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July means we are coming to the end of our 40th year learning, laughing and living life to the full. In celebration, 50 of us have just made a very successful visit to St Fagans National Museum of History in beautiful weather to explore the old buildings and reminisce about days gone by, perhaps in the prefab or Vulcan Public House, rather than the Iron-Age Roundhouses. We made a special visit to see displays concerning the 1923 Welsh Women's Appeal to the women of the United States, to promote Peace and persuade their American Government to join the League of Nations following The Great War. 390,296 signatures were collected and stored in a large oak chest, together with the gilded and leather-bound Memorial Book and Declaration and journeyed across the Atlantic where they remained in the Smithsonian Museum until they were returned to Wales last year.

On 18th July, we will hold our final meeting at Theatre Brycheiniog until September. Author Philip Caine will speak to us about his career in the oil industry entitled "Barrow to Baghdad and back again" and in the afternoon we have Poetry, Art Appreciation and David Mitchell will introduce the geology of The Blorengge.