

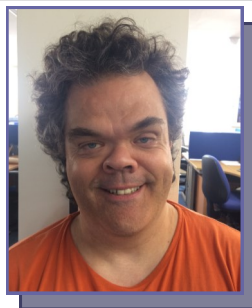
## Meet a member of the NLW Staff:

### What is your role at the Library?

Collecting all genres of music produced here in Wales and by Welsh artists outside Wales. Collecting commercial films which include Welsh actors, producers and/or directors. Also films that have been shot on location in Wales.

### What School / University did you attend?

Ysgol Gymraeg Aberystwyth, Penweddig Comprehensive School, Ceredigion College, Staffordshire Uni.(Stoke on Trent campus), Bedfordshire Uni(Luton campus), Aberystwyth Uni.



*Dan Griffiths*

### Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the following volunteers who have joined us during the last quarter :

Carolyn, Louisa, Callum, Liam.  
Sylvester, Nancy, Georgie,  
Danielle, Ianto.

### Interesting facts:

During this quarter :

**60** volunteers came to the Library.

**1,940** volunteering hours were completed.

### Notes from the Volunteering Steering Group:

The Chair thanked all our volunteers for their commitment;

Future crowdsourcing projects:  
Enriching the Gwilym Livingstone Evans photographic collection;  
Transcribing the Kyffin Journals.

### Your Interests?

Rock, metal, punk, folk music; attending concerts worldwide, travelling and visiting different locations and countries.

### Favourite TV programme/Film?

Nothing in particular, because I watch the screen every day in work, need something else when I get home.

When I do watch – then it's a "gritty drama", horror films, detective series or "espionage/thriller".

### Favourite Food?

Water, milk, lager, whiskey/bourbon – not at the same time. Gammon, curry, cheese and potato pie or mixed grill – certified carnivore

### An interesting fact about yourself?

"What you see is what you get" = Dan bach. If you don't like what you see or hear – just move along and forget about me.

### Your Favourite time in history?

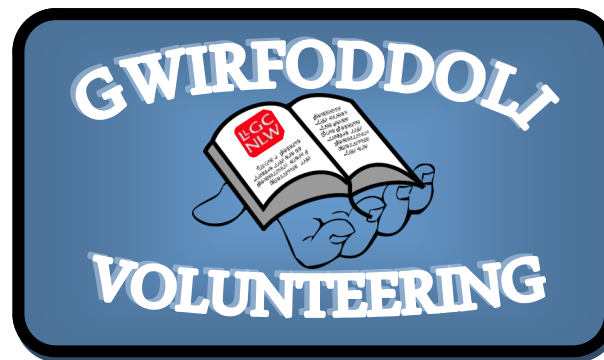
The start of the twentieth century until the end of the 1970s

### Name 3 things to take on a desert island?

Survival handbook, sleeping bag and a small knife

### Which 3 famous people (dead or alive) would you have round for a dinner party?

Martin Luther King, Huckleberry Finn, My Father



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# Volunteers Newsletter

May 2018

## A busy start to the year !!

The Volunteering team has been travelling Ceredigion over the past months running workshops based on the Cardiganshire Great War Tribunals Appeals Records.

In 1921, all such tribunals records were officially ordered to be destroyed by the Ministry of Health. However, those for Cardiganshire have survived; they were deposited at the NLW in 1924 by 2 people:- George Eyre Evans (a Unitarian minister and antiquarian) and Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Richard Fear (founder of the Aberystwyth 'Weekly Comforts for Fighters Fund', who was also actively involved in the Aberystwyth YMCA).



Following a short presentation on the history of the records, groups are given a live demo of how to transcribe the records using the NLW's new crowdsourcing platform. Then it's their turn to have-a-go! Laptops are provided so that individuals can receive one-to-one training.

The response during the 13 workshops run to date has been very positive; participants value the opportunity to engage with this hitherto hidden history of the Great War.



Thank you to our volunteers who have been transcribing the records and to those who are moderating the transcriptions.

Over 80% of the records have been transcribed to date - keep up the good work! It's not too late to get involved - just register on:

[crowd.library.wales](http://crowd.library.wales)

Please contact Eilir or Gwyneth if you need assistance, or to report any issues. 1



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

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## Aberystwyth Shipping Records

A number of our volunteers were involved with transcribing the crew lists of the Aberystwyth Shipping Records, one of the first volunteering tasks offered by the NLW over a 2 year period from 2012 onwards. The transcriptions are currently available on the NLW website.

We recently received the good news that the Crew List Index Project website (run by Pete and Jan Owens as a not-for-profit volunteer project) will be uploading these transcriptions over the coming months. This website is used extensively as a rich source of maritime records; it will enable a wide range of people to view and make use of the data transcribed by our volunteers. Visit:

[www.crewlist.org.uk](http://www.crewlist.org.uk)

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## Calling all gardeners!

The National Library's gardens and terraces have been visited and enjoyed over the decades by readers, visitors and staff alike, who are able to appreciate the commanding position of the Library and the panoramic views.

We are inviting volunteers with gardening experience to maintain a designated flower bed area in the grounds, following a pre-agreed work plan. NLW will supply appropriate equipment and hand tools.

As the project develops, volunteers could be invited to create a plan of the species within the gardens and to gather seed from existing NLW plants (and from other sources) that could be propagated to produce bedding plants for the following season.

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## Our longest serving volunteer is leaving

Dave Greetham was the first to register on the NLW volunteering scheme. Having volunteered on the corporate archive and transcribing the Aberystwyth Shipping Records, he later led the listing of 25" OS Maps of England project during which time he mentored new volunteers on the task.

After almost 6 years and a total of 2,658 volunteering hours, Dave is leaving the area to live in Shropshire to be closer to his family. We would like to thank him sincerely for his tireless commitment to the NLW's work; we wish him and his partner health and happiness in their new home.



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## Meet a NLW Volunteer

Here are some interesting facts about Jessica :



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

I've come from California where I've volunteered at an archive near my university and I had so much fun that I was eager to continue when I transferred to Aberystwyth Uni. I've been a volunteer for NLW since September last year!

### 2. What, in your opinion, are the benefits of volunteering at NLW?

I would say that the work experience and being close to the field I'd like as a career are the primary benefits of volunteering, and it is! But I really love having the chance to look through old documents and records and learn about a community, town or individual through the original sources. (I'm a bit of a snooper at heart.)

### 3. Favourite place and why?

I really love Portland, Oregon. It has my favourite donut shop, Blue Star Donuts, and the best bookstore around: Powells Books! I could spend days getting lost in there if I had enough crême brulee donuts and coffee for fuel.

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

I like to go out hiking on nice days. On rainy/blustery days, there's nothing better than to relax and read or knit while playing a game, watching a film or show. I also love to go out with friends and have a meal or coffee together.

### 5. Are you a member of any Clubs/societies?

I've taken up an Anglo-Norman 'club' that formed a few months ago. We've been slowly translating the poem Lanval from Anglo-Norman into English. I think I'm doing alright, so far... despite not knowing any French at all.

### 6. Favourite TV Programme/film and why?

The ones I often go back to watch are the Lord of the Rings trilogy (and the Hobbit) and Firefly. I can't go through a year without diving through that collection at least once. They're my precioussssss...

### 7. Name 3 things that you take if you were on a stranded island?

Oh man... I'd need a computer with access to the internet, a box of Cheezit crackers and enough yarn + supplies to knit a blanket. Does that count as 3 things?

### 8. An interesting fact about you .....

I yarn bombed a nearby town once. My friends and I snuck around at night and knit things to wrap and sew around lampposts, statues, etc.

### 9. Have you met anyone famous.

I once got to shake hands with Margot Kidder (Lois Lane) at Comic Con! I also sat near Robin Williams at a Giants baseball game when I was a kid, though that doesn't technically count.