

# Kenfig News



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## Programme For Winter 2008/Spring 2009

16th Sep	Ralph Hancock Wales's Garden Genius	Bob Priddle
21st Oct	Member's Evening	*
18th Nov	Water Everywhere	Bruce Hawkins
Dec 2008	Christmas Dinner	
20th Jan	The Secrets Of The Sands	Keith Morgan
17th Feb	Medieval Kenfig	Barrie Griffiths
17th Mar	Ted Davies Memorial Lecture	Huw Thomas
21st Apr	Annual General Meeting	

**Please note.**  
**Monthly meetings will now start at 7.15 instead of 7-30**

### Ted Davies Memorial Lecture

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Committee has decided that it would be appropriate if we commemorated our late President in some way. Ted was always a great source of help support and encouragement to the Society over the first 20 years of its existence and it was thought that the best way to commemorate him would be by inaugurating an annual **Ted Davies Memorial Lecture**.

The first of these has been arranged for March 2009, when a close friend and colleague, Mr Huw Thomas, will talk about his memories of Ted. It is planned to hold future lectures in March each year.

## Forthcoming Meetings

There has been a change in the programme for **September**. Mr Mike Anthony, well known to members involved in the Dig, is unable to talk to us about historic Welsh buildings because of illness, but his place has been taken by Bob Priddle, who will talk about Ralph Hancock, a well known garden designer of the mid 20th century. He has strong local connections and members who visited Twyn yr Hydd a couple of years ago may well remember the walled garden there, which Ralph Hancock. Designed.

In **October** we have our usual members evening and any members who would like to give a short talk would be very welcome to do so. We felt that it would be nice if members could bring along some family "treasure", such a photograph, a press cutting or a letter of some interest and just talk about it for a little while - so have a think about it.

For the last two years Mr Ken Maund has come to talk to us in October about the progress of the Bro Cynffig Project, which is involving school children in the area in local history. The Society had been involved in the work, mainly through Barrie Griffiths and this year Ken will be able to bring along some the work of the children and will be showing a DVD of some of their activities.



Members in the garden at Twyn yr Hydd during the Society visit in 2005

**November** will see a "return appearance of Mr Bruce Hawkins. Bruce gave us a very interesting talk on global warming and this year he will return to continue tale, in a talk entitled "Water Water Everywhere", which I am sure will be as interesting and thought-provoking as his last one.

**December** hopefully will see our Christmas function. You will remember earlier in the year we asked you to fill in a questionnaire on what sort of function would be preferred. We were very pleased will the response but no definite preferences emerged from it. The Committee hopes to make some definite proposals at the October meeting.

## Kenfig Society Officers 2008/2009

President	Ken Williams
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Committee Members	Dennis Jones; Cyril James,

### Society Membership

The renewal of Society membership for 2008/209 became due in April 2008. If you have not paid for the current year, please fill in the membership form and hand it in at the next meeting or send it to Brian James at the address below.

#### 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,  
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### Malvina Morgan

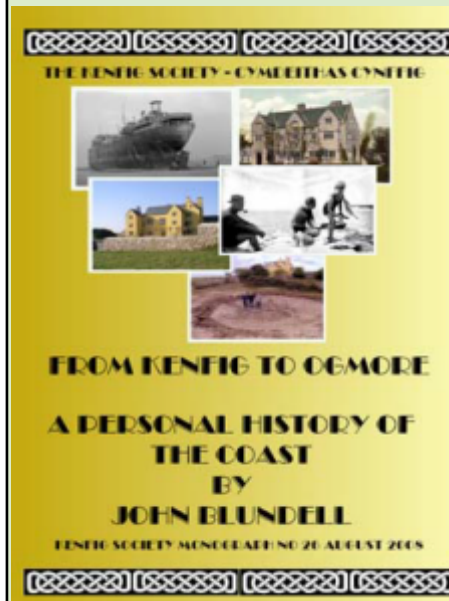


The death occurred recently of Malvina Morgan, the wife of Keith, both of whom have been stalwart members of the Society since its beginnings.

They were very much an "item", with Malvina always accompanying Keith whenever he gave a talk and seamlessly and inconspicuously supervising the operation of the slide projector.

Our picture shows Malvina, who was very fond of gardening at work in her greenhouse, not long before her death.

## New Society Booklet



The Society published a new booklet in August, entitled "From Kenfig to Ogmore - A Personal History of the Coast". This was written by John Blundell and its very gratifying to be able to add a new name to our list of authors.

John had been a long-time member and having lived almost all his long life in the district, he has plenty of anecdotes to relate about life in the area over the last 75 years or so. Coming from a family with a long and deep

interest in archaeology and local history there is a wealth of interesting observations about discoveries of artefacts and changes in the environment over the centuries and millennia.



A pair of bronze Age Socketed axe heads found by members of the Blundell family in the locality

The booklet is profusely illustrated with old black and white photographs from the family archives, as

well as ones taken especially for this booklet.

By doing most of the setting-up of the booklet ourselves, we are able to offer it for sale at the very reasonable price of £1.50 to members and £2.00 to non-members.

This will make an ideal Christmas present for

### 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 call Terry Robbins on 01656 782351 or by email at [-terryterry37@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:-terryterry37@tiscali.co.uk).