

Brecon u3a

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Hugh Purcell outlined some of the events and Politics leading up to the Spanish Civil War and introduced us to the dashing Tom Wintringham who had fought during The Great War and was a believer in Communism. Tom was leading the British Battalion in Spain when he met American Journalist, Kitty Bowler, and an affair blossomed despite the other women in his life! Hugh's wife, Margaret Percy, read poems and extracts from their letters to enhance the story.

Will Davies from Cadw reported on the history, rescue, excavations and conservation of Blaen Llynfi Castle near Bwlch. Three members gave short, illustrated presentations on their chosen landscape, so we visited Three Cliffs Bay on the Gower Peninsula; Five Pits Trail, Derbyshire where former mining scars have been restored to parkland and to South Africa where farmland and mountains can resemble the landscape of Wales. Also, the reading of Alan Ayckbourn's five-part play "Confusions" was completed.

Tomorrow, Jonathan Williams will portray Penpont - its people, buildings, Estate and landscape and there will be plenty of discussions around the British Constitution, Science Explained, What the Papers Say and Paul Harding's novel, "This Other Eden".