

SWVP BULLETIN



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Message from the Chair

This is the eighth SWVP Bulletin meant to update you on SWVP activities and plans. SWVP is an historical research organization with several inter-related goals and objectives (see www.swvp.ca/purpgoal.html) with the main purpose being to discover, or perhaps more aptly, re-discover, Sir William Vaughan and his connections to 17th century Newfoundland. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and welcome a new community partner, the Trepassey Management Corporation, whose contribution was received just before Christmas. And to extend best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous 2013.



Sir William Vaughan Project Activities

Activities in December included an Organizing Committee meeting and attending a talk on early and 17th century cartography given by Mr. Dan Duda, Map Librarian at MUN's QEII Library Map Room. Mr. Duda expressed an interest in preparing a short paper on Mason's Map, as used by SWV in his 1626 *The Golden Fleece*.

A medical librarian and published author of Newfoundland's medical History, Mr. Stephen Nolan, has expressed an interest in preparing a paper on SWV's *Newlander's Cure*, particularly in determining if it could have been written on the Island and just how much *Newfound Land* material it contains. The OC looks forward with eager anticipation to these efforts.

SWVP was fortunate to have an operative in Wales over Christmas. Ms. Carol Osmond, formerly of Port aux Basques, Newfoundland, was visiting her college friend Judith Davies and her husband, Tony, in Wales. The team went on a post-Christmas tour of Carmarthenshire, their mission to find and photograph historic sites associated with SWV. See the page 3 of this Bulletin and see a report on the swvp.ca Symposium website.

The Organizing Committee is planning a day-long workshop with municipal and social leaders and organizations in Trepassey to brief them on the archaeological process, obligations, and opportunities.

St. David's Day 2013

Many people expressed an interest in continuing with another St. David's Day celebration in 2013. Ideas include a concert of Welsh music and poetry, and/or a small supper, as in 2012. A *potluck* dinner was also suggested. In order for plans to be brought to fruition by March 1, the OC needs your opinions and thoughts on the celebration. Please e-mail davidsday@swvp.ca and tell us what you'd like to do.



Research Program

Funding from a community partner, Trepassey Management Corporation, (see details in Sir William Vaughan Project Activities above), was received.

At the OC meeting Dr. Peter Pope, Research Chair, agreed to help prepare an Archaeological Research Proposal to be submitted to the Provincial Archaeology Office seeking a permit to conduct a Phase I Historic Resources Overview Assessment in early summer 2013.

Mrs. Betty Davies of Carmarthen began efforts to locate and access SWV papers in Welsh archives. Her work was delayed during the Christmas break but early in January she will continue the SWV search and add to it a search for the papers of Anne Christmas Vaughan, SWV's second wife who outlived him by almost 40 years, and their son, Sir Edward Vaughan.



International Virtual Symposium on Early Modern Wales and Newfoundland 2012

IVS EMWN 2012 remains available for new postings and comments. Check the Symposium index page for **SWV 2012 trip to Carmarthenshire by Carol Osmond, accompanied by Judith and Tony Davies.**

Send papers or other material as .PDF files to papers@swvp.ca.

Send comments or discussion about IVS submissions to comments@swvp.ca.



Recent Readings

God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible. Adam Nicholson. HarperCollins. New York. 2003.

Traces Remain: Essays and Explorations. Charles Nicholl. Penguin. London. 2011

In particular, the essays on Thomas Coryate, William Mountjoy, John Aubrey, Edward Kelley, Christopher Marlowe, Ben Johnson, and Antonio Pigafetta, all extant in the 17th century.

Please drop a note to papers@swvp.ca with books or documents of interest for the next SWVP Bulletin. Check swvp.ca for newly added papers and readings under [IVS.html](#) and [swvbio.html](#) .

Carol Osmond's Christmas in Wales



Carol's note on the St. Peter's Church Facebook page
My good friend, Judith Davies, her husband, Tony, and I would like to thank Bishop Wyn, Reverend Richard-son, Mayor Grice, and all of the clergy and parishioners of St. Peter's for the warm and enthusiastic welcome that we received on Sunday. We were in Carmarthenshire on a mission to visit and take photographs of historic sites associated with Sir William Vaughan, who was an early colonizer of Newfoundland. At St. Peter's near the altar, there is a beautiful monument to Anne Vaughan, who was the second wife of Sir William. More information on the historic connection between Wales and Newfoundland and this research project are available at www.swvp.ca. We had a wonderful day made all the more special by your warmth and generosity. (Rev. Leigh Richardson photo)

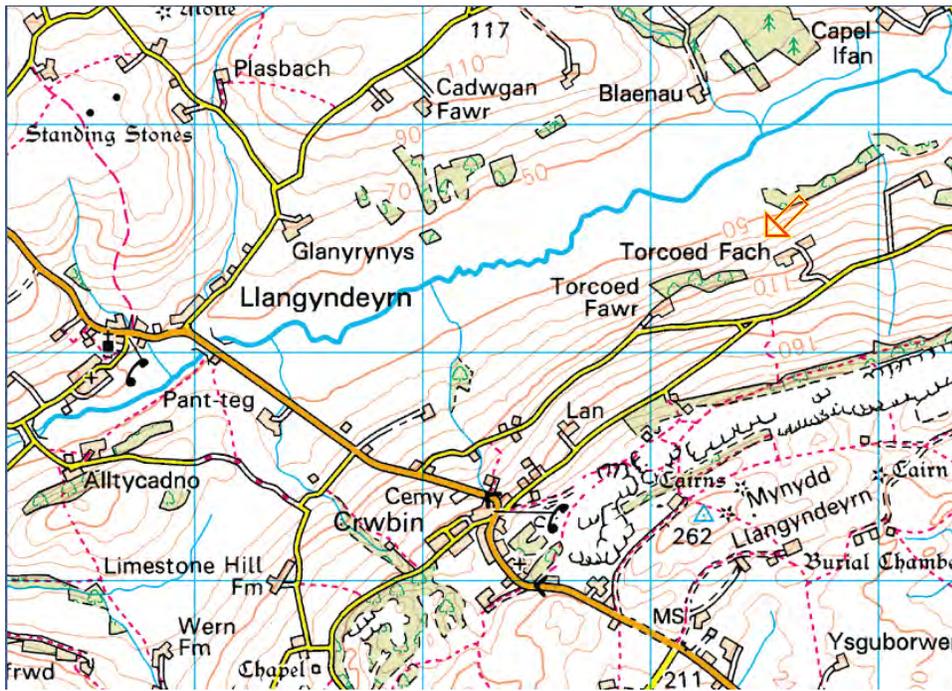


After St. Peter's in Carmarthen, Carol and her cohorts made their way to St. Cyndeyrn's in Llangyndeyrn, where Mrs. Gwen Jones, the wife of the church warden, gave them directions to Torcoed Fawr, where she had once lived.

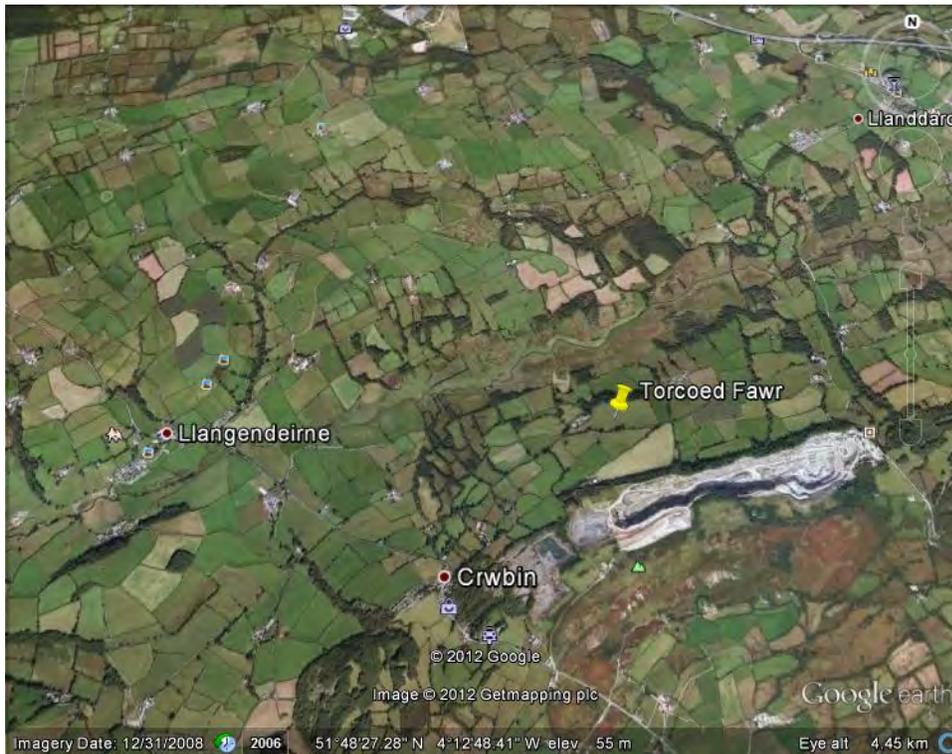
The gate to Torcoed Fawr from <http://www.geolocation.ws/v/E/1246007/gateway-to-torcoed-fawr-north-east-of/en>

and Carol's pictures of the nameplate and the view north over the valley from the gate area





Thanks to Mr. Gwen Jones, Ms. Osmond and Cabot Martin were able to accurately locate Torcoed Fawr; SWV's home was just a mile and a half upstream from Llangydeyrn where he is buried from http://www.streetmap.co.uk/place/Torcoed_Fawr_in_Carmarthenshire_Sir_Gaerfyrddin_359611_325611.htm



The same area from Google Earth (with some spelling changes).