

Brecknock Museum and Art Gallery

Friday afternoon, 18 May

The visit to the Brecknock Museum and Art Gallery's exhibition of local vernacular furniture and love spoons was an excellent introduction to a weekend dedicated to Welsh furniture. The curator, Nina Hely-Hutchinson, welcomed us with a brief description of the exhibition and stayed on hand to answer questions as we examined and discussed the pieces. Among many fascinating items of furniture, Richard Bebb drew our attention in particular to the 15th or early 16th century borough chest of Brecon which, alongside the more obvious attractions of wonderful carving and iron mounts, was of particular interest due to its curious construction (see below). Although this is only a small museum, there is much to see and it is well worth a visit.

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