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# Volunteer Newsletter

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## Come and Volunteer!

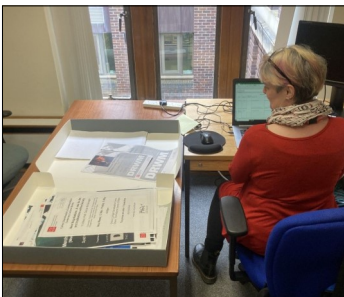
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### New Tasks on Offer

With Spring just around the corner the Library is now in a position to welcome more volunteers. So if you're ready to return, or know someone who wants to give volunteering a go, please get in touch. In addition to the long-term tasks, here are some of the new tasks on offer:

If you like maps, there's an opportunity to browse the Counties of Wales map index and list which OS 25" maps cover each parish — this task requires good eyesight!

For someone with good literacy skills, why not help us by subtitling and translating the NLW's online presentations so that they can be published in an accessible format on our YouTube channel.



There's also an opportunity to browse and list our collection of twentieth-century posters, from public campaign posters to entertainment and exhibitions.

If audiovisual items appeal to you, there will be plenty of tasks over the coming months involving television and radio programmes as part of the new National Broadcasting Archive project.

Contact - [volunteering@llgc.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@llgc.org.uk) - for more details.

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# A Warm Welcome to Cledan!

A new member of staff joined the Volunteer team at the beginning of the year. Cledan Davies has stepped in to the Volunteers' Assistant post while Eilir is on a 2-year secondment to the National Broadcasting Archive project. Here's Cledan to introduce himself:

Hello! My name is Cledan and I'm 32 years old. I'm originally from Tregaron but now live in Bow Street with my wife Lauren, two stepdaughters Miley and Abbey, and my daughter Rosie Martha. I'm football mad - and a big fan of Liverpool!

I started as the Volunteers' Assistant on the 17th of January this year; but I've been working in the National Library of Wales since September 2009 and was working on the desk in the Reading Room from 2015 onwards.

I enjoy the Volunteering work very much and all the volunteers have been very welcoming. It's nice to socialise and communicate with people from different backgrounds, I love hearing their stories and their history.

The best thing about the job is that every day is different and the time just flies by as there's always plenty to do. I hope my knowledge and experience of working with the collections will be a huge help to Gwyneth and the volunteers as we plan future projects.

## January - March 2022 Stats

**35** volunteers

**954** volunteering hours

**13** projects/tasks in progress

**Congratulations to Rebecca and Oscar on securing paid employment at the Library.**



## Clwb Sgwrsio

If you're a Welsh learner, there's an opportunity to speak the language in an informal and friendly environment at our Clwb Sgwrsio for volunteers.

Over a coffee every Monday from 10:45 - 11:30 in the Drwm foyer.

Contact Gwyneth if you'd like to join us.

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# Meet a NLW Volunteer

Here are some interesting facts about Ian Pegler:



## **Why did you become a volunteer and how long have you been volunteering at the Library?**

I became a volunteer in 2018 when I became unemployed.

## **What type of volunteering tasks are you involved with?**

Finding historical context for the political cartoons of 'Mumph'.

## **What, in your opinion, are the benefits of volunteering at the library?**

Social interaction, keeping your mind active and learning new skills.

## **What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? (Hobbies/interests)**

Family history/research, reading and researching at the NLW. Walking along the seafront.

## **Favourite TV Programme/film and why?**

Favourite film is 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail'. Best comedy on film.

## **Favourite place and why?**

Aberystwyth. It's beautiful and it's my hometown.

## **Favourite times in history:**

The 80's

## **Name 3 things that you'd take to a desert island?**

A tent, a good book and a magnifying glass.

## **An interesting fact about you?**

Recently I had a book published called 'The Nanteos Grail'. It's a history of the Nanteos Cup. Available from the NLW shop!

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## Meet a member of the NLW Staff:

**What school and university did you attend?**

Bodedern High School

**Best memory of School ?**

Having lots of fun and making friends for life

**What is your role at the Library?**

I'm responsible for the newspapers and journal collections of the Library.



**Gethin Williams**

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### **Welcome**

A very warm welcome to the following volunteers who have recently joined the scheme:

Llinos, Ally, Beverley, Erica, James, Hazel.

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### **Save the Date!**

Current and past volunteers are invited to the Library to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the NLW's volunteering scheme.

Join us on Tuesday, the 7th of June. to meet friends, old and new, for a catch up over drinks and birthday cake!



**Your interests?**

Playing and watching football.

**Favourite TV programme/film?**

'Salvage Hunters'

**Favourite food?**

Pizza

**An interesting fact about yourself?**

I used to play for Anglesey U21's under the management of Osian Roberts (ex Wales coach and currently Crystal Palace assistant manager)

**Your favourite time in history?**

The Age of the Pharaoh

**Name 3 things that you'd take to a remote island?**

Family, a football and plenty of food!

**Which 3 famous people (dead or alive!) would you invite for a dinner party?**

Sir Alex Ferguson, Nikola Tesla and Marilyn Monroe.



If you wish to take part in our volunteering scheme please contact:

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