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TO ALL MEMBERS - IMPORTANT, PLEASE!

The membership subscription for 1989/90 which was due on April 1 is £4 (single) and £6 (joint). Are YOU one of the many who have not yet instructed your bank to change the value of your banker's order? If you pay the membership secretary, Mr.Howell Hughes, direct, have you paid the right amount? Please check, and bring your subscription up to the required figure for this current year. Thank you!

THE WEEKEND EXCURSION, 1990

The 1990 weekend excursion, from Friday August 31 to September 2, will be based on the Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern, Worcestershire. It will include visits to Stokesay Castle, Malvern Priory, Sudeley Castle and gardens in the Cotswolds, and Much Wenlock, Shropshire.

Details of the excursion and a booking form (included with this Newsletter) are being circulated to members much earlier than usual, as it is expected that there will be a considerable demand for places and it is necessary to book early with the Abbey Hotel.

To avoid disappointment, send your completed booking forms and deposits as soon as possible to Mr. Howell Hughes, Hafod, Ty Gwyn Estate, Rhostrehwfa, Llangefni.

AAS BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS ... AND BEYOND

Mrs. Glenda Williams, Publications Committee secretary, will have some of the Society's publications for sale at the Autumn Meeting - you may well find the ideal Christmas gift among them.

Contrary to expectations of pre-Christmas publication, the next volume in the "Studies in Anglesey History" series, "Natural History of Anglesey" edited by Dr.W.Eifion Jones which is an updated and extended volume following the first under that title, published in 1960 and long out of print, will now be on sale in time for the AGM in May next year. The delay has been caused by editorial problems, since resolved. This will be a well illustrated volume. The dust cover has been specially designed by Philip Snow.

The next again in the series, a new book on Prehistoric Anglesey by Frances Llewelyn, is well under way. But Mrs. Llewelyn would like to hear from anyone who has any flints, stones, axeheads in their possession - found on Anglesey, of course - of which she is not already aware; please telephone her at the University during the day, or on Bangor 364608 during the evening.

THE ANNUAL DINNER 1990 will be held at the Trearddur Bay Hotel on Saturday, April 7.

The guest speaker will be Dr.Dafydd Roberts, Keeper of the North Wales Museum at Llanberis. The cost will be £10.

EXCURSIONS during 1990 will be as follows, the dates yet to be confirmed ....

May: half day visit to Bangor Museum and Cathedral.
June: walk through "Y Lon Goed" (Cricieth and Llanystumdwy) with visits en route.
July: half day to Parys Mountain.
Day outing to Creuddyn and Great Orme.
Aug./Sept: Malvern weekend.
September: Day outing to Clwyd, primarily to see the restored Jesse window at Llanrhaiadr Church, plus other venues.

Full details will appear in the Society's programme circulated before the AGM in May 1990.

The 1991 weekend will be a Study Weekend based on Gregynog, Newtown; the topic, it is hoped, will be vernacular architecture.

LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO VISIT?

Our President, Lord Anglesey, planted a tree in October last year to mark the opening of Llyn Parc Mawr, in the Newborough Forest. Some publicity was given to the event at the time, and the site has since proved popular with visitors, many of them amateur ornithologists.

Llyn Parc Mawr is a freshwater lake of 10 acres, created by the Forestry Commission to encourage wildlife, at the same time providing an opportunity for public viewing and study.

The lake and viewing facilities were constructed during the European Year of the Environment, 1987, in pursuance of the Forestry Commission's conservation and recreation policy, and have now had time to merge with the landscape and appear natural.

The lake is established in a biologically rich Corsican Pine forest close to the Malltraeth estuary and Cob, which are important gathering places for waders and other wildfowl, known through the work of artist C.F.Tunnicliffe.

The lake itself has been designed to create a seasonal variation in the water level. About one third of the area is permanently flooded to a depth of one metre, maintaining small islands and sand bars at all seasons, a margin of bare sand and silt suitable for water fowl and wading birds will expand to about two thirds of the area in spring and autumn. There are two observation hides, one suitable for disabled visitors.

Mallard, teal, pochard and green sandpiper are the most frequent visiting birds.

Llyn Parc Mawr lies between Malltraeth and Aberffraw, on the right hand side of the road approaching Aberffraw, and is well signposted. There is a car park.

A new short pamphlet about the archaeology collection at Bangor Museum has been prepared by Frances Llewelyn and is on sale, 10p, at the Museum in Ffordd Gwynedd.

The Society is monitoring the fate of the Museum with interest.

A series of winter lectures is under way at Llys Llywelyn, Aberffraw, the Anglesey Coastal Heritage Centre, of especial interest to Welsh speakers.

Dyma'r rhaglen. Tachwedd 21: "Berffro Gynt" gan y Parch.Dafydd Wyn William, Bodedern. Rhagfyr 12, "Yr ardal wyllt" gan y Parch.Emlyn Richards, Cemaes; Ionawr 16, "Argraffiadau", y Parch.John Evans, Bryndu; a Chwefror 20, "Aberffraw a'r Cylch" gan Mr. William Evans, Llangefni. Pris, yn cynnwys swper, £2 y noson. Gofynnir i bawb sy'n dymuno archebu swper roddi eu henwau i Gwenan Davies (Bodorgan 840845/7) erbyn dydd Gwener cyn bob darlith er mwyn hwyluso'r paratoadau. Gweinir swper am 6.30, a bydd y darlith yn dechrau am 7.30.

Courses for Adults, beginning after Christmas, organised by the WEA and the Extra Mural department of UCNW, which may appeal to Antiquarians, are as follows:

RHOSNEIGR: Local Studies, Mr. Gwilym Trefor Jones, Thursday 7.30 at the Primary School. 10 meetings from January 18.

PENMYNYDD: Hanes Lleol, Mr.Eryl Wyn Rowlands, dydd Iau, 7 p.m. yn y Ganolfan. 5 cyfarfod o Ionawr 11.

BRYNGWRAN: Crwydro Mon, Mr.William Evans, dydd Llun, 2 p.m. ym Mhlas Crigyll. 5 cyfarfod o Chwefror 12.

CAERGEILIOG: An illustrated history of the Anglesey coast, Mr.J.O.Hughes. Friday 7 p.m. at The Primary School. 10 meetings from January 5.

Members are reminded that the Society's library is housed at the Llangefni Library. A check-list of resources is available for reference, on request, and items may be referred to on Library premises. If you are involved in research of any kind, you may find the contents useful.

The BRITISH TRUST FOR ORNITHOLOGY, UCNW Bird Group, will hold a one day conference at Glanrafon Rectory, Deiniol Road, Bangor, on Saturday, February 10th 1990.

One of the lectures, "Wintering Birds on Anglesey", will be given by David Heaver and Peter Jackson of the Nature Conservancy Council.

Full details of the Conference may be had from Jim Clark, Glan Dwr, Llyn Traffwll, Caergeiliog, Holyhead, Gwynedd LL65 3LR. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

"CADW" AT WORK

In our last newsletter, it was reported that the Society had expressed its concern to CADW about a planning application made to Ynys Mon Borough Council to plant trees on an area of common land on Bodafon Mountain, which contains a scheduled hut group.

Following publication, the editor heard from CADW's representative that the area of the mountain in question has been demarcated with posts, and the original scheduled area has been increased. There has been no further activity on the site.

CADW's Field Monuments Warden for Gwynedd is Andrew Davidson, of Gwalchmai, who holds the post on a part-time basis. Andrew is a farmer, and his so-called "part-time" post involves checking up on the scheduled ancient monuments in Gwynedd, talking to the owners of the land and encouraging them to take interest. There are about 400 sites in his care, some 130 of them in Anglesey.

Asked what the owners' reaction is to his invitation to co-operate, Mr.Davidson says "on the whole, favourable".

Any member of the Society with a comment to make or anything to report on the state of any Anglesey site should contact Andrew Davidson direct (Gwalchmai 720431) or the Society's secretary, Sion Caffell.

Our congratulations to Mr. Gwilym Trefor Jones on his recent publication, "Rivers of Anglesey". This is bilingual within one cover, and should appeal to everyone with an interest in Anglesey's history and topography. It is now widely available from bookshops on the island.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SPRING NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR BY APRIL 1st, PLEASE.