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PENARTH DATE MARKS 90 YEARS OF STRUGGLE

A major New Year event will mark the ninetieth anniversary of the beginning of one of the streams that led to the launch of Plaid Cymru.

A lecture by leading Welsh academic Professor Richard Wyn Jones will trace the formation of Y Mudiad Cymreig, the Welsh Movement, whose members included Saunders Lewis. The meeting, organised by the Penarth branch of Plaid Cymru with support of the party's history society, takes place 90 years to the day from the launch of the movement.

Y Mudiad Cymreig was founded at the home of Griffith Jones Williams on the weekend of 5 and 6 January 1924, when according to Lewis in a letter to his fiancée the participants were "talking till dawn and sleeping till noon".

For your diary: Y Mudiad Cymreig, the Welsh Movement 7:30pm 7 January 2014, Windsor Ho-



MYTH BUSTING IN CONFERENCE

Why have a number of Unionist politicians sought to smear Plaid Cymru with the gibe of being fascist, without so much as a shred of evidence? And how have they got away with it for so long?

This was the theme of a well-attended fringe meeting at this year's annual conference in Aberystwyth addressed by the political historian Professor Richard Wyn Jones. During the year, Professor Jones published the first ever detailed analysis of these accusations, which have surfaced from time to time over the last seven decades. The meeting, chaired by Professor Daniel Williams, was jointly sponsored by Cangen Aberystwyth and the Plaid Cymru History Society.

The book, at present available in Welsh only, is a 'must' for all nationalists. It forensically and conclusively debunks a lie systematically put about for decades by less scrupulous anti-Welsh politicians. 'Y Blaid Ffasgaidd yng Nghymru': Plaid Cymru a'r Cyhuddiad o Ffasgaeth (2013). Richard Wyn Jones. University of Wales Press.



Historian Richard Wyn Jones with Professor Daniel Williams in the Plaid History fringe event in Aberystwyth.



Mrs Iris Davies, Carmarthen, an active Plaid member who remembers attending one of Gwynfor's early public meetings when she was 14.

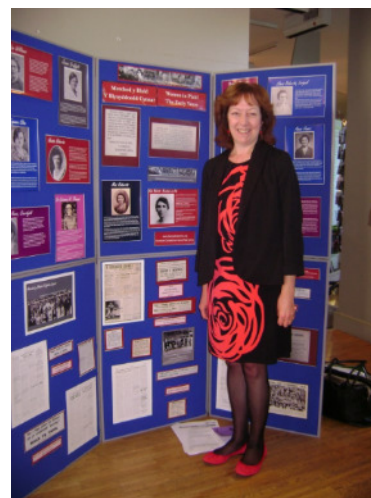
CELEBRATING PLAID'S WOMEN

With a dynamic woman Plaid leader and chief executive, it's high time for greater recognition of the role of women have played in driving forward the national movement. Now a new exhibition organised by Plaid Cymru History Society Treasurer Yvonne Balakrishnan celebrates the role of women pioneers, including well-known figures such as Kate Roberts, Nans Jones and Jennie Eirian Davies as well as others not so prominent.

It proved a big draw with conference delegates - now stand by for a web-based version soon.

MORE RECORDINGS

The latest Plaid History recording features Mrs Iris Davies, Carmarthen, whose memories of Plaid go back to the 1930s. There's a link here with a short extract on our website, in which she recalls one of Gwynfor Evans' earliest public meeting (Ammanford, circa 1937).



**Jill Evans, ASE/
MEP**

Takes a look at the Society's exhibition **Women in Plaid—The early Years** at the recent Conference in Aberystwyth.

RADIO FREE WALES

An illustrated talk by Philip Lloyd highlighted the work of Radio Free Wales (or the 'Ceiliog'), the campaign of illegal broadcasting which ultimately won Plaid Cymru's right to have party political broadcasts. The talk, held in Caerffili Rugby Club, is one of the latest to be jointly organised by Plaid History and local party organisations - thanks to Philip, Councillor Phil Bevan and the Caerffili constituency.

OUR AIMS

Research and record the work of Plaid Cymru

Tell the real story of our movement's fight for Wales, not the twisted version retailed by our country's enemies

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