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As this important year enters autumn, the special events have proved a success despite appalling weather. The theme of the excursions was designed to recognize our founders and their achievements. Following in their footsteps was a fitting way of marking one hundred years of service to chronicling all aspects of our Island. It isn't over yet! There is one excursion in September and the autumn programme of meetings. Let the accounts of events speak for themselves.

The Editor

CENTENARY MEETINGS / CYFARFODYDD CANMLWYDDIANT

Wylfa- A Landscape History Oriel Ynys Môn, Friday April 20th

The Chairman, Mr Geraint Evans, welcomed an audience of about 50 persons and invited Mr Gwynne Morris Jones to introduce the evening's speaker, Mr Andrew Davidson. His talk was based on the excursion in June 2011, reported in Newsletter No. 57. The area involved was the coastal strip between Cemaes and Cemlyn, including Wylfa Head, and extending a few miles inland. It is rich in remains from the Neolithic period to the Iron Age but he concentrated on more recent times. Using maps appropriate to various periods he described the development of the area from the Middle Ages. It was basically an agricultural landscape that also had significant maritime activity. At that time the area was part of the commote of Talybolion, created in the 12th century to make it easier for administration and the collection of taxes. Small townships within the commote were based on farms, some of their names still exist on properties in the area. Cemais (now Cemaes) was the main township where the prince's court would be held. The ancient boundary patterns, shown on the maps, were not visible from ground level along the route of the excursion but some are still there as are the communications between them which reveal boundaries tending to follow natural landscape divisions. Andrew discussed some of the owners of land in the area. The Extent of 1352 records that the hamlet of Tre Gof included lands held by Goronwy Wyddel and Ithel ap Dafydd. The former's lands were later divided. They are now known as Tre Gof Uchaf, Tre Gof Isaf, Pentre Gof and Gwyddelyn. In 1678 they are recorded as being held by Thomas Gruffydd. By 1773 the Broadhead family were the owners. In 1791 Richard Broadhead tried to drain the low lying marshy land called Cors Tre Gof. Later the whole area was leased to William Hughes. Park Lodge is mentioned in 1814 as being occupied by Thomas Fanning whose daughter Mary married Evan Evans. The following two generations of Fanning Evans were agents for the Parys mines. In 1842 Ishmael Jones, who developed part of Cemaes, lived at Nant Ornan which is the only mansion still standing. Others were constructed during fresh incursions at the end of the 19th Century. David Hughes, a Cemaes builder, erected Wylfa Manor in 1886. It was demolished during the building of the power station. Its lodge is still standing. Rosina Buckman, a New Zealand opera singer, lived in a Hubert North 'Arts and crafts' cottage which was also destroyed for the power station. Later Violet Vivian developed Cestyll and the gardens alongside. Cafnant mill was isolated at this time. Between 1963 and 1970 landscaping designed by Sylvia Cowe was carried out. In the 1930s another arrival in the area was the aviator, Captain Hewitt, who built the impressive walled Bryn Aber at Cemlyn. It was an enjoyable review and Gwynne Morris Jones extended a vote of thanks.

*Andrew Davidson*

Hanes Tirwedd Wylfa Oriel Ynys Môn, Nôs Wener 20 Ebrill

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd, Mr Geraint Evans, gynulleidfa o tua hanner cant a gofynnodd i Mr Gwynne Morris Jones gyflwyno siaradwr y noson, Mr Andrew Davidson. 'Roedd ei araith yn seiliedig ar y wibdaith i'r ardal ym mis Mehefin 2011, mae'r adroddiad yng Nghylchlythyr Rhif 57. Yr ardal dan sylw oedd yr arfordir o Gemaes i Cemlyn, yn cynnwys Penrhyn Wylfa, ag yn ymestyn ychydig o filltiroedd mewndirol. Yn yr ardal mae yna lawer o weddillion o'r Oes Neolithig hyd at yr Oes Haearn ond 'roedd am ganolbwyntio ar amserau mwy diweddar. Gan ddefnyddio mapiau addas i'r cyfnod disgrifiodd datblygiad yr ardal ers yr amser canoloesol. Yn sylfaenol ardal amaethyddol gyda gwaethgareddau arwyddocaol morwrol oedd hi. Ar y pryd 'roedd yr ardal yn rhan o gwmwd Talybolion, cafodd ei greu yn y 12fed ganrif i hwyluso gweinyddiaeth a chasglu trethi. 'Roedd trefi bach yn y cwmwd yn seiliedig ar ffermydd, mae enwau rhai ohonynt yn dal i fodoli. Cemais ('Cemaes' heddiw) oedd y brif dref ple buasai'r tywysog yn cynnal ei lys. Nid oedd patrwm y ffiniau hynafol, a ddangoswyd ar y mapiau, yn weledig o lefel llwybr y wibdaith ond mae rhai ohonynt yno o hyd fel mae'r cysylltiadau rhyngddynt, sydd yn dangos ffiniau yn tueddu i ddilyn ymraniad naturiol y dirwedd. Trafododd Andrew dipyn o hanes y tîrfeddianwyr yn yr ardal Mae Ystent 1352 yn cofnodi bod Goronwy Wyddel ac Ithel ap Dafydd yn dal tir ym mhentrefan Tre Gof. Yn ddiweddarach rhannwyd tir y cyntaf. Heddiw maent yn cael ei galw yn Tre Gof Uchaf, Tre Gof Isaf, Pentre Gof a Gwyddelyn. Yn 1678 maent yn gofnodedig yn enw Thomas Gruffydd. Erbyn 1773 y teulu Broadhead oedd y perchennogion. Ceisiodd Richard Broadhead draenio'r tir isel corsiog a enwyd fel Cors Tre Gof. Yn hwyrach 'roedd William Hughes yn dal yr holl ar brydles. Yn 1814 mae sôn am Thomas Fanning yn preswyllo Park Lodge. Priododd Mary, ei ferch, Evan Evans. 'Roedd y ddwy genhedlaeth nesaf o Fanning Evans yn asiantwyr i fwyngloddiau Mynydd Parys. Yn 1842 'roedd Ishmael Jones, adeiladwr a ddatblygodd rhan o Gemaes, yn byw yn Nant Ornan sydd yn awr yr unig blasty yn bodoli. Cafodd rhai arall ei adeiladu gan fewnwyr ar ddiwedd y 19eg. Ganrif. Yn 1886 adeiladwyd 'Wylfa Manor' gan David Hughes, adeiladwr o Gemaes. Cafodd ei ddymchwel yn ystod adeiladu'r orsaf pŵer, mae'r porthdy yn bodoli. Bu Robina Buckman, cantores o Seland Newydd, yn byw mewn bwthyn 'Celfyddyd a chrefft' gan Hubert North a ddymchwelwyd hefyd oherwydd yr orsaf pŵer. Yn hwyrach datblygwyd Cestyll a'r gerddi gan Violet Vivian. Aeth Melin Cafnant yn arunig y pryd yna. Rhwng 1963 a 1970 cafodd gwaith tirweddol gan Sylvia Crowe ei barhau. Dyfodiad arall yn y 1930au oedd yr hedfanwr, Capten Hewitt, a adeiladodd Bryn Aber gyda'r wal nodedig yn Cemlyn. 'Roedd wedi bod yn adolygiad plesurus a ymestynnodd Gwynne Morris Jones pleidlais diolch.

*The Editor**Gareth W. Parry*

There was an exceptional attendance at this meeting chaired by Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn. She introduced Prof. Antony

Croesawodd Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn gynulleidfa eithriadol i'r cyfarfod, a gofynnodd i'r Llywydd, yr

Carr who paid tribute to our retired chairman Mr Geraint Evans. There was applause after he gave the Society's thanks for his geniality, humour and his efficiency. Following apologies reports were given, the first being a final Hon. Treasurer's report by Mrs Ann Roberts. The current position was satisfactory and after its acceptance thanks were extended to Mrs Roberts for her valuable interim help. David Longley spoke on the latest Transactions and paid tribute to Mrs Ann Benwell who is now a co-editor. This edition was available to members at the meeting and it was well accepted. Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn, Publications sub committee chairman, reported on the successful launch of 'Medieval Anglesey' and progress with the next volume of Studies in Anglesey History. Mrs Ann Benwell reviewed the last year's meetings and excursions, including the Centenary Day School. The meeting expressed its approval. The election of officers went smoothly with unanimous approval of re-election of our President, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Meetings and Excursions Secretary, Editor of the Transactions and Newsletter, Hon Archivist, Hon Curator and Hon. Auditor. The posts of Hon Librarian and Publicity officer remain vacant. Approval was given to our new Chairman, Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn and Vice Chairman Prof Robin Grove-White. Miss Sally Booth was appointed Treasurer. Following a welcome refreshment break, Prof Tony Carr introduced Dr Eurwyn Wiliam, Chairman of the Royal Commission of Welsh Ancient and Historical Monuments, a leading authority on architecture. His subject was, **'The Welsh Cottage.'** These are vernacular cottages, divided into workers' homes, for example, railway workers and the rural type for farm workers and lesser craftsmen. The latter were used by married couples. Single farm workers lived in outbuildings but had to move out if they married and find a cottage, often as tenants of the landowner. Little is known about the illiterate early poorer tenants. These cottages were predominant in the west and were evident from 1750 until 1900. Earlier cottages of poorer quality disappeared. They were single storey, probably earth walled – Lewis Morris described such a 'Bog' house. Dr Wiliam described later ones in some detail. They were built of limestone, lime washed, with thatched roofs. In the east it was superior reed and wheat straw, in the west, frames of hazel rod, reed cover over gorse, broom, heather and turf, mixed with clay, tied down and pegged. Only much later slate was used. The interior was simple, a central side door, an earth floor, sometimes cobbled and occasionally with a duck hole to take ducks in at night. At one end of the single story would be a walled partition jutting out. On one side was the pantry often with a slate cooling slab. On the other a raised platform and a large open fireplace at the gable end. At the other end there was the main sleeping room. On its threshold a raised wooden section with small sleeping accommodation and a ladder to a crog loft to accommodate even more. There would be a coarse cloth ceiling bulging down with the weight of debris from the thatch above. Our own Swtan is a fine example. Outside there was an extension at the gable end, outhouses for animals and tools. Cyril Fox in 1937 recorded the cottages in detail. In the Anglesey Inventory 1937, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, a notable photograph was shown of two old ladies in front of a cottage. The building was in a poor state with a collapsing thatch roof. Many implements were scattered outside and it looked squalid. It might have been mid 19th century but the nearest lady in Welsh National costume was wearing with pride a large Gee medal, an award for faithful Sunday School attendance for 50 years so the picture was post 1925. Grant aid for preservation has dried up so the future is uncertain. Dr Wiliam was optimistic. An enthralling evening ended at 9.45 with little chance for questions. David Longley's vote of thanks was echoed with applause.



Dr Eurwyn Wiliam

cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Cyhoeddiadau, am lansiad llwyddiannus ail argraffiad *'Medieval Anglesey'* a chynnyddu gyfrol nesaf o Astudiaethau Hanes Môn. Adolygodd Mrs Ann Benwell cyfarfodydd a gwibdeithiau'rflwyddyn, yn cynnwys Dathliad y Canmlwyddiant. Cafodd gymeradwyaeth y cyfarfod. Aeth etholiad y swyddogion ymlaen yn rhwydd gyda chymeradwyaeth unfrydol i ail-ethol y Llywydd, Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol, Ysgrifennydd Cynorthwyol, Ysgrifennydd Cyfarfodydd a Gwibdeithiau, Golygyddion y Trafodion a'r Cylchlythyr, Archifydd, Curadur ac Archwilydd. Mae Swyddi'r Llyfreglydd a Swyddog Cyhoeddusrwydd yn wag. Penodwyd Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn yn Gadeirydd, yr Athro Robin Grove-White yn Is-gadeirydd a Miss Sally Booth yn Drysorydd. Ar ôl egwyl byr am luniaeth byr cyflwynodd ein Llywydd siaradwr y noson, Cadeirydd Comisiwn Brenhinol Henebion Cymru (CBHC), y Dr Eurwyn Wiliam, awdurdod blaenllaw ar bensaernïaeth. Ei bwnc oedd **'Y Bwthyn Cymreig'**. Dechreuodd wrth ddangos darluniau o wahanol fythynnod 'roedd yn enghreifftiau o'r rhai oedd am ddisgrifio- cartrefi gwerinol i weithwyr a'i deuluoedd ar ffermydd, y rheilffordd a goleudai fel enghraifft. 'Roedd gweithwyr sengl ar ffermydd yn byw yn y 'llofft stabal'. Os oeddnt yn priodi roedd rhaid symud allan a ffeindio bwthyn, yn aml fel tenant y ffarmwr. Ychydig o wybodaeth sydd ar gael am y tenantiaid tlawd ac anlythrennog. 'Roedd y bythynnod yn bennaf yn y gorllewin ag yn amlwg rhwng 1750 a 1900. Diflannodd y bythynnod cynnar, tlawd. 'Roeddnt yn un-llawr, yn debygol gyda muriau o bridd - disgrifiodd Lewis Morris un tebyg. Disgrifiodd y rhai diweddarach yn fanwl. 'Roeddnt wedi ei adeiladu o galchfaen wedi ei galchu a gyda tho gwellt. Yn y dwyrain 'roedd y 'gwellt' yn cynnwys brwyn a gwellt gwenith o safon da. Yn y gorllewin defnyddiwyd brwyn, eithin, grug, a mawn wedi ei gymysgu hefo clai ar ffrâm o rhodenau collen wedi ei glymu i lawr a phegio. 'Roedd yn llawer hwyrach cyn defnyddio llechi. 'Roedd y tu mewn yn syml- drws canolog syml, llawr pridd - weithiau gydag ywyneb cobls, ambell waith gyda 'Twill hwyaden' iddynt gael mynd i mewn dros nos. Yn un pen byddai pared ymwithiol. Ar un ochr 'roedd y pantry, yn aml gyda llechfaen oeri. Ar yr ochr arall 'roedd plattform wedi ei godi a lle tân agored mawr yn y talcen. 'Roedd y brif ystafell gwely yn y pen arall. Ar ei drothwy buasai adran cysgu fychan wedi ei godi ac ystol i grogloffit i gymhwyso mwy. Byddai lliain nenfwd bras yn bochio gyda phwysau'r rwbel o'r gwellt uwchben. Mae 'Swtan' yn enghraifft wych. Byddai estyniad tŷ allan ar un talcen i gadw anifeiliaid ac offer. Yn 1937 gwnaeth Cyril Fox gofnod manwl o'r bythynnod. Yn Rhestr Eiddo 1937 CBHC 'roedd darlun nodedig o ddwy foneddiges oedrannus o flaen bwthyn. 'Roedd yr adeilad mewn cyflwr gwael gyda'r to gwellt yn cwmpo. Mae yna lawer o offer gwasgareddig tu allan ac mae yn edrych yn aflan. Medrai fod yng nghanol yr 19eg ganrif ond mae'r fenyw agosaf, mewn gwisg draddodiadol Gymreig., yn gwisgo gyda balchder Medal Gee, gwobr am bresenoldeb ffyddlon drwy 50 blwyddyn yn yr Ysgol Sul. Mae'r darlun ar ôl 1925. Mae cymorth grant i gadwraeth wedi gorffen ac mae'r dyfodol yn ansicr ond mae Dr Wiliam yn optimistaidd. Daeth noswaith swynol i ben am chwarter i ddeg heb siawns i ofyn cwestiynau. Cafodd pleidlais diolch David Longley gymeradwyaeth hael.

The Editor

Gareth W. Parry

School Log Snippets

Extracts from Holyhead Park Infants' School Log.

1939 April 5th. Very objectional smell from drain in the Baby Room. The children had to be removed as it was unfit for them to be in the bad atmosphere.

April 6th. The Clerk of Works called to see about the bad drain. School broke up at noon for the Easter vacation.

April 18th. School re-opened after Easter Holidays. The joiner had taken up some of the floor boards to find the cause of the offensive smell. A dead rat was discovered in the flue of the fireplace.

British School Llangejni. April 1879: E. Roberts. The Curriculum: *Poetry:* The Village Preacher; Charge of the Light Brigade; Grays Elegy. The Brook. *Songs:* Deep beneath the Surges; Where the Hare Bells grow; Merrily the Days go by; My Native land.

Infants: The Mill Wheels; Cooper's Song; This is East. Object lesson: Orange, wild flowers, shop, river, tea, sugar, coffee, horse, field, birds, bread, table, doll, leather.

Head Mistress: Miss Hannah Owen



Centenary Excursions / Gwibdeithiau Canmlwyddiant 2012

A Centenary Visit to Lligwy Saturday May 19 Dydd Sadwrn Ymweliad Canmlwyddol i Llugwy

On a fair afternoon a large party assembled on the drive in front of Plas Lligwy, former home of Lord Boston and the

birthplace of our Society. Ann Benwell greeted and reminded us of how Lord Boston and his friend E. Neil Baynes, the London solicitor planned excavations and the idea of forming the AAS. Andrew Davidson and Frances Lynch Llewellyn led us through a gate into what was once the main drive to the road. It was heavily wooded and overgrown. On our way we left the path to examine a ruin which was once a dovecote. Further along on the crest of a hill was a folly - a sheltered double three sided seat where the Lord used to sit and read his newspaper.

Through another gate Frances took us to the top of a ridge close to buried hut circles that had been investigated by Baynes. We retraced our steps to the house and crossed a field to the fence surrounding Din Lligwy. A tour around this enclosed Romano-British Iron Age settlement with rectangular and round foundations was enjoyed. Frances explained



Lord Boston's folly and features along the path

Ar brynhawn teg ymgynullodd grŵp helaeth ar y rhodfa o flaen Plas Llugwy, hen gartref yr Arglwydd Boston a phle ganwyd

ein Cymdeithas. Wrth ein croesawu atgofiodd Mrs Ann Benwell sut yr oedd yr Arglwydd a'i ffrind E Neil Baynes, twrne o Lundain, yn cynllunio cloddiau a chysidro'r syniad o sefydlu'r Gymdeithas. Arweiniodd Andrew Davidson a Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn ni drwy giât i'r rhodfa wreiddiol oedd yn cysylltu gyda'r ffordd fawr. Mae yn llawn o dyfiant ag yn orchuddiedig gan goed. Aethom oddi ar y rhodfa i edrych ar adfeilion oedd unwaith yn golmenny. Tipyn yn bellach, ar ben allt fach, gwelsom ffoli - eisteddle dwbl tair ochr gysgodol ple byddai'r Arglwydd yn eistedd i ddarllen ei bapur newydd. Trwy giât arall arweiniodd Mrs Llewellyn ni i ben gwrym yn agos i gytiau crwn claddedig oedd wedi ei archwilio gan Baines. Aethom yn ôl heibio'r tŷ ag ar draws cae at y ffens sydd yn amgylchu Din Llugwy. Mwynhawyd tro o gwmpas yr anheddiad amgaedig Oes Haearn Brythonig - Rhufeinig. Eglurodd Mrs Llewellyn bod olion anneddau



how traces of earlier dwellings were noted. It was a rich and organized establishment. Andrew commented on the rectangular north west building, wondering if it might have been a temple. The next visit was

cyharach wedi ei gweld yno. 'Roedd yn sefydliad cyfoethog a trefnus. Sylwebodd Andrew Davidson am yr adeilad cyfonglog yn y gogledd-orllewin, yn tybio os oedd wedi bod yn deml. Yr ymweliad nesaf oedd



Capel Lligwy interior with 12th century arched doorway. Editor in the tomb!

the ruin of Capel Lligwy. The door with its worn carved head had 12th century features. Andrew explained it was a Chapel of Rest, so he speculated that not far away there may well have been a large, important dwelling and a main church. The area must have been densely populated. A side chapel with an empty tomb was noted. Returning to the drive of Plas Lligwy we visited more hut circles covered in vegetation. These had also been excavated by Baynes. It was a successful excursion and thanks were given to Ann, Frances and Andrew.



The last overgrown hut circles near Plas Lligwy

adfail Capel Llugwy. Uwchben i'r drws mae yna ben cerfiedig wedi treulio a nodweddion o'r 12fed ganrif. Esboniodd Andrew mae Capel Gorffwys oedd yr adeilad a dyfalodd bod annedd mawr ac eglwys bwysig wedi bod yn agos. Mae yn rhaid bod ardal wedi bod yn boblog iawn. Nodweddodd beddrod gwag yn y capel ar yr ochr. Ar y ffordd yn ôl i'r rhodfa ymwelom â mwy o gytiau crwn, gorchuddiedig gan lystyfiant, oedd hefyd wedi ei gloddio gan Baynes. 'Roedd wedi bod yn wibdaith lwyddiannus a diolchwyd yn gynnes i Ann, Frances ac Andrew.

The Editor & Gareth W. Parry

'An Amiable Gentleman' : A Tribute

The Society pays tribute to Mr. Geraint Evans, N.D.D., A.T.D. who has been our Chairman since May 1999. He came from the South and was a teacher at Llangefni, quickly becoming a staunch supporter of Môn. His presence at the table will be greatly missed. We extend our thanks and appreciation for his invaluable service and the support from his wife.



**The Churches of Llaniestyn and Llanfihangel Din
Sylwy and Bwrdd Arthur. Saturday June 9**

On a damp morning 24 of us gathered at St Iestyn's Church where, due to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Neil

**Eglwys Llaniestyn a Llanfihangel Din Sylwy ac
Mehefin Dydd Sadwrn wedyn Bwrdd Arthur.**

Ar fore llaiha daeth 24 ohonom i Eglwys Sant Iestyn ple, yn absenoldeb anorfod y Parch Neil Fairlamb, disgrifiodd Mrs



Church of St Iestyn with carved effigy of the saint.

Fairlamb, Mrs Ann Benwell described the story of the church from notes he had provided. The existence of a church on the site is recorded in 1254 and there are traces of 12th century building features. Additions and alterations are recorded between 1300 and 1700 and extensive restoration in 1865. The building is Grade II* listed and is now part of the Benefice of Beaumaris and is dedicated to St Iestyn, a 6th century hermit who founded two churches in North Wales. One of his brothers was St Cyngar after whom Llangefni church is named. There are two special features. The first is a 14th century effigy of St Iestyn carved in Flintshire grey sandstone. The Latin inscription tells us that the local landowner, Gruffydd ap Gwylim, offered the image for the health of his own and his aunt Gwenllïan's souls. The second item is a 12th century font with three bands of complicated carvings, similar to the font at Llanbeulan church. Most of the party then

Ann Benwell hanes yr eglwys o nodiadau roedd ef wedi darparu. Mae bodolaeth eglwys ar y safle wedi ei gofnodi yn 1254 ac mae rhai nodweddion adeiladol o'r 12fed. Ganrif. Cofnodir ychwanegiadau a newidiadau rhwng 1300 a 1700 ac adferiad eang yn 1865. Mae'r adeilad ar Rhestr Gradd II*, yn rhan o Bywoliaeth Biwmares ac yn gysegredig i Sant Iestyn, meudwy o'r 6ed. Ganrif a sylfaenodd dwy eglwys yng Ngogledd Cymru. Mae eglwys Llangefni yn gysegredig i Sant Cyngar, un o'i frodyr. Mae yna ddwy nodwedd neilltuoel. Y cyntaf yw delw o'r 14eg. ganrif o Sant Iestyn yn gerfedig ar galchfaen llwyd o Sir Flint. Mae'r arysgrif Lladin yn dweud fod perchennog y tir, Gruffydd ap Gwylim, wedi cynnig delwedd er mwyn iechyd ei enaid a'i fodryb, Gwenllïan. Yr ail nodwedd yw'r bedyddfaen o'r 12fed ganrif gyda thair rhes o gerfiadau cymhleth fel yr un yn Eglwys Llanbeulan. Cerddodd y rhan Cerddodd y rhan fwyaf ohonom ar hyd



Neil Fairlamb greets Gareth Parry Eglwys Llanfihangel Din Sylwy

The ornate Pulpit

On to Bwrdd Arthur!

followed footpaths to Din Sylwy. Andrew Davidson pointed out interesting archaeological and structural features of some of the farms passed on the way. The Rev. Fairlamb welcomed us to Llanfihangel Din Sylwy church. This is a tiny church in the corner of a field, nesting below Bwrdd Arthur. On a clear day Puffin Island can be seen.

llwybrau i Din Sylwy. Ar y ffordd 'roedd Andrew Davidson yn tynnu sylw ar nodweddion archeolegol ac adeiladol rhai o'r ffermdai wrth fynd heibio. Croesawyd ni i Eglwys Llanfihangel gan y Parchedig Fairlamb. Eglwys fechan yng nghornel cae o dan greigiau Bwrdd Arthur yw hon. Ar ddiwrnod clir fe welir Ynys Seiriol. Mae y rhan

Most of the building originates from the 15th Century with sections from more recent times. There was some restoration in



Plas Penhunllys and the final route to Bwrdd Arthur

the 1850's. The door does not have a porch and all the windows are of clear glass. The bell is believed to be 14th Century and is inscribed 'Santa Maria'. It was re-hung in 2005. The timber pulpit, dating from 1628, is hexagonal and ornately carved, the altar is a plain wooden table and the font is a 15th Century octagonal stone bowl. Our President, Dr Antony Carr, gave a brief résumé of land ownership and family relations in the area in medieval times. We were grateful to Rev. Fairlamb for giving us permission to have our picnic in the church. The party then made its way up to Bwrdd Arthur where, in the mist and light rain, Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn described some of the few remains of the Iron Age hill fort, much of which has been destroyed by quarrying. To complete the excursion 13 persons enjoyed a meal at the Bishopgate Hotel, Beaumaris.

fwyaf o'r adeilad yn tarddu o'r 15fed. Ganrif gydag adrannau o amserau mwy diweddar. 'Roedd tipyn o adferiadau yngnghanol y 19eg. Ganrif. Nid oes

porth i'r drws ac mae'r ffenestri i gyd o wydrau clir. Credir bod y gloch yn tarddu o'r 14eg Ganrif ac mae arysgrif 'Santa Maria' arni. Cafodd ei ail-hongian yn 2005. Mae'r pulpod pren chweonglog gyda cherfiad addurnol yn dyddio o 1628, bwrdd pren syml yw'r allor a phowlen carreg wythonglog o'r 15fed. Ganrif yw'r bedyddfaen. Rhoddodd ein Llywydd, Dr Antony Carr, fraslun o hanes tiffeddianwyr a theuluoedd yr ardal yn yr amser canoloesol. 'Roeddem i gyd yn ddiolchgar am ganiatâd Mr Fairlamb i gael ein picnic yn yr eglwys. Wedyn aeth y parti i fyny i Bwrdd Arthur ple, yn y niwl a glaw ysgafn, disgrifiodd Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn rhai o'r ychydig weddillion o'r fryngaer Oes Haearn, llawer ohonynt wedi ei dinistrio gan chwarelwyr. I orffen y wibdaith aeth 13 person i fwynhau pryd yng Ngwesty Bishopgate, Biwmares.

Gareth W. Parry

**Llanidan Old Church & Llanidan Hall Gardens
Sunday Afternoon June 24**

A delightful afternoon in the company of Mrs Ann Benwell was enjoyed by a small group of members. Andrew Davidson was unavoidably absent. The weather was kind. We assembled in the restored section of the church, the west end of the north aisle and nave. Mrs Benwell introduced us to Mr James Beverley, Head Gardener and loving custodian of the building. She explained the site

**Hen Eglwys Llanidan a Gerddi Neuadd Llanidan.
Mehefin Prynhawn Dydd Sŵl**

Mwynhawyd prynhawn hyfryd gyda Mrs Ann Benwell gan gwmni bach o aelodau. 'Roedd y tywydd yn garedig. Ymgynullasom yn yr adran adferedig o'r eglwys, y pen gorllewinol o gorff ac ystlys ogleddol. Cyflwynodd Ann y Prif Garddwr, Mr James Beverley, sydd hefyd yn geidwad cariadus yr adeilad. Eglurodd Ann fod y safle wedi bod ar lwybr sylweddol i lannau Afon Menai ple



North Door and 15th century window



Mr James Beverley and Mrs Ann Benwell



View from the East with ruined arcade



For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Interior looking north



Biblical text above North Door

Canys gwell yw diwrnod yn dy gynteddau di na mil: dewiswn gadw drws yn nhŷ fy Nuw, o flaen trigo ym mhebyll annuwioldeb.

Interior looking south



was once a major route to the Straits shore, where the Llanidan Ferry connected to a similar church at LlanfairIsgaer on the other side. It stands on an ancient circular Llan enclosure. The 13th century building was annexed to the Augustinian Priory of Beddgelert and the origin of the Hall may have been a grange of the estate. The church was enlarged on a grand scale from 1450 to 1500. It had a double nave. This coincided with the demise of the ferry, which was moved north to Moel y Don. Porthamel was the township. Following the Dissolution the estate passed through many hands. It was granted by Elizabeth I to two favourites who sold it on to Richard ap Prytherch, 'Justice' Prytherch. He built the Hall, stables and the walled garden, planting many trees. His granddaughter Martha married Pierce Lloyd of Lligwy. When that line died out it passed to the Earl of Uxbridge. He left it to his nephew Sir William Irby, the first Lord Boston. The Hall became the home of tenants- one being Twm Chwarae Teg. He lived there for 30 years, dying in 1802. A notable Vicar was Henry Rowlands in the early 18th century. He referred to the Maen Morwyd, a magical stone that was in the wall- we failed to find it! The present North Door had been reset. Decorative heads are outside and there is a 15th century window. Inside and above the door there is a remnant of a Welsh text from Psalm 84, Verse 10. The South Porch has a rare stone roof and a miraculous stoup that never dries up. In the 19th century repairs were needed but Lord Boston decided to build the present Parish Church near Brynsiencyn. He claimed it would be cheaper and preferable.

'roedd Fferi Llanidan yn cysylltu ag eglwys debyg yn Llanfair-is-gaer ar yr ochr arall. Mae'r adeilad yn sefyll mewn cylch Llan crwn caeedig hynafol. Cyfeddianwyd yr adeilad 13eg.ganrif gan Priordy Awstiniaidd Beddgelert - efallai bod tarddiad y neuadd yn faenor yn ystâd y priordy. Bu ehangiad helaeth rhwng 1450 a 1500, 'roedd yma gorff dwbl wedyn. Cyd-ddigwyddodd hyn gyda cymmuniad y fferi a gafodd ei symud i Moel y Don. Porthamel oedd y drefgordd. Ar ôl y Diddymiad aeth perchnogaeth yr ystad drwy lawer llaw. Aeth i ddau o ffefrynnau Elisabeth Cyntaf. Gwerthwyd ganddynt i Richard Prytherch ('Barnwr' Prytherch). Efe adeiladodd y neuadd, stablau a'r ardd furiog a hefyd yn plannu nifer o goed. Priododd ei wyres, Martha, gyda Pierce Lloyd o Lugwy. Ar ôl i'r llinell honno farw allan pasiodd i Iarll Uxbridge. Yn ei ewyllys gadawodd yr eiddo i Syr William Irby, yr Arglwydd Boston cyntaf. Daeth yn gartref i denantiaid - un ohonynt oedd Twm Chwarae Teg a fu yn byw yno am 30 blwyddyn, marw yn 1802. Ficer nodweddiadol oedd Henry Rowlands yn yr 18fed. ganrif gynnar. Cyfeiriodd at y 'Maen Morwyd', carreg hudol yn y wal - wnaethom ni ddim ei darganfod! Mae'r drws gogleddol presennol wedi ei ail-osod. Mae yna bennau addurnol tu allan ac mae ffenestr o'r 15fed ganrif. Tu mewn, uwchben y drws, mae gweddill o destun Cymraeg o Salm 84, pennill 10. Mae tŷ o gerrig prin ar ben y porth de



South Porch with rare stone roof and the miraculous stoup



Then came an act of vandalism condemned fiercely by the Rev Henry Longrieve Jones. The old church was demolished. A wall reliquary, 13th century font and two bells- one engraved Thomas ap Meredith, the other 14th century 'Edam' were all transferred to the new church. Eventually the ruinous west end was saved and referred to as a mortuary chapel. We inspected the outside and churchyard before moving to the gardens next door. Jim Beverley showed us the fine decorative areas and the kitchen garden. It was a treat to wander through the scented atmosphere, eventually enjoying tea and biscuits in a corner green house. All agreed Mrs Benwell gave an excellent presentation, earning our thanks.

a chwag dŵr sydd byth yn sych. Yn y 19eg.ganrif 'roedd gofyn atgyweirio ond penderfynodd Arglwydd Boston adeiladu Eglwys Plwyf newydd ym Mrynsiencyn. Hawliodd fod hyn yn rhatach ac yn well. Wedyn bu gweithred o fandaliaeth a chaeth condemnai tanbaid gan y Parch Henry Longrieve Jones - dymchwelwyd yr hen eglwys! Aeth creiregell mur, bedyddfaen o'r 13ed. ganrif a dwy gloch - un gyda ysgythriad 'Thomas ap Meredith' a'r llall 'Edam' o'r 14ed. ganrif i gyd i'r eglwys newydd. Ymhen amser fe achubwyd y pen gorllewinol a'i alw yn 'Gapel corffdy'. Aethom i archwilio y tu allan a'r fynwent cyn mynd i'r gerddi drws nesaf. Arweiniodd Mr Beverley drwy'r rhanbarthau addurnol gwych a'r ardd llysiau. 'Roedd yn bleser cael crwydro drwy'r awyrgylch arogleuog cyn mwynhau paned o de a bisged mewn tŷ gwydr cornel. Cytunodd pawb bod Mrs Benwell wedi rhoi cyflwyniad gwych, yn haeddu ein diolchiadau. Gareth W. Parry

The Editor



Tŷ Mawr & Porthdafarch Round Huts & Penrhosfeilw Standing Stones

Saturday July 7

Cytiau Tŷ Mawr a Porthdafarch a Cerrig Hirion Penrhosfeilw.

Gorffennaf Dydd Sadwrn

In the footsteps of W.O. Stanley a large group enjoyed a whole day of sunshine, in the midst of the worst summer on record. We met at the Elin's Tower car park near South Stack where Ann Benwell led us to the first round house at Ty Mawr. Frances Lynch Llewellyn gave us a tour of the whole site, explaining that what was visible was Iron Age dating though many signs of habitation had been

Yn oel traed W O Stanley mwynhaodd grŵp helaeth diwrnod llawn o heulwen ynghanol yr haf gwaethaf ar gofnod. Cwrddasom ym maes parcio Tŵr Elin, ger Ynys Lawd. Arweiniodd Mrs Ann Benwell ni at y cwt crwn cyntaf wedyn aeth Mrs Frances Lynch Llewellyn a ni am dramp drwy'r holl safle Eglurodd fod y gweddillion gweladwy yn tarddu o'r Oes Haearn er bod llawer o

found back to Neolithic times; a span of 8000 years. Stanley carried out the early excavations. He also exposed sunken rectangular smaller structures with evidence of smelting. We moved to the upper region to the latest excavations by Dr C.A. Smith in 1978. An Iron Age enclosure contained the foundations of two round houses. One was

arwyddion yn mynd yn ôl i'r amser Neolithig, cyfnod o 8000 blwyddyn. Stanley wnaeth y cloddiadau cynnar gan ddinoethi hefyd ffurfiadau cyfonglog suddedig bach yn dangos tystiolaeth o fwyndoddi. Wedyn aethom i'r cloddiadau diweddarach gan Dr C.A. Smith yn 1978. 'Roedd lloc Oes Haearn yn cynnwys sylfaeni dau gwt



At the first hut circle



A smelting workshop



The Iron Age Farm



Site of the Granary

the earlier dwelling, possibly converted to a farm building. The lower, larger one was the later dwelling, which had a South entrance closed off and a smaller outbuilding, possibly a pigsty, took that space. A later larger entrance facing inwards was a replacement. There were drains and one small reservoir, possibly to keep shellfish as part of the larder. In the centre of the enclosure were remains of seven stone pillars, which supported the raised floor of a granary. Neolithic traces were found by carbon dating, showing the span of occupation of that site. We made our way back to the car park and most continued their

crwn. Un ohonynt oedd yr annedd-dŷ cyntaf, efallai wedi ei drawsnewid i adeilad ffarm. Yr ail gwt, sydd yn fwy, oedd yr annedd hwyrach gyda mynedfa yn wynebu tua'r De wedi ei gau ac adeilad bach, efallai yn gwt moch, yn ei le. Mae mynediad hwyrach mwy, yn wynebu tuag i mewn yn amnewidiad. 'Roedd yno ddreiniau a chronfa dŵr bychan, efallai i gadw pysgod cregyn fel rhan o'r bwtri. Yng nghanol y lloc mae gweddillion saith o golofnau carreg i gynnal llawr uchel ysgubor. Dadlennodd dyddio carbon amlinellau Neolithig sydd yn dangos lled anheddiad y safle. Wedi dychwelyd i'r maes parcio



On the way to Porthdafarch



Porth Ruffydd



Dinas Promontory



Customs Hut, Porthdafarch



Rev I E Jones



Frances shows Porthdafarch Field



Buried hut circles and smelting huts



walk to Elin's Tower to discuss its origin and present function as a bird-watching centre. Some settled to a picnic with the choughs and the rest enjoyed a lunch at the RSPB restaurant. We reassembled and drove in convoy to the Gors Goch car park. The majority of us set off along the Coastal Path to Porthdafarch, under the leadership of Andrew Davidson. Porth Ruffydd, the site of a lifeboat house was viewed and we walked past Dinas, a promontory where Romano British oxhead escutcheons were found. At Porthdafarch we observed the stone hut used as a custom house when the cove was a secondary landing stage for the Royal Mail sailing vessels. The Rev. I E Jones spoke about the Rev. S.J. Griffith (Morswyn) at his plaque. Inspired by the rocks, he composed the famous Welsh hymn 'Craig yr Oesoedd'. Across the road from the beach we looked at the mounds covering more round huts with smaller rectangular outhouses, also excavated by Stanley. In 1848 three barrows with beakers were uncovered. Most of this site is now under the modern shore buildings and the new road. Traces of the old road can be seen in the field. Our last destination was Plas Meilw where we viewed the two Bronze Age standing stones. There was an alleged cist burial with a skeleton between the stones but this may have been just a story told to Stanley by the then owners of the land. The massive limestone slabs were examined and their orientation discussed. Various surrounding landmarks were identified, including the site of Gorsedd Gwlwm on the hill towards Holyhead Mountain. At the end of a happy day the vote of thanks was given by Ann Benwell.

aeth rhai i Dŵr Elin i drafod ei hanes a'i bwrpas presennol fel canolfan gwylio adar, rhai yn setlo i gael picnic hefo'r brain coesgoch ac eraill yn mwynhau cinio yn y bwyty cyfagos. Wedyn aethom mewn confoi i faes parcio Gors Goch o ble aeth y mwyafrif i gerdded ar hyd Llwybr yr Arfordir i Borthdafarch o dan arweiniad Andrew Davidson. Ar y ffordd gwelsom Porth Ruffydd, safle hen Dŷ Bad Achub, Penrhyn Dinas, ple darganfuwyd gweddillion Brythonig Rhufeinig, a chwt carreg a ddefnyddiwyd fel tollty pan oedd Porthdafarch yn lanfa eilaidd i longau hwylio'r Post Brenhinol. Ger y plac sydd yn cofio y Parch S.J. Griffith (Morswyn), disgrifiodd y Parch I E Jones sut oedd gweld tonnau stormus yn taro ar y creigiau wedi ei ysbrydoli i gyfansoddi'r emyn adnabyddus 'Craig yr Oesoedd'. Ar draws y ffordd o'r traeth gwelsom y tomenni yn gorchuddio cytiau crwn gydag estyniad bychan cyfonglog oedd W.O.Stanley wedi ei gloddio. Yn 1848 dadorchuddiwyd tair gwyddgrug yn cynnwys biceri. Mae y rhan fwyaf o'r safle yn awr o dan yr adeiladau modern ger y traeth ar y ffordd newydd. Mae olion yr hen ffordd i'w gweld yn y cae. Ein



cyrchfan derfynol oedd Plas Meilw ple y gwelsom y ddwy Graig Hir o'r Oes Efydd. Dywedir bod cistgladdiad gydag ysgerbwdd wedi ei ddarganfod rhwng y ddwy garreg ond efallai dim ond stori dywedodd perchenogion y tir ar y pryd wrth Stanley. Archwiliwyd y cerrig yn fanwl a thrafodwyd ei gorwedd. Nodwyd amryw dimod o gwmpas, yn cynnwys safle Gorsedd Gwlwm ar y bryn tua Mynydd y Tŵr. Daeth diwrnod hapus i ben gyda phleidlais diolch gan Ann Benwell.

Gareth W. Parry

Next Excursion: Saturday September 1st

2 pm

Gwibdaeth Nesaf: Dydd Sadwrn Medi 1

Ymweld â / Visit to – Tregaian Church & Plas Tregaian. Cyfarfod / Meet- at the Church (SH 451 797)

A full report will be in the next Newsletter

Bydd adroliad llawn yn y Cylchlythr nesaf.

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Edrych Ymlaen / Looking Ahead
Meetings 2012 – 2013: Oriel Ynys Môn

21 st September	Eighty-five years of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales.	Gwynne Morris Jones
Hydref 19	<i>Darlith Goffa Syr Ifor Williams:</i> Y Smyglwyr Cymreig.	Twm Elias
23 rd November	Anglesey High Sheriffs, past and present.	Robin Grove-White
18 th January 2013	The Incorporated Church Building Society and its influence on Anglesey churches.	Rev. Neil Fairlamb
15 th February	Whigs and Wigs and a man of 'Considerable capacity': the life and work of Morgan Lloyd.	Gareth Hughes
15 th March	Pot Pourri: 1) A visit from William Bulkeley, the diarist of Brynddu. 2) 'The boy done good'. 3) Pictures of the summer excursions 2012.	Tony Carr Gareth W. Parry Hayden Burns
19 th April	What is an Archivist? Some 21 st Century Perspectives.	
17 th May. 7.00pm	Annual General Meeting	
7.45pm	Histories of deposition: making middens in the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age.	Kate Waddington

Edrych yn Ôl / Looking Back: Seventy Five Years Ago

In March 1938 membership was 299. The AGM of 1937 at Llangefni County School was chaired by Lord Boston, who announced his retirement from the post of President in the near future and hoped a successor would be appointed soon. He expressed his regret. The address was given by Mr Norman Woodhead, M.Sc., F.L.S. Of University College, Bangor. His subject was, 'The Flowering Blossoms of Llyn Maelog.' It was well received and the President entertained everyone to tea afterwards. The General Meeting in October 1937 was chaired by Mr S.J. Evans. Lord Boston was absent owing to Lady Boston's illness. A Vote of Sympathy was extended and delight was expressed when he sent the message that he would continue until the following year. Mr William Aspden gave an illustrated address on 'Some Problems of Bird Migration.' The President again arranged for the members to enjoy tea. Three excursions took place in the Summer. On June 26th Mr H. Harold Hughes led a good number to Llanfechell and Llanbadrig Churches. He pointed out the many interesting features. Mr A. Ivor Pryce, Diocesan Registrar assisted and the Vicar described the valuable old chalice at St Padrig's. Dr and Mrs Moir entertained the members to tea at Cemaes Village Hall and several took advantage of an invitation to view the gardens at Park Lodge. On July 24th, again favoured by fine weather Roland Lloyd Esq. took the party around the Pant y Saer Cromlech and the 'Cytiau' (Hut circles). Time did not permit a visit to the Glyn Cromlech but the Misses Brookes entertained everyone to tea at Springholme, Pentraeth. On October 2nd Hugh Owen Esq., M.A., F.S.A., F.R. Hist.S. and Geoffrey G. Holme, Esq. took a hundred members around Beaumaris. The sun shone brilliantly and the beauty of the Castle was appreciated. Mr Neil Baynes was unable to act as leader but we were ably served by our two leaders. Mr Owen conducted the members around the Castle. At the Church Mr Hulme gave a scholarly address. The Police Sergeant conducted us around the grim Old Gaol. Lord Boston entertained all to tea at the Cottage Café.

**SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AAS & FC IN 1961-
THE INFLUENCE OF FAMILY AND TEACHERS ON A YOUNG DOCTOR**

I do not know what influences my Grandfather might have had on him as a young man. He was a late Victorian frock-coated Family Doctor. Brought up by his father, a Customs officer, sailing out of Harwich Roads in a sailing brig. Grandpa had worked as a 'Tea Taster' in the Old Custom House on the Thames, near the Tower of London. Later we find him qualifying as a doctor at the London Hospital, Whitechapel. Why the change? My Bible, a gift from him on my tenth birthday had the quotation for me from Psalm 119. v.9: KJB *'Where withal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.'* I wonder what influences were at work? Persons can be affected *'Not by an ascendant planet, a predominating humour but by the first book which they read, some conversation which they heard or some accident which excited ardour and enthusiasm'*. 1. My mother remembers that in London, after-supper entertainment they had to enjoy would now be called a family quiz. The purpose was 'Instruction'. Grandpa was a member of a rather strict religious sect, 'The Meeting', related to the Plymouth Brethren. She, her mother and two brothers had to answer questions put by Grandpa. They were taken from several books on the table covered by a heavy frilled green baize cloth, lit by gas light. The books were the 'Vulgate', a Latin translation of the Bible from the Greek, the Oxford Dictionary and the famous international version of Bradshaw's Railway Time Table. After returning from the Front, the boys did their medical degrees and my mother took the Old English course. We invariably had a reference book out at the dining table- Nuttall's Dictionary, a Thesaurus or even the handy nearby copy of the Anglesey RCAM Inventory and Y Clorianydd! I am glad to say that my own family and grandchildren seem to have caught the habit. Books on the table at meal times are allowed! I have kept over a dozen of my heavily annotated 'Source' books close at hand, to the voluble disgust of an AAS friend who shall be nameless.

At Llangefni County Secondary School I was fortunate with my History teachers Mr Llewelyn Jones and Mr Hugh Owen. Hugh 'Crimp' as he was known, sowed the seed when I was in Form 3. For homework we had to find and write down as many Maker's names we could find on Grandfather long case clock faces. I still have the exercise book. For an inveterate scribbler it started something for me! In 1946 Cyril Fox' knighted later, brought some of the fascinating finds from the Llyn Cerrig Bach hoard recovered from mud at RAF Valley and Tywyn Trewan. Spears, swords and gang chains are enough to excite any boy. Now the Oriel Ynys Môn is exhibiting them.

In the sixth form I was Hon. Treasurer of the Rydal School Archaeological Society when we had a glorious excursion to Hadrian's Wall- the first of many. This time we were escorted by an archaeologist with an Old Rydalian colours band tied on his straw hat, covering his expert head of Knowledge. 2. Years later I found a tin labelled Arch. Soc. in a drawer, containing out of date coins totalling 8/6d.

My father was a keen member of the AAS since 1943. During the War petrol for the car, an Austin 12, was only allowed for business and we were real islanders! Business meant patient visits with Daddy and en route we had many little picnics under a cromlech. When holidays further afield became possible, routes were planned with stops at interesting churches and sites of archaeological interest. This did not have the opposite effect of putting us off local history.

As a medical student and later registrar at Dublin hospitals I was able to continue those interests fostered at home. At weekends walks around historic Dublin became a habit, extending into surrounding countryside. Later with my wife-to-be we became familiar with the chambered tombs such as on Slieve na Callaigh, with their bun and sun-ray emblem carvings. Earlier I became familiar with the famous huge mound and passage grave of Newgrange. I was fond of the old caretaker and his wife. Hiring a car I would drive along the unusually straight road to Slane and to the banks of the Boyne. Some years earlier I watched Prof de Valera, the Archaeologist digging up a skull at the Hill of Tara. Little did I know that a few years later his brother, the other Prof 'Dev' the Obstetrician would be giving me the hardest time in my final exam, apparently to get me the Prize for the top of the class in Obstetrics!. Of course, both of them were sons of Mr Eammon de Valera.

On my visits to Newgrange the old lady would ask me, 'Have you come to see the grave of the Kings?' She would produce a conch shell and blow it. Sometimes it was a police whistle and himself would walk in from the hay field perhaps. He once came over and taking me to one side showed me a 'Shiela na gig' hidden in a shed. Neither archaeologist nor priest had seen it before or since! One time, on going into the chamber he cursed, 'That Dr Powell and Dr Glyn Daniel have left that *Irish expletive* electric light on again overnight in the passage!' Some years later he asked me quietly would I come in upstairs to see his wife who was on her death bed. I gave him my sympathy as best as I could.

I do believe that the Talwrn Archaeological Group and AAS (last over in June 1967) should venture over to County Meath one summer for a 'Diversion' to Newgrange, Dowth and Knowth, the Boyne Valley cemetery. Booking well in advance is necessary because it is the No1 tourist Irish honey pot. The Americans are the most avid except for one US lady who refused to stand 'In line' for that marvellous entrance with the decorated kerbstone. 'You've seen one, you've seen the lot!' she cried in despair. When working in Dublin I made many visits inside the passage and chamber, seeing the light through the letter box slot which allows the rising sun to strike down the passage at dawn on the Winter Solstice, December 21st, when *'At the morning in the Bowl of Night, has flung the stone that puts the Stars to flight and Lo, the Hunter of the East has caught the Sultan's Turret in a Noose of Light!'* . 3 December 21st is my wife Helen's birthday and her ambition is to visit the tomb on that morning. Alas, booking for that event is as tight as we have experienced in applying for a seat at the Vienna New Year's Day Concert. It seems being a Prime Minister or celebrity is the only way!

To the people of that age worshipping their Gods by the tomb, where they were endeavouring to unravel the mysteries of birth, death and marriage, binding the family of Man together, as Waldo put it, 'Myfyrio dirgelwch geni a phriodi a marw', cadw rhwymau teulu dyn... 4.

On Saturday November 18th 1961, a pleasant, sunny afternoon, a special meeting of the AAS&FC was held to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Society. This was at the Town Hall, Llangefni, before the fire and the even more disastrous savage alterations carried out recently. The Hall had been the significant kernel of civic and social activities in the town. There were dances and dramas and I had once stood on a balcony during a General Election celebration with the newly elected Member. These last two years I have had the privilege of being a member of the small committee organizing the AAS Centenary Celebrations, 2011. Perhaps I should have suggested that we open the celebrations from the old balcony, though it is probably out of bounds. The President, the Most Honourable Marquess of Anglesey, taking the Chair and opened the proceedings in 1961 by introducing the Hon. General Secretary, Canon Gilbert Wright. He had been only the second gentleman in the post. His successor, the much missed and respected Mr Dewi O Jones, the County Librarian and Archivist for Anglesey, was welcomed by the Chair as the new secretary. Canon Wright then gave an account of the work of the Society in its first fifty years. The Marquess then introduced the Guest of Honour and Lecturer, Prof. Glyn Daniel, the afore mentioned archaeologist, author, Editor of *Antiquity* and TV personality from Cambridge. He had arrived a little late at our house, Doldir, around the corner and at a signal I was to go and escort him back to the Town Hall. He was best known by the public for being in the Chair of the popular TV panel game, *Animal, Vegetable or Mineral* which ran for seven years until 1959. Members of the high powered quiz panel were Sir Mortimer Wheeler, perhaps our local star after he excavated Segontium, when associated with the National Museum of Wales. Another was quaint Sir (Dr) Thomas Bodkin, Curator of Saksbury Museum- quite cramped full of cases as I recall. I possess a very curious humorous novel by him. Other members were Jacquetta Hawkes, wife of J.B. Priestley, Hugh Short and Sir Julian Huxley. John Betjeman had deputised for Dr Daniel on one occasion. Quite an eclectic mix you will agree. *'They will come no more, the old men with their beautiful manners.'* 5. Overnight we had curated in our drawing room at Doldir, various objects for exhibition at the meeting, including the Pant y Saer Brooch, the Bulkeley Diaries, blacked out passages and all, one of the two portraits of Lewis Morris- one now in the Headmaster's study at Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones, Amlwch and various other artefacts. I brought Prof Daniel from home where my mother had been entertaining him with a 'paned', whilst manning the telephone for the Practice, for Dad and myself. Naturally I recognized him from TV and his many books, including his *Gastronomic Guide to Brittany*. The 'fruit de mer' from his favourite haunts- Quiberon Bay, Carnac and Lascaux. My late brother Prof William Parry-Jones, when at Gonville and Caius, had attended his Cambridge lectures before turning to Medicine and the London Hospital, our family Alma Mater- except for me!

Prof Glyn Daniel spoke about Bryn Celli Ddu of which we have had such an interesting reappraisal model demonstrated to us recently. Ideas change and new views are advanced. *'Knowledge comes but Wisdom lingers.'* 6. He discussed other chambered tombs, Bryn yr Hen Bobl and Barclodiad y Gawres, before describing Newgrange and especially the decorations on the stones within the chamber. Probably it is the mystery and romance of the decoration that interests me the most.

I was asked by Gwyneth Lewis, our greatest living poet in both languages, what had been the greatest influence on my career, besides perhaps my father. I had no hesitation, the work of Sir William Osler, 1894-1919, 'A Way of Life and Other Addresses.' He was in the Regius Chair of Medicine at Oxford University and Professor of Medicine and Physician in Chief at the John Hopkins Medical School, Ottawa. Sometimes called the most beloved physician since Luke, he has been spiritual mentor to my father, myself, my brother, uncles and cousins and now my son Dr Edward Parry-Jones, Family Doctor and Lecturer in Medicine at Exeter University, the Peninsular Medical School. I may have done something right. As hinted earlier I don't think I have dissuaded our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews from an interest in archaeology and local history, or indeed literature. The reverse may be the case. My daughter Charlotte did a degree in English, she writes and is a Make-up Artist for Film and TV, whereas William my eldest is a talented painter like his mother, with a Masters degree in the Visual Arts. Reference books are often out on the tea tables. None have joined the Talwrn Group, AAS or the Cambrians as far as I know, yet give them time. I firmly believe that cross fertilization between these distinguished groups is the future and the exposure of so much popular 'Quick time' archaeology and historical drama is not to be despised 'pour encourager les autres.'

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6. Waldo Williams, Geneth Ifanc. The Young Girl- in her crouched burial, somewhere underneath one of the large stones at Avebury, from which I made a bad translation many years ago.



Dr Owen Charles Parry-Jones
November 2011.
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For the Anglesey Antiquarian Society and The Talwrn Archaeological Group

KALEIDOSCOPE: A Selection of photographs at 2012 Excursions



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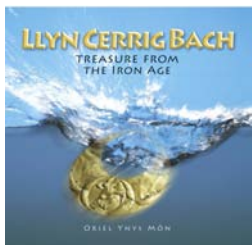
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PUBLICATIONS



At last a wonderful book has been produced by Oriol Ynys Môn telling the whole story of the spectacular find during the construction of RAF Valley. It is skilfully illustrated with superb art work and clever digital photography. A compilation of articles edited by Philip Steele, using a distinguished panel of contributors, it is available in both Welsh and English versions. Available at the

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EVENTS AND TALKS

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Two talks, 4th August and 6th September have already taken place.

13th September: Iron Age Horns from Ireland and Wales: Simon and Maria O'Dwyer of Ancient Music, Ireland.

20th September: Celtic Art in Iron Age Wales: Recent Discoveries and Research: Adam Gwilt, National Museum of Wales. *English with Welsh translation*

27th September: Who are we?: Kenneth Brassil *Welsh with English translation*

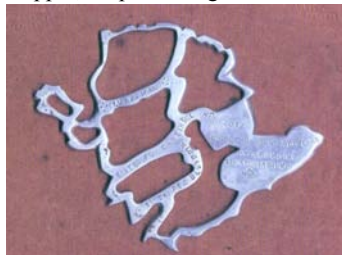
4th October: Past and Present Approaches to Dating and interpreting the assemblage: Philip MacDonald, Queen's University, Belfast. *English with Welsh translation.*

11th October: Experimental Archaeology: reconstructing Anglesey's past: David and Susan Chapman of Ancient Arts.

All at 7.30 pm. For further information please contact 01248 724444 / oriol@ynysmon.gov.uk

Tlws yr Ifanc- Eisteddfod Môn 2012

I was asked by the Centenary Committee to produce a suitable trophy which should represent both Anglesey and the ethos of our Society. They wished to award it together with £100 cash for the best essay at Eisteddfod Môn Llanfairpwll a'r Cylch 2012. In designing the trophy the first part resolved itself quite easily by employing the shape of the island. The second part needed more thought. Eventually I decided that the Tlws should be made from brass- a combination of tin and copper, representing one of Anglesey's earliest industries. The



Tlws yr Ifanc

The Prettiness of Youth

commotes were represented by the out-line of their cut-outs apart from the site of the Eisteddfod, left solid to take the bulk of the wording: *Tlws yr Ifanc. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Môn, Llanfairpwll a'r Cylch 2012. Rhoddedig gan Cymdeithas Hynafiaethwyr a Naturiaethwyr Môn yn ei Chanfed Blwyddyn.* Having made the pattern in aluminium, the Tlws was cast in bronze by a firm in mid Wales. The Eisteddfod was held on Friday and Saturday, May 18th and 19th. Tlws yr Ifanc was awarded on the Friday and regretfully I and my wife Ann were unable to attend as it was our AGM. The award was won by Lisa Catrin Williams, a pupil at Ysgol David Hughes, Porthaethwy. *Owain T.P. Roberts*

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