

Kenfig News



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Society Programme For April To Dec

Date	Event	Speaker
17th Apr	A.G.M.	
15 th May	Where There's A Will	Lilian Charles
19 th Jun	Visit to Pontypridd Museum	
17 th July	Land Of My Fathers	Brian Davies
21st Aug.	No Meeting	
18 th Sept.	Lotteries In History	Conall Boyle
16th Oct.	Members Evening	
20 th Nov	Global Warming Fact Or Fiction	Bruce Hawkins
18 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner	Prince Of Wales

The Future of the Society Still A Crisis!

The AGM of the Society is being held on Tuesday 17th April and it finds the Society in the same unsatisfactory situation as it was in a year ago. We still have no chairperson or vice-chairman and during the last 12 months, we have been singularly unsuccessful in finding anyone to fill these posts. The way things have been arranged for many years is for a vice-chairperson to be appointed for a period of two years at the same time as the chairperson starts their two year term. At the end of two years the vice chairperson takes over as chairperson and a new vice is elected. This means it has been easy for someone new to take over as vice-chair and have two years before becoming the chairman.

Up until two years ago, this has worked very well but now neither post is filled and we have no one to chair meetings or to introduce speakers at Society meetings. More importantly we have no one to officially represent the Society with regard

to outside organisations. This also creates difficulties with regard to our status as a registered charity and an organisation without a chairperson does not create a very good impression when dealing with other organisations. Also according to our constitution we should have both of these posts filled.

In addition to these two posts, we also have vacancies in three other positions. Most importantly, we are looking for a Publications Secretary, a post which has been very effectively filled by Jenny Patterson for a number of years. Jenny has not been well recently and has had to give up the post. We have a number of "retail outlets in the area, where our booklets are sold and the job involves liaising with these, making sure they have a supply of booklets, collecting the sales proceeds and keeping an account of sales. Over the years, these sales realised thousands of pounds and have meant that the Society has remained on a sound financial basis.

The posts of Archivist/Librarian also vacant. The Society has a large collection of books, magazines, articles of local interest, Society correspondence, minutes etc and a variety of items of local historical interest, deposited for safe keeping with the Society by various individuals. Most of this is badly in need of sorting out and documenting and made accessible to anyone with an interest in local history, and we have a duty as a local history society to ensure that this is done - hence we need an Archivist/Librarian.

The Society Officers and committee members give up a lot of their time doing all sorts of other things for the Society such as organising speakers, taking care of the finances, preparing Society publications, giving talks to and liaising with local organisations and producing Newsletters. It is unfair to also ask them to take up the responsibilities of these other jobs as well. The Committee therefore feels that unless this problem can be solved we must seriously consider discontinuing Society activities at the end of 2007. With this in mind we have only prepared a programme up until December this year, with the Christmas Dinner being the last scheduled Society function.

So please give a thought to standing for one of these posts. In the case of Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson the commitment is only for two years but the durations of all the posts are open to negotiation. Its really up to members whether or not the Society continues to be active, so please, please think about taking on some responsibility for its future by returning some nomination forms at or before the AGM.

Something To Contribute?

The Editor is always happy to receive contributions to the Newsletter. If you have any material suitable for inclusion or any queries about the Society. Terry Robbins on 01656 782351 or email - terryterry37@tiscali.co.uk.

For more information about the Society, visit our web site at www.kenfigsociety.supanet.com

Kenfig Society nomination Form AGM April 2007

Current Society Officers and Committee Members

President Mr Ted Davies

Chairman	Vacant	Vice Chairman	Vacant
Publications Sec.	Vacant	Treasurer	Brian James
Minutes Sec.	Paul Sidey	Programme Sec.	Terry Robbins
Newletters	Terry Robbins	Archivist/Librarian	Vacant
Committee Members	Above officers plus, Dennis Jones, Sandra Harris, Barrie Griffiths, Ken Williams, Cyril James.		

We wish to nominate _____ for the post of _____
Proposed _____ Seconded _____

Please ensure you have the agreement of the person you are nominating. Please return the slips to Terry Robbins (6, Locks Lane, Porthcawl, CF36 3HY,) or bring them along to the AGM on April 17th 2007

Society Membership

The renewal of Society membership becomes due in April. This applies to all those who last renewed their membership before 1st January 2007.

Application for Membership

Name _____
Address _____
Post Code _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

Members Fees Full £6

Concessionary £3

Family £8

Tick as appropriate

Cheques made payable to The Kenfig Society and the completed application form should be sent to :-
Mr Brian M. James,
4, Glan-y-Llyn,
Broadlands,
North Cornelly,
Bridgend, CF33 4EF - or handed in at the next Society meeting.

Shipwreck Memorial



Stern of the "Tillanook" run aground on Sker Sands
December 1946

Gareth Maund, the landlord of the Prince of Wales, has recently rescued part of the propeller of a ship which ran aground at Sker Beach, just after the end of WWII.

The propeller blade is believed to belong to a ship called the "Tillanook, which was an American ship sailing out of Portland Oregon, and which was being used to transport war materials from America when it ran aground. There were no casualties and the ship was eventually re-floated.

It is intended to set this up as a memorial to all those who have lost their lives at sea along the Kenfig coastline and the memorial will be unveiled on Monday 23rd April at 4pm at the Prince of Wales. The ceremony will be carried out by Mr Ted Davies, Chairman of the Kenfig Trustees and the Revd. Ian Rees of the Parish of Pyle & Kenfig.