

# NEWS UPDATE

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## BRYNMAWR HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Our October lecture was given by Professor John Elliot who kindly returned to us enabling us to not only hear his talk about Crumlin Viaduct works, but to see his slides as well. Many of you will remember the first visit when the borrowed projector refused to perform. After that episode the Committee thought it would be wise, and the Society had sufficient funds, to purchase a projector which would belong only to the Society, this was done, and as result when John agreed to come along again (all the way from London) the committee members were feeling very confident. The first thing to go wrong was the change of venue, but we still had a lovely new projector and it was going well, imagine the desperate feeling when once again we were faced with a similar problem — who says lightning doesn't strike twice? Edwin spent the whole lecture hand feeding the slides and wondering what else could go wrong. It was a fantastic lecture and we all loved the pictures. It was generous of Professor Elliot to have returned to us a second time, he must have been wondering what the devil we were up to. We are fortunate to have such an eloquent man as a good friend. We found out later why our new projector failed to work, today's modern slide cases will only take today's modern thinner slides, problem solved. It seems that even with slide projectors it is fashionable to be slim.

### BRITTANY

The Committee is pleased to announce that all places for the Brittany trip 24th—31st May 1998 have been taken there is a reserve list should anyone be obliged to 'drop out' but we sincerely hope this is not the case and that the list will not have to be used.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Could members who have not had the opportunity to pay their fees and receive their membership cards do so as soon as possible please.

#### Reminder

Standard	£5.00
Unwaged	£4.00
Under 18 years	Free
*Casual	£1.00 per lecture*

and now to remind you about the lectures in 1998

25th February	Our own Malcolm Abrahams 'The Blaina Riots'
18th March .....	Emma Lile 'Folk Dancing in Wales'
22nd April	Alison Tippings 'Rights of Way in Blaenau Gwent'
20th May	Annual General Meeting— Election of Officers and Committee

### EVENING TRIP NANTGARW CHINA —Museum & Pottery

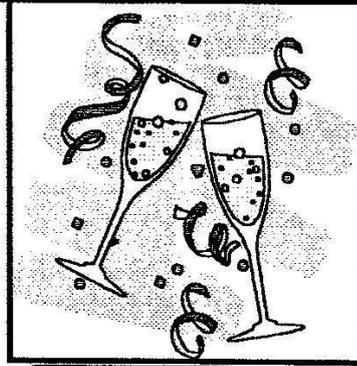
April 15th 1998

Early evening visit and bar snack (if desired)

When giving your names please say yea or nay if you desire a bar snack.

Adults including entry £6.00 (bar snack extra)

Further official information and money nearer the date



**A HAPPY AND  
PROSPEROUS NEW  
YEAR TO YOU ALL**

### ADVANCE NOTICE

To celebrate our 25th Jubilee beginning March 1999, the present Committee are already giving thought to the form the celebrations will take. An eleven inch bone china commemorative plate and bone china mug are already in the pipeline. Michael Blackmore, a well-known and gifted artist was commissioned to sketch the local views portrayed on both the plate and the mug. The art work involved has already been completed and paid for by our monthly raffles organised and carried out each month by Allan Williams and Bryan Holley, a first class achievement. The raffles will continue and will help pay for additional expenditure planned.

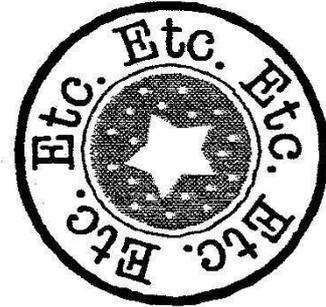
A sample plate and a sample mug will be on view in due course— as they say, watch this space.

## competition

In the meantime a competition will be held. Details overleaf

## COMPETITION

The Committee would like members to submit a drawing/drawings which can be satisfactorily reduced to two cms, and suitable for making into a small enamel badge. Entries to be handed in to our chairperson Mrs Barbara Griffiths. These drawings will be judged by a small panel of judges and the winning entry will be adopted as the Brynmawr Historical Society's own emblem. There are no prizes. Closing date— 31st March 1998 Please use a nom de plume. Any member of the Society having knowledge or is associated with a member submitting an entry should declare an interest if invited to sit on the panel of judges.



## NOVEMBER TALK

The November talk given by Chris Barber was excellent covering views and information about all the places we know and live with, his subject was 'The Ancient Kingdom of Gwent'. This was a detailed explanation of the history, legends and landscape of Gwent of Norman Castles ancient churches and industrial heritage. We had, as usual, a full hall and a very receptive audience, as a result time went very quickly, too quickly, everyone will be looking forward to another season when the Society can listen to another lecture from Chris. Good news too, Chris has his own projector with slides.

Owing to snow our December meeting was cancelled however, four days before we were able to enjoy our Christmas party as usual

## THE HEADS OF THE VALLEY ROAD AND CLYDACH GORGE

Our Society has in the past been associated with the dualling of the A465 particularly the area from the highest point through to Gilwern, this area incorporates the Clydach Gorge.

The Heads of The Valleys Alliance are still fighting against proposals to widen the A465 and need as much help, as they can get. The Gorge is all important, no one would consider driving a four lane road through the Cheddar Gorge, Why then this one? It must not happen. From time to time the Alliance hold meetings and as 'The Gorge' holds such a large wealth of our industrial history, the Committee have agreed that in future we will inform members date, time and place of the Alliance meetings in our magazine. Some of our members are already members of the Alliance and are actively involved and most of us are sympathetic.

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### \* PLEASE NOTE\*

The Bristol & Berkeley Castle trip will take place 11th July 1998 NOT 18th July 1998 as stated in the "Spring/Summer" trips schedule issued recently.

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