

SWVP BULLETIN



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Message from the Chair

This is the seventh 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 our two new partners, Southern Avalon Development Association and Mobilewords Limited, whose contributions are fuelling our Welsh archives researches.



Sir William Vaughan Project Activities

Activities in October and November included three field trips to Trepassey Bay's Lower Coast (the north end of the Powles Peninsula) to study the stone fences and features there (see page 3 for photos). A report is available in the IVS EMWN 2012 section of www.swvp.ca. Mr. Francis Curtis, a Lower Coast landowner, and Trepassey's first mayor, pointed out the Newfoundland Railway Trepassey Branch ended on the Lower Coast, illustrating how, three hundred years after Vaughan, this was still an important center of industry, trade and commerce in Trepassey Harbour.

Based on the field trip findings, OC members met with a professional archaeologist regarding a Historic Resources Overview Assessment – Phase I plan for implementation in 2013. An RFP will go out to qualified archaeologists late in January. As well, a Welsh archaeology team is entertaining joint archaeological field projects and other historical research ideas related to Vaughan family enterprises and properties in Wales.

A small contract has been struck with Mrs. Betty Davies of Carmarthen. Mrs. Davies is a longtime user of the Carmarthenshire Archives and is familiar with their Vaughan holdings. She will do some preliminary research and report in the New Year on the potential and scope of Vaughan papers related to Newfoundland and Sir William.

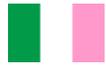
The Organizing Committee met to review progress and revise research and activities plans for 2013.

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 effects.

St. David's Day 2013

Many people expressed an interest in continuing with a second St. David's Day celebration in 2013. Ideas discussed to date include a concert of Welsh music and poetry, as covered by local Newfoundland musicians and actors, and/or a small supper, as in 2012. A *potluck* dinner was also suggested.

Please e-mail your thoughts regarding St. David's Day 2013. What would you like to do or see?
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Research Program

Funding from a community partner, the Southern Avalon Development Association, Yvonne Fontaine, coordinator; and a business sponsor, Mobilewords Limited, means SWVP can begin its research programs (see details in Sir William Vaughan Project Activities above).



International Virtual Symposium on Early Modern Wales and Newfoundland 2012

IVS EMWN 2012 remains available for new postings and comments. Some additional papers were added in October and November, including the Lower Coast field trip report.

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

Lavoisier in the Year One: The Birth of a New Science in an Age of Revolution. Madison Smartt Bell. Great Discoveries Series, Atlas Books, Norton. New York London. 2005.

Following the Steps of Matteo Ricci to China. Zhang Xiping. China Intercontinental Press. Beijing. 2006.

The Forgotten English Roots of Rosicrucianism. Ron Heisler. Article originally published in The Hermetic Journal, 1992.

THE FIRST LORD BALTIMORE AND HIS COLONIAL PROJECTS. Bernard C. Steiner. In, Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the year 1905. Washington. 1906. Pp. 109-122.

The North-American Review and Miscellaneous Journal, Vol. 4, No. 12. Pp. 289-295. 1817.

Quarrel with the King: The story of an English Family on the high road to Civil War. Adam Nicolson. Harper Collins. New York. 2008.

The Traces of Thomas Hariot: Friend of Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Francis Drake and Christopher Marlowe. Muriel Rukeyser. Victor Gollancz. London. 1972.

[Lived a year In America in 1585; Iroquoian language translator; a pioneer of optics, crystallography, metallurgy, algebra, and astronomy; with Drake at Cadiz and Raleigh in the Tower; an inspiration to Bruno, Decartes, Liebnitz; on the untainted periphery of the Gunpowder Plot; part of the Wizard Earl's coterie; teacher, navigator, linguist, philosopher. And yet, virtually unknown today; this is an essential biography to understand 17th century life and times. Highly recommended.]

A Jacobean Journal: Being a Record of those Things Most Talked of during the Years 1603-1606.

G.B. Harrison. George Routledge and Sons. London. 1941.

[17th century Tweeting!]

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Field Trip report photos



The Lower Coast aerial view showing the stone fences.



A section of “well-built” wall on the east slope and a cellar on the west slope of the Lower Coast.