

Brecon u3a

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Last week, another u3a member, Philip Grant, explored the synchronicities between Lesotho, Southern Africa, and Wales. Understanding the landscape is crucial to making the comparisons, where the high plateau lands in Drakensburg Mountains reach well over 3000 metres, while Pen-y-Fan climbs to only 886 metres. Welsh ancestors once lived in the harsh Bannau but could we survive those conditions in the 21st century? The indigenous Basotho people have not been “colonised” only come under British “protection” (from the Dutch); their culture and way of life has been successfully maintained for millennia and should continue free of interference.

In the afternoon, Dr Gill Wakley presented the history of 17th century Plas Gunter Mansion in Cross Street, Abergavenny, which we hope to visit as a group next year. Elizabeth Jeffries introduced a small group to Gwenllian Morgan, but there will be a chance to hear the talk again on 9th May, at 10.30am.

Tomorrow, Robert Macdonald, will relate his support for the Maori people back in the 1980's on their march to protest concerning the broken promises of the Waitangi Treaty of 1840. Earth Science and the British Constitution are back on the agenda, and don't forget that there will be another session of Mah Jong in the 1st floor bar area of Theatr Brycheiniog between 2 and 4pm on Friday 3rd May which is open to non-u3a members.