

Brecon u3a

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On 4th July, Vivian Williams took us around the Eastern coastline of Australia from Darwin, down to Tasmania in the south. Her children have now settled in Brisbane and Adelaide so there were many family photos to illustrate diverse landscapes; Australia has over 8,000 islands within her maritime borders! Over 80% of wildlife is unique to the continent with marsupials, egg-laying mammals, poisonous snakes and spiders.

In the afternoon, members of the "Aspects of History" Group had researched James Scott who was the illegitimate son of Charles II and Welsh born, Lucy Walter and was recognised by his father who, on restoration to the throne, made James the Duke of Monmouth. His Uncle, James II acceded to the throne in 1685 but his short reign is now remembered primarily for conflicts over religious tolerance. The Group took turns in building up the complex picture which led to William of Orange and his Protestant wife Mary, daughter of James II sitting on the British throne.

July 11th is our long-awaited u3a visit to St Fagan's National Museum of History so there is no meeting at Theatr Brycheiniog until our last day of term on 18th July.