



THE OLD TOWN HALL AND HIGH STREET, CRICKHOWELL

A range of events across the county of Brecknock arranged by members of the Brecknock History Forum to explore the history of the county.

Many events are part of **Open Doors** which celebrates the architecture and heritage of Wales.

Events are being held at the following locations:

Brecon
Builth Wells
Crickhowell
Cwmdu
Defynnog
Hay
Llandrindod Wells
Llanfaes
Llangammarch Wells
Llangynidr
Llywel

Brecknock History Forum is an informal meeting of organisations from across Breconshire who have an interest in history.

For more information please contact the Forum c/o Brecon Library, Ship Street, Brecon LD3 9AE

For a full list of the events being organised for **Open Doors** across the whole of Wales in September please see the Civic Trust for Wales website.



Friday 6 September

Brecknock Society and Museum Friends

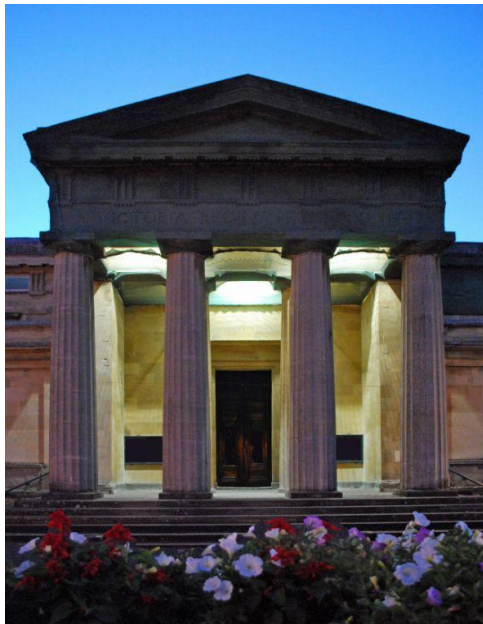
Lecture: "Listing and Maintenance of Public Buildings in Breconshire". Speakers Jill Fairweather and Judith Alfrey from Cadw. 7.30pm The Studio. Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon. LD3 7EU. Disabled Access. Booking not required.

Brecknock Museum

Open Doors: Visit The Courtroom 11.00am and 1.00pm. The ground floor of the Museum will be open 10.00—4.00. Partial disabled access

Hay History Group

Film Screening: From 7.30pm Parish Hall, Lion Street. *Real Life in the Black Mountains* (17 mins) followed by *On the Black Hill*. Films rated 12+. Tickets on door.



Brecknock Museum

Saturday 7 September

Brecon Beacons National Park

Family Walk: A gentle walk to Pen-y-Crug Iron Age Fort. A three and a half mile walk to explore one of the most impressive Iron Age hillforts in the Brecon Beacons National Park. 2.00pm. Full details on the Brecon Beacons National Park website. Not suitable for wheelchairs—cross country walking. Booking Essential on 01874 623366. A donation of £3.00 per person

Breconshire Local & Family History Society

Self-guided Town Trail: Travelling along High Street Inferior and The Bulwark—two of the main shopping areas of the town—each property will have a small poster in the window outlining an aspect of the history of the building. All Week.

Llangynidr Parish Church of St Cynidr & St Mary NP8 1TN

Open Doors: The church will be open and the parish records will be available for research. 2.00— 5.00. Partial disabled access.

St David's Church, Llywel, LD3 8RF

Open Doors: The church will be open for visitors 10.00—4.00.

The Plough Chapel, Lion Street, Brecon

Open Doors: The chapel will be open with guides available to show visitors round the building. 10.00am—noon

St David's Church, Llanfaes, LD3 8BY

Open Doors: The church will be open with refreshments available. The parish records will be available for research. 9.30—4.30.

Saturday 7 September continued

Hay History Group

Guided Walk: *Historic Town Tour.* A gentle walk around town for about 2 hours looking at the ancient walls and wells. 10.30am. Suitable for families. Meet at Hay Cheese Market HR3 5AB. Booking is advised as numbers are limited.

Email to: dbennett195@btinternet.com

Hay History Group

Guided Walk: *Armstrong Murder Walk.* A walk covering the famous story of the last solicitor in Britain to be hung for murder. 2.00pm. Suitable for families. Meet at Hay Town Clock HR3 5BU. Booking is advised as numbers are limited.

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Hay History Group

Town Trail: Posters in the window of every building, shop and pub in the centre of Hay that describes the premises' history.

Hay History Group

Open Doors:

Salem Baptist Chapel 10.00—1.00.

Hay Castle Open 10.00—4.00 with tours at 12noon and 2.00pm. Booking required for tours email:

haycastletrust@gmail.com

St Mary's Church Tour 2.30pm

Hay History Group

Family History Quiz: A family friendly quiz that explores the history of Hay. Collect quiz sheets from Shepherds Ice Cream parlour and return completed sheets there to win a prize. Quiz sheets available all day.

Hay History Group

Film Screening: From 7.30pm Parish Hall, Lion Street. C4 Documentary about the Armstrong Murder (30mins) followed by *Deadly Advice*. Films rated 12+. Tickets on door.



Hay Town. Photo: Finn Beales



Christ College, Brecon

Saturday 7 September

The Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh, The Watton, Brecon. LD3 7EB

Open Doors: There will be a special quiz for children and the chance to try on some uniforms from 1879 and World War II. 10.00—4.00.

Christ College, Llanfaes, Brecon. LD3 8AF

Open Doors: Tour of buildings dating from Medieval period and 19th century. 2.00pm. Booking essential 01874 615440. Disabled access to ground floor areas.

St Cynog Church, Defynnog LD3 8SN

Open Church: The Parish Registers will be available for research with volunteers on hand to assist if required. 10.00—4.00

The Masonic Hall, Cerrigochion Road, Brecon LD3 7NR

Open Doors: Guided tours of the Hall. 11.00am. Booking advised 01874 623332

Brecknock Museum

Open Doors: Visit The Courtroom 11.00am and 1.00pm.

The ground floor of the Museum will be open 10.00—4.00pm. Partial disabled access

The Presbyterian Church, The Watton, Brecon

Open Doors: The church will be open with music and refreshments available throughout the afternoon. 1.00—3.00

Brecon Cathedral—Open Doors

The Cathedral is open daily 8.30—6.30.

Tower Tours: 10.00, 12.00, 2.00 and 4.00. Narrow stairs and low passages.

Tours of Cathedral Close: 11.00, 1.00, 3.00 and 5.00. Uneven ground and some steps.

Churchyard Quiz: Under 12s should be accompanied by an adult on all activities. Booking for the tours is advised on the day.



Church of St Cynidr &
St Mary, Llangynidr

Sunday 8 September

Llangynidr Parish Church of St Cynidr & St Mary NP8 1NT

Open Doors: The church will be open and the parish records will be available for research. 2.00—5.00. Partial disabled access.

Llangynidr Local History Society

Walk: “A Quite Interesting Walk” to explore ghosts, spies, characters and a few pubs. A ‘QI’ walk but not with Stephen Fry! Approx 2 hours. Meet at Village Hall, NP8 1LS 2.00pm. On paths and pavements.

The Masonic Hall, Cerrigochion Road, Brecon LD3 7NR

Open Doors: Guided tour of the Hall. 11.00am. Booking advised 01874 623332

Hay History Group

Guided Walk: *Historical Town Tour* 10.30am See Saturday 7 for details. Booking required.

Hay History Group

Guided Walk: *Armstrong Murder Walk* 2.00pm. See Saturday 7 for details. Booking required.

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Hay History Group

Pop Up Museum: Come along and bring your historic treasures, finds or memorabilia. Share archive photographs, memories and gems from the past. 11.00—4.00. St John’s Hall, St John’s Place, Hay. HR3 5BN. Partial disabled access.

Hay History Group

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Hay Castle Open 10.00—4.00 with tours at 12noon and 2.00pm. Booking required for tours by email: haycastletrust@gmail.com

Sunday 8 September

Brecon Cathedral

The Cathedral is open daily. 8.30—6.30

Tower Tour: 2.00pm.

Tour of Cathedral Close: 4.30pm

Quiz: around the churchyard.

See Saturday 7 for details



Brecon Cathedral from The Tower Stairs

All Week

Breconshire Local & Family History Society

Self-guided walk: Follow the High Street Inferior and The Bulwark—two of the main shopping areas of the town where each property will have a small poster in the window outlining an aspect of the history of the building.

Powys Archives, Llandrindod Wells. LD1 5LG.

Powys Archives serves as the official repository for the records of the county of Powys and the three former counties of Breconshire, Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire. Visitors are welcome and there are no charges to view most records. Open 10.00—12.30 and 1.30—5.00 Tuesday to Friday. Monday for group tours by arrangement. For full directions and parking arrangements see website or telephone 01597 826088.

Monday 9 September

Llangammarch Wells History Society

Launch of website: An exciting project to provide a virtual tour of the village. 7.30pm. Alexandra Hall, Llangammarch Wells, LD4 4EA

Tuesday 10 September

Brecknock Museum and Brecon Library

Activities for Year 6 school pupils will be arranged by staff from the Museum and the Library. Letters of invitation will be sent to all relevant schools.

Oak House, 12 The Bulwark, Brecon

Open Doors: A rare chance to see this magnificent town house. The ground floor, staircase and part of the first floor will be open to view. A leaflet on the history of the building will be available. 10.00—4.00. Refreshments in the Garden. There are some steps into the building.

Thursday 12 September

Builth Wells & District Heritage Society

Talk: Sally Pearson will talk on Croft Castle—the Owain Glyndwr and Johnes connections. 7.30pm Greyhound Hotel, Builth Wells. LD2 3AR.

Friday 13 September

Oak House, 12 The Bulwark, Brecon

Open Doors: See Tuesday 10 September for details

Canal & River Trust

Family Walk: Gentle walk led by David Viner, Heritage Adviser. 2.00pm. Meet outside Theatr Brycheiniog, Canal Basin, Brecon for a walk to Brecon Lime Kilns – about 1½ miles. The walk with take about an hour. Disabled access. Suitable for families. Dogs on leads welcome.



Oak House, The Bulwark, Brecon

Saturday 14 September

Crickhowell District Archive Centre

Exhibition: The Buildings' Heritage of Crickhowell District. An exhibition demonstrating the history, range and diversity of buildings in the local area. The Clarence Hall, Crickhowell NP8 1BN. 10.00—5.00. Disabled access at rear of Hall.

Thomas Price Society

Displays: a display about this remarkable historian and a major literary figure whose bardic name was Carnhuanawc. Clarence Hall, Crickhowell (see Crickhowell District Archive Centre and St Michael's Church, Cwmdy).

St Michael's Church, Cwmdy NP8 1RU

Open Church: The church will be open with particular information on Thomas Price the 19th century writer and poet who is buried in the churchyard. Parish Registers will be available. 11.00—4.00

St Cynog Church, Defynnog LD3 8SN

Open Church: The Parish Registers will be available for research with volunteers on hand to assist if required. 10.00—4.00

Crickhowell & District History Society

Guided Walk: a walk around the town looking at some of the prominent buildings of the town. Meet at Porthmawr 10.00. Booking essential 01873 810262. Partial disabled access.

St David's Church, Llywel, LD3 8RF

Open Doors: The church will be open and the parish records will be on view. There will be refreshments available. 10.00—5.00.

Sunday 15 September

Crickhowell District Archive Centre

Exhibition: The Buildings' Heritage of Crickhowell District - see Saturday 14 September for details. Including a display by Thomas Price Society. 10.00- 4.00.

St Michael's Church, Cwmdy NP8 1RU

Open Church: See Saturday 14 for details. 11.00—4.00.