

## SAUNDERSFOOT AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For its penultimate lecture in March the Society welcomed Nikki Bosworth from the Pembrokeshire Archives in Haverfordwest. Archives are the original records produced by individuals during the course of their lives and by organisations and institutions during their existence. They are maintained today for their historical and evidential value and as such provide an enormous variety of source material.

The speaker had chosen numerous extracts from diaries, account books, sales particulars and letters to illustrate gardening and horticulture from the sixteenth century to the present day. In particular the landed estates sought a degree of self sufficiency for their tables, developing kitchen and walled gardens to offer a year round selection of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Hot houses were built to grow and ripen the more exotic fruits such as peaches and pineapples and ice houses constructed to aid food preservation. Of special interest were the sales particulars of Hean Castle in 1898 which extolled the available grounds and gardens.

After warmly thanking the guest speaker the chair reminded members of two trips that had been arranged for May and June. The first trip on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May is a guided tour of the Pembrokeshire Archives in Prendegast, Haverfordwest and those interested in coming along need to be at the Archives car park by 1.45 with the tour commencing at 2.00.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of June the Society will be visiting Castell Henllys, following February's informative lecture by Martin Roberts. The price per person is £10 which includes the cost of the coach and entrance fees, and refreshments are available on site. There will be a visit to the Pant Mawr cheese farm in Rosebush on the return journey. Anyone wishing to go on this trip should telephone the secretary, Tessa Pearson, on 813388.