

Historic housing visits

A SERIES of meetings and visits has been arranged for people interested in exploring old Welsh houses.

The group was set up following the interest in local old houses shown at the Festival of Archaeology and Discovering Old Welsh Houses (DOWH) event, held at Plas Penmynydd, Llangefni, in July.

The visits and events are open to all DOWH members and local people are welcome to come along before becoming members.

The next meeting is at 3pm, on Tuesday, December 5, when there will be a visit to the Red Boat, Beaumaris, and other local 15th century and 16th century houses.

Members will be able to follow a guided tour of three early houses in the centre of Beaumaris, finishing in the earliest dated house, the Red Boat, where they will be able to buy refreshments.

To book for the house visits contact Peter Masters by emailing discoveringoldwelshhouses@gmail.com or telephoning 01758 750322.

Early booking is urged as places are limited.

Events cost £2 per head, payable on the day.

Non members may book and attend one or two events if there is room, but are expected to join.

For more information visit www.discoveringoldwelshhouses.co.uk

Reshuffle welcomed

THE Farmers' Union of Wales has welcomed the result of the Welsh Government's cabinet reshuffle announced last week.

The news sees Lesley Griffiths continuing as cabinet secretary for energy, planning and rural affairs, with the addition of a deputy, Hannah Blythyn, as minister for environment.

FUW President Glyn Roberts said: "We welcome the continuity of keeping Lesley Griffiths as our cabinet secretary. Our working relationship has been a positive one and we look forward to continue working with her."

"With issues such as climate change and water management dominating agendas such as those listed in the Well-being of Future Generations Act, we are pleased to see Mrs Griffiths will continue to fight for the interests of our rural communities – communities for which agriculture is a cornerstone."

"We are also pleased to see that Hannah Blythyn has joined the cabinet. The addition of a new Minister recognises the complexity of the portfolio and we look forward to working with Hannah in the context of her remit."

"We met with Lesley Griffiths last week and will now seek a meeting with Hannah Blythyn to discuss those issues which are of concern to farmers and impact on all aspects of her portfolio."

Schools take part in Great War remembrance event

CHILDREN from several schools across Anglesey and Gwynedd took part in the Never Such Innocence 2017/18 Roadshow this week.

On Wednesday morning, the national charity invited more than 90 children from the schools to take part in the ceremony at RAF Valley, hosted by Air Officer Wales, Air Commodore Adrian Williams.

Prior to the event, the 2017/18 Never Such Innocence competition, supported by The Royal British Legion, the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund, and RAF100, invited children and young people to submit poetry, art and songs

inspired by the events of the Great War.

St Gerard's School Trust of Bangor received a workshop the day before the event, where they worked with musician Beth Zienna to write a song inspired by the War in the Skies. This piece was then performed at the event as part of Songs of the Centenary (SOTC).

Pupils from Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones and Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni recited poems they had written for the Never Such Innocence competition to all those who had gathered at the event on Wednesday. The children who attended also

received a tour of the RAF base and all its equipment.

Key speakers and visitors on the day included Founder and Chief Executive of Never Such Innocence, Lady Lucy French, the Station Commander at RAF Valley, Group Captain Nick Tucker-Lowe, Lord Lieutenant for Gwynedd, Mr Edmund Bailey and Under Sheriff of Gwynedd, John Gwilym Owen.

Lady Lucy French, Great-Granddaughter of Field Marshall Sir John French and Founder of Never Such Innocence said, "As we enter the final Centenary year we wish to encourage more young people than

ever before to take part in our competition and centenary commemorative events.

"We are thrilled to be in Wales and to see such continued support from the local communities."

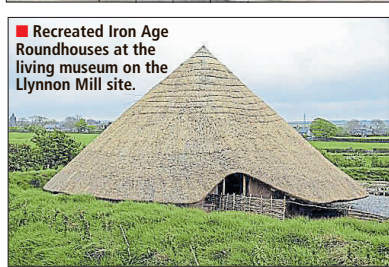
Air Officer Wales, Air Commodore Adrian Williams said: "As we look forward to our 2018 centenary as the world's first independent Air Force, we hope schoolchildren in Wales will find it informative and interesting to look at the war in the skies one hundred years ago.

"I hope Welsh Schools will support this project and I look forward to seeing the entries next year".

Historian's new book looks at island's architectural treasures



Tudor Rose building, Beaumaris



Recreated Iron Age Roundhouses at the living museum on the Llynnon Mill site.



Llynnon Mill

A NEW book featuring the striking and historic buildings of Anglesey has been published.

Warren Kovach's 96-page paperback, 'Anglesey in 50 Buildings,' explores the rich and fascinating history of the island through an examination of some of its greatest architectural treasures.

It takes readers on a trip down the 400 steps to the South Stack lighthouse, explains how to pronounce the name of a famous railway station, introduces the philanthropist Sir John Prichard Jones, and calls at the Ship Inn at Red Wharf Bay.

Local author, Kovach, is founder of the www.Anglesey-History.co.uk website.

In the book he explores everything from ancient castles and an Iron Age village, through to medieval manor houses and Victorian

industrial works, to an architecturally modern church and a new factory harvesting sea salt.

The book, with 120 illustrations, is an invaluable guide for local residents and anyone with an interest in architecture and heritage.

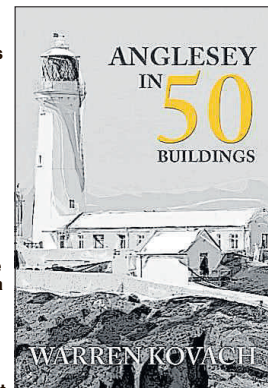
The author was born and raised in Ohio, USA and moved to Anglesey in the early 1990s.

He is a keen photographer, and many of his own photographs are used in the book. He is also promoting the book through his own website and it is also

available in Kindle, Kobo and iBook formats.

For more information contact Amberley Publishing by telephoning 01453 847823, or emailing publicity@amberleypublishing.com for further details.

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