



The Rhiwbina Society

Newsletter

September 2025

Our programme for the coming months is as follows:

16 September	<i>Hi-de-Hi! Being a Butlin Redcoat</i>	Rosemary Challoner
21 October	<i>Nye: the Medicine Behind the Play</i>	Dr Matt Morgan
18 November (AGM):	<i>Caring for Historic Buildings</i>	Katy Wise
9 December	Christmas Quiz—Thinking Caps on!	Lyn Owen
20 January	<i>The Welsh Red Kite</i>	Alan Oliver
17 February	<i>A Pilgrimage of Song</i>	Sian Meinir

Meetings are held in Canolfan Beulah, Beulah Road,
Rhiwbina, CF14 6AX, starting at 7.30 pm.
Admission is £2 for members and £4 for non-members.

For further information, please visit our website:

www.therhiwbinasociety.org

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If you weren't there, this is what you missed!

Roger Wright reports on recent meetings

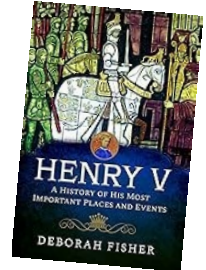


At our **April** meeting, Derek Price gave a presentation on the National Garden Scheme (NGS). He explained that the Scheme dated back to 1927 and has become a charitable funder of nursing in the UK. In that time it has raised about £70m for nursing and health charities.

Its aim is to discover the most remarkable gardens, help their owners to open them up to the public and raise impressive amounts for charity through admission charges, sale of refreshments and plants.

Derek went on to show us photographs of some wonderful gardens, mainly in Wales. Many are open for longer periods of time, not just the odd weekend. It really made you want to go and visit some of them. The 'Findagarden' website provides the necessary information.

Our **May** speaker, Deb Fisher, gave us a talk called *Henry V in Wales*. Most people are aware that the future King Henry V was born in Monmouth and took Welsh archers to the Battle of Agincourt. This talk concentrated on the less well-known early part of Henry's life, from his birth until the age of about 26, when he became King of England and relinquished the title "Prince of Wales". There was plenty to tell, including battles, revolutions, political wrangling and his travels around the country.

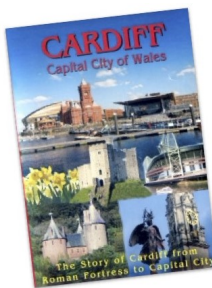


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In **June** Meryl Jones, Bute Park Education Officer, presented a comprehensive review of what Bute Park has to offer. It's called 'The green Heart of the City' not without reason. Highlights included the famous Animal Wall, the Gorsedd stone circle, the herbaceous border, the old 'Mill Leat', the Blackfriars Friary and the Dock Feeder Canal.

There are many interesting wildlife species to look out for and the tree collection exceeds 3000 individual specimens.

The Bute Park Visitor Centre is a hub for learning about all aspects of the park.



At our **July** meeting, Alan Knight returned to show us another of his DVDs on the local area called *The Story of Cardiff - from Roman Fortress to Capital City*. It showed the importance of the castle when Cardiff was just a small settlement positioned on a Roman road, to the bustling city it is today. Highlighted was the role of the Bute family and the development of the docks area to export coal from the valleys to all over the world. It also featured Bute Park, the eleven arcades leading to the Central Market, the Royal Hotel, Castel Coch, the Millennium Stadium, the Museum of National History at St Fagans – and much more. It was a very entertaining and educational presentation.

And finally...

Film-goers in Rhiwbina have been spoilt for the last ten years by having their very own Community Cinema. They have been treated to films of all genres—best-sellers, little known B-movies, films with local interest and world-wide appeal. Oh, and the usual intermission Cornettos have always been popular!

Now, Monico Movies has called it a day, and the last performance happened on 12 July 2025: the film shown was *Mr Burton*, the story of the early life of the Welsh star, Richard Burton. Tickets for the performance sold out within 24 hours of release—an indication of the local regard for local cinema. Monico Movies, thank you for the pleasure you have brought to Saturday evenings in Canolfan Beulah; we shall miss you!

