

## **For B&R 17th January issue**

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Thursday 11th January saw the start of term, when Keith Noble, recorder with the Biodiversity Information Service for Powys, delighted us with beautiful photographs of migratory birds, swallows, swifts and martins, which are all in decline through a myriad of obstructions, but there are things we can do to help them survive through their breeding season spent with us in Wales.

Huw Williams entertained us with stories based around the Crawshays of Cyfarthfa and their parklands and green houses for the growing of exotic fruit. David Mitchell gave a talk describing a variety of lakes, their origins, transience, and fate. "Bookshelf" can recommend the author Mary Lawson and will now read "Prophet Song" by Paul Lynch, winner of the 2023 Booker Prize.

This week, the Play reading group will perform Alan Bennett's "40 Years On"; an excellent choice for Brecon u3a's 40th year. In the afternoon, the combined Archaeology, and Architecture and Landscape groups have invited James January McCann from the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments to share a talk and workshop on Welsh Place Names – Aberhonddu to Ystradgynlais.