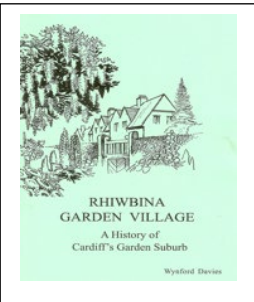


January 2024

We started off the year with a talk on the Rhiwbina Garden Village by Dr Llion Wigley, Senior Commissioning Editor of the University of Wales Press.



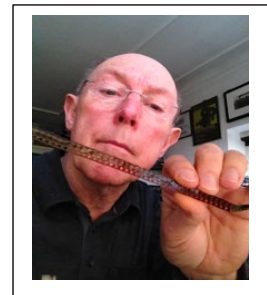
Llion focused on the establishment and early years of the garden village in Rhiwbina and the key figures in its development such as Alwyn Lloyd and Raymond Unwin. The talk also featured the many significant Welsh authors who lived in the garden village in the inter-war period, such as Kate Roberts, W. J. Gruffydd, Dorothy Edwards and Jack Jones, and the part which Rhiwbina played in the wider Welsh garden village movement in the same period.

At the end Harley Jones pointed out that the lives of several of the people mentioned were commemorated around the village with blue plaques erected by the Rhiwbina (Civic) Society.

February 2024

In February, Harley Jones gave a presentation called *One hundred years of home movies*.

From 1922 it was possible for people to point a movie camera at family and friends, to create lasting memories to be later projected onto the 'big' screen at home. This was a brief history of the development of the cine camera, from early Pathe and Kodak systems, to present day smartphone videos.



The talk was illustrated with clips of memorable home-made films, for example, Cardiff in the heavy snow of January 1945, the choice between yellow and blue Cardiff Buses in 1972, the Barry Island Funfair of the 1950s and a paddle steamer arriving at Penarth pier.

March 2024



In March we were visited by a special guest, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Bablin Molik. In her presentation "*A Year in the life of Cardiff Lord Mayor*", she started by tracing the history of the mayoralty going back to its origins in the twelfth century and how it evolved over time. Councillor Molik is the 118th Lord Mayor of Cardiff and the 16th female. She represents the Liberal Democrats in the Cyncoed ward.

The presentation was richly illustrated with photos of her attending various ceremonies, for example the King's birthday, St David's Day and greeting Royal Family members and foreign dignitaries. She holds various honorary titles relating to, for example, the Fellowship of Nantes, the Rotary Club and the Cardiff Male Voice Choir.

The Society made a contribution to her charity, UCAN Productions, which supports people suffering from sight loss, reflecting her qualification as an optometrist.