

Brecon u3a

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Last week, Brecon u3a celebrated Brecon Women's Festival Month with three excellent talks. The first was given by David Moore who has recently published a well-illustrated book titled "Ray Howard-Jones: My Hand is the Voice of the Sea". Ray (1903-1996) painted much of her work on the Gower Peninsula but unfortunately many pictures now lie neglected in Museum stores around Britain.

In the afternoon, Elizabeth Bingham delighted us with a history of church kneelers, from tussocks to tapestry, which modern churches are throwing out and so destroying the social history recorded in their stitches. Carla Rapoport told us about women represented at Y Gaer: Boudicca, Adelina Patti and Sarah Siddons, but others such as Gwenllian Morgan and Frances Hoggan need to be included among the displays. "Bookshelf" approved of the Booker Prize winner "Prophet Song" by Paul Lynch.

Tomorrow, the author of Fiona Griffiths detective stories, Harry Bingham, will speak to us.

Special Interest Groups, "What the Papers Say", "Scrabble", "British Constitution" will meet and "Gardening" will learn about Aberglasney prior to our visit in June.