

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.

Brecknock History Week 2013

I do hope you were able to enjoy some of the events arranged as part of Brecknock History Week this September.

The BLFHS Shops and Businesses Project produced small information sheets displayed in the windows of each shop and business in High Street Inferior and The Bulwark. We are delighted to report that nearly 50 shops, banks, restaurants, etc., took part in the project by displaying the information sheets for the week. To complement the displays, we held daily drop-in sessions at Brecon Library, resulting in lots of stories and old photographs. These will be added to the files of information we are building up on each property in the town centre. We are also working on other areas of the town.

Oak House, The Bulwark was open to the public for two days with 75 people visiting to see the magnificent stairway and two first-floor rooms: we will be displaying some photographs of these on the website. The Masonic Hall in Brecon was also open and, with additional advertising, had a good number of visitors (photography was not permitted).

We hope that next year we will be able to encourage more buildings in Breconshire to open their doors so mark Brecknock History Week, 5th - 14th September 2014, into your diary now!

During one of our Drop-In sessions at the Library, BLFHS member Colvin Parry, visiting from Somerset, brought in an old 56-page booklet containing lots of recipes and shop advertisements from Brecon. The booklet is undated, but we have been able to deduce that it was published between 1933 and 1937. Over the next few Newsletters we will be sharing a recipe or two with you.

Treacle Pudding.

Ingredients:—8 ozs. flour, 1 egg, 4 ozs. suet, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. ginger, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ teacup milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ teacup treacle, 3 ozs. sugar.

Method:—Mix all well together. Grease the mould and steam for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

Miss F. Jones.

Does anyone have any idea who the contributor Miss F Jones may have been?

If you try out this Treacle Pudding recipe, do let us know what it tastes like.

Where was this establishment?

Brecon County Times – 18th October 1895: Advertising Schools for Private Education

Liondore House School, Brecon.

MISS BUTCHER, L.L.A. (Hons.) with the Higher Certificate of St. Andrews' University, Trinity College Science and Art Department, College of Preceptors. Pupils prepared for Local Exams, Trinity College (Music), etc. Private lessons given in Drawing and Painting (Oil and Water) Violin, Piano, Languages. Term commences, September 16th. Boarders – Moderate Terms.

Middle Class School, Brecon

PUPILS successfully PREPARED for all Local and Preliminary Examinations, Business, Banks, &c. Book-keeping, Short-hand, Drawing. Weekly and Terminal, Boarders at Liondore House.

Do let us know if you can identify "Liondore House", Brecon

Websites: Nonconformist records

- Information about the holdings of The National Archives (TNA) collection of nonconformist records can be found at:
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/nonconformists.htm>
- The TNA collection can now be searched on Ancestry (subscription only or access at your local public library) – see <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=2972>
John Ball has put a list of the *Breconshire* records on our website as a PDF document:
<http://www.blfhs.co.uk/docs/bre-noncon-chapels.pdf>
- The collection can also be searched on BMD Registers (subscription only) at:
<http://www.bmdregisters.co.uk/>
- The National Library of Wales also has a collection of nonconformist records. Details of how to find them at the NLW are available at <http://www.llgc.org.uk/?id=486>
- Information about the nonconformist revivals in Wales is available on the *Welldigger* blog at:
<http://daibach-welldigger.blogspot.co.uk/>

Our website

John and Jennie have simplified the Public and Member's Welcome pages: the notices have been removed and transferred to a new Noticeboard page:

- the NOTICEBOARD displays general announcements and forthcoming events;
- the NEWS pages continue to provide details of the latest developments and additions to the website.

The Public and the Member's Welcome pages provide links to the News page and the Noticeboard.

NEXT MEETING

Date and time: Wednesday, 2nd October 2013 at 2.00pm

Venue: Brecon Library

Subject: *Resources at the Regimental Museum*

Museum curator Bill Cainan will explain how to use the facilities at the Museum for researching family history.

Note: Prior to the main talk Helen Whyte will continue her series of short presentations on family history sources

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