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COLLECTION RETURNS HOME

The Society's archaeological collection which has been deposited at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, for the past 60 years, has been returned to Anglesey and is now in the care of the staff at Oriel Ynys Mon, Llangefni.

Other items belonging to the Society, hitherto kept at the Llangefni library, have also been transferred to the Oriel.

Books, transactions etc. belonging to the Society are still kept at the Llangefni Library, and the Society's historical documents are deposited at the Anglesey Archives office, Llangefni.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. EDITOR

At the Sir Ifor Williams Memorial Lecture, 1992, a presentation was made by the Chairman to Dr.A.D.Carr on completing more than 25 years as the Hon. Editor of the Society's Transactions. The Chairman, in thanking Dr.Carr for his long service, referred to the high standard of the Transactions which brought great credit to the Society.

THE LATE MISS EDNA HARROP

The Society has lost yet another friend - in the true sense of the word - by the death, before Christmas, of Miss Edna Harrop of Benllech.

Miss Harrop had served us well over many years, in her faithful support at executive committee meetings, lectures and outings, and her expertise with her camera. For Miss Harrop WAS the Photographic sub-committee. She recorded our activities formally, and she caught us unaware on occasions! She surprised us all with her calm ability when presenting her slide programmes at the annual Pot Pourri evenings, and we had great admiration for her eye for a picture, shown by the few extra slides she always included of views taken on one or other of her many holidays to the more far-flung places in Britain.

The Society was well represented at her funeral service at Amlwch Methodist Church, when the officiating minister drew a very true picture of this indomitable little lady, whose quiet outward appearance hid a quick intellect and an appreciation for many of the finer things in life. We shall miss her.

SOME COVETED AWARDS FOR ANGLESEY

Members will have noted with pleasure that the young volunteer Conservation Rangers at the Holyhead Breakwater Country Park and Oriel Ynys Mon were both presented with the coveted Prince of Wales Awards at the end of last year.

The Society has recently been associated with both organisations, and we congratulate them on their well-deserved success.

Oriel Ynys Mon have, in fact, collected a clutch of awards - evident to any visitor entering the reception area and looking at the left-hand notice-board.

PROGRESS OF ISLAND "DIGS"

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust have been working for some time at Castellior, near Menai Bridge, where excavations on two crop mark enclosures were completed in February and the results are now being processed. Evidence of ditches, post hole structure and some Roman pottery was found. A report will be published during the course of next year.

Work has also been under way in association with the churchyard improvements scheme at Eglwys y Bedd, Caergybi. Here the Trust recorded new evidence on the building sequence of the foundations, not possible to record earlier.

CHURCH PAINTINGS

The W.E.A. are organising a day study tour on the subject of North Wales Church Paintings on Saturday, June 5, departing from Llandudno with lunch stop at Bala. The tour will be led by E. Gwynn Matthews, tutor-organiser. For full details and reservation arrangement please telephone 074578/482. Early booking is advised.

CONGRATULATIONS

... to one of our oldest members, Mrs. Molly Forcer Evans of Llangefni, on being awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List, for her services to the public and the community in Anglesey.

Mrs. Forcer Evans is over 90 years of age. A letter was sent to her, and the Society received a prompt reply, saying "your congratulations and good wishes are greatly appreciated."

A PLEA FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Would members please note that 1993/4 subscriptions are due as from April 1.

If you pay your subscription by Banker's Order, please make sure it is at the current rate.

Mr. Howell Hughes (Llangefni 722121) will answer any queries.

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS AT ORIEL YNYS MON

April 3 - May 31: Kyffin Williams, O.B.E., R.A., A retrospective exhibition of portraits by Anglesey's premier artist.

June 2 - 6: Eisteddfod Mon - Art and Craft Exhibition.

June 12 - August 1: C.F. Tunncliffe Exhibition.

August 7 - Sept. 12: Nature and the Environment. Philip Snow and David Woodfall. Paintings and photographs.

Sept. 24 - Oct. 31: Exhibition by young Welsh sculptors.

November - December: Christmas Crafts

NATIONAL TRUST WORK ON ANGLESEY

Another piece of the coastline jig-saw has been completed on Anglesey.

Pencarreg sits between the Trust's existing holdings of Trwyn Pencarreg and Cemlyn and includes 25 acres of pasture land, unspoilt coastline and covenants over the adjacent 35 acres. The land adjoins the Cemlyn Bay Nature Reserve, and is of great landscape importance. It will enable the Trust to have better management of the important coastal heath on Trwyn Pencarreg.

Under the watchful eye of the warden, Bryn Jones, an interesting variety of work has been carried out at Cemlyn where the old house dating back to the 15th century, used at one time as a stable, has been renovated.

The roof had fallen in, and a great deal of work was necessary to re-build it. This has been done in the traditional way, using slates in diminishing courses as the apex is reached, and lining the inside with a mixture of

horsehair and lime. Oak grown at Erddig has been used in the roof as well as the floor, to make doors and to make the three-barred windows as probably used in the original buildings. Also, small pebbles from the beach have been used to whip the surface of the walls.

Most of the coast path from Cemlyn through Mynachdy and Clegir Fawr to Porth Swtan has been repaired.

A local builder was contracted to repair the chimney at the old copper mines at Cadair Mynachdy.

"It is fascinating to see traditional skills, passed on from father to son, being maintained and revived, encouraged by the conservation policies of the Trust", commented a Trust spokesman.

GAIR O'R LLYFRGELL ... Mae creiriau'r Gymdeithas yn awr wedi cael eu trosglwyddo o Lyfrgell Llangefni i Oriel Ynys Mon, a'r llawysgrifau wedi cael eu trosglwyddo i'r Archifdy yn Llangefni.

Yn ystod 1993, gobeithir paratoi rhestr gyflawn o holl greiriau, llawysgrifau, llyfrau a chylchgronau'r Gymdeithas a bydd manylion pellach ar gael yn y rhifyn nesaf o'r Cylchlythyr.

COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY

The Council is re-launching itself this spring. Previously a body to which only societies and institutions could belong, it is now looking for individual members.

For almost 50 years, the CBA has been the public voice of archaeology in this country explaining the issues, identifying the solutions, pressing for action and resources.

Each week its small professional staff answers hundreds of queries, from MPs, planners, teachers, industry and school children. The Council has a mission to link together all those concerned for the past, to help them turn that concern to effective protection through pressure and legislation. It also publishes information at all levels: from specialist monographs, through bibliographies to lists of excavations seeking volunteers.

It is now seeking volunteers itself - You can be part of the Council for £15 a year. Members receive British Archaeological News three times a year, and have automatic membership of CBA Wales with its annual journal, Archaeology in Wales.

Application forms will be available from Frances Lynch at the AGM on May 1, or from Frances at the School of History and Welsh History, UCNW Bangor, LL57 2DG.

BARGAIN BUY ... MEMBERS may buy copies of "Portraits of an Island" and "Medieval Anglesey" from the Publications Secretary, Mrs. Glenda Williams, (address in membership brochure) at £5 each, plus postage and packing.