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On Thursday 19th September, David Raikes spoke to us about the history of Treberfydd House, the Grade 1-listed gothic revival mansion on the southern shore of Llangors Lake, and about Robert Raikes and Frances Taunton who commissioned John Loughborough Pearson to design the house in the 1840s. There are several open days in May and August each year.

In the afternoon, Robert East led us into discussions about the Labour Party's initial promise to abolish the House of Lords and replace it with an elected 2nd Chamber. The immediate plans are to reduce the number of hereditary peers and make all retire at 80. Mervyn Bramley led us on a more tranquil journey through the beautiful, landscaped gardens at Powis Castle.

Tomorrow morning, John Tyler will present "Windscale, Fukushima and the ones in between – What went wrong!" and in the afternoon, Tim Hoverd will update us on The Restoration of Snodhill Castle and on archaeological work at Cusop. "Aspects of History" have been researching The Slave Trade in 16th and 17th centuries, and poetry will be "Dancing on the Edge".