



# NEWSLETTER

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ANGLESEY ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY AND FIELD CLUB

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## Exit Excursions?

**T**hroughout the history of the Society, the concept of seasonal visits, field trips and the examination of important sites has been an essential part of its function. From spring to autumn these trips were divided into local half day visits, one full day excursion further afield and not so long ago, weekend expeditions to distant parts of the United Kingdom and Ireland. From past records it is clear these were immensely popular but over the last



Gareth Parry

decade support has dwindled to the point where the large projects have been discontinued. Even the annual full day trip has had to be abandoned more than once through lack of that support. The local shorter journeys still prove popular, some more than others. It appears that visits to historical dwellings are the most favoured. The reason for the decline in interest is not clear though I suspect it has something to do with the proliferation of similar societies throughout our island. Many of our members belong to these and they run similar expeditions, leading to duplication. What is certain is that the decline is not due to the efforts of our Excursions Secretary and Chairman of the Excursions Committee. For eight years Gareth Parry has been outstanding in what is an exacting role. The organisation of the trips involves the generation of ideas, numerous phone calls to establish feasibility, the reconnoitering of the areas to explore timing and access, contacting suitable host speakers and guides and in the case of distant trips, the hiring of a coach and arranging rest stops and meals. For local trips he had to place the familiar AAS signs to guide us to our destination. Latterly, most of this was done alone and it is no surprise that Gareth has asked to be allowed to resign in the hope someone equally enthusiastic will take up the torch. So far, no offer has materialised and there are no excursions organised for next year. In paying

tribute to Gareth's outstanding contribution to the Society, I put in an appeal for a successor. It may be a small sub-committee will have to convene to devise a few half day excursions, avoiding losing the facility completely. Is there anybody willing to help?

*The Editor.*

## AAS 100

**I**n just three years' time, in 2011, the Anglesey Antiquarian Society and Field Club will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Plans are underway to mark this Centenary in a fitting fashion.

A week-end of events at Plas Newydd and Plas Coch, an Eisteddfod history competition for schools, new publications and on-line facilities, and a sequence of special talks and visits are just some of the Centenary initiatives already envisaged by the planning group set up by the Society's main committee.

The planning group members are Frances Lynch, Ann Benwell, Charles Parry-Jones, Owain Roberts and Robin Grove-White. They see the Centenary as an opportunity both for celebration, and for making the Society's achievements and activities more widely known, thus extending the membership.

*'The Society is one of the oldest and most accomplished county historical associations in Wales, with a remarkable record of valuing, recording and interpreting the island's long and fascinating history'*, says the planning group's convenor, Robin Grove-White.

The Society's first meeting was held in October 1911. The original Secretary was the redoubtable Neil Baynes, the Chairman Thomas Pritchard, and the President Lord Boston. The membership that first year was 153. Since then, with a 2008 membership of 700 and the annual Transactions a journal commanding national respect, the Society has become a significant cultural presence on the island.

The planning group would welcome any member's further ideas on how to mark the Centenary. Just speak to one of the group's members or send your suggestions to the Editor.

### Important

Please read the report of the Annual General Meeting. Circumstances dictate the need to increase the cost of subscriptions. For those who pay by a standing order or bankers's draft, would they please alter their arrangements before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. The new rates are: Single £10, Joint with a partner £15 and Institutional £20.

### Pwysig

Darllenwch Adroddiad y Cyfarfod Blynnyddol os gwelwch yn dda. Mae amgylchiadau wedi gorfodi bod angen cynyddu côst y tanysgriaf. I'r rhai sy'n talu gydag archeb sefydlog neu draft banc, a fuasech cystal a newid eich trefniadau cyn Ebrill 1af. 2009. Y taliadau newydd yw: Unigol - £10, ar y cyd gyda phartner - £15, ac yn sefydliadol - £20

## EDRYCH YN ÔL.../ LOOKING BACK... FIFTY YEARS AGO

**M**embership in 1958 stood at 470. The annual report included a grant of £70 from the Excavations account for a proposed excavation at Aberffraw to attempt to locate the site of Prince Llewelyn's palace. At the AGM at Shire Hall Llangefni on April 19<sup>th</sup> the President, the Marquess of Anglesey took the Chair. The Reverend R.O. Roberts, Rector of Pentraeth addressed the meeting on 'The Mills of Anglesey.' The General Meeting on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Shire Hall, in the absence of the President, was chaired by Lord Boston. The Hon. Secretary congratulated Lord Boston on his succession to the peerage, recalling that his uncle, the 6<sup>th</sup> Lord Boston, was the prime mover in the foundation of the Society in 1911. Dr. D.J. Crisp of the Marine Biology Station addressed the meeting on 'Marine Life in Anglesey,' illustrated with lantern slides. He was thanked by Mr Duerr of Mallaeth and Mr Chadwick of Llangoed. In the Transactions for 1958, excursions for 1958 were planned for Llansadwrn and district, Llanfihangel Ysceifiog and district and Llantrisant and district. The 1959 Transactions carried reports for the 1959 excursions and there is no record of the outcome of the 1958 visits. However, the most important event that was reported was the 1958 Royal Visit. A detailed account was given and the Society was prominent in the arrangements. At Beaumaris Assize Court our Hon. Secretary, Canon E. Gilbert Wright was presented and acted as guide to the Royal party.

## MEETINGS / CYFARFODYDD

### Sea Level Change and the formation of the Menai Straits

### Newidiadau Gwastadedd y môr a ffurfiant Afon Menai.

**Dr James Scourse and/a Dr Michael Roberts**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>/ed Ebrill 2007**

**W**ith Mr Geraint Evans in the Chair, Mr Owain Roberts

introduced two eminent marine scientists to a packed audience at Stone Science. Using an impressive presentation each in turn covered this complex subject. Dr Scourse commenced giving a picture of continental and local changes down the ages, explaining the interactions of ice formation and melting, together with the movement of land masses by pressure, seismic activity and erosion. These were illustrated by clever animated diagrams demonstrating how they created the rise and fall of sea levels. A geological map of Anglesey showed the SW/NE orientation of different rocks, with faults between, the deepest being the straits. These were eroded and affected by seismic events. In the distant past glaciation and meltwater contributed to erosion leading to two estuaries when Anglesey was still attached to the Bangor side in the region of the Swellies. Two river systems drained into the sea at this point, the Braint and Cadnant flowing towards each other. A rise in the sea level completed the straits at this point. Dr Roberts continued, showing us his concentrated research in the north east section of the straits, leading to accurate dating of the events. By a fortunate accident the new research ship Prince Madoc was too long for the existing pier, so a firm was contacted to lengthen it. It was approached about the possibility of drilling for core samples. Normally it would cost £500,000 but as they were on site they obliged for £12,000 which was raised quickly. Two drillings of 31metres over two days each were sunk near the pier and at Gallows Point. A hand device drilled a sample to 6 metres just off Bangor pier. With a geophysical survey over the whole of this section of the straits a clearer picture of the evolution of the sea bed emerged. The core showed two peat layers, indicating former ground levels, interspersed by sand, gravel and clay. By carbon dating of organic matter it was estimated the lower levels showed conditions ten to twelve thousand years ago, the upper levels at about 9,000 years. From this it was established that Anglesey became an island about 8,000 years ago. It was agreed that it was an interesting presentation. *The Editor*



Dr James Scourse



Dr Michael Roberts

**G**ydair Mr Geraint Evans yn y gadair cyflwynodd Mr Owain T Roberts ddau wyddonydd amlwg i gynulleidfa lawn yn 'Gwyddor Carreg.' Wrth ddefnyddio cyflwyniad trawiadol gwnaeth y ddau yn eu tro roi esboniad dealladwy o'r pwnc cymleth hwn. Dechreuodd Dr Scourse gan roi darlun o newidiadau cyfandirol a lleol dros yr oesoedd, gan egluro rhyngweithrediad ffurfiant a dadmar rhew, gyda symudiadau daearol gan bwysedd, gweithgaredd seismig ac erydiad.

Gyda diagramau medrus bywiog, esboniodd sut yr oeddynt wedi creu newidiadau yn lefel y môr. 'Roedd map daeargol o Ynys Môn yn dangos gorweddad De Gorrlewinol/Gogledd Ddwyrainiol gwahanol greigiau gyda ffawtiau rhyngddynt, y dyfnder mwyaf yn Afon Menai. Erydwyd rhai ohonynt a bu dylanwad digwyddiadau seismig. Yn y gorffennol pell, cyfrannodd rhewlifant a dŵr tawdd i erydiad a greuodd dwy aber pan oedd Môn yn gysylltiedig ac ochr Bangor ger Pwll Ceris. 'Roedd dwy afon – Braint a Cadnant – yn rhedeg i'r môr yn gyfagos, yn llifo at eu gilydd. Drwy godiad yn lefel y môr, gorffennwyd Afon Menai yma. Parhaodd Dr Roberts gan ddangos ei ymchwiliadau crynodedig yn adran Gogledd Ddwyrainiol Afon Menai yn arwain i ddyddio cywir y digwyddiadau. Drwy hapnod ffodus 'roedd yn rhaid ymestyn pier Porthaethwy er mwyn y llong ymchwil newydd 'Tywysog Madoc.' Gofynnwyd i'r contractwr oedd yn gwneud y gwaith os oedd bosib drilio samplau craidd. Am eu bod yn yr ardal, cafodd y gwaith ei wneud am bris o £12,000 yn lle y £500,000 a fuasai yn fwy tebygol. Dros ddau ddiwrnod yr un driliwyd dau dwll 31 metr ger y pier ac wrth Trwyn y Grocpren. Driliwyd twll 6 metr gyda dyfais llaw ger pier Bangor. Gyda arolwg geoffisegol dros yr holl o'r adran yma o'r afon, cafwyd darlun cliriach o esblygiad gwely y môr. 'Roedd y creiddiau yn dangos dwy lefel o fawn, yn dangos lefel blaenorol y tir, gyda thywod, graean a chlai wedi ei wasgaru rhyngddynt. Ar ôl dyddio carbon y mater organig, amcangyfrifwyd bod y lefel isaf yn dangos y cyflwr rhwng 10,000 a 12,000 mlynedd yn ôl a'r lefel uwch tua 9,000 mlynedd yn ôl. O hyn, penderfynwyd fod Môn wedi dyfod yn ynys tua 8,000 blynedd yn ôl. Cytunodd y gynulleidfa ei bod wedi bod yn gyflwyniad diddorol dros ben.

### Annual General Meeting

**Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**2008**

### Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol

**Dydd Gwener 16 Mai**

**O**n behalf of the Menai Bridge Community Heritage Trust, Mr Bob Daimond welcomed us to a new venue, the Thomas Telford Centre. Mr Geraint Evans responded on behalf of the Society. The President, Professor Anthony Carr then took the Chair for the business meeting. All the annual reports were accepted. After our Treasurer, Mr John Cowell, demonstrated that the cost of publications had increased to the point of threatening a healthy balance it was resolved that membership fees should rise. It was proposed that a single subscription be increased to £10; a double to £15 and institutional ones to £20 per annum. It was agreed that this will take effect from April 2009. Plans for the centenary in 2013 are being considered by a committee chaired by Professor Grove-White who gave a promising report on progress while appealing for suggestions from members. Publication of the next volume of 'Studies in

**A**r ran Ymddiriedolaeth Treftadaeth Gymunedol Porthaethwy, croesawodd Mr Bob Daimond ni i'r fan cyfarfod newydd, sef Canolfan Thomas Telford, Porthaethwy. Rhoddodd Mr Geraint Evans ymateb priododol cyn i'r Llywydd, yr Athro Anthony Carr, gymeryd y gadair i arwain gwaith y cyfarfod. Derbynydd holl o'r adroddiadau blynnyddol. Ar ôl i'r Trysorydd, Mr John Cowell, ddangos fod treuliau cyhoeddiadau yn bygwth balans iach, penderfynwyd fod yn rhaid cynyddu taliadau aelodaeth. Cytunwyd y bod hyn yn effeithiol o Ebrill 2009. Rhoddodd yr Athro Grove-White, cadeirydd y pwyllgor sydd yn ystyried dathlu canmlwyddiant y Gymdeithas yn 2013, adroddiad cynnydd addawol, tra yn apelio am syniadau. Mae oediad yn cyhoeddi y gyfrol nesaf o "Astudiaethau yn hanes Ynys Môn" gan fod David Longley, yr awdur, wedi bod yn brysur gyda'r Trafodion, ac estyniwyd longyfarchiadau iddo am gynhyrchu rhifyn nodedig newydd.



Anglesey History' is delayed as David Longley, the author has been occupied with the Transactions. Congratulations were extended to him and his committee on the production of a remarkable new edition. David confirmed his intention to maintain the high standard set by Professor Carr, by attracting original articles of world wide interest. He cited Mark Redknap's report on his excavations at Llanbedrgeoch as an example. Congratulations were extended to Ann Benwell on her successful programme of meetings and the February Day School. The election of officers involved an attempt to fill vacancies: the posts of Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and Excursions Secretary. No satisfactory conclusion was reached and new candidates are being sought. The

posts of Auditor and Curator are also vacant. As no satisfactory conclusion was reached the officers, with the exception of the Excursions Secretary, were re-elected and the search for new candidates continues. After a short refreshment break we were delighted to welcome Marilyn Lewis, Director of CADW, to address us. She gave a succinct outline of the function of CADW and their ambitious plans for the future. Her presentation gave us brief descriptions of many projects to continue to conserve, protect and sustain the historic environment. Dated and intellectually daunting interpretation literature and information boards was being updated with a view to attracting more family groups. Major manned sites present few problems, but for remote and unmanned attractions they aim to improve access to inaccessible spots, creating trails and tours. If current trials at Raglan

Castle are a success, there could be solar powered information points at such sites, enabling visitors to access commentaries via their own mobile telephones. Her colleague, Mike Yates, was present and joined

in a question and answer session which included news of projects on the island. All the schemes and projects mentioned are planned to be implemented by 2013, the Society's Centenary Year. Members agreed that it was an enthralling and satisfactory conclusion to the year's business.

*The Editor*



Marilyn Lewis

Cadarnhaodd David ei fwriad i gynnal y safon uchel, sefydlwyd gan yr Athro Carr, gan ddenu erthyglau o ddiddordeb byd eang. Bu llongyfarchiadau hefyd i Ann Benwell am raglen cyfarfodydd ac Ysgol Undydd lwyddianus. Golygodd etholiadau y swyddogion ymdrech i lenwi swyddi gwag: yr Ysgrifennydd, y Trysorydd, a'r Ysgrifennydd Gwibdeithiau. Mae swyddi y Archwiliwr a Churadur hefyd yn wag. Am na chafwyd gasgliad boddhaol, ailetholwyd y swyddogion, ag eithro yr Ysgrifennydd Gwibdeithiau, ag mae ymchwiliad am ymgeiswyr newydd yn parhau. Ar ôl egwyl lluniaeth byr, hyfrydweh oedd croesawu Marilyn Lewis, Cyfarwyddwr CADW i roi anerchiad. Rhoddodd fraslun cryno o bwrpas ac uchelgeision CADW, presennol ag yn y dyfodol. 'Roedd y

cyflwyniad yn cynnwys disgrifiadau byr o lawer prosiect i barhau gwarchod, diogelu a chynnal yr amgylchedd hanesyddol. Mae llenyddiaeth a byrddau gwybodaeth, sydd wedi dyddio, yn cael ei diweddaru i ddenu mwy o deuluoedd. Ychydig o broblemau sydd yn effeithio y safleoedd, bennaf ple mae staff ond yn atyniadau anghysbell neu heb staff, bwriedir gwella mynediad a chreu llwybrau a theithiau. Os bydd rhagbrofion yng Nghastell Raglan yn llwyddiant efallai bydd pwyntiau gwybodaeth pŵer solar yn y fath safleoedd, yn galluogi ymwelwyr i gael sylwebaethau ar eu ffôn symudol. 'Roedd ei chydweithiwr, Mike Yates, yn bresennol ac yn cymeryd rhan yn y sesiwn cwestiwn ag ateb yn cynnwys newyddion am weithgareddau ar yr ynys. Y bwriad yw cwblhau yr holl gynlluniau a prosiectau a grybllwyd yn 2013, blwyddyn canmlwyddiant y

Gymdeithas. Cytunodd yr aelodau ei fod yn ddiweddglo swynol a boddhaol i fusnes y flwyddyn.

*Gareth Parry*

## Castell Aberlleiniog

**R**eaders of previous editions have followed the progress of this project from its planning stage in 2003. Menter Môn acquired the site and with the help of CADW and the Heritage Lottery Fund the area has been made safe. The towers and walls were dismantled and then rebuilt. Cadw inspector Mike Yates is delighted with the result. He feels that they were only just in time before much more of the site was lost. Artefacts discovered ranged in date from 1640 to the late eighteenth century, more especially from the Civil War. They included tobacco pipe stems, a musket ball, buckets of oyster shells and a William III halfpenny. A bi-lingual newsletter in colour can be obtained from the address below. It gives the full story with photographs. It is now open to the public all year round. Entry to the site is free of charge. The site is served by a network of footpaths, which are accessible from Llangoed and Lleiniog beach car parks and from a pedestrian only entrance/exit point at Haulfre Lane (SH615796). Please note there is no parking at this location. The footpaths can be muddy in places and it is recommended that walking boots or wellingtons are worn. The footpaths are based around the rural village of Llangoed. The area has an attractive natural environment and lies within the Isle of Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



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**M**ae darllenwyr argraffiadau blaenorol wedi dilyn datblygia y prosiect yma o gychwyniad ei drefnu yn 2007. Ennillodd Menter Môn y safle, a chyda cymorth CADW â Chronfa Lotri Treftadaeth, sicrhawyd y safle. Mae'r waliau â'r tyrau wedi eu tynnu i lawr a'u hailadeiladu. Mae archwiliwr CADW, Mike Yates, yn hapus dros ben gyda'r canlyniad. Mae'n teimlo eu bod ddim ond mewn pryd cyn i fwy o'r safle gael ei golli. 'Roedd yr arteffactau yn dyddio ô 1640 hyd at yr ddeunawfed ganrif hwyr, mwyaf arbennig o amser y Rhyfel Cartref. 'Roeddynt yn cynnwys bôn pibellau baco, pelen mwsged, pwcedi o gregin llymyrch a dimau William III. Gellir cael taflen

wybodaeth liw, ddwy-ieithog o'r cyfeiriad isod. Mae'n rhoi'r stori i gyd, ynghyd â lluniau. Mae'r safle'n agored i'r cyhoedd 'nawr drwy'r flwyddyn. Mae'r mynediad yn ddi-dâl. Ceir rhwydwaith o lwybrau o amgylch y safle - gellir ymweld ô gyfeiriad Llangoed neu ô faes parcio traeth Lleiniog ac ô fynedfa cerdded / gadael yn unig ô Lôn Haulfre ( SH615796 ). Sylwer, os gwelwch yn dda, nad oes parcio i'w gael yn y lleoliad yma. Gall y llwybrau fod yn fwdlyd mewn mannau ac argymhellir gwisgo esgidiau cerdded / neu esgidiau glaw. Mae'r llwybrau troed wedi eu lleoli o gwmpas pentref gwledig Llangoed. Mae gan yr ardal amgylchedd naturiol deniadol, ac y mae o fewn Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol Ynys Môn.

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## Canolfan

## Thomas Telford

## Centre

The venue for our last Annual General Meeting has proved to be an excellent display of the history of Menai Bridge and is well worth a visit. A recent photographic competition- subject- the Bridge, proved attractive and all the entries and other artefacts are still accessible until the seasonal closure at the end of September. It will be June next year when they re-open. A new facility which has been in action on Sundays and Wednesdays will continue. This is a conducted walk along the historic Menai Bridge waterfront, carried out in either English or Welsh. Booking includes access to the museum. This is available any time of the year, subject to the availability of a guide. If there is a revival of excursions next year, this could be arranged for our Society! The official contacts are below:

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Application forms for membership are available on the Society's Web Site or from the Hon. Membership Secretary.  
Gellir cael ffurflenni caus aelodaeth oddi wrth Safle Gwe y Gymdeithas neu oddiwrth yr Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth.

**CHARGES TO NON-MEMBERS**

Priority will be given to members. Non members will be charged £2.00 when attending events free to members and will be charged the same amount as members where charges are made.

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*Rhoddir blaenoriaeth i aelodau. Codir ffi o £2.00 ar rai nad ydynt yn aelodau pan yn mynychu achlysuron sydd am ddim i aelodau, a thalu yr un faint ag aelodau ar wibdeithiau taladwy.*

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**GeoMôn**

From previous reports members will be aware of the attempts to gain worldwide status as a European and UNESCO Global Geopark. Dr Margaret Wood and her helpers are striving to achieve the final conditions needed following the two day rigorous inspection carried out earlier this year. One major hiccup was the temporary loss of premises for headquarters. The Pritchard Jones Institute in Newborough has undergone renovations and by now everything is back to normal. Apart from having premises the Inspectors require more financial stability, producing a full business plan and cash flow for the next three years. Company registration or charitable status is needed and Dr Wood is pleased to report that they are about to become a limited company with the option of charitable status later- all with the help of the Wales co-operative, funded by the Welsh Assembly. Signage is another condition and this is under way. An information board will be erected at the Breakwater Country Park. Let us hope that success will follow! In passing the Young Geologist's Club is active and has been present at major events in Anglesey. For more information you may view the news on their website: [www.geomon.org.uk](http://www.geomon.org.uk)

The Editor





## EXCURSIONS /

## GWIBDEITHIAU

2008

Evening Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Point Lynas

Nôs Wener 23 Mai



Trwyn Eilian



On a bright, cool evening 15 members gathered at Porth Eilian to join Mr. Gwynne Morris Jones for a gentle stroll to Point Lynas. During the walk Mr Jones shared some of his extensive knowledge of the area's history and features, including his personal reminiscences of local incidents. We were privileged to have the opportunity to walk beyond the lighthouse where we saw some relics of operational features now superseded.

Ar noson glae ar daeth 15 aelod i gyfarfod ym Mhorth Eilian i ymuno a Mr Gwynne Morris Jones i fynd am dro i Drwyn Eilian. Ar y ffordd cyfranodd Mr Jones peth o'i wybodaeth helaeth o hanes a nodweddion yr ardal, gan gynnwys atgofion personol o ddigwyddiadau lleol. Hefyd cawsom y fraint o gerdded heibio y goleudu ple gwelsom greiriau o offer gweithredol dislodedig.

Gareth Parry

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Rhoscolyn

Dydd Sadwrn 14 Mehefin



A false cromlech



Searching for a stone



Picnic: Porth Saint



Ffynnon Sant Gwenfaen



Oyster Sink



Ted Jones tells the tale of Tyger



**S**eventeen members joined Mrs Frances Llewellyn on a dry, almost windless day for our walk on the Rhoscolyn headland. We also had the company of Mr Edgar Jones of Four Mile Bridge who shared with us some of his extensive knowledge of the area and its history. We stopped to look at the well known features of this landscape. In addition we saw the site where "Anglesey Marble" was quarried, walked along the 'shore' of a long lost sea inlet, stopped at rocky bays that had once been used for exporting livestock to the mainland and viewed more modern agricultural features such as the stone wall built to protect fields from the wind. At Borthwen the remains of the oyster fishery were studied and we visited St Gwenfaen's churchyard to see the memorial to Rhoscolyn lifeboatmen lost during a rescue attempt. After the walk nine members had a meal at the Valley Hotel.

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

### Mona Coaching Inn

**F**orty nine members had a very warm welcome from Mr Kevin and Mrs Vonette Doran for our visit to the 'Mona Coaching Inn' situated half way between Holyhead and the Bangor ferry. The house and stable yard were designed by Thomas Telford and built by William Roberts, proprietor of the land and opened to travellers in 1822. We were allowed to wander at will through the old house to see what has, is being and needs to be done to restore it to something like what it used to be when it was the first stopping place for the mail coach from Holyhead on its journey along Telford's new road. We had a look at the stable yard and outbuildings which were used by all the coaches that travelled the road. We also appreciated the complimentary refreshments Mrs Doran had provided.



Kevin Doran



Vonette Doran



Rear of main building



Restored dining room



Bedroom with thick corridor walls and fireplace: flue in wall extending in roof space towards gable end.



Books of coaching engravings



Stablau a tai allan



Main hall



**Ymunodd 17 o aelodau gyda Mrs Frances Llewellyn ar fore sych a bron di-wynt i fynd ar daith ar bentir Rhoscolyn.** Cawsom hefyd gwmpeni Mr Edgar Jones o Bontrhydybont a rannodd peth o'i wybodaeth lleol helaeth o'r ardal, a'i hanes gyda ni. Bu ataliadau i edrych ar nodweddion adnabyddus yr ardal. Yn ychwanegol gwelsom safle ple bu chwarel "Marmor Môn", buom yn cerdded "glannau" hen gilfach môr, aros ger llawer bae creigiog a ddefnyddiwyd i allforio anifeiliaid i'r tir mawr, a nodweddion amaethyddol mwy diweddar fel y wal gerrig adeiladwyd i gysgodi caeau o'r gwynt. Yn Borthwen astudiwyd gweddillion y bysgotfa llymarch a gwnaed ymweliad a mynwent Eglwys Sant Gwenfaen i weld cofeb criw bad achub Rhoscolyn a gollwyd mewn cais achubiaeth. Ar ôl y daith aeth 9 aelod am bryd o fwyd yng Ngwesty y Fali.

Gareth Parry

### Tafarn Cerbydau Mona

### Lŷs Wener 4 Gorffennaf

**C**afwyd croeso cynnes gan 49 o aelodau oddiwrth Mr Kevin a Mrs Vonette Doran ar ein ymweliad a 'Thafarn Cerbydau Mona' sydd wedi ei leoli hanner ffordd rhwng Caerdybi a fferi Bangor.

Cynlluniwyd y tŷ a'r stablau cysylltiol gan Thomas Telford. Yr adeiladwr oedd William Roberts, perchenog y tir, ac agorodd i deithwyr yn 1822. Cawsom ryddid i grwydro drwy yr hen dŷ i weld beth sydd wedi, sydd yn, ag sydd eisio ei wneud i'w adfeirio fel yr oedd pan oedd o yr arosfa cyntaf o Gaerdybi i gerbyd y post ar ei daith ar hyd ffordd newydd Telford. Hefyd cawsom olwg ar y iard stablau a tai allan a ddefnyddiwyd gan yr holl gerbydau oedd yn teithio y ffordd. Gwerthfawrogwyd y lluniaeth di-dal oedd Mrs Doran wedi darparu.

Gareth Parry

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Vale of Clwyd

The full day excursion to the Vale of Clwyd was cancelled as only 18 members expressed an interest.

### Dyffryn Clwyd

### Mercher 23 Gorffennaf

Diddymwyd y wibdaith diwrnod llawn i Ddyffryn Clwyd gan mai ond 18 o aelodau a fynegodd ddiddordeb.

### Our last excursion will be on Saturday, 6 September

We meet at Tallyllyn Church at 2.30pm. The church is beside the road from Gwalchmai to Aberffraw at Grid Reference 367729. After Tallyllyn we will visit Llanbeulan Church. Both of these churches have been helped by 'The Friends of Friendless Churches' and were discussed at the Day School in February. Mr Andrew Davidson will be our leader.

### Bydd y wibdaith olaf ddydd Sadwrn, 6 Medi:

Byddwn yn cyfarfod am 2.30 y prynhawn wrth Eglwys Tallyllyn. Mae'r eglwys wrth y ffordd o Walchmai i Aberffraw, y Cyfeirnod Grid yw 367729. Ar ôl Tallyllyn byddwn yn ymweld a Eglwys Llanbeulan. Mae 'Cyfeillion Eglwysi Di-gyfaill' wedi cynorthwyo y ddwy eglwys fel y trafodwyd yn yr Ysgol Dydd ym mis Chwefror. Mr Andrew Davidson fydd yr arweinydd.



### A personal Note:

As I will be relinquishing the post of "Excursions secretary" at the end of this season I take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to all those who have supported the excursions I have been involved with. I extend special thanks to those – too numerous to mention – who have assisted with ideas, contacts, organising and leading. Despite some disappointments it has been a privilege and a pleasure to be of service to the Society and its members.



Gareth Parry

### Nodyn personol:

Am y byddaf yn gadael y swydd o "Ysgrifennydd gwibdeithiau" ar ddiwedd y tymor presennol cymeraf y cyfle i ddweud "Diolch yn Fawr" i bawb a gefnogodd y gwibdeithiau yr wyf wedi bod yn gysylltiediga a hwy. A diolch arbennig i'r rhai – rhy niferus i'w heni – sydd wedi cynorthwyo gyda syniadau, cysylltiadau, trefnu ag arwain. Er gwaethaf ambell siomedigaeth, mae wedi bod yn fraind a phleser i fod o wasanaeth i'r Gymdeithas a'i haelodau.

### Future of Gwynedd Museum, Bangor

There is a need to highlight the problems of the Gwynedd Museum from which Gwynedd Council proposed to withdraw funding, returning it to the university, still the owner of the collections and the building. Discussions between the County Council and the University have continued through the spring and summer, in the hope of arriving at a compromise in which the division of financial burdens might be re-negotiated. The Council had moved towards a suggestion of a 50/50 allocation of running costs, but the University was still claiming that its priorities could not include the museum. Throughout the period Assembly politicians have been very supportive of the museum and of the *Friends of Gwynedd Museum* who have been spearheading the campaign to save it. In July the Director of CyMAL, Linda Tomas, met both sides and by skilful manipulation of both carrots and sticks was able to make some movement. Both sides have agreed to a statement of willingness to enter a tripartite arrangement with the National Assembly Government which should provide a funding package for the next three years. This package should be finalised in October. It will be necessary in those three years to develop a longer term solution which can be seen to benefit both the County and the University.

Frances Lynch Llewellyn, Secretary of Friends of Gwynedd Museum



Achub ymgueddfa ac Oriel Gwynedd.  
Save Gwynedd Museum and Art Gallery

### Looking Ahead / Edrych Ymlaen

All meetings commence at 7.30 p.m and are at Stone Science and the Tunncliffe Room, Oriel Ynys Môn as indicated:

19 <sup>th</sup> September / Medi 2008 -	Stone Science -	Dating Old Houses in Snowdonia -	Margaret Dunn
17 Hydref 2008 -	Oriel Ynys Môn -	Darlith Goffa Syr Ifor Williams- Byd a bywyd y Llofft Stabl -	Parch. Emlyn Richards
21 <sup>st</sup> November / Tachwedd 2008 -	Stone Science -	Llyn Cerrig Bach: a personal story -	Eflyn Owen Jones
16 <sup>th</sup> January / Ionawr 2009 -	Oriel Ynys Môn -	Welsh particularism and the evolving British 'state': c 19 <sup>th</sup> century Anglesey -	Hugh Hughes and late-sixteenth P rof. Robin Grove-White
20 <sup>th</sup> February / Chwefror 2009 -	Stone Science -	Viscount Bulkeley of Cashel and Baron Bulkeley of Beaumaris, 1752 - 1822 -	Re v. Neil Fairlamb
20 <sup>th</sup> March / Mawrth 2009 -	Oriel Ynys Môn -	Pot Pourri	
17 <sup>th</sup> April / Ebrill 2009 -	Stone Science -	Industrial Anglesey -	Eric Lander
15 <sup>th</sup> May / Mai 2009 -	Oriel Ynys Môn -	<b>AGM-</b> Records, Research and Relevance: the Royal Commission 100 years on -	Dr. P eter Wakelin, The Secretary, RCAHMS

### Meetings / Cyfarfodau

### Another Telford Tribute

To complete the story of the milestones, in 2007 this stone was placed as close as possible to the original end of the London road. It was erected by the Institution of Civil Engineers as their tribute to an illustrious forbear. The terminus of the A5 is in the background- the George IV triumphal arch, marking his landing in 1821. Nearby are the elegant Customs House and Harbourmaster's office with the clock tower, designed by Telford. The site of this tribute in the shape of a Telford milestone is next to the abutment of the road bridge to Salt Island, built in the late nineteenth century. Public access to the island is no longer possible- it is within the secure compound of the ferry terminal. A feature of this wall is a disused drinking fountain, probably connected to the first water main systems of the town. The fosset has gone and the remains of the original mechanism for operating it are at the sides of the niche. Perhaps it was meant more for horses than humans. The bowl of cast iron is in an advanced stage of oxidation and is shaped like a shell.



### Telford- Teyrngeid Arall

I gwbwlhau stori y Cerrig Milltir, yn 2007, fe osodwyd y garreg yma mor agos a phosib i ben isaf ffordd Llundain. Fe'i codwyd gan Sefydliad Peirianwyr Syfl, fel eu teyrnged i'w gynweithwyr. Mae terfynfa yr A5 yn y cefndir – pont fwa fuddigoliaeth SiorlV, yn dynodi ei laniad yn 1821. Yn gyfagos, mae Tolldy cain a swyddfa Meistr yr Harbwr, hefo tŵr cloc iddo, wedi ei ddylunio gan Telford. Mae'r safle y deyrnged yma mewn ffurf carreg filltir Telford, nesaf at bentan y ffordd i Ynys Halen. Nid yw mynediad i'r cyhoedd yn bosib ddim mwy – mae tu mewn i gyfansawdd sier terfynfa y fferi. Un nodwedd o'r wâl yma, yw'r ffynhonnell ddŵr yfed, mae'n debyg â gysylltwyd i brif system ddŵr gyntaf i'r dref. Mae'r tap wedi mynd ac mae gweddillion gwreiddiol y peirianwaith i'w weithio, wrth ei ochor mewn celfach. Efallai mai ar gyfer cefylau oedd ei phwrpas yn hytrach na phobol. Mae'r bowlen gast mewn stâd ocsideiddo datblygiedig iawn ac wedi ei ffurfio fel cragen.

The Editor / Y Golygydd



## Publications

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

**Re-prints** of *Mona Antiqua*; 1775 *History of Anglesey*, A. Llwyd's *History of Mona* and *Môn Mam Cymru* are still available.

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of Britain's 'Great Storm' of 25th/26th October 1859. Of the many vessels wrecked that night, the loss of the 'Royal Charter' off Moelfre was the most catastrophic. Charles Dickens visited Anglesey to report on the aftermath of the shipwreck for his new magazine 'All the Year Round', and his account (which was later reprinted as one of the travel pieces in his book 'The Uncommercial Traveller') is being published again in a new illustrated edition. It will include an introduction, together with an additional section describing how the tragic events inspired Robert FitzRoy, of the Meteorological Department of the Board of Trade, to issue the first official gale warnings and weather forecasts. Further details, together with information about other titles of Anglesey interest, are available at Llyfrau Magma of Llansadwrn. [www.llyfrau-magma.co.uk](http://www.llyfrau-magma.co.uk)

### Stone Science

A wide selection of AAS publications, including past Transactions are available, together with a range of books of interest to Members. Dave's unique collection of Anglesey Census Discs are on sale to all who delve into the past. [dave@stonescience.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:dave@stonescience.fsbusiness.co.uk)

### Looking for a Stocking Filler?

**Post-prandial** Christmas entertainment can include a quiz. If you enjoy a mind testing challenge you may be interested in Margaret Hughes' latest book, 'How well do you know Anglesey?' This handy sized quiz book, containing one hundred questions, with answers, some extended into short articles, is aimed to appeal to young or old. A similar book 'How well do you know Eryri?' is also in preparation. The first will be available at all the usual outlets from September onwards, published by Gwasg Carreg Gwalch. The second will be ready by Christmas. £5.50

### Pat's Projects

The main event this year has been the opening of the long awaited gallery extension at Oriel Ynys Môn, devoted to the late Kyffin Williams. So far it has been a huge success with about 400 visitors daily. The specially commissioned book 'Kyffin' is selling well. The limited edition hardbacks have all sold out. Devotees of Kyffin may



like to visit his last resting place. This is in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, Llanfairynghornwy.

The Young Archaeologists have had their summer recess and are due to be excavating again at Moel y Ci during the final weekend of August. A report on their achievements should be in the spring edition of the Newsletter. For more information contact Pat West at [pxwd@anglesey.gov.uk](mailto:pxwd@anglesey.gov.uk)

## Anne's Impressions

### New Documents in the Record Office

1. Records of Beaumaris and Moelfre Womens' Institutes, Cefni, Cybi, Eilian and Menai Groups and The Anglesey Federation- all WI, 1934-2005, WD 3
2. The Harold A Coulter collection of photographs of steam engines and Menai Straits One Design yachts, 1897-mid 1930s
3. Photographic collection of Peboe, 1970-1997, WSM 611
4. E. Norman Kneale Collection. Scanned copies of negatives of North Wales railway workers and reconstruction of the Britannia Bridge, c.1960s - 1980, WSM 613
5. Papers of the Brynisiencyn Estate Trust / Bodfeirig estate, 1953-2008, WM2226

Mae'n bleser gan Gwasanaeth Archifau Ynys Môn gyhoeddi y byddwn ar agor dros yr awr ginio bob dydd gan ddechrau ar ddydd Llun Medi'r 1af 2008. Fe fyddwn hefyd ar agor yn hwyrach ar yr ail a'r pedwerydd nos Fawrth o'r mis. Mae'r oriau agor newydd fel a ganlyn:

Dydd Llun 9 - 5

Dydd Mawrth 2 - 5 (2 -7 ar yr ail a'r pedwerydd nos Fawrth o'r mis.)

Dydd Mercher 9 - 5

Dydd Iau 9 - 5

Dydd Gwener 9 - 5

Nodwch os gwelwch yn dda y byddwn ar gau i'r cyhoedd bob bore Mawrth rhwng 9 a 2 i rhoi cyfle i ni ddilyn gwahanol prosiectau allanol. Fe fyddwn yn ddioleghgar petaech yn dod a'r newidiadau uchod i'r amseroedd agor i sylw unrhyw un sydd yn bwriadu ymwele â'r archifdy.

Anglesey Archive Service is pleased to announce that we will be opening over lunchtimes every day with effect from Monday 1st September 2008. We will also open later every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Our new opening hours will be as follows:

Monday 9 - 5

Tuesday 2 - 5 (2 - 7 every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month)

Wednesday 9 - 5

Thursday 9 - 5

Friday 9 - 5

Please note we will be closed to the public every Tuesday morning between 9 and 2 to give us the opportunity to pursue various outreach projects.

Anglesey Holidays post World War II.

If anyone has photographic records of Anglesey holidays featuring this period, together with stories, Anne would be pleased to receive them for her latest additions to the Archives.

Anne Venables

Gwasanaeth Archifau Ynys Môn/Anglesey County Archives Service, Shirehall, Lôn Glanhwfa/Glanhwfa Rd., Llangefni, Ynys Môn/Isle of Anglesey LL77 7TW Tel. 01248 75208

### School Log Snippets

1941 March 1<sup>st</sup>. We celebrated St. David's Day in the morning. A few parents came to see our little Pageant of 'Cymru Fu' which had been assembled by myself and staff. Owing to war conditions the dresses were not elaborate but simple and effective.

The characters were:

Dewi Sant

Wynne Tyrer

Buddug and daughters

Menai Glyn Hughes, Beryl Mitchell and Gwladys Griffith.

Caradog

Gwynne Lloyd Jones

Owen Glyndwr

Kenneth Richards

Dr. Morgan

Robert Phillips followed by

Enid Hughes reciting, 'Mae'r Bibl bach yn aur yn gyson.'

Griffith Jones, Llanddowror

\* Kenneth Roberts introduced by

Cyril Jones saying a few sentences about his Sunday Schools.

\* The Editor

Merched Abergwaun (12)

introduced by Patricia Eaton.

Hywel Dda, Ceiriog, Goronwy Owen, Hugh Owen, Lyn Owen, M. Edwards, John Elias o Fôn, Dewi Wyn and Dr Joseph Parry.

Songs were sung in chorus and two solos- walked in to complete the stage effect. School closed at noon as usual on St David's Day.

Miss Hannah Owen, Head Teacher. Holyhead Park Infants.

## 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 awdurdod au perthnasol.

Hon Sec/ Ysgrifennydd Aelodaeth: Sion Cafell  
Tel / Ffôn 01248 752116

I hope all our readers, members and non-members alike, will enjoy this newsletter. Perhaps it will encourage non-members to join us. I realise that modern academics have very little time to spare. Can they consider introducing their young blood to ensure the survival of the Society and its contribution to the historical annals of our Island?



The next edition of the Newsletter will be published in the spring of 2009.

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