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Our Play Reading Special Interest Group chose to celebrate 40 years of our Brecon u3a with an excellent reading of Alan Bennett's "40 Years On". The play is set in a minor Public Boys' School where staff and pupils are presenting a play recalling the effects of two World Wars; the elderly Headmaster clings onto nostalgic views from before the tragedies and yet Bennett manages to create lots of schoolboy humour and satire. Well done to the cast and technology team.

The combined Archaeology, and Architecture and Landscape groups listened to Dr James J. McCann from the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments who gave a passionate talk about his important research and recording of Welsh Place Names using old maps and a myriad of documentation. Malcolm Llywelyn also spoke about his work and books on place names within the Bannau Brycheiniog.

Tomorrow, Martin Griffiths, an Ambassador for Dark Skies, will explain how we are made of stellar stuff. The Science Group will follow with a discussion about Dark Skies, the Gardening Group will pose and answer questions, "What the Papers Say" will take a light-hearted look at the news and "British Constitution" will probably stimulate a more serious debate.