

## **Brecon u3a**

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Last Thursday, Rhobert Lewis, a former University Dean of Science and Engineering and author of a chemistry textbook, returned to inform us about “Five Murderers and Five Poisons” throughout history. Fortunately, nowadays, the old-fashioned substances are tightly controlled but inventive minds can always conjure up new ideas!

In the afternoon, the “Aspects of History” Special Interest Group entertained themselves with their own research into six inspirational Welsh women starting with Gwenllian ferch Gryffydd, mother of 8 children, who supported her husband in battles against the invading Normans, heroically dying in 1236, near Kidwelly Castle where she is remembered to this day. Also, the philanthropic Davies Sisters of Monmouth, Jemima Nicholas who in 1797 thwarted a French invasion near Fishguard, 18<sup>th</sup> century Bridget Bevan who devoted her time and financial support to Welsh circulating schools, Lady Llanover who helped to preserve Welsh heritage and even Christ College student, Tori James who is the first Welsh woman and youngest British woman to climb Mount Everest in 2007, were all extolled.

Tomorrow we will hear about the love of the Tal-y-Llyn Railway, Victorian Municipal Grandeur and artists who painted ancient architecture.