm>
- **Members' News Pages:** updated 15 Sep <http://www.blfhs.co.uk/members/news.htm>

Check the News Pages every few days and the Noticeboard at least weekly.

Help needed! Only two new Parish Pages have been added to our website since the last newsletter because John Ball, who is developing the pages, desperately needs more information and photographs. The next parishes on his list are: Garthbrenji, Glasbury, Gwenddwr, and Hay. If you can contribute any such material, email John at john@jlb2011.co.uk

We are grateful to Robert Eckley for providing some fine photographs of Crickadarn Church.

Please report any problems with the website to our webmaster, John Ball, at john@jlb2011.co.uk

First World War: Newspaper Snippets month by month

BRECONSHIRE WAR FUND

Brecon Council and Committee's Constitution

Scale of Allowance.

Discussion followed on the allowance to soldiers' and sailors' dependents, and it was resolved that the scale be as follows.

When the income from all other sources had been taken into account that the amount of

allowance be such as to bring the amount going into the house up to the following maxima; rent is included in the sums given:

- Wife, 12/6 weekly maximum;
- ditto and one child, 14/6;

- o ditto and two children, 16/6;
- o ditto and three children, 18/6;
- o ditto and four or more children, £1.

Other dependents would be allowed 6/- per week with 1/- in the case of children.

The scale was adopted after lengthy discussion, and Mr Gilbertson then submitted a scheme of relief for cases other than those of the dependents of soldiers and sailors. This scale, however, did not meet with general approval, and it was decided to adopt the first

scale, Mr Gilbertson's suggestions in the second case to be circulated, and further discussed at the next meeting.

Mr Roberts, Brynmawr, suggested that the relief be paid weekly, and Col. Garnons Williams said that in the Boer War it was found that the wives were glad to pay in their monthly allowance to the S.S.A., and to receive it out weekly.

Miss Morgan said that in Brecon the women were being consulted as to whether they would like this done.

From: *Brecon & Radnor Express Carmarthen and Swansea Valley Gazette and Brynmawr District Advertiser*, 3 September 1914 page 2

Welsh newspapers can be read online at

- <http://welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk>
- <http://cymru1914.org>

Websites

- For the history of the Ystradgynlais area, try www.spookspring.com/Palleg/palleg.html
- Having problems locating the Wales Collection of parish records on the recently changed format of Find My Past? Use the links below:

[this link](#) will take you to a page of links to the appropriate search pages;

the following links will tell you what records have been digitised for Wales:

<http://api.findmypast.co.uk/cms/fmp/pdf/wales-baptisms-coverage.pdf>

<http://api.findmypast.co.uk/cms/fmp/pdf/wales-banns-coverage.pdf>

<http://api.findmypast.co.uk/cms/fmp/pdf/wales-marriages-coverage.pdf>

<http://api.findmypast.co.uk/cms/fmp/pdf/wales-burials-coverage.pdf>

Occasionally parishes have been placed in the wrong county, so if you cannot find a parish record which should be there, perform a wider search.

[The above advice is extracted from RootsWeb's Powys [mailing list archive](#)].

NEXT MEETING

Date and time: Wednesday, 1st October 2014 at 2:00 pm

Venue: Brecon Library

Subject: *The Tarell Valley – linking people and places through time*

Joe Daggett of the National Trust will talk about this local feature tracing the history of the people and industry that made this valley of such historical importance,

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