

Holywell and District Society 2007-2023

Following the demise of The Holywell and District Society on Dec 31st 2023, the committee had several meetings to decide how to allocate the assets.

The various books, CD's etc have been variously donated to Flintshire Historical Society, Holywell Library, Greenfield Valley Railway Museum and Flintshire Museums.

Funds of £500 each have been shared between local author Glyn Jones to reprint his book on the history of the Holywell District (The wording, "This publication has been funded by The Holywell and District Society" should appear on the book), The Thomas Pennant Society, The Greenfield Valley Trust, The Deeside and District History Society, The Rhydymwyn Valley History Society and The Caerwys Historical Society.

The Greenfield Valley Trust

The Greenfield Valley Trust comprises local volunteers working with Flintshire County Council, protecting the Valley and its important historic sites and making it a good place to enjoy.

<https://greenfieldvalley.com/>

Deeside and District Local History Society

Based in Shotton, the Deeside and District Local History Society was formed in 2014 from a WEA history class which ended after 20 years.

The Society has monthly talks, summer excursions and workshops for members who wish to delve further into the world of local history. If you want a challenge -writing an article, mastering research skills, conducting an oral history interview or simply listening to informative talks, come and join us!

The Society meets at 7pm on the second Thursday each month in Rivertown Chapel, Chester Road West Shotton.

Membership is £15 per year or £3 per evening. For programme details email:

deesidedlhs@gmail.com

A website is not currently available but one is intended, so the Society can share the rich heritage of Deeside. There is much to discover about its people, places, tradition and industry.

The Rhydymwyn Valley History Society was founded in May 2008 and its core interest is the operation of the Valley Works at Rhydymwyn and the involvement of Tube Alloys in the site. It is a story of over 2,200 people in wartime directed labour, and billeting, the enfranchisement of female labour, the involvement of common people in a worthy, but distasteful, duty. It is not, in any way, an attempt to glorify war or to condone militarism.

<https://www.rhydymwynvalleyhistory.co.uk>

Caerwys Historical Society

Caerwys Historical Society is a member of The North East Wales Heritage Forum (NEWHF) <https://www.newalesheritageforum.org.uk/> which was established in 2015 as a voluntary initiative to celebrate, conserve and promote the rich heritage of the region. It aims to pull together existing local and regional history and heritage societies, groups and organisations – including archive and museum services – to foster collaborative working for regional heritage projects and the sharing of experiences, best practice and resources.

For further information visit <http://www.caerwys-town.com> or email pnbroadbent@btinternet.com

It also has its own Facebook group, to promote the aims of the Caerwys Historical Society by sharing items from their archive and encouraging others to add their own photographs and memories of this remarkable little town.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1530704083764817/>

The Thomas Pennant Society

<https://www.cymdeithasthomaspennant.com>

Cymdeithas Thomas Pennant was formed in 1989/90 by Paul Brighton, Norman Closs-Parry and Paul Evans, three teachers who used to walk what they described as Thomas Pennant Country at least once, if not twice a year, especially during the summer vacation.

They decided to form a group which they called Grŵp Thomas Pennant Group to 'save' the gravestone of Moses Griffiths – Pennant's servant and artist. The informal group developed ideas which were later to form the basis of a constitution – and the constitution when the Group became Cymdeithas Thomas Pennant Society in 2007. The main objective of the group was to perpetuate (and enhance) the name and contribution of Thomas Pennant locally, and develop projects to establish that this area in Flintshire was to become known as Pennant Country.