

# Annual, Report of the History of Medicine Society of Wales 2010

The History of Medicine Society of Wales has 250 members and has enjoyed another successful year.

There have been 4 meetings with 80 - 100 attendees at each meeting.

A summary of the Dates, Venues, Speakers and Topics is attached and abstracts of the lectures will be published on the HOMSW website

<http://www.homsw.org.uk> The Society is affiliated to the Welsh Museum for Health and Medicine and a selection of its collection of Medical Artefacts can be viewed on the website <http://www.wmhm.org.uk> .

The Society wishes to thank Professor H Gethin Morgan for his contribution to the success of HOMSW this year as President.

He has been a most able Chairman at all 4 meetings and devoted a considerable amount of time and energy to ensure that everything ran smoothly. His invited speakers were of a very high standard and his own Presidential address '*Hugh de Wardener and Cerebral Beri Beri*' was excellent.

The Society would also express their appreciation of the technical support at the meetings of Dr Peter Lloyd Jones, without whom the A/V system would not operate. His calmness in a crisis is greatly valued. I would personally like to thank Mr Malcolm Puntis for his help at the Gregynog Meeting in Peter's absence due to illness.

## Summary of meetings for 2010.

### **Friday afternoon 23rd April at Gregynog Hall Newtown Powys**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

<i>Bedlam in Wales: Some aspects of Psychiatric history</i>	Dr Tom Davies
<i>Horatio Nelson: Hero and patient</i>	Mr Malcolm Puntis
<i>Hugh De Wardener and Cerebral Beri Beri</i>	Professor H Gethin Morgan

### **Friday afternoon 25th June at the National Library of Wales Aberystwyth**

<i>Early Welsh Medical Women</i>	Prof. Neil McIntyre
<i>Herbalism in Mediaeval Wales The Myth of Meddygon Myddfai</i>	Dr Morfydd Owen
<i>Using History to Predict Emergency Hospital Admissions</i>	Dr Geraint Lewis
<i>Dr Crippen: Was he innocent?</i>	Mr Robin Odell
<i>Charles Darwin: before and after</i>	Prof. Robert Owen

### **Friday afternoon 10th September at the Glen yr Afon Hotel Usk Gwent**

<i>Medical Education</i>	Dr Lesley Pugsley
<i>Oesophageal Cancer from Czerny to Ifor Lewis</i>	Mr Walford Gillison
<i>James Parkinson and the Shaking Palsy</i>	Dr Christopher Gardner – Thorpe
<i>Wales and the 17th Century Medical World</i>	Dr Alun Withey

### **Friday afternoon 29th October at De Courceys Manor Pentyrch Cardiff**

<i>A Tale of Two Specialties</i>	Prof. Sir William Asscher
<i>Penetrating the Gloom of Victorian Alienism</i>	Dr Henry Rollin
<i>The Life of Edward Wilson 1872-1914</i>	Dr Isobel Williams
<i>The Welsh Museum of Health and Medicine</i>	Dr Peter Lloyd Jones

**The meetings were chaired by the President Prof. H Gethin Morgan**

Margaret R Jones,  
Secretary.