



TRANSFORMED TRANSACTIONS!

Next year will be a crucial one in the history of the Society when one of our most distinguished Honourable Editors of the Transactions will relinquish the post which he has held for so long. Professor Anthony Carr has given noble service and maintained the highest of standards with this important publication. It cannot be underestimated- articles appearing need to adhere to a strict code with statements accounted for and references listed. It is of little wonder that all publications of note about our island throughout the past century carry references to contents of the Transactions. Doubtless the authors of our other publications would agree with this. There is a paramount need to maintain that standard but it will be a hard act to follow! Possibly for the final time this is a plea for someone to volunteer to take his place. It is an exacting role because the Editor needs to be an academic, fully conversant with historical and environmental articles. The other most important attribute is that he or she must be bilingual. At the moment it is looking bleak for such a paragon to come forth but contingency plans are in place. It may mean a transformation in the format of the publication, without losing its long standing attributes. It may be that a small committee of members may have to be formed to carry out the editorial procedure. One advantage of this is that if one member drops out the others can carry on whilst a replacement is sought.

The post of Honourable General Secretary was also vacant though it appears that problem is about to be solved. Siôn Cafell will be working with one of our members who has contributed much in the past, with a view to him taking over. With this in mind, Mr Huw Owen has been co-opted onto the Committee.

*Professor Anthony Carr.*

Croeso Elephas Primigenius!



Our Patron, Lord Stanley was happy to welcome back the lower jaw and tooth of a woolly mammoth at the Maritime Museum, Holyhead on May 26th. They had been dredged up during the construction of the Breakwater 140 years ago. At that time the Hon. William Owen Stanley, a prominent archaeologist, sent the

*Andrew Currant and our Patron*

specimens for safe keeping to the Natural History Museum. It was appropriate that their return was accepted by a member of the family. Andrew Currant of the Natural History Museum handed them over in front of a small gathering.

*"Myfanwy"*

Unlike the nineteenth century, Holyhead now has a suitable environment for their safe keeping, in the form of a display cabinet with the correct humidity and temperature. Members may view them when visiting the re-furnished museum. Congratulations are in order to one of our members, John Cave, for his award of the M.B.E. for services to the Maritime Museum.

The Editor

Llongyfarchiadau Owain y Glannau!

Congratulations to our Committee member Owain Roberts for a well deserved award for his services to Marine Archaeology. At this year's National Eisteddfod he was invested with a white Bardic gown. His Bardic name is:

'Owain y Glannau.'*Lord Stanley and John Cave*

Edrych yn Ôl.../ Looking Back... Fifty Years Ago

At the Shire Hall, Llangefni in 1956, the membership stood at 490. Dr. T.B. Reynoldson of the University College, Bangor gave an illustrated lecture on, 'The Biology and distribution of Fresh Water Flat-worms, with special reference to Anglesey.'

At the General Meeting on Saturday, November 17th, under the chairmanship of Major the Hon. C.I. Irby the Field Club element was continued by an address on, 'Some effects of Myxomatosis on Vegetation with special reference to Ynys Seiriol.'

Dr. W.S. Lacey of the University College, Bangor was the lecturer, using lantern slides.

On a rainy afternoon on June 16th Mr. W. Ogwen Williams, M.A. led a party to the ruins of Llanddeusant Old Mill. After inspecting what was then the best preserved mill in Anglesey, still with sail remnants attached, they moved on to Llanfaethlu Parish Church. Certain aspects of the Church, including memorials to the Garreglwyd family were pointed out by our then Hon. Editor. The party then moved on to Garreglwyd where Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, descendants of the Griffith family, welcomed them to tea in the dining room. Mr. Ogwen Williams gave a short address on the house, estate and the family. The house and grounds were toured and an opportunity was taken to view a collection of pottery by Miss Barbara Carpenter.

July 21st was devoted to a visit to Pennynydd Church and Plas Pennynydd, under the guidance of Canon E.G. Wright, M.A., B.D. He gave an interesting account of how the church was dedicated to a 5th or 6th century Breton saint. The Tudor memorials and the tomb of Goronwy Fychan and his wife were examined. The party moved on to Plas Pennynydd where Canon Wright outlined the history of the house and the rise and fall of the Tudor family of Pennynydd. The direct male line died out in the latter part of the seventeenth century, possession of the house passing into the hands of the Bulkeleys of Baron Hill. Canon Wright was thanked by Dr. Leslie Jones and Mr. M. Pritchard Jones, whilst Mr. J.R. Hughes (Hon. Excursions Secretary) thanked Mr. C. Hughes for granting the Society the freedom of the Plas.

The third excursion was on September 8th when members were privileged to see the ruins of the medieval Bishop's Palace at Gogarth, Llandudno. The leader was Mr. D.B. Hague of the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire. He had carried out excavations on the site recently. He gave an account of the history of the palace. The site was granted to Bishop Anian I of Bangor by Edward I in 1279. A small hall was built about 1280, extended westwards by the end of the century. Almost all of this was destroyed by erosion, as it stood immediately above the sea shore. Mr. Hague had discovered charcoal deposits, supporting the story that it was burnt down by Owain Glyndŵr about the year 1402. Behind these remains were extensive remnants of a later, larger group of buildings, including a much bigger hall. There was no evidence of burning in this section. The palace appeared to have been abandoned by the Bishops in the fifteenth century.

MEETINGS / CYFARFODAU Ebrill / April 2006

On a beautiful spring evening there was an excellent attendance for this meeting at Stone Science.

Mr. Geraint Evans was in the Chair and introduced the speaker, Dr. Ken Hardy.

Dr. Hardy is a retired Consultant Anaesthetist who was well known at Ysbyty Gwynedd. He gave us an interesting account of the Bangor Typhoid Epidemic of 1882. He explained the dreaded infectious diseases that caused turmoil at that time. There were cholera epidemics too, both of these infections

being water borne. His sources of information were all the local newspapers. In all there were forty two fatalities at Bangor. The nature of the disease was only just beginning to be understood and this hampered appropriate action by the local Health Board. The source was a bacterium which was transferred in water, milk and food but the majority of the board still subscribed to the old theory of contagion via miasmatic vapours- blaming odorous sewers. A Dr. Ellis tried to withstand opposition from belief in this and unfortunately his efforts were cut short by his death from the disease. Another doctor, Dr. Rees met equal opposition, led by Lord Penrhyn, the most prominent member of the Board. Modern science eventually won when it was discovered that the source was from a farm, Llwynrhndir at Bethesda, just above Bangor's water supply. Appropriate action was taken to block the source of pollution.

The epidemic was brought under control and its immediate outcome was the building of Minffordd Hospital, just outside the town. It was established as the area infectious diseases hospital.

The Editor.

Annual General Meeting / Cyfarfod Cyffredinol

Blynnnydd

May / Mai 2006

At the Oriel, Llangefni, the President Mr John Rowlands introduced the proceedings with a minute's silence in tribute to our past Life Vice President and Chairman Idris Davies. Our Chairman, Mr Geraint Evans sent his apologies for an unavoidable absence so the Chair was occupied by our Vice Chairman, Mrs Frances Llewellyn.

Reports were received and approved. Mr John Cowell, Treasurer, displayed a healthy state despite a drop of £220 of membership fees since last year. Large publication expenditures are imminent with the current volume and another one to follow shortly. He paid tribute to Dave Wilson for his invaluable help with the book production and also to Mr Handel Evans for his auditing. Professor Anthony Carr's report on the recent excellent Transactions 2006 was read from the Chair. The Publications Chairman Gwilym Jones reported on the final preparations for this evening and mentioned the forthcoming work of Dave Longley. Mr Gareth Parry, Excursions Secretary stated there was an improvement with last year's excursions. It was clear he received virtually no help with the arduous task of trying to make arrangements. He put in a passionate plea for help in the future. The Day School report from Mrs Ann Benwell was read out following her apology for her absence. Its outstanding success was endorsed. The next event will be in 2008.

It was proposed and seconded that Professor Anthony Carr should be made a Life Vice President of the Society, in recognition of his outstanding services.

It was also resolved that Professor Robin Grove-White of Llanfechell should be made a new member of the Committee.

Submissions were given for Committee members and Officers for the forthcoming year. It was resolved that all were re-elected en bloc. After a short interval for refreshments, the main event of the evening took place.



The President

Mr John Rowlands introduced the launch of the 11th book in the series of Anglesey Antiquarian Publications, Dr William P. Griffith's 'Power, Politics and County Government in Wales, Anglesey 1780-1914.' He pointed out the



Dr. W.P. Griffith

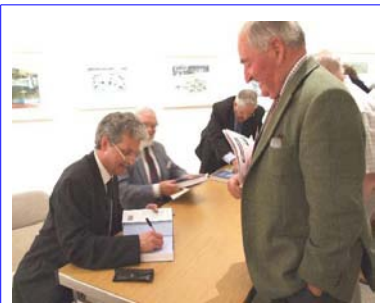
important role of Ynys Môn County Council in supporting the book which was eleven years in preparation. Dr. Griffith spoke briefly on his work and gave tribute to the Publications Committee of the Society and in



Councillor John Rowlands & Leon Gibson

particular to the late Mrs Helen Ramage for her encouragement at its outset. Its long gestation was explained by the fact that the research never seemed to end, with new facts emerging continuously! He was delighted at its completion and proud for it to stand alongside all the other prestigious productions.

An inscribed copy of the book was



Lord Stanley receives his signed copy

presented to the Council and accepted on its behalf by the new Chairman, Councillor John Rowlands. He stated how he was looking forward to reading it and how he hoped to be of assistance in any future similar co-operation with the Society. Mr. Leon Gibson, now retired, was involved at the onset of the project. He spoke on behalf of the Council and his colleagues of that period, thanking the Society for its efforts to maintain a 'Quality of life,' scholarship, education and the preservation of the heritage of Anglesey. He also received a book with an inscribed bookplate. The evening closed with an opportunity to buy signed copies of the book.

The Editor

Llynnon Mill - Roundhouse Project Tref Alaw Community Council / Isle of Anglesey

Those of you who have visited Llynnon Mill over the past couple of months will have seen the exciting developments in the field below the Mill tower. You will remember from previous Newsletters that a prehistoric roundhouse project is being built on site and by now the building work is well under way. As I write (early August), both roundhouses have had their wall structures largely constructed, with roundhouse 1 in the process of having its roof rafters put in place. Over the next few weeks, both roundhouses will be thatched and the internal fixtures and fixings will be added. Furthermore we are developing a garden and herbery as well as a range of prehistoric shelters. We have already held a number of educational events with local schoolchildren and volunteers aimed at encouraging local involvement. We will shortly be launching a Friends Group so please turn up on site and leave your details should you be interested. We even attracted the interest of the Time Team TV programme who were intrigued with the project!



Melin Llynnon - Prosiect Tŷ Crwn Cyngor Cymuned Tref Alaw / Cyngor Ynys Môn

Os ydych wedi ymweld a Melin Llynnon yn ddiweddar byddwch wedi gweld y datblygiadau cyffrous yn y cae islaw i'r felin. Mae Cylchlythyrau blaenorol wedi crybwyll fod tai crwn hanesyddol am gael ei adeiladu ar y safle, erbyn hyn mae y gwaith

adeiladu wedi symyd ymlaen yn dda. Erbyn dechrau mis Awst 'roedd adeiledd y muriau bron yn gyfan ag mae trawstiau tŷ y ty cyntaf yn mynd i fyny. Dros yr wythnosau nesaf bydd y ddau dô yn cael ei gwella a bydd darnau gosod a gosodiadau yn ei lle. Hefyd bydd gardd a llysieufa yn cael ei datblygu ynghyd a amrywiaeth o lochesau hanesyddol. Mae nifer o ddigwyddiadau addysgol gyda plant ysgol a gwirfoddolwyr lleol yn anelu at annog ymglymiad lleol. Bydd Grŵp Ffrindau yn cael ei lansio yn fuan – os oes gennych ddi-ddordeb ymwelwch a'r safle a gadewch eich manylion, os gwelwch yn dda.

'Rydym wedi atynnu diddordeb rhaglen teledu hyd yn oed – mae'r prosiect wedi peri penbleth i'r "Time Team!"

Alun Gruffydd

TIME TEAM ON ANGLESEY

On a windy weekend in August, 'Time Team' with all its chariots and horses came to Anglesey and burnt a graven image on the shore! A happy time was had by all, but you'll have to wait till spring to find out how much was learnt about the past!

They came in response to an aerial photograph of a small square enclosure sent by two amateur fliers, John Rowlands and David Roberts. Pursuing that, they found a Bangor dissertation on these enclosures and its author, Owenna Orme who runs an enthusiastic archaeological group at Talwrn. Here was a ready-made local support team, so their way was well-smoothed and 'TT' declared that Anglesey was one of the friendliest places they had ever visited. I was surprised to be told that they had been run out of town on one or two occasions! Not here; everyone had a great time, especially the group making the Wicker Man down on the beach. That took about 90 man hours but was reduced to ashes in 9 minutes in front of an enthusiastic crowd of caravaners on a balmy night with the rain just holding off.

Work on the excavation site was a little less dramatic, but proved a nostalgic interlude for wrinkly 'specialists' brought in to add local colour- in my case a rather too bright blue T-shirt which I had to wear for all three days so that appearances could be edited and inserted at any point. Walking about the site you were expected to know where cameras were and to avoid them. This was a trick I was slow to learn.

The operational base was a huge lambing shed on the nearby farm where production meetings were held to discuss location of trenches etc, film editing carried out and meals served. The latter were very good indeed and to deter gatecrashers everyone was issued with a 'TT' bracelet like a hospital identifier, to be visible as you held up your plate at the server. Like all filming, the main activity is waiting around ("We'll do your interview with Stuart this morning / this afternoon / tomorrow") but if you are part of the 'digging team' you certainly do have to do some fast and furious digging and not with ideal equipment. GAT diggers brought their own tools on the second day, preferring mattocks with firm heads. On the other hand the essential JCBs are state of the art and their chief driver is an exhibition virtuoso who is now an important part of the top production team. The helicopter came from Biggin Hill, though RAF Valley is only a few miles from the site. Again experience of landscape photography with the camera man strapped to the outside of the plane needs regular practice!

One of the insights in the programme will certainly be the amount of buried evidence in what appears to be an archaeologically empty landscape, this northern corner of the island near Amlwch being remarkably lacking in visible sites, monuments and finds. The latter may still be true. The geophysics worked well despite all the exciting minerals in the ground surrounding Parys Mountain. In contrast to all the enthusiastic bonhomie of the excavation and production teams, the geophysics people worked with a steely determination, walking backwards and forwards constantly with their eyes straight ahead. This was necessary, but it looks like a tough life, especially to the rest of us who were just having a whale of a time, getting dirty and re-visiting our youth!



At the Site

In front, Bill, Dave, Alun, Frances & Tim Taylor



Burning Wickerman

Frances Lynch

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Amlwch Presentations

Enthusiasts in the Amlwch district are to be commended for their efforts in presenting their area to the world.

Their latest innovation is to band together a small group of volunteer trained guides who take tourists in organised walks around interesting areas. At present there are two walks. The first is the Parys Mountain tour. It takes two hours and the history of the site is explained together with accounts of how it was mined. The other is an exploration of the old harbour region of Amlwch Port, describing the great days of sail and its variegated life. It includes a review of the Sail Loft Centre which is the headquarters of the groups concerned. Those of us who have computers may care to access details of 'The Copper Kingdom.' A new Website has appeared and it is well worth viewing. The addresses and telephone numbers are:

Walk Amlwch Tour Guides, Telephone: 0776 660 8889

1, Bryn Seiont,

Rhosgoch LL66 0AE

Website: www.walkamlwch.co.uk

Members will be relieved to know that our President, John Rowlands has made an excellent recovery from a recent operation.



If any members have memorabilia, especially photographs of Scouting in Anglesey, Caernarfonshire and Merioneth covering any time during the last ninety nine years, Delyth at Stone Science would be very happy if you could share it. It would be more than useful for the forthcoming celebrations. Contact Delyth at Stone Science, Talwrn.

JOHN OWEN HUGHES

Members will share our sorrow with the passing of John Owen Hughes on 13th July, 2006. He was a faithful member of the Committee for many years and will be remembered for his contribution to the Photographic archives. His annual slide presentation at the Pot Pourri was an institution. A tribute will appear in the next Transactions. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Catherine and to all members of his family.

Richard Avent

Our Society extends profound sympathy to Dr. Sian and family for her great loss in a tragic diving accident in Gozo. Richard will be known to all for his great knowledge of Welsh Castles and his leadership in the post of Chief Inspector of CADW. Dr Sian also serves in CADW. We sympathise too for the loss of her son.



Excursions / Gwibdeithiau 2006

So far, the 2006 Excursions programme has gone according to plan. Support has been variable- possibly the poor attendance at one was due to the day and time. From those who DID NOT join, please comment on this, a SATURDAY evening visit, is it not a good time? We have had the opportunity to welcome and get to know some new members again and a few non-members, or "Friends."



Gareth Parry

Mae rhaglen gwibdeithiau 2006 wedi gweithio allan hyd yma. Mae'r cefnogaeth wedi bod yn amrywiol, efallai y dydd a'r amser oedd y rheswm am bresenoldeb gwael yn un ohonynt. Sylwadau am hyn, ymweliad gyda'r nôs dydd Sadwrn, oddiwrth y RHAI WNAETH DIDIM troi allan os gwelwch yn dda. Rydym wedi cael cyfle i ddod i adnabod aelodau newydd eto ag hefyd i groesawu "cyfeillion" newydd.



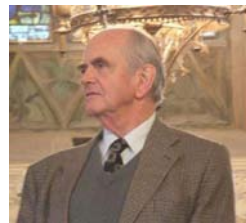
Cadwaladr's tombstone

Eglwys

Church

Llangadwaladr

On the evening of Thursday, 26 May, with the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Ariadne van den Hof, 40 members and friends visited Llangadwaladr Church. The Society last visited this church on 29th May 1965 when the late Mr. David Senogles gave an address outlining its history. A printed version of this address is in the 1966 Transactions. The Rev. van den Hof was not able to join us and had arranged for Dr Stewart Lyon to give us a brief update of the history and the work undertaken to repair and restore the building and artefacts. Dr. Lyon



Dr. Stewart Lyon

Min nôs Iau, 26 Mai, death 40 o aelodau a chyfffeillion i ymweld, trwy ganiatad caredig y ficer, ag Eglwys Llangadwaladr. Y tro diwethaf ymwelodd y Gymdeithas a'r eglwys hon oedd 29 Mai 1965 pryd y bu y diweddar Mr David Senogles yn trafod ei hanes. (Mae y ddarlith yn brintiedig – yn Saesneg – yng nghyfrol 1966 o'r Trafodion). 'Roedd y ficer, y Parch Ariadne van den Hof, yn analluog o fod yn bresenol ag fe drefnodd i Dr Stewart Lyon, a fu yn ymglymedig a datblygu yr atgyweirio diweddar, i roi crynoded o'r hanes diweddar a'r gwaith ymgymrwyrdd i atgyweirio yr adeilad a'r arteffactau.



Eglwys Lanbadrig / Llanbadrig Church

Day

Y Dydd

Excursion / Gwibdaeth



Thirty two members and four friends gathered at Llanbadrig Church on Saturday, 17th June to hear the Rev Canon Geraint Edwards give, in his own inimitable style, a brief history of the church and its restoration following a recent arson attack. Following this the group split up, the energetic ones walked along the Coastal Path to Porth Llanlleiana whilst the remainder took their cars to park near Llanlleiana House, by permission of the owner, Mr Peter Thomas. We re-assembled near the ruins of the "brick works" where our member Mr Gwilym Jones talked about the chequered but largely undocumented history of the site before we enjoyed a picnic lunch in pleasant surroundings. We then followed Mrs Frances Llewellyn up to the site of Dinas Gynfor where she described some of the fortifications and identified possible sites of buildings, most of which had been destroyed by quarrying activities associated with the brick works. Eventually we gathered at Cemaes Village Hall where Mr Gwilym Jones had arranged a display of photographs and documents on the story of the village presenting some slides supplementing his presentation at the Pot Pourri on 10th March. To complete the day twenty two of us went to the "Douglas Inn," Tregele where we enjoyed a very good meal and a convivial chat.



Mr. Gwilym Jones

Casglodd 32 o aelodau a 4 cyfaill yn Eglwys Llanbadrig bore Sadwrn 17 Mehefin i wrando ar y Parchedig Ganon Geraint Edwards yn rhoi, yn ei ddull digyffelyb ei hun, hanes cynnar y safle a hefyd dipyn am y gwaith atgyweirio ar ôl llosgi bwriadol diweddar. Gwahânodd y grŵp wedyn, y rhai heini yn cerdded Llwybyr yr Arfordir i Porth Llanlleiana a'r gweddill yn ei ceir i barcio ger Tŷ Llanlleiana, trwy ganiatad y perchenog Mr Peter Thomas. Hefo'n gilydd wrth weddillion y "gwaith brics" buom yn gwrrando ar ein aelod Mr Gwilym Jones yn rhoi braslun o hanes cyfnewidiol o'r safle, sydd heb ei ddogfenu yn llawn, cyn mwynhau picnic mewn amgylchedd dymunol. Wedyn dilynwyd Mrs Frances Llewellyn i fyny i safle Dinas Gynfor ble y disgrifiodd yr amddiffynfeudd gan geisio nodi safleoedd adeiladau er bod gweithgareddau chwareli cysylltiedig a'r "gwaith brics" wedi ei chwalu. Wedyn aethom i Neuadd y Pentref, Cemaes ble yr oedd Mr Gwilym Jones wedi trefnu arddangosfa o luniau o hanes y pentref ag yn dangos sleidiau yn atodi ei gyflwyniad yn y "Pot Pourri" ar 10 Mawrth. I orffen y dydd aeth 22 ohonom i'r "Douglas" yn Tregele am bryd o fwyd a sgwrs llawen.



Intrepid walkers



Porth Llanlleiana



Brickworks



Works inspection



Dinas Gynfor



Amser picnic



Capel Peniel, Llanerchymedd

**Evening
Excursion / Gwibdaeth
Three Chapels / Tri Capel**



Mr. G. Davenport Evans



Capel Peniel

On the evening of Saturday, 2nd July eleven members met Mr. G. Davenport Evans at Peniel Chapel, Llanerchymedd for the start of a tour of three different but significant chapels in the development of Welsh non-conformism on Anglesey. The other two chapels visited were Cildwrn and Moreia at Llangefni. Several members were able to supplement Mr. Evans's account of their history with the fruits of their own research.

Gyda'r nos, dydd Sadwrn 2 Gorffennaf cyfarfu 11 aelod a Mr G Davenport Evans yng Nghapel Peniel, Llanerchymedd ar gychwyn taith i dri capel gwahanol ond sylweddol yn hanes ymneilltuaeth Ynys Môn. Y ddau gapel arrall ar y daith oedd Cildwrn a Moreia, Llangefni. Medrodd rhai o'r aelodau ychwanegu yr hanes o gynnyrch ei ymchwiliadau ei hunain.



Capel Cildwrn



Capel Moreia, Llangefni



Capel Cildwrn



Interior: Capel Moreia



Discussion: Capel Moreia



Sycharth bailey

Full Day Diwrnod Llawn Excursion / Gwibdaeth Sycharth, Oswestry / Croesoswallt

The full day excursion to Sycharth and Oswestry on Wednesday 26th July was supported by thirty seven members and friends. We arrived at Sycharth on a hot and sunny afternoon. Our

Cefnogodd 36 o aelodau ag un cyfaill y wibdaith diwrnod llawn i Sycharth a Croesoswallt, dydd Mercher 26 Gorffennaf. Cyrhaeddodd Sycharth ar brynhawn poeth



Surrounding ditch

arranged guide for the site, Mr Spencer Smith, was unavoidably delayed. We were fortunate in having Professor Carr with us. He volunteered to step in to the breach and gave a succinct summary of Owain Glyndŵr's time at the location and the reasons for its destruction. After spending some time investigating the site we made our way to Oswestry town. We experienced another "hiccup" here when the café staff at the Heritage Centre were surprised to see us! After some delay all were refreshed – it appears that a staff communication failure had occurred. After lunch we split into two groups to be guided around either Medieval or Victorian features of the town. This turned out to be fairly hot work! The staff at Faenol Fawr looked after us very well on both outward and homeward journeys. We are very grateful to Dr Carr for his spontaneous and most interesting input at Sycharth..

a heulog. Drwy amgylchiadau anochel methodd Mr Spencer Smith, ein arweinydd ar y safle, ein cyfarfod yno. Yn ffodus iawn 'roedd yr Athro Tony Carr yn un o'r gwibdeithwyr a cynnigodd lenwi'r bwlech. Cawsom ddataganiad cryno o amser Owain Glyndŵr yn y safle a'r rhesymau am ei ddinistrio. Ar ôl treulio tipyn o amser yn edrych o gwmpas y safle aethom i Groesoswallt. Cawsom "igian" arall yno gan fod staff y bwyty yn y Canolfan Treftadaeth wedi synnu ein gweld yno! Ar ôl tipyn o oedi fe gafodd pawb luniaeth – mae'n ymddangos nad oedd y staff yn cyfarthrebu a'i gilydd. Ar ôl cinio aethom fel dau grŵp dan arweiniad o gwmpas y dref, un i weld nodweddion canoloesol a'r llall nodweddion Victoraid. 'Roedd braid yn boeth i gerdded o gwmpas! Cawsom groeso cynnes yn Faenol Fawr ar y ffordd allan ag adref. 'Rydym yn ddioleghar iawn i Dr Carr am ei ddataganiad digymell a diddorol yn Sycharth.



Site of fish pond below bailey



Prof. Carr's address



Summit of bailey



Group on summit



Tony a Geraint



Faenol Fawr

Half Day Excursion STILL TO DO...

Gwibdaeth Hanner Diwrnod UN I ORFFEN...

The final excursion for this season will be on the afternoon of Saturday, 2nd September when we meet at the Breakwater Country Park car park, Holyhead (Grid Ref: 226834) at 1.30 pm. There will be an "AAS" sign to show where to turn off the Newry Promenade. From here Mr Andrew Davidson will lead us, in three stages, to view some of the Breakwater Tramway remains he described in his talk at the Day School on 11 February. Stage 1 will be at the Country Park after which we will take our cars down to the workshop area for Stage 2 and finally park near the Maritime Museum for Stage 3. There will be time to visit the Museum – well worth doing – and enjoy a cuppa at their café. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bydd gwibdaith olaf y tymor prynhawn Sadwrn 2 Medi pan fyddwn yn cyfarfod yn maes parcî Parc Gwledig y Morglawdd, Caergybi (Cyfeirnod Grid: 226834) am 1.30 o'r gloch. Fe fydd arwydd "AAS" i ddangos ble i droi oddiar Rhodfa Newry. Bydd Mr Andrew Davidson yn ein harwain, mewn 3 rhan, i weld rhai o weddillion o Dramffordd y Morglawdd a fu yn sôn amdanynt yn yr Ysgol Undydd ar 11 Chwefror. Bydd Rhan 1 o gwmpas y Parc Gwledig wedyn awn yn ein ceir i lawr at y gweithdai am Rhan 2 ag i orffen awn i barcio ger yr Amgueddfa Morwrol am Rhan 3. Fe fydd amser i ymweld a'r Amgueddfa - werth ei gweld - a mwynhau paned yn ei bwyty. Edrychwn ymlaen am eich cyfarfod yno.

Proposed dates for 2007:

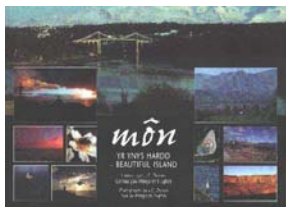
We endeavour to arrange to link some of our excursions to topics discussed at the Autumn / Spring meetings or Day School. Others visits are sites of significance in Anglesey's history, geography or natural history. We will be discussing programme details on 6 September. If you have any comments or suggestions to include in our deliberations please pass them to the Excursions Chairman in good time. The dates being considered are:

Thursday 24th May – an evening visit	Saturday 2nd September – an afternoon or evening visit.
Saturday 16th June – a walk and evening meal	
Saturday 7th July – an afternoon visit	
Wednesday 25th July – a full day excursion	

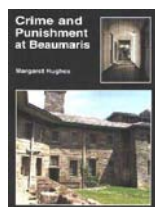
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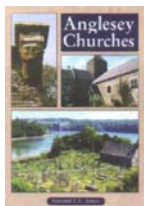
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Dydd Sadwrn 16 Mehefin - taith gerdded a pryd hwyrnos	
Dydd Sadwrn 7 Gorffennaf - gwibdaith prynhawn	prynhawn neu gyda'r nôs
Dydd Mercher 25 Gorffennaf - gwibdaith diwrnod llawn	Gareth Jones



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Crime and Punishment will please those who enjoy the macabre.

Môn, Beautiful Island- for breathtaking pictures.

Anglesey Churches- those standing and also churches which used to exist- is an excellent reference point for anyone interested in that heritage.

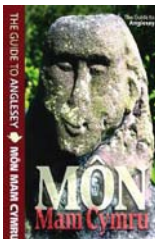


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Dr. Griffiths's AAS publication is a fitting addition to the series. Môn Mam Cymru is the definitive updated guide with much more to offer on all aspects of our Island



CD Roms- Anglesey Census 1901

This two disc work by Dave is the next in the series at £20.

All the above are available at Stone Science, Oriel Ynys Môn, Holyhead Maritime Museum and the Publishers. Please note the alteration in Postal rates if you require them by post.

Pot Pourri next March- BOOK for the Buffet

School Log Snippets

Much of the contents of School logs of the nineteenth century showed the head teacher's obsession with attendance.

This is hardly surprising as school attendance was linked directly to the teachers' salary. Nevertheless a caring head teacher of Cemaes British School in January 1892 risked his pay for the good of his pupils. His entry ran, 'The children were dismissed this morning. Many have their backs thinly clad and their feet not well protected and to retain them with wet feet and damp clothes would endanger their young lives to ruination.'

On March 1st in 1885 the head master of the boy's department of Park School, Holyhead wrote, 'An unusually heavy fall of snow during last night has so blocked up all the roads and streets that the attendance in the morning was all but nominal. In the afternoon the few children who came together were dismissed at two o' clock.'

The Vikings and Scotland.

The Royal Society of Edinburgh, together with the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters is presenting a two day conference on the impact of the Vikings on Scotland. No doubt that was not dissimilar to the effect upon Ongul's Isle. Leading academics from both countries will be present. The opening lecture, Wednesday evening is by Magnus Magnusson. It will be held from Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd September at the Royal Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh. Inclusive fees, lunch and refreshments for two days are £65 (£30 concessions) For further details, programme and registration form contact The Events Dept., Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George St., Edinburgh EH2 2PQ. Tel. 0131 240 5000

E Mail events@royalsoced.org.uk Registration forms are in short supply but one can be downloaded via the link:

<http://www.royalsoced.org.uk/events/vikings.htm>

GUARD OUR TREASURES



If any members notice any archaeological sites being defaced or threatened with damage please advise the Hon. Secretary so that the Society can inform the appropriate authorities.

Gofynnir i aelodau tynnu sylw'r Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol os ydynt yn gweld safleoedd hynafiaethol yn cael ei difetha neu o dan fygythiad o difrod er mwyn i'r Gymdeithas rhoi gwybod i'r awdurdodau perthnasol.

Hon Sec/ Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth: Siôn Cafell
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Looking Ahead / Edrych Ymlaen : Meetings / Cyfarfodau

The Editor and the Hon. Meetings Secretary express their regret that owing to the problem of commitment far in advance we are unable to name speakers up to the time of going to Press. From our past record members will see that interesting lectures have always been featured so you can be assured you will not be disappointed. Please make notes of the dates; they will be held at the new time of 7.30 p.m.

15.09.06. Lecture/Darlith..... Stone Science
20.10.06. Darlith Goffa Syr Ifor Williams..... Oriel Ynys Môn
17.11.06. Autumn Meeting / Cyfarfod y Hydref..... Stone Science
19.01.07. Lecture / Darlith..... Oriel Ynys Môn.
16.02.07. Lecture / Darlith..... Stone Science.
16.03.07. Pot Pourri, Debate/Dadl (Bwffe/Bufet).. Oriel Ynys Môn.
20.04.07. Lecture / Darlith..... Stone Science.
18.05.07. CCB / AGM. Lecture / Darlith..... Oriel Ynys Môn.

At all the evening lectures between now and the Pot Pourri, a ballot box will be available for members to offer, in their personal opinion, the most important event / person / place in Anglesey's rich historical past. The two most voted historical events will then be given to two appropriate speakers who will debate the importance of their subject in gladiatorial style at the Pot Pourri. On the evening, the audience will vote in a grand final for the winning subject- the most important event in Anglesey's history.

Rhwng nawr a noson y Pot Pourri, bydd blwch pleidleisio ar gael yn ystod pob un o'r nosweithiau darlithoedd, a gall aelodau gymmig, yn eu tyb nhw, yr achlysur / person / lle mwyaf pwysig yn holl hanes Ynys Môn. Bydd y ddau destun a fydd yn derbyn y nifer uchaf o bleidleisiau yn cael eu cynmig i ddau siaradwr addas a fydd wedyn yn cyflwyno eu testunau mewn ffeinal arbennig yn y Pot Pourri gan orfodi'r aelodau ar y noson i ddewis y destun buddugol a'r achlysur hanesyddol pwysicaf oll yn hanes yr ynys.

If you cannot attend, send your vote to the Editor!

The Young Archaeologists

The young archaeologists' annual dig this year was held on the

weekend of 8 / 9th July at Dolwyddelan (medieval and later). This was our second year at the site and a chance for many to return to see the developments that had taken place since we were last there in August, 2005. Every one worked

hard actually excavating, washing objects or helping Dr. Ian Brooks to undertake a site survey. We hope to return again next year. In the meantime, to finish off the year we will be helping with the roundhouse project at Llynnon; away on a trip, looking at aerial photography and having a themed party as a climax. If you know of any young person between 8-16 that may be interested in becoming members contact Pat West on: 01248 751289 or pxwed@anglesey.gov.uk



Anne's Accessions

New Documents in the Record Office

1. Maps of the Cemaes estate and property of the parishes of Llanbadrig and Amlwch, property of Rice Thomas, 1772, W Maps 147-148
2. Cofnodion Capel Ebeneser, Niwbwrch, 1878-2005, WD 18
3. Papurau y Parch Thomas Evans, Porth Amlwch, 1873-1921, WD 19
4. Cofnodion Eglwys Bethel, Rhosybol, 1853-2005, WD 20

Anne Venables. Tel. 01248 75208 Record Office, Llangefni

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Autumn 'Pictorial' edition. My thanks to Siôn, the Rev. Elfryn Jones and John Smith of Oriel Môn for help with photography. Please support our events. A special tribute is due to Gareth for his work with this year's excursions. Apart from Andrew he has arranged everything virtually single-handed. For next year, volunteer help would be appreciated. Please contact Gareth. Full details of excursions and spring lectures should appear in the spring edition next year.



The next edition of the Newsletter will be published in the spring of 2007.

Please forward any articles to the Editor:

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