

Kenfig News



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Society Programme For 2007-2008

An Encouraging AGM!

Date	Event	Speaker
2007		
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
21 st Aug.	No Meeting	
18 th Sept.	Lotteries In History	Conall Boyle
16 th Oct.	Members Evening	
20 th Nov	Global Warming Fact Or Fiction	Bruce Hawkins
18 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner	Prince Of Wales
2008		
15 th Jan	Medieval Kenfig Beginnings	Barrie Griffiths
19 th Feb	The Acton Tin Huts	Keith Morgan
18 th Mar	To be arranged	
15 th Apr	A.G.M.	

Although there was a relatively poor turn out for this year's AGM held on 17th April, there was an opportunity for some useful discussion on the position of the Society and how the imminent crisis caused by the large number of vacancies on the committee might be resolved.

As a result, we are happy to report that we now have filled all these vacancies, at least in the short term, and can address our efforts to rejuvenate the Society.

The important post of Chairman has been taken on by Ted Davies for the next twelve months, which gives us some breathing space. As you know Ted is already our President and at the age of 93 is more than overdue for "retirement", rather than taking on more responsibilities. However, he feels that it is very important that the Society, should not be allowed to go out of existence and has stepped forward to fill the breach. This gesture is much appreciated by all who hold the Society dear and it is important that we take full advantage of the opportunities which present themselves.

The post of vice- chairman has been filled by Mrs Terry Robbins, who is hoping to learn the finer points of chairmanship under the tutelage of Ted.

The position of Publications Secretary has been taken on by Conall Boyle. Conall is a fairly new recruit to the Society, but has

* There will be coach laid on for the trip to Pontypridd Museum, which will be free to members. Places, however, will be limited and members wishing to make the visit and who have not put their name down at the Society meeting, should contact Brian James on 01656-741364 or Terry Robbins on 01656 782351

agreed to take over responsibility for the marketing of our booklets etc from Jenny Patterson. Not only has he taken on this work, but he also figures in this year's talks programme (see above). We offer him and his wife a warm welcome to the Committee and hope that he enjoys he tenure.

The posts of Archivist/Librarian was also vacant, and have been taken on by Keith and Janis Edger. Both are longstanding and active members of the Society, Keith having served as Chairman and Vice Chairman in the past and we are sure they will make a good job of sorting out and making available the Society's large collection of books, magazines, articles of local interest ,

All the other officers and committee members remain in their posts, with the result that not only are all positions filled but we now have four female Committee members.

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 and Officers 2007 -

President & Chairman	Ted Davies, CBE, JP
Vice-Chairman	Teresa Robbins
Treasurer	Brian James
Minutes Secretary	Paul Sidey
Publication Secretary	Collum Boyle
Programme Secretary	Terry Robbins
Archivist/Librarian	Keith and Janis Edger

Committee Members

Barrie Griffiths; Ken Williams; Sandra Harries; Graham John; Jenny Patterson; Dennis Jones; Cyril James,

Unveiling the Mariner's Memorial



A memorial in the form of a plaque and a propeller blade believed to come from the ship Tillamook, was unveiled by Ted Davies, Chairman of the Kenfig Trustees, and was dedicated to all those who have lost their lives over the years along the Kenfig coast. The ceremony coincided with the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the "Santampa"

Also in the photograph are Lord Kenfig, Gareth and Julie Maund and the Revd. Ian Rees, vicar of Pyle and Kenfig.

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.

Moving Forward.

The Committee feels that the falling membership of the Society is a cause for concern and that steps ought to be taken to try to reverse this trend. Therefore, following the AGM, it has been decided to -

- To arrange to distribute copies of the Newsletter to both current members as well as those people whose membership may have lapsed in recent years. This will remind current members of what is on each month and also serve as a reminder to those whose membership has lapsed that their renewal is overdue.
- Ask A Friend - most of us will know of at least one person who used to be, but is no longer a member. You can help be reminding them that the Society still exists and has once again an interesting programme of activities for the current year.
- If you are not currently a member, now is your opportunity to join and take advantage of the free trip to Pontypridd in June. You will find a membership application form opposite.
- We feel that new members could be attracted by better advertising of our meetings. Currently a number of notices are displayed around the area. We could, however, advertise more widely and members can help by asking local shops etc to display one of our notices. If anyone can help in this way, please contact us.



Winter Sunset Kenfig Pool - Photograph by Val Phillips