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# **COMMITTEE MELTDOWN**

The Society is at a crossroads in the weeks ahead, with an unusual impending departure of many excellent officers and members of the Committee.



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With the approach of the centenary of the Society, it seems a new set of officers is required to take us into our second century. With much regret, owing to ill health, our President has asked us for a replacement. The post of Secretary has been open for some time. Mr Huw Roberts had to express his regret for not taking it, as was announced in Issue No. 47. Siôn, like Professor Carr, has given over a quarter of a century of service to the Society. He is willing to continue as Membership Secretary and controller of the Website. Last year's 'Transactions' was Professor Carr's last publication. John, our able treasurer has announced it is time for someone else to take on the task. Alun also wishes to relinquish his post; he has an increasing commitment to the Oriel. There has been no Publicity Officer for some time, after the resignation of Pat West. We thank her for her past service. To spread the load and increase the efficiency it has been suggested that the post of Hon. Librarian and Curator could be split into three- Archivist, Librarian and Curator. Three new Committee members are needed too. Nominations have been received for all these posts, except Secretary and Treasurer. Professor Carr has been nominated for President. David Longley is leading the editorial group of the Transactions. All this requires approval and it is clear that our next business meeting will be of particular importance. **May I ask all local members who have the good of the Society at heart to make a special effort to attend the Annual General Meeting?** Nominations or volunteers for Secretary and Treasurer would be welcome. The future success of the Society is at stake.

## [Annual General Meeting / Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol](#)

**Friday, Dydd Gwener, 18<sup>th</sup> May / 18 Mai, Oriel Ynys Môn, Llangefni, 7.30 pm.**

Speaker / Siaradwr: Andrew Davidson: 'Influences on the Development of Bangor.' / 'Dylanwadau ar Ddiwylliant Bangor.'

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## Edrych yn Ôl.../ Looking Back...

### Seventy Five Years Ago

At the County School, Llangefni on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1932, the President Lord Boston chaired the Annual General Meeting. The passing of the former Chairman, Mr. H.O. Hughes was noted. The total membership stood at 250. The Anglesey Excavations Fund paid out £47 12s 4d on excavations at Pant y Saer cromlech, filling in at the Hut Circles and removing a water stoup at Tal y Llyn Church. The Cambrian Archaeological Association provided grants to meet the costs. A lecture on 'Contractile Roots' was delivered by Prof. D. Thoday, M.A., F.R.S.S.Af. The General Meeting in the autumn had had to be cancelled because of a clash with another meeting at Llangefni on the same day. Three excursions were arranged. On June 11<sup>th</sup> on a visit to Parys Mountain led by Mr. Clegg, a party of about 80 members assembled by the 'Gwen' shaft (now capped) close to the main road. The depth was tested. (How many of us dropped stones down that shaft and listened to the prolonged crashes as they hurtled to the bottom?) The party proceeded to the 'Great Open Cast' of the Parys Mine. The geology was explained and on proceeding to the East Pit- the Mona Mine, the site of furnaces and where the 'Ladies of Parys' worked were pointed out. A visit was made to the Old Wind Mill and adjacent shafts before they all made their way to Gwyndy where Dr. Thomas and Mrs Jones entertained everyone to tea.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> 55 members took light refreshments at the Pritchard-Jones Institute, Newborough before walking three miles across the Warren towards Llanddwyn. The Leader, Mr Hugh Owen talked briefly about the sand hills and island, mentioning the great storm of 1331 destroying the farming properties of 186 acres of land. The tale of Saint Dwynwen was told before the party inspected her well and the ruins of Llanddwyn Church. Later they returned to Newborough for tea.

On July 13<sup>th</sup> the weather was not so favourable for a visit to Portmeirion. The Excursion was nevertheless most enjoyable as the party was met by Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis who gave a vivid account of the origin and development of Port Meirion village.

### Twenty Five Years Ago

In 1982 the membership was 1082. The Annual General Meeting was held at Holyhead County School on 1st. May. Mr Idris Davies presided and the guest speaker Dr. B.L. Davies' subject was 'Turnpikes,

Tollgates and Transport.' The Autumn Meeting was on 6<sup>th</sup> November at the David Hughes School, Menai Bridge. Dr. A.D. Carr addressed us on 'Llewelyn ap Gruffydd.' Mr Dewi Jones retired from the post of Hon. Secretary, held for 21 years. He was presented with an engraved carriage clock and Mrs Rhoda Jones received a Royal Brierly Crystal bowl. Mr. Siôn Caffell was introduced as the succeeding Hon. Secretary.

*Darlith Goffa Syr Ifor Williams. 6 Tachwedd, yn Neuadd y Sir, Llangefni. Tomos Roberts oedd y darlithydd. Testyn y ddarllith oedd 'Cadarnllew Gwynedd.' Mr Idris Davies oedd llywydd y casarfod, a chynigoedd Mr. Dewi Jones (Benllech) ddiolchadau y Gymdeithas i'r darlithydd.*

At the Pot-Pourri on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1983, short talks were given by Mr. Gwilym T. Jones (Parys Mountain); Dr. Jane Rees (Trusts and Nature Reserves on the Island) and Mrs. Siân White (Recovery of burial pots from Capel Eithin, Gaerwen). Slides of the Excursions were also shown at the Moelfre Community Centre.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Bryn Tirion Hotel, Red Wharf Bay on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1983. The guest speaker was Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos. On 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1982 a Cheshire trip included a cruise along the Trent and Mersey Canal. The Anderton Boat lift was inspected and visits were made to the Lion Salt Works at Marston and Daresbury Church. A voyage to Ireland was made on 3<sup>rd</sup> July when the party viewed the Neolithic tombs at New Grange, Knowth and Dowth, the site of Tara and the National Museum at Dublin.

The venue on 24<sup>th</sup> July was Aberffraw. Mrs Helen Ramage guided the party at Henblas, Mr Richard White at Aberffraw and Mr Tomos Roberts at Aberffraw Church.

The 4<sup>th</sup> September excursion was Mynydd Bodafon. Mr Gwilym T Jones pointed out the geology and Mrs Helen Ramage guided the group at Pentre Eirianell, the home of the Morris brothers.

A memorable excursion took place on 17-19<sup>th</sup> September. Members stayed at Jesus College, Oxford. They had a walking tour of the centre of Oxford and saw Welsh manuscripts in the Fellows' Library. A set of books in the Society's series, 'Studies in Anglesey History' was presented to Dr David Rees, the Hon. Librarian by Mrs Helen Ramage. A special dinner was attended at which Sir Idris Foster spoke. Worcester Cathedral was visited on the return journey.

### Next Meeting...Cyfarfod Nesaf... Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April ...Nôs Wener Ebrill 20:

(Eryl Rothwell Hughes)

A full report will be in the next Newsletter.

### Houses and Daily Life in Iron Age Celtic Gwynedd...

*Bydd adroddiad llawn yn y cylchlythyr nesaf.*



## **Excursions / Gwibdeithiau**



With one exception our excursions will be on Anglesey, they are listed below in chronological order. (Where Ordnance Survey Grid References are given they refer to the two Anglesey Explorer Maps Nos. 262 and 263).

#### Thursday 24 May at 6.30 pm.

An evening visit to view the gardens at Plas Llanddyfnan by kind permission of Mrs. Preece. Entry to the grounds is off the B5109 road between Pentraeth and Talwrn, near 'Marian.' (GR 492778).

An "AAS" sign will point the way. This excursion has been organised by Mr Dave Wilson (01248 450310).

#### Saturday 16 June at 11.00 am.

Mrs Frances Llewellyn will lead us on a walk to Din Dryfol, the site of a burial chamber where she led some students in archaeological excavations some years ago. (Her report was published in Cambrian Archaeological Monograph No. 3 in 1987). After a picnic lunch at the site we will make our way to the Henblas area to visit some nearby sites of historical interest. We complete the day with a meal at the Glantraeth Restaurant.

Due to some footpath problems, which we hope will be resolved in time, the precise walking route and parking locations have not been decided. Details will be provided to those returning the booking form.

Organisers: Mrs Frances Llewellyn and Gareth Parry (01248 722697).

#### Saturday 30 June at 2.00 pm

A guided walk through The Dingle, Llangefni, starting from the car park next to St Cyngar's Church (GR 458789). The paths have recently been significantly improved so that it is much easier to see the flora and fauna and also the industrial relics.

This excursion has been organised by Mr Gwynne Morris Jones (01407 832861).

Gyda un eithriad mae y gwibdeithiau ar Ynys Môn ag wedi ei rhestru yn gronolegol isod. (Ple mae Cyfeirnod Grid Map Ordnans yn ymddangos meant yn cyfeirio at fapiau Explorer 262 a 263).

#### Nos Iau 24 Mai am 6.30 pm.

Ymweliad gyda'r nôs i weld gerddi Plas Llanddyfnan wrwy ganiatad caredig Mrs. Preece. Mae mynediad i'r safle oddiar y ffordd B5109 ger "Marian" rhwng Pentraeth a Talwrn (GR 492778). Bydd arwydd "AAS" yn dangos lle i droi.

Mae y wibdaith wedi ei threfnu gan Mr Dave Wilson (01248 450310).

#### Sadwrn 16 Mehefin am 11.00 am.

Mrs Frances Llewellyn fydd yn ein arwain i ymweld a Din Dryfol, safle siambr claddu ple y bu yn arwain nifer o fyfyrwyr mewn cloddiad archaeolegol rhai blynnyddoedd yn ôl. (Gweler ei adroddiad yn "Cambrian Archaeological Monograph No. 3" a gyhoeddwyd yn 1987). Ar ôl picnic cinio bach fe awn i ardal Henblas i ymweld safleoedd hanesyddol cyn mynd i Westy Glantraeth am bryd o fwyd. Oherwydd trafferthion ynglun a llwybrau cyhoeddus yn yr ardal nid yw manylion y daith a lleoliad parcio wedi ei cadarnhau. Bydd y manylion yn cael ei gyrru i'r rhai fydd yn dychwelyd y ffurflen archebu. Trefnwr: Mrs Frances Llewellyn a Gareth Parry (01248 722697).

#### Sadwrn 30 Mehefin am 2.00 pm

Taith dywysedig drwy Nant y Pandy, Llangefni yn cychwyn o'r maes parcio ger Eglwys St Cyngar (GR 458789). Mae y llwybrau yno wedi ei gwellhau yn arwyddocaol yn ddiweddar sydd yn gwneud edrych ar y ffawna a ffлora a'r gweddillion diwydianol yn rhwyddach. Trefnwr y wibdaith yw Mr Gwynne Morris Jones (01407 832861).

### **Wednesday 25 July 8.00 am**

We celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Telford with a full day excursion travelling along the A5 road. On the way we will identify the remaining relics. We will pause at significant sites if it is safe to do so. We will also stop to view the two aqueducts, Chirk and Froncysyllte, with the opportunity to walk across them. We will stop at the Waterloo Hotel, Betws y Coed for coffee on the outward journey and again on the way home for an evening meal. The lunch stop will be at Chirk. Please note that this excursion will be **along the A5 road from Holyhead to Chirk; consequently the usual pick up points at Trearddur Bay and Llangefni will not be available.** Full details will be provided to those returning the booking forms.

Organisers: Mr Eric Lander and Gareth Parry (01248 722697).

### **Saturday 8 September at 2.30 pm**

Councillor Goronwy O Parry, MBE, will lead us on a walk beside the Inland Sea, Four Mile Bridge. He will talk to us about the history and natural history of the area.

The date and time have been selected to take advantage of a low tide which will make the walk more interesting. Parking has been arranged Pen y Bont farm, by kind permission of Mr Edwin Parry, and "AAS" signs will show the way (GR 282786).

Organisers: Mr John Rowlands and Gareth Parry (01248 722697).

### **The Last Excursion in 2006**

**O**n a damp and blustery afternoon 22 members gathered at the Holyhead Breakwater Country Park on Saturday, 2nd September. Andrew Davidson explained to us the reasons for the quarry and the tramway that transported its product down to construct and maintain the breakwater. After inspecting the relics at the site we followed the tramway route to the start of the breakwater where some of the original structures still exist together with some remains of the modern railway that replaced the early tramway. Andrew explained how rock from the quarry was manipulated on the breakwater and identified the locations of facilities no longer in existence. After stopping near the old Trinity House building to view the breakwater, the group visited the Maritime Museum where the staff arranged a guided tour and refreshments.



### **Mercher 25 Gorffennaf am 8.00 am**

I ddathlu genedigaeth Thomas Telford yn Awst 1757 awn am dro ar hyd y rhan Gymreig o'i ffordd o'r Amwythig i Gaergybi 'rydym yn adnabod heddiw fel yr A5. Ar y ffordd byddwn yn nodi y gweddillion sydd yn bodoli ag, os yn sâff i wneud, yn aros i edrych ar safleoedd arwyddocaol. Byddwn yn aros gyferbyn a'r ddwy draffont dŵr, Y Waun a Froncystyllte, a bydd cyfle i gerdded arnynt. Byddwn yn galw yng Ngwesty Waterloo, Betws y Coed am baned boreol ar y ffordd tua Y Waun ag eto ar y ffordd yn ôl am bryd o fwyd. Bydd sebiant am giniol canol dydd yn Y Waun. Mae yn bwysig nodi mai **gwibdath ar hyd yr A5 o Gaergybi i Y Waun iw hon. Felly bydd y goets ddim yn mynd drwy Bae Trearddur na Llangefni i bigo i fynu.** Bydd manylion llawn yn cael ei dosbarthu i'r rhai fydd yn dychwelyd y ffurflen archebu.

Trefnwr: Mr Eric Lander and Gareth Parry (01248 722697).

### **Sadwrn 8 Medi am 2.30 pm**

Y Cyngorydd Goronwy O Parry, MBE, bydd yn ein arwain am dro ar lan Y Lasinwen o Bontrhydybont. Bydd yn disgrifio hanes a nodweddiannaturiol yr ardal. Mae y dyddiad a'r amser wedi ei ddewis i gymeryd mantais o lanw isel i wneud y daith yn fwy diddorol. Mae Mr Edwin Parry o fferm Pen y Bont wedi caniatau yn garedig i ni barcio yn un o'i gaeau. Bydd arwyddion "AAS" yn dangos y mynediad. (GR 282786).

Trefnwr: Mr John Rowlands and Gareth Parry (01248 722697).

### **Gwibdath Olaf 2006.**

**A**r brynhawn llraith a gwyntog daeth 22 o aelodau at ei gilydd ym Mharc Gwledig Morglawdd Caergybi Dydd Sadwrn, 2 Medi. Esboniodd Andrew Davidson y rheswm am fodolaeth y chwareli a'r dramffordd a gludodd ei cynnrych i lawr i adeiladu a cynnal y morglawdd. Wedi archwilio y gweddillion ar y safle aethom i ddilyn llwybyr y dramffordd i ddechrau y morglawdd ple mae rhai o'r aelwaith gweiriddol yn dal i fodoli ag hefyd rhai gweddillion o'r rheiffordd fodern a gymerodd lle y dramffordd Eglurodd Andrew sut yr oedd y cerrig mawr o'r chwarel yn cael ei trin ar y morglawdd a hefyd enwodd safleodd y cyflysterau sydd wedi diflanu. Ar ôl galw gyferbyn ag hen adeilad *Trinity*

*House* i gael golwg ar y morglawdd aethom i'r Amgueddfa Morwrol ple trefnodd y staff daith dywysedig a lluniaeth.

*Gareth Parry*



### **MEETINGS / CYFARFODYDD**

#### **16<sup>th</sup> September**

**A**t Stone Science under the Chairmanship of Mr Geraint Evans, an unusual presentation was given by Mrs Margaret Hughes. She followed the pattern of a programme on obituaries broadcast on Radio 4 on Fridays. It is not as morbid as it sounds- rather a celebration of great personalities. The title of her talk was, 'What's in a Name- or Famous Last Words.' She stressed it was about Anglesey folk of the past that she would dearly have liked to have met and perhaps engaged in a convivial after dinner conversation! The idea was to discuss briefly, six Anglesey characters. The first was Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of an early 18<sup>th</sup> century country parson. She married Henry Morgan of Henblas and her portrait hangs in the reception hall. She kept meticulous accounts and they are at the University Library. Her diary is with the accounts and it describes her creation of the garden. The planting of 250 tulips and 300 hyacinths are in these records.

Her second candidate, again from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, was William Morris, one of the *Morrisiad Môn*. He was a botanist and a keen

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*Mrs Margaret Hughes*

#### **Medi 16**

**M**r Geraint Evans oedd y cadeirydd yn "Stone Science" nôs Wener, 16 Medi pan gawsom gyflwyniad anarferol gan Mrs Margaret Hughes. Teit ei datganiad oedd "Beth sydd mewn Enw - neu Geiriau Diwethaf Enwog." Dilynodd patrwm rhagleni "*Last Word*" sydd yn cael ei darlleu ar Radio 4 ar brynhawn dydd Gwener o dro i dro. Er ei fod yn raglen coffaduriaethol nid yw mor angladdol ag y mae yn swnio - mwy o ddatlhu personoliaeth diddorol. Roedd Mrs Hughes wedi dewis chwech o werinwyr Môn buasai wedi hoffi gyfarfod a cael sgwrs hwyllog gyda 'nhw. Y cyntaf oedd Elisabeth Morgan, merch Person gwledig yn y ddeunawfed ganrif gynnar. Priododd Henry Morgan, Henblas, ag y mae ei darlun iw weld yn yr ystafell derbyn yno. Cadwodd gyfrifion a dyddiadur manwl sydd yn cofnodi creadigaeth y gerddi a planu 250 o diwlips a 300 o glychau'r gog. Mae'r cofnodi yn llyfrgell y Brifysgol.

'Roedd yr ail hefyd o'r ddeunawfed ganrif, sef William Morris un o "Forrisiaid Môn". Llysieydd a garddwr brwd yn cadw llain trianglod

gardener, keeping a triangular plot just to the west and above St Cybi's Church. He bought his plants in Dublin and Shropshire and his brother Richard sent cuttings and seeds from London. Local sea captains were a source of rare plants from abroad.

The third personality was a close personal friend of William and another keen fellow gardener. This was the Rev. Thomas Ellis. He was an outstanding and outspoken Vicar of Holyhead. He denounced the degradation of the Patronal Festival at Holyhead and succeeded in modifying it. His passion was education and he is famous for the establishment of the first school to cater for poor boys. His memorial is a primary school at Holyhead, bearing his name.

Born in Pentraeth, 'Pen y Parc' Williams of the nineteenth century was another noteworthy. As a boy, William Williams went to Liverpool to become a seaman. He worked his passage to Queensland and after a spell in the docks he made enough money to venture to the the outback, prospecting for gold. That was a failure but after an interlude in New Zealand he returned, tried again and was successful. After buying a harmonium in Melbourne he returned home. The instrument was popular for entertainment on the voyage. He stayed at Pentraeth for three years before moving to Liverpool. He married and began to buy land. He built houses for renting, first at Paradise Street, eventually building many more and achieving great wealth.

The last two characters were Mary and Ann Jones who kept a small holding, Ty Hên, Coedana, Llanerchymedd. They grew oats, turnips, swedes and they kept pigs. They also kept a meticulous diary. It is interesting as Ann wrote in a mixture of Welsh and English, the latter in a Welsh idiom. She wrote in the third person. She was scandalised by a lapse of her employees: "Maid Catherine to be married on Whitsun. Was John Thomas with Catherine in bed and priodas Monday!" Mary was a member of a choir at Llangefni. She had rheumatism and one of her remedies was to be whipped with nettles.

Following these little sketches, the evening closed with a quiz of twenty questions on famous events and persons relevant to Anglesey. Although so many knowledgeable persons were present, no-one achieved a high score!

*The Editor*

### Nôs Wener 20 Hydref 2006 yn Oriel Ynys Môn

**D**aeth 18 aelod a ffrindiau at ei gilydd i wrando ar y Parchedig Dr Dafydd Wyn William yn sôn am un o gyfoeswr anadnabyddus y Morrisiaid – Wil Gwredog. Ei enw iawn oedd William Parry o fferm sylfaenol Gwredog ger Llanerchymedd. Ganwyd ef yn 1719 yn fab i John Parry ai wraig Elizabeth. Cafodd ei addysg yn ysgolion Bodedern a Chaergybi ag mewn coleg ym Mangor. Ar ôl trasiedi personol, mae y manylion yn anhysbus, aeth i Lundain a cael swydd yn y Swyddfa Ordnans. Gweithiodd iddynt yn Ynysedd y Caribi yn ogystal a Llundain. Daeth yn gyffail i Richard Morris ac arweiniodd ef William Parry i'r swydd o Ddirprwy Orychwilwr y Mint Brenhinol yn Nhwr Llundain. Nid oedd hon yn swydd beichus ag aeth i weithio hefyd fel cyfarwyddwr i Richard Morris pan yr oedd ef yn Brif Glere yn Swyddfa Cyfrifion y Morlys. Cafodd ei benodi yn Ysgrifennyd Cymdeithas y Cymrodorion yn 1763. Daeth Goronwy Owen, tra yn byw yn Llundain, yn ffrind iddo a cyfeiriodd "Cywydd y Gwahodd" iddo (gweler tudalen 117 o Trafodion 1969). Roedd William Parry yn dal i gadw y tri penodiad a grybillywyd pan fu farw yn 1775. Seiliwyd y disgrifiad gan Dr William o fywyd Wil Gwredog ar ei ymchwilio dyfal drwy lythyrau y Morrisiaid, yn cyfuno llawer cyfeiriad gwasaredig am William Parry fel stori cydlynol. Mawr oedd gwerthfawrogiad pawb yn bresennol.

*Gareth W. Parry*



*Dr. Dafydd Wyn William*

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006

**A** pleasant evening's entertainment at Stone Science was given to a well attended meeting with Mr Geraint Evans in the Chair. The title of the address was 'The Life and Times of Captain John Macgregor Skinner, R.N.' This was a presentation by Mr. Richard Burnell of the Holyhead Maritime Museum. He outlined the origin of the family and John Skinner's childhood at Port Amber near New York. His involvement with the Royal Navy during the War of Independence meant him having to abandon his home to start a new life in Britain. His subsequent career and his arrival at Holyhead heralded a long and distinguished association with the town and its packet boats. It was well illustrated. Although the format was designed to instruct primary school

i'r gorllewin ag uchben Eglwys Sant Cybi oedd William. Prynodd ei blanhigion yn Nulyn a Sir Amwythig ac yn cael hadau a toriadau o Lundain gan ei prawd, Richard.

Garddwyr brwd arall a ffrind agos William Morris oedd y trydydd dan sylw. Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis oedd hwn, ficer eithriadol yng Nghaergybi oedd hefyd yn siradwr plaen. Cwffiodd yn erbyn diraddiad yr Wŷl Noddol a llwyddodd ei addasu. Addysg oedd ei angerdd ag mae yn adnabyddys am sefydlu yr ysgol gyntaf i fechgyn tlawd. Mae ysgol gynradd Caergybi wedi ei henwi ar ei ôl er mwyn cofio amdano. Dyn nodedig o Bentraeth yn y bedwaredd ganrif a phymtheg oedd "Pen Parc" Williams. Tra yn fachgen aeth William Williams i Lerpwl i fod yn forwr. Gweithiodd ei ffordd i *Queensland* ple bu yn gweithio ar y dociau i wneud digon o arian i fynd i ymchwilio am aur yn y cefnfro. Methiant oedd ei ymgrych cyntaf ond, wedi egwyl yn Seland Newydd, aeth yn ôl i bentro eto a bu yn llwyddianus. Cyn cychwyn adref prynodd harmonium yn *Melbourne* a fu yn boblogaidd mewn adloniant ar y fordaith. Arhosodd ym Mentreath am dair blynedd cyn mynd yn ôl i Lerpwl. Priododd a dechreuodd brynnu tir ag adeiladu tai i'w rhentio yn gyntaf yn *Paradise Street* ag wedyn llawer mwy i ennill cyfoeth helaeth.

Y ddwy gymeriad diwethaf oedd Mary ag Ann Jones, Ty Hên, Coedana, Llanerchymedd ple yr oedd ynt yn tyfu ceirch, maip a rwdins ag yn pesgi moch. Cadwodd Ann ddyddiadur manwl sydd yn ddiddorol am ei bod yn ysgrifennu yn Gymraeg a Saesneg gan ddefnyddio idiom Gymreig yn y Saesneg! Cafodd ei ffieiddio gan esgeulustod rhai o'r gweision – "Maid Catherine to be married on Whitsun. Was John Thomas with Catherine in bed and priodas Monday!" Roedd Mary yn perthyn i gôr yn Llangefni. Cael ei chwipio hefo danadl poethion oedd un meddyginaeth at ei chricmala. Ar ôl y braslyniau uchod cawsom gystadleuaeth "Ugain Cwestiwn" ar ddigwyddiadau a chymeriadau penodol hanes Môn.

Er bod llawer person gwybodus yn y gynulleidfa cafodd neb sgôr uchel.

### Darlith Goffa Syr Ifor Williams

### Friday 20th October 2006 at Oriel Ynys Môn

**E**ighteen members and friends gathered at the Oriel to hear the Rev Dr Dafydd Wyn William talk about a little known contemporary of the Morris brothers. The subject was "Wil Gwredog", otherwise known as William Parry of Gwredog, a significant farm near Llanerchymedd. He was born in 1719, the son of John Parry and his wife, Elizabeth. He was educated at Bodedern and Holyhead schools and the college at Bangor. Following a personal tragedy, details unknown, he moved to London where he gained employment in the Ordnance Office. He worked for them in the West Indies and in London. He became a friend of Richard Morris who guided him to obtaining the post of Deputy

Controller of the Royal Mint at the Tower of London. As this was not too onerous an occupation he also became the assistant of Richard Morris who was then the Chief Clerk of the Admiralty Accounts Office. He was appointed secretary of the Society of Cymrodorion in 1763. Goronwy Owen, whilst he was in London, got to know him and addressed his "Cywydd y Gwahodd" to him (see page 117 of the 1969 Transactions). William Parry was still holding the three appointments mentioned when he died in 1775.

Dr William's account of Wil Gwredog's life was based on his diligent research into the Morris letters, combining several scattered references to William Parry into a coherent story. It was much appreciated by those present.

### Nôs Wener Tachwedd 17 2006

**R**oddwyd noson o adloniant difyr, gyda Mr Geraint Evans yn y gadair, gan Mr Richard Burnell a Mr John Cave MBE o Amgueddfa Morwrol Caergybi i gynulleidfa helaeth. Teitl y rhan gyntaf oedd "Bywyd ag Amsler y Capten John Macgregor Skinner R.N." Cafwyd braslun o hanes y teulu a phlentyndod John Skinner yn *Port Amber, New York*. Bu raid iddo adael ei gartref i ddechrau bywyd newydd ym Mhrydain o achos ei ymglymiad gyda'r Llu Brenhinol yn ystod y Rhyfel Annibyniaeth. Rhagflaenodd ei yrfa dilynol a'i ddyfodiad i Gaergybi gystylliad hir ag arbennig gyda'r dref a'r pacedlongau. Er fod y cyflwyniad wedi ei ddarparu ar gyfer plant ysgolion cynradd roedd yn ddarluniadol ag yn amheuthun. Am fod y cyflwyniad uchod braidd yn fyr dangosodd Mr Burnell raglen bach

pupils it was refreshing. Since it was quite short, another presentation on World War II at Holyhead made an exciting ending. Again this was designed for the same age group but did not detract from its impact. Richard was assisted by Mr. John Cave, M.B.E. of the same Museum. We were all delighted to see how local history was being disseminated at the schools. Both Mr. Burnell and Mr. Cave are to be congratulated on their efforts.



*Mr. Richard Burnell*



*Mr. John Cave, M.B.E.*

*The Editor*

arall yn cynnwys lluniau o effaith yr Ail Ryfel Byd ar Gaergybi. 'Roedd hwn hefyd wedi ei baratoi ar gyfer ysgolion ond nid oedd hyn yn lleihau ei ardrawiad. 'Roeddem i gyd yn falch o weld sut yr oedd peth o hanes lleol yn cael ei ddosbarthu i'r ysgolion ag yn llonygarch Mr Burnell a Mr Cave am ei ymdrechion.

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

**O**n a wild and stormy night there was an excellent attendance at Oriel Ynys Môn for an address by Mr. Neil Johnstone of Menter Môn with Mr. Geraint Evans in the Chair. The title of the illustrated talk was, 'Mona Antiqua - promoting Anglesey's Heritage.'

Mr Johnstone gave a clear account of how Menter Môn was investing money in our heritage and how the money was accessed from various sources by adhering to the demands of the donors. The target was a growth sector of European tourism, termed 'Cultural Tourism.' Not all agree with the concept. Some suggest that Heritage industry growth equates to decline in manufacturing industries and a spiralling economy. The donors take this into account as money for projects is given conditionally. Sources include the Heritage Lottery Fund, Objective 1 and Interreg 111, the latter two being European. They only hand over the monies if certain criteria are satisfied. By and large their aims are the same. For instance, the Heritage Lottery Fund expects the results to reduce economic and social deprivation, to create access for people from all sections of society, to promote knowledge and interest amongst children and the young with a further objective of sustainable development. To date the Fund has given £133 million to 583 projects. In selling ourselves to Tourism it is necessary to create a Cultural experience. This means not only promoting the obvious historic sites and museums but showing visitors a genuine local way of life, including relaxation and entertainment. Our 'Welshness' has to be stressed. The creation of new Cultural Sites shows a sad disproportionate bias towards South Wales but it is hoped that will change. Mr Johnstone showed a number of local projects that are under way, some in association with the County Council, the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust and others. There is a link between Amlwch and Avoca in Ireland via Interreg IIIA. Miners from Parys mountain once crossed to Avoca to work in the copper mines there. A direct comparison was made with improving pollution in Afon Goch and the Avoca river. The 'Copper Kingdom' project is continuing and includes future restoration of buildings on Parys Mountain. Improvements and restoration work, assisted by CADW, will be carried out at Castell Aberlleiniog - outlined in Newsletter 44. External facilities and essential repairs were made to a Grade 1 listed building, Eglwys Llangadwaladr which we saw during our visit last May. Melin Bryn Dy at Llanfaelog has been renovated into a dwelling, ensuring the remains of the basement water wheel mechanism can be viewed. Past achievements include the excavation and presentation of Llys Rhosyr, a nationally important site. At Rhostryfan, in Gwynedd, the famous Welsh authoress Kate Roberts' former home has been restored. In the towns of Beaumaris, Amlwch and Holyhead colourful information boards have been erected, outlining tourist trails. Mr Johnstone impressed the audience with what is being planned, but most of all, Menter Môn's clever ability to put our heritage across, keeping its intellectual value and, of course, acquiring the money!

*The Editor*



*Mr. Neil Johnstone*

### **Nôs Wener 19 Ionawr 2007**

**A**r noson wyllt a stormus cafwyd presenoldeb gwych i wrando ar Mr Neil Johnstone o Menter Môn gyda Mr Geraint Evans yn y gadair. Teitl y ddarllith darluniadol oedd "Mona Antiqua - hyrwyddo Treftadaeth Môn." Cafwyd disgrifiad clir o sut y mae Menter Môn

buddsoddi arian yn ein treftadaeth a sut y mae cael at y gwahanol ffynonhellau trwy adlynu i ofynion y rhoddwyr. Y targed yw sector tyfiant o twristiaeth Europeiaidd sydd yn alw yn "Twristiaeth Diwyllianol." Nid yw pawb yn cydweld a'r cysyniad. Mae ambell un yn cynnig bod tyfiant diwylliant Treftadaeth yn cyfartalu a dirywiad mewn diwydiant cynhyrchu a economi troellog. Mae y cyfranwyr yn cymeryd hyn o dan sylw am fod rhaid bodloni amodau cyn cael arian at unrhyw prosiect. Mae'r ffynonhellau yn cynnwys. Y Gronfa Lotri Treftadaeth, Amcan 1 a Interreg 111, y ddau olaf yn

Ewropiaidd. Byddant yn disgwl i feini prawf gael ei bodloni cyn trosglwyddo arian. Er engrafft mae y Gronfa Lotri Treftadaeth yn disgwl gweld gostyngiad mewn amddfaddiad economeg a chymdeithasol, creu mynediad i bobl o bôb adran o'r gymdeithas, hyrwyddo didordeb a gwybodath ymmsg plant a ieuenciad gyda amcan pellach o ddatblygiad cynaliadwy. Hyd yn hyn mae y Gronfa wedi cyfranu £133 miliwn i 583 o gynnlluniau. Er mwyn gwerthu ein hunain i Dwrystiaeth bydd rhaid creu profiad diwyllianol. Mae hyn yn golygu hyrwyddo y safleoedd hanesyddol amlwg ynghyd a dangos bywyd lleol dilys i ymwelwyr sydd yn cynnwys ymlaciad a adloniant. Rhaid pwysleisio ein Cymreictod. Mae yn siomedigaeth truenus bod tuedd anghyfartal tua De Cymru i greu safleoedd diwyllianol newydd ond mae gobaith y bydd hyn yn newid. Dangosodd Mr Johnstone ddarluniau o nifer o prosiectau lleol sydd yn mynd ymlaen, mewn cydgysylltiad a'r Cyngor Sir, Ymddiredolaeth Archaeologol Gwynedd ag eraill. Mae cysylltiad rhwgng Amlwch ag Avoca yn Iwerddon drwy yr Intereg111A. Aeth mwynwyr o Mynydd Parys drosodd i Avoca i weithio yn y mwynau copr yno. Mae cymhariaeth uniongyrchol rhwng y gwaith o leihau y llygredd yn yr Afon Goch a'r afon yn Avoca. Mae y prosiect "Teyrnas Corp" yn parhau ag yn cynnwys adferiad adeiladau ar Mynydd Parys yn y dyfodol. Bydd gwaith gwariant a atgyfeirio, gyda cynhorhwy CADW, yn parhau yng Nghastell Aberlleiniog - 'roedd braslun yng Nghylchlythr 44. Gorffenwyd cyfleustera allanol a atgyweirio hanfodol i adeilad Gradd 1 – Eglwys Llangadwaladr – gwelsom y canlyniad ar ein ymwelliad mis Mai diwethaf. Mae Melin Bryn Dy, Llanfaelog wedi eu adnewyddu fel preswylfa gan sicrhau fod posib gweld gweddillion yr olwyn dwr yn llawr isaf. Mae y cloddiad a'r cyflwyniad yn Llys Rhosyr, safle cenedlaethol bwysig, yn engrafft o lwyddiant gorffenol. Dros y Fenai yn Rhostryfan, Gwynedd mae cartref y awdureς Kate Roberts wedi ei adfer. Yn nhrefig Biwmaris, Amlwch a Chaergybi byrddau gwybodaeth lliwgar wedi ei codi i amlinellu llwybrau ymwelwyr. Rhoddodd Mr Johnstone argraff cryf i'r gynulleidfa o beth sydd wedi ei gynllunio ag hefyd o ddawn medrus Menter Môn yn mynegi ein treftadaeth gan gadw ei werth deallusol ag hefyd, wrth gwrs, ennill yr arian!

### **School Log Snippets**

In March 120 years ago the head teacher of Park School, Holyhead wrote: Today there was another distraction from school attendance.... The wreck of the S.S. Missouri near Porthdafarch is, in addition to the bad weather, an inducement to the older boys to remain away from school this week.

At Cemaes Bay British School in 1890 the head teacher recorded: A great deal of illness and fevers such as diphtheria, typhoid and influenza are raging in the adjacent neighbourhood. Every precaution to avert their introduction to this district is attended to. Lime has been freely used around the school and offices together with disinfectant; Condy's Fluid inside. The children have been advised to wear a little camphor about their bodies.



### **Anglesey Geopark Week 26<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**T**he Geopark is striving to become a member of the European and UNESCO Global Geopark.

During this week there will be a variety of events; tours, lectures and an art contest. To join the activities contact Dr. M. Wood at GeoMôn, Pritchard Jones Institute, Newborough, Tel. 01248 440888 or E Mail [enquiries@geomon.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@geomon.org.uk) or [geomon@btinternet.com](mailto:geomon@btinternet.com)

Website: [www.geomon.org.uk](http://www.geomon.org.uk)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

**Patterns of Lordship and Landholding in  
Medieval Anglesey.**

**A**t Stone Science this was a particularly well attended presentation by an old friend, David Longley. The house was packed to capacity. Mr. Geraint Evans was in the chair. With a series of spectacular maps and by superimposition David demonstrated the structure of holdings on the island, as recorded in medieval times. Accurate records were made after the conquest of Edward I. These tended to be the possessions of the king and all ecclesiastic holdings. Less attention was paid to the recording of the larger remainder, freehold territory, except just enough for taxation purposes! The three groups of holdings, commotes (*cymydau*), formed distinctive patterns in various parts of the island. He proceeded to show that when the boundaries of the pre-conquest *canref* were marked out, the older divisions had remained largely unchanged. The divisions of the commotes into *maenolau* containing *trefi* or townships, together with a central ‘King’s’ settlement and an upper pasture or *hafodu* added up to the traditional 100 of the *canref*. The later king’s main centres were three along the west coast; Llifon, Aberffraw and Rhosyr; a small one at *Cemais* and a larger one incorporating Beaumaris. Certain isolated centres were of special importance- cattle ranches and Porthaethwy- the lucrative ferry crossing. The ecclesiastic centres were the obvious old monastic settlements of Penmon, other important churches and a group along the coast between Porthaethwy and Beaumaris- the property of the Bishop of Bangor. The remainder of the lands belonged to freeholders. A notable example was one at *Cemais*, recorded in 1608. Originally King’s land it may well have been purchased by a favourite of Henry VIII and devolved to one William Thomas but ‘By what right or title- unknown!’ A descendant was present. It was an entertaining evening and the scholarship shown was much appreciated.



Mr. David Longley

**Friday March 16th**

**Debate**

**Oriel Ynys Môn**

**Dadl**

**Nôs Wener Mawrth 16**



Dr. Dafydd  
Wyn Williams

The chairman, Mr Geraint Evans, greeted forty one members and friends who had come to listen to a debate about the merits of two people who are significant in the history of Anglesey. At previous meetings members had been asked to nominate the person they considered to be the most important in the development of the island and its culture. The two persons at the top of the poll would then

be the subject of a debate at the annual “Pot Pourri.” The winners were the Morris Brothers and Thomas Telford.

Mr Gwilym T Jones was first at the lectern to give an account of the life and works of Thomas Telford. He was born the son of a shepherd at Glendinning, near Langholm in Dumfriesshire, on 9 August 1757. His father died when he was 3 months old. Brought up by his mother he attended the village school and was apprenticed to a stonemason at Langholm. As a craftsman he was involved in the construction of the bridge over the River Esk at Langholm; his mason’s mark is still visible under one of the arches. He was involved in the construction of many roads and bridges in Scotland before moving to London where he helped build Somerset House. By this time he had taught himself, by observation and reading, to be a competent surveyor and designer as well as what we now call a project manager. His first association with the “Holyhead Road” was during his time as county Surveyor of Shropshire. He designed and supervised the building of roads, bridges and canals one of which, the Ellesmere Canal, includes two famous aqueducts at Chirk and Froncysyllte. His reputation spread and he was invited to supervise the construction of the Caledonian Canal in Scotland, the Göta Canal in Sweden and several smaller road and canal projects. In 1815 he was appointed to improve the post road from Shrewsbury to Holyhead. He followed the route of existing turnpike roads, making improvements as necessary, to the outskirts of Betws y Coed. The existing road went down the valley to Conwy and involved some dangerous water crossings. route of existing turnpike roads, making improvements as necessary, to the outskirts of Betws y Coed. The existing road went down the valley to Conwy and involved some dangerous water crossings. Telford

**Nôs Wener 16 Chwefror 2007**

**Patrymau Canoloesol Arglwyddiaeth a**

**Tirfeddiant ar Ynys Môn**

**C**afoedd “Ty llawn” yn *Stone Science* gyflwyniad diddorol gan hen ffrind, Mr David Longley, gyda Mr Geraint Evans yn y gadair. Gan ddefnyddio cyfres o fapiau trawliadol, a transargraffu y naill ar y llall esboniodd cynllun tirfeddiant ar yr ynys yn ôl cofnodion y canoloesoedd ag eglurodd teitlau Cymreig am y gwahanol dirfeddiantau. Gwnaed cofnodion mwy manwl ar ôl concwest Edward I. Cadwyd y teitlau Cymreig tra yn tueddu i ganolbwytio ar diroedd y brenin a eglwysig. Bu llai o sylw at gofnodi y tiroedd mwy, rhydd-ddaliadol, dim ond digon i godi treth! ’Roedd y tri grŵp o ddaliadau pennaf, cymydau, yn ffurfio patrwm nodedig mewn rhannau o’r ynys. Dangosodd fel nad oedd llawer o newid i ffinau yr hen gantrefi o dan y drefn newydd. ’Roedd rhanbarthu y cymydau i faenolau yn cynnwys trefi, aneddiad brenhinol a hafod yn adio i fynny i’r 100 traddodiadol y cantrefi. Canolfanau hwyrach y brenin oedd tri ar yr arfordir gorllewinol – Llifon, Aberffraw a Rhosyr; un bach ger Cemais ag un mwy yn cynnwys Biwmares. Safleoedd pwysig neilltuol oedd ambell faestir gwartheg a’r fferi ennillfar ym Mhorthaethwy. Y canolfanau eglwysig oedd yr hen aneddiadau mynachaid yn gysylltiedig a Penmon, eglwysi pwysig a grŵp ar yr arfordir rhwng Porthaethwy a Biwmares yn eiddo i Esgob Bangor. Eiddo rhydd-ddeiliaid oedd y gwenddill o’r tir. Enghraift nodweddol oedd un a gofnodwyd yng Nghemais yn 1608. Mae yn ymddangos fod tir a werthwyd gan y Brenin Harry VIII i un o’i ffefrynau wedi pasio i William Thomas ond, “Drwy pa iawn neu hawl – anhysbys!” ’Roedd un o ddisgynyddion William Thomas yn y gynulleidfa.

Cafwyd noswaith difyrus a mawr oedd gwerthfawrogiad o’r ysgoloriaeth a ddangoswyd.

*The Editor*

**Croesawodd y cadeirydd, Mr Geraint Evans,**

**41 o aelodau a ffrindiau a oedd wedi dod i**

glywed dadl am delyngodau berson arwyddocaol yn hanes yr ynys. Mewn cyfarfod ym blaenorol gofynwyd i aelodau i enwi y person yr oedd ym cysidro y mwyaf pwysig yn datblygiad yr ynys a’i diwylliant. Y pwrras oedd i’r ddau enw ar ben y bleidlais i fod yn destynau dadl yn y “*Pot Pourri*” blynnyddol. Y ddau enw oedd y

Morrisiaid a Thomas Telford.

Mr Gwilym T Jones oedd y cyntaf wrth y ddarllenfa i roi hanes bywyd a gwaith Thomas Telford. Ganwyd y mab i fugail o Glendinning, ger Langholm, yn Sir Dumfries, ar 9 Awst 1757. Bu ei dâd farw pan oedd ond tri mis oed. Magwyd ef gan ei fam yn unig, aeth i’r ysgol yn y pentref ag aeth yn brentis i saer maen yn Langholm. Fel crefftwr bu yn ymglymedig a adeiladu y bont dros yr Afon Esk yn Langholm, mae ei arwydd saer maen i’w weld o dan un o fwa y bont. Bu yn ymglymedig a adeiladu llawer ffordd a phont yn yr Alban cyn symyd i Lundain ple yr oedd yn gysylltiedig a adeiladu Tŷ Gwlad yr Haf. Erbyn hyn ’roedd wedi dysgu, drwy wyliadwriaeth a darllen, i fod yn dirfesyrdd a chynllunydd cymwys ag yn ogystal yn rheolwr prosiect. Daeth i gysylltiad a “Ffordd Caergybi” tra yn gweithio fel Syrfewr Sir Amwythig. Cynlluniodd a rheolodd adeiladu ffyrdd, pontydd a camlesi, un o’r rhain, Camlas Ellesmere, yn cynwys dwy drappont dwr enwog ger Y Waun a Froncysyllte. Lledaenodd ei enw da a daeth gwahoddiad i arolygu adeiladu y Camlas Caledonian yn yr Alban, y Camlas Göta yn Sweden a llawer ffordd a chamlas arall. Cafodd ei benodi i wellhau y ffordd bôst o’r Amwythig i Caergybi yn 1815. Dilynodd llwybyr y ffordd tyrpegr o’r Amwythig hyd at Betws y Coed gan wneud gwellianau fel oedd eisiau. ’Roedd y ffordd dyrpeg yn mynd i lawr y dyffryn i Gonwy ag roedd y llwybr ymlaen yn cynnwys croesiadau dŵr peryglus. Penderfynodd Telford adeiladu pont dros yr Afon Conwy - Pont Waterloo - ag i gario ymlaen drwy Nant Ffrancon i ailuno a’r hen ffordd ger Llandegai. Penderfynodd hefyd i adeiladu ffordd newydd ar draws yr ynys. Felly cychwynnodd ar dri o wiethgareddau arwyddocaol - y ffordd drwy Nant Ffrancon, croesi 6 Afon Menai 100 troedfedd uwchben llanw llawn ac adeiladu y

decided to build a bridge over the Conwy River – the Waterloo Bridge – and to continue through Nant Ffrancon to rejoin the existing route at Llandegai. He decided to build a new road across Anglesey. He thus embarked on three major engineering works – negotiating the Nant Ffrancon Pass, crossing the Menai Straits at 100 feet above high water level and building the Stanley embankment for a direct route from Valley to Holyhead. He also designed the road's "Furniture" – toll houses, toll gates, milestones - as well as some coach houses and stables. His road improvements reduced the time by coach from Holyhead to Porthaethwy by 58 minutes and to London by 9 hours. It also made Anglesey much easier to reach and, from being almost exclusively Welsh and agrarian, the island began to change to the one we know today.

Mr Jones concluded that Thomas Telford was one of the world's great engineers and that his road to Holyhead was, and is, his crowning achievement.

Dr Dafydd Wyn Wiliam then took the floor to talk about the Morris brothers – "Morrisiaid Môn". The four brothers – Lewis, Richard, William and John – were born between 1701 and 1713 and grew up at Pentre Eirianell, a farm overlooking Dulas Bay below where their monument now stands.

John joined the navy and died on the island of Dominica in 1740. The other 3 brothers were avid communicators and the letters between them and to others provide a significant window on their life and times and also their achievements.

William became Comptroller of Customs at Holyhead and was a keen gardener and botanist, choir conductor and collector of manuscripts. He died in 1763. Richard went to London where he became a senior official in the Admiralty accounts office (see previous notes of Dr Wiliam's talk about "Wil Gwredog"). He also was a collector of manuscripts, was involved with publishing a revised Welsh Bible and was one of the founders of the Honourable Society of Cymrodorion. He died in 1779.

Lewis is the best known of the brothers because more of his writings have survived and he was more involved in Welsh affairs of the time. He learned his various skills by reading. At various times he was a surveyor of estates and coastlines, his charts being of significant assistance to shipping. He was a customs officer at Beaumaris and a miner in Cardiganshire. With a lifelong passionate interest in Welsh culture, he wrote poetry, encouraged others and promoted printing and publication. His anthology "Tlysau yr Hen Oesoedd," "Gems of Past Ages" is considered one of the most influential publications in the history of the Welsh language. He assisted his brother Richard in founding the "Cymrodorion." Lewis died in 1765. Dr Wiliam concluded by suggesting that the Morris brothers, particularly Lewis, are amongst the most instrumental in promoting the survival and development of Welsh culture and language and, consequently, the Welsh nation, which of course, includes Anglesey. Following the presentations and partaking of an excellent buffet a ballot was taken to determine which of the two candidates had most influence on the development of Anglesey.

**The result was / Y canlyniad oedd: Morris brothers / y Morrisiaid – 25; Thomas Telford – 10 Hogia Bodedern Boys – 100%**

#### **Roundhouse Update / Diweddiariad Tŷ Crwn**

The Llynnon Roundhouses have now opened to the public! The work was funded through the CydCoed element of the Forestry Commission and has involved the planting of hundreds of trees. The project focuses heavily on the benefits of woodland management and a number of local school pupils have been actively involved. The Roundhouses have been a huge hit over the first few days of opening over the Easter holidays, offering an added attraction at the Llynnon site. One has been furnished to reflect an Iron Age home and the other has been left empty so that it can be used as a classroom. A new shop and reception has been added to compliment the existing Anglesey Craftworkers Guild and the entrance charge has been reduced! Like the excellent roundhouse and facilities at Stone Science, Llynnon aims to offer a fascinating insight into Anglesey's archaeological and agricultural past. *Bellach mae Tai Crynion Llynnon ar agor i'r cyhoedd! Cyllidwyd y gwaith drwy ffynhonnell Cydcoed o'r Comisiwn Coedwigiaeth ac fe balnnwyd cannoedd o goed fel rhan o'r prosiect. Mae'r prosiect yn canolbwntio ar fanteision rheoli coedwigiaedd a bu nifer o ddisgyblion ysgol yn rhan allweddol o'r cynllun. Ers agor y Tai Crynion ychydig ddyddiau yn ôl dros y Pasg, buont yn llwyddiant ysgubol, gan ychwanegu rhywbeth arbennig i safle Llynnon. Dodrefnwyd un tŷ gydag offer o gyfnod Oes yr Haearn tra penderfynwyd gadael y llall yn wag i'w ddefnyddio fel dosbarth. Agorwyd siop a derbynfa newydd gan ychwanegu at siop Crefftwyd Môn ac mae'r tâl mynediad wedi ei ostwng hyd yn oed! Fel y tŷ crwn a'r cyfleusterau gwych yn Stone Science, bwriad lynnnon yw cynnig argraff ddiddorol ar archaeoleg ac amaethyddol y gorffennol ym Môn.*

Alun Gruffydd.

Cob i gael llwybyr uningyrchol o Y Fali i Gaergybi. Cynlluniodd hefyd "Dodrefn" y ffordd – tolldai, tollpyrth, cerrig milltir – yn ogystal ag ambell dŷ coets a stablau. Gostyngodd y ffordd newydd yr amser mewn coets o Gaergybi i Borthaethwy gan 58 munud ag i Lundain gan 9 awr. Hefyd death cyrraedd Ynys Môn yn hawddach a wedyn, ar ôl bod bron yn hollol Gymreig ac amaethyddol, dechreuodd yr ynys newid i yr un yr ydym yn adnabod heddiw.

Casgliad Mr Jones oedd fod Thomas Telford yn un o beirianwyr mwyaf y byd ag mae ei ffordd i Gaergybi oedd ei brif llwyddiant.

Daeth y Dr Dafydd Wyn Wiliam at y ddarllenfa i drafod y Morrisiaid. Ganwyd y pedwar brawd – Lewis, Richard, William a John – rhwng 1701 a 1713 a magwyd hwy yn Pentre Eirianell, ffarm yn edrych i lawr dros Bae Dulas ag yng nghysgod ei cofgolofn.

Ymunodd John yn y llynges a bu farw ar ymns Dominica yn 1740. Cyfarthrebwyr eiddgar oedd y 3 brawd arall a mae ei llythyrau i'w gilydd ag i eraill yn cyflenwi darlun arwyddocaol ar ei bywyd, ei amser a llwyddiant.

Swyddog Tollau Caergybi oedd William ond hefyd yn arddwr a botanegwr brwd, yn arweinydd corau a casglwr llawysgrifau. Bu farw yn 1763. Aeth Richard i Lundain ple yr oedd yn swyddog pwysig yn swyddfa cyfrifion y Morlys (gweler nodiadau blaenorol am arraith Dr Wiliam am "Wil Gwredog"). Roedd yntau yn gasglwr llawysgrifau, yn ymglynedig a cyhoeddi Beibl Cymraeg diwygiedig ag yn sylfaen yd o Gymdeithas Anrhydeddus y Cymrodorion. Bu ef farw yn 1779.

Lewis yw y brawd mwyaf adnabyddus am fod mwy o'i waith ysgrifenedig wedi goroesi ag yr oedd yn fwya mwglyendig mewn materion Cymreig cyfoes. Dysgodd ei sgiliau amryviol drwy ddarllen. Ar wahanol amserau bu yn syfwr ystadu a'r arfordir, roedd ei siartau yn gymorth mawr i forwyr. Bu yn swyddog tollau yn Biwmaris a mwyngloddwr yng Ngheredigion. Gyda diddordeb angerddol yn diwylliant Cymreig 'roedd yn fardd, yn annogi eraill ag yn hyrwyddo argraffu a cyhoeddi ei gwaith. Credir fod ei ddetholiad "Tlysau yr Hen Oesoedd" yn un o'r cyhoeddiadau mwyaf dylanwadol yn hanes yr iaith Gymraeg. 'Roedd yn cynorthwyo ei frawd Richard yn syfedlu y Cymrodorion. Bu farw yn 1765.

Awgrymodd Dr Wiliam fod y Morrisiaid, yn enwedig Lewis, ymmsg y goreuon am hyrwyddo goroesiad a datblygiad iaith a diwylliant Cymreig ag, o ganlyniad, y genedl Gymreig sydd, wrth gwrs, yn cynnwys Ynys Môn.

Ar ôl y ddua gyflwyniad a cyfranogi mewn bwffe rhagorol cafwyd pleidleis i benderfyny pa ymgeisydd oedd y mwyaf dylanwadol ar ddatblygiad Ynys Môn.

Gareth W. Parry

by suggesting that the Morris brothers, particularly Lewis, are amongst the most instrumental in promoting the survival and development of Welsh culture and language and, consequently, the Welsh nation, which of course, includes Anglesey. Following the presentations and partaking of an excellent buffet a ballot was taken to determine which of the two candidates had most influence on the development of Anglesey.

Dates of Autumn Meetings are on the Membership Card. Full details will be given in the next Newsletter.

Bydd dyddiadau Cyfarfod yd yr Hydref ar y Tocyn Aelodaeth. Bydd yr holl fanylion yn y Cylchlythyr nesaf.

***Improve the Lavan Sands Route!***



**D**uring the 17<sup>th</sup> Century justices at Caernarfon dealt with a variety of cases from all over the region, not all of them criminal. In 1623 they heard a complaint from the postmaster at Beaumaris, who wanted clearer and safer access for the transport of the mail across the Lavan sands.

"The humble peticon of Rowland ap Robert Postm'r of Bewmaris in ye Countie of Anglesey. To the honourable S'r Peeter Mutton kt. And Mr. Nettleton, Justices of Assise in North Wales... most humbly sheweth that yur peticoner and his servants have been ymploied these 11 years and above in guardinge noblemen & gentlemen strangers that rid for his Ma'ties affaires by post that way. And many times when sudden mistes and foggs doe fall. The danger is very great upon the sandes that ye Kinges packettes and subjectes are like to perish wch moved me about four years past to be an humble peticoner to the then Judges of Assise in these p'tes that they would be pleased to give order that a everymile end of the sandes, a maine post might be fixed, and every quarter of a mile smaller stakes that may guide such of his M'ties subjectes as have cause to travel that way which they were pleased to grant and give their pr'sent order to certaine gentlemen of Caernarvonshire to see it p'formed but as yet it is not donne."

Unfortunately there is no record of whether the request was granted!

## More Learning Opportunities

### Snowdonia National Park Study Centre.

Members of the Society whose interests include wildlife, archaeology, transport, history, walking and photography may wish to see the 2007 programme of short courses. Some of them run from Friday to Sunday and a few are longer.

Tutors include some who have lectured to the Society in the past. Examples are David Gwyn- industrial archaeology and transport; Twm Elias- Drovers and drovers' roads; Patrick Harding- Customs and folklore; Andrew Weir- Exploring Snowdonia; David Brandon- The Social and Architectural History of Castles and Neil Johnstone- An Introduction to Archaeology.

Plas Tan y Bwlch, the old family home of the Oakeleys, looks down over lovely gardens on to the Vale of Ffestiniog. Accommodation and catering are excellent.

Information and a brochure can be found at the nearest Tourist Centre, or telephone 01766 772600.

### Newyddion...MAGMA...News

An encouraging reaction to the recent launch of a new edition of *Môn Mam Cymru* – the Guide to Anglesey, has led its local publisher, Llyfrau Magma, to make available three much earlier ‘guidebooks’ to the island. Already in stock is a facsimile reprint of the first edition of Henry Rowlands’s famous *Mona Antiqua Restaurata*. The copies now available are the remaining fifty from the Redesmere Press reissue of 1993. Handsomely-bound and presented in a slipcase, the price is £65. An inspection copy can be shown to members living on the island: please contact Robert Williams.

Two further antiquarian books are being reissued by MAGMA – not in facsimile but in newly typeset, verbatim, ‘budget’ editions, each including a new introduction. The authorship of the first book, ‘A History of Anglesey (1775)’, is discussed by T.P.T. Williams in his article ‘The “Dodsley” History of Anglesey Revisited’ in this Society’s Transactions 2006. A second reprint, Angharad Llwyd’s excellent ‘History of the Island of Mona (1833),’ was the Prize Essay of the 1832 Beaumaris Eisteddfod.

These volumes, together with new editions of MAGMA’s out-of-print booklets: ‘The Marram Weavers of Newborough (*Plethwyr Moresg Niwbwrch*)’, ‘Chester to Holyhead: travelling the old post road (*O Gaer i Gaerybi: teithio ar hyd yr hen lôn bost*)’, ‘Shipwreck! Charles Dickens & the ‘Royal Charter’, and ‘Beaumaris: the town’s story (*Biwmares: hanes y dref*)’ will all be published in June this year.

**Don't forget the latest AAS Publication: 'Power, Politics & County Government in Wales' by Dr. W.P. Griffith.**

Details are available from Robert Williams. Tel 01248810833  
MAGMA, Llansadwrn LL59 5SR. [magmawales@hotmail.com](mailto:magmawales@hotmail.com)

### Pembrokeshire- The Concise History



A more than welcome addition to Catrin Steven's series, 'The Histories of Wales.' In a sense this is a worthy companion to Anglesey as the two areas have so much in common, except 'The Little England beyond Wales' lacks a strait to separate it from the rest. Roger Turvey has produced a masterly account of the county with a passion equal to ours for our Island. From far off times with a plethora of hill forts compared to Môn, similar mansions, harbours, ruins and a breathtaking landscape up to the present day, he captures the 'Welshness' of the area, despite the language divide between north and south of the county. He analyzes the historical events peculiar to Pembrok, particularly the Rebecca Riots and the French invasion. One of the older links are the two cousins, St David and St Cybi. Collectors of this series must purchase this volume as rapidly as possible.

Gwasg Prifysgol Cymru

£ 9.99

## **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 iaelodau tynnu sylw'r Ysgryfennydd Cyffredinol os dynt yn gweld safleoedd hynafiaethol yn cael ei difetha neu o dan fgyythiad o difrod er mwyn i'r Gymdeithas rhoi gwybod i'r awdurdodau perthnasol.

Hon Sec / Ysgryfennydd Cyffredinol: Siôn Caffell  
Tel / Ffôn 01248 752116

## Pat's Projects

The Anglesey Archives Service collects and looks after written and other material about the history of Anglesey over many centuries. It includes photographs, newspapers, letters and diaries and recorded interviews. The 20th century is over and we must safeguard information about it. For instance the period 1939-45 is fast fading from memory and we need to collect information now so we can understand better and value the contribution made by everyone during that time.

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

Help the Archives Service by sharing what you know about any aspect of life on Anglesey from about 1939 until the mid 1950s. We always welcome donations but we will copy photographs and any other material. Contact Pat West.

### **The Young Archaeologists**



This photograph shows our intrepid young researchers in their role as document detectives, learning how archaeologists make use of the archives.

This year their programme is varied, including fieldwalking in May, a visit to Liverpool museums in June, digging a test trench at Melin

Llynnon in July, followed by a first weekend dig in September. There is much more on offer too. If you know of anyone between 8 to 16 who would be interested in joining the party, contact Pat, Tel 01248 751289 or by E Mail at [pwxed@anglesey.gov.uk](mailto:pwxed@anglesey.gov.uk)

### *Anne's Accessions*

### **New Documents in the Record Office**

1. Research papers of Frank A Barnes of the University of Nottingham. Copious research on the geography and history of Anglesey and Arfon, 1947-1985, WD 21
2. Diary of the incumbent of Llanbadrig and Cemaes churches, 1895-1904, WM 2146
3. Hanes yr achos Cymraeg a Hanes Capel Bethel, Stryd Talbot, Dulyn, 2005, WM 2148
4. Civil parish records Llanababo, Llanfflewyn, Llantrisant, Llechcynfarwy and Llanddeusant, 1894 -1984, WP
5. Additional records of New Park baptist, Holyhead, 1886-1983, WM 2095
6. Records of Dwyran, Mechell, Trefdraeth WIs and Cefni and Eilian groups, 1950s-2005, WD 3

There is an opportunity to meet Anne Venables in your local library and enquire about information available in the Anglesey Record Office which could help in your family, house or local history search.

Meetings are by appointment.

Caergybi/Holyhead	Mawrth/Tuesday Ebrill 17 April, 2pm-7pm
Porthaethwy /Menai Bridge	Iau/Thursday Ebrill 26 April, 2pm-7pm
Amlwch	Iau/ Thursday Mai 3 May, 2pm-7pm
Beaumaris	Llun/ Monday Mai 14 May, 4pm-7pm
Rhosneigr	Mercher/Wednesday Mai 23 May, 2pm-4.30 pm
Benllech	Mawrth/Tuesday Mehefin 5 June, 2pm-5pm
Cemaes	Llun/Monday Gorffennaf 2 July, 2pm-6pm
Moelfre	Llun/Monday Medi 24 September, 2pm-5pm
Niwbwrch/Newborough	Mercher/Wednesday Hydref 3 October, 2 pm-5pm

Llangefni                           Llun/Monday Hydref 8 October, 2pm-7pm

Apwyntiadau i'w trefnu gyda phob llyfrgell unigol

Appointments to be made with each library.

Anne Venables. Tel. 01248 75208 Record Office, Llangefni

### **An Appeal to Authors**

Articles, no matter how short, would be welcomed by David Longley for the future new Transactions. Please submit them via the Editor.

### **Society Centenary**

A Committee has been formed to plan extensive celebrations in 2011 and 2012. There will be meetings, excursions and special publications.

**February 2008 will be the date for the next Day School!**



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

Please forward any articles to the Editor:

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