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Last Thursday, John Tyler, our Information Technology expert and computer wizard explained his involvement with the remarkable little Tal-y-Llyn Railway based at Tywyn in the southern part of the Snowdonia National Park, and his steady promotion as a volunteer to “Cleaner of Locomotives” – and we thought gardening was a dirty hobby!

In the afternoon, Mervyn Bramley presented a talk showing examples of some fine “Victorian Municipal Grandeur” as found in Town Halls and Civic Buildings - made possible through Victorian wealth.

“Art Appreciation” - Corinne Thomas treated us to examples of artists who were inspired by ancient buildings and landscapes such as Paul Nash (1889 – 1946) who started with burial mounds and standing stones, became a WW1 artist and again during WW2 painted subjects like the aircraft salvage dump at Cowley, “Totes Meer”; John Piper (1903 – 1992) and his views of bombed ecclesiastical buildings of WW2; Eric Ravilious (1903 – 1942) another WW2 artist who was lost on active service near Iceland leaving sketches of airplanes in action as well as memories of his 1938 stay at Capel-y Ffin and the ancient Sussex chalk landscape .

Tomorrow, Joe Botting will tell us about the remarkable fossil deposits at Castle Bank; David Mitchell will hold a “Rock-in” where members can bring their rock specimens for discussion and identification, and another “Science Questions Answered” session.

And on Friday 7th, Mah Jong takes place in the bar area on the first floor of Theatr Brycheiniog, between 2.00 – 4.00pm. Non-members are welcome.