

# History of Medicine Society of Wales



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## Annual report 2011 – 12

The first meeting of the History of Medicine Society was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1972 at the Anatomy Department, University College, Cardiff at 07.00 pm. The film “William Harvey and the Circulation of the Blood” was shown, with an introduction by Provost Patrick Mounsey. It was open to all members of the University of Wales, to all medical practitioners and to the staff and students in services and disciplines related to Medicine in Wales.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated at a meeting in the Manor Parc Hotel, Thornhill, Cardiff, followed by a dinner which was attended by 80 members. Dr Brinley Jones CBE MA FSA spoke after dinner about the achievements of the Society and the Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan Dr Peter Beck MD FRCP proposed the loyal toast in this Diamond Jubilee year.

Dr S Jeanne Seager was the President for 2012 and chaired all 3 meetings with her excellent time keeping and detailed introduction of her chosen speakers. Her own address to the Society on Welsh Victoria crosses was informative and stimulating. 2012 was also the 100 year anniversary of Captain Robert Falcon Scott’s death in Antarctica and a paper, researching nutrition deficiencies and inclement weather during the ill fated expedition, by Dr Peter Lloyd Jones entitled “Why did they die?” reminded us of Scott’s close links with Cardiff. We thank our Hon. Treasurer Dr David M J Williams for keeping the accounts in order and for always being there with words of wisdom and our web manager Dr Peter Lloyd Jones for his technical expertise, without which the meetings would not be possible.

The Society continues to grow and currently there are nearly 300 members.

### Summary of the programmes for HOMSW meetings in 2012

With the Society’s gratitude to all speakers for the high standard of their contributions to a most successful year.

### **Spring Meeting at the Imperial Hotel Llandudno LL30 1AP** **Friday afternoon 30th March 2012**

#### **Annual General meeting**

**Chairman: Professor G M Roberts CBE**

The President’s chain of office was handed over to Dr S Jeanne Seager FRCA President for 2012 who chaired the afternoon session.

#### **Speakers**

Professor Sir Dillwyn Williams “ <i>The after effects of Chernobyl on North Wales</i> ”	Cambridge
Dr Gwynfor Evans “ <i>Betsi - Who?</i> ”	Conwy
Mr Mick Crumplin “ <i>Guthrie’s War</i> ”	Wrexham

**Summer Meeting at the National Library of Wales SY23 3BU**  
**Friday afternoon 29th June 2012**

**Speakers**

Dr Diana Westmorland <i>"Smallpox in Wales"</i>	Cardiff
Mr David Hay <i>"Adam Woods Smyth and Surgery of the Subclavian artery"</i>	North Wales
Dr Danielle Huckle <i>"The First Welsh Anaesthetists"</i>	Cardiff

**Winter Meeting at the Manor Parc Hotel Thornhill Cardiff**  
**Friday afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society**

**Speakers**

Professor Neil McIntyre <i>"Professor Geraint James – in Memoriam"</i>	London
Dr S Jeanne Seager <i>"Welsh Medical Victoria Crosses"</i>	Rhuddlan
Dr Peter Lloyd Jones <i>"The Medical Implications of Antarctic Exploration"</i> <i>The Centenary of Captain Scott's arrival at the South Pole</i>	Cardiff
Professor D Gwyn Williams <i>"Music and Musicians – Morbidity and Mortality"</i>	London

**4 Student presentations from the School of Medicine, Cardiff University**

Mr Thomas Bellis <i>"The Impact of the Discovery of Quinine in treating Malaria"</i>
Miss Rachel Jones <i>Louis Pasteur – Innovator or Imitator?</i>
Miss Katarina Walach <i>"Human Dissection and its relevance to teaching Anatomy today"</i>
Mr Andrew Workman <i>"Was a shipwrecked child the true Father of Orthopaedics"</i>

Each student received a cheque from the Society for their excellent and informative papers.

**DATES and VENUES for 2013**

Spring Meeting Friday 19th April 2013  
at The Imperial Hotel Llandudno LL30 1AP Tel: 01492 863917  
Summer meeting Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013  
The National Library of Wales Aberystwyth SY23 3BU  
and afterwards at The Conrah Hotel Llanfarian SY23 4DF Tel: 01970 617941  
Autumn meeting Friday 20th September 2013  
at the Gwesty'r Emlyn Hotel Newcastle Emlyn Ceredigion SA38 9DU Tel: 01239 710317  
Winter meeting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013  
The Manor Parc Hotel Thornhill Cardiff CF14 9UA Tel: 029 206937

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

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