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Cover: Visitors enjoying a
guided tour of the
excavation at Y Neuadd,
Llanon.

Clawr: Ymwelwyr yn
mwynhau taith dywysedig
o'r gloddfa yn Y Neuadd,
Llan-non.

Ymddiriedolaeth Archaeolegol Dyfed yw corff annibynnol sy'n ymroi i ddiogelu,
ymchwilio, cofnodi a hybu'r amgylchedd hanesyddol yn effeithiol.

Mae gan Dyfed weithlu proffesiynol ac uchel eu cymhelliant sydd ag amrywiaeth mawr
o sgiliau o phrofiad. Ategir hynny â chysylltiadau a phartneriaethau—sy'n bod ers
tro byd—ag arbenigwyr allanol sy's fodd i Dyfed gynnig gwasanaethau ymgynhori a
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Community Archaeology Events

Recently the Trust has organised or taken part in a series of community archaeology events. This page contains a small selection of photographs from some of these.

Digwyddiadau Archaeolegol Cymunedol

Yn ddiweddar mae'r Ymddiriedolaeth wedi trefnu neu gymryd rhan mewn cyfres o ddigwyddiadau archaeolegol cymunedol. Mae'r dudalen hon yn cynnwys detholiad bach o luniau o rai o'r digwyddiadau hyn.



Excavation at Y Neuadd, Llanon

The ruins of Y Neuadd, Llanon are thought to be the remains of the only sixteenth century hall-house to survive in the county of Ceredigion. The ruins and a cottage alongside it are in the care of Ceredigion Museum. With grant aid from Cynnal y Cardi, the Museum is undertaking a programme of conservation of the ruins, part of which was an excavation in July undertaken by members of the local community supervised by staff from Dyfed Archaeological Trust.

Following the removal of a large amount of rubble from inside the ruins, the last-used floors of the building were revealed. Associated with these was a large quantity of nineteenth century pottery and other artefacts of a similar date. It became apparent that floors of sixteenth and seventeenth century date had been removed, perhaps during the early nineteenth century when the hall was divided into two rooms.

Right, Y Neuadd in 1903 and below the early stages of the excavation.

Ar y dde, Y Neuadd ym 1903 ac, isod, camau cynnar y gloddfa.





A high-level view of the excavation and right a selection of finds.

Golygfa o'r gloddfa o uwchben ac, ar y dde, detholiad o ddarganfyddiadau.



Cloddfa yn Y Neuadd, Llan-non

Credir mai adfeilion Y Neuadd, Llan-non, yw olion yr unig dŷ neuadd o'r 16eg ganrif i oroesi yng Ngheredigion. Mae'r adfeilion a bwthyn wrth eu hymyl yng ngofal Amgueddfa Ceredigion. Gyda chymorth grant gan Cynnal y Cardi, mae'r Amgueddfa'n ymgymryd â rhaglen o waith cadwraeth ar yr adfeilion, ac fel rhan o hyn cynhaliwyd cloddfa ym mis Gorffennaf gan aelodau'r gymuned leol dan oruchwyliaeth staff o Ymddiriedolaeth Archaeolegol Dyfed.

Ar ôl symud llawer o rwbel o'r tu mewn i'r adfeilion, dadorchuddiwyd y lloriau a ddefnyddiwyd ddiwethaf. Yn gysylltiedig â'r rhain oedd llawer o grochenwaith o'r 19eg ganrif ac arteffactau eraill o ddyddiad tebyg. Daeth yn amlwg bod y lloriau yn dyddio o'r 16eg ganrif a'r 17eg ganrif wedi'u dileu, efallai ar ddechrau'r 19eg ganrif pan rannwyd y neuadd yn ddwy ystafell.

Investigation of a prehistoric flint-working site at Penpant, Pembrokeshire

Although evidence of flint working by hunter-gathering groups of people ten thousand to six thousand years ago (the Mesolithic) can be found in many places along the Pembrokeshire coast, excavation has been limited to the investigation of just a couple of sites. One of the more important flint-working sites is at Penpant, where over 20,000 flints have been collected from ploughed fields.

In June this year, 39 test pits were excavated as a community archaeology project in a small pasture field at Penpant with the aim of discovering the date, extent and degree of preservation of the flint-working site. Almost 550 worked flints were discovered, most of which were waste flakes, but 40 tools were identified, including some rare early Mesolithic implements and some Bronze Age material, demonstrating a human presence on the site for over eight thousand years. Flints were found in all the test pits, indicating a scatter at least three hectares in extent. The excavation was undertaken by Dyfed Archaeological Trust and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.



Volunteers excavating test pits on the first day of the excavation. The 20,000 flints were found in the fields in the background of the above photograph.

Gwirfoddolwyr yn cloddio pyllau prawf ar ddiwrnod cyntaf y gloddfa. Darganfuwyd yr 20,000 o fflintiau yn y caeau sydd i'w gweld yn y cefndir yn y llun uchod.





Left, all the soil from the test pits was sieved in order to obtain maximum recovery of artefacts. Below, a Mesolithic flint thumbnail scraper.

Ar y chwith, cafodd yr holl bridd o'r pyllau prawf ei ridyllu fel y gellid adfer cymaint o arteffactau ag y bo modd. Isod, crafell ewin bawd fflint Mesolithig.



Archwilio safle gweithio fflint cynhanesyddol ym Mhenpant, Sir Benfro

Er y gellir dod o hyd i dystiolaeth o weithio fflint gan grwpiau o helwyr-gasglwyr 10,000 i 6,000 o flynyddoedd yn ôl (y cyfnod Mesolithig) mewn llawer o fannau ar hyd arfordir Sir Benfro, cyfyngwyd gwaith cloddio i archwilio ychydig o safleoedd yn unig. Mae un o'r safleoedd gweithio fflint pwysicaf ym Mhenpant, lle casglwyd dros 20,000 o fflintiau o gaeau wedi'u haredig.

Ym mis Mehefin eleni, cloddiwyd 39 o byllau prawf fel prosiect archaeolegol cymunedol, mewn cae pori bach ym Mhenpant, gyda'r nod o ddarganfod dyddiadau a maint y safle gweithio fflint ac i ba raddau y mae wedi'i gadw. Darganfuwyd bron i 550 o fflintiau a weithiwyd, gyda'r rhan fwyaf ohonynt yn naddion gwastraff, ond nodwyd 40 erfyn, gan gynnwys rhai darnau o offer Mesolithig cynnar prin a deunydd o'r Oes Efydd, sy'n dangos presenoldeb dynol ar y safle am dros 8,000 o flynyddoedd. Darganfuwyd fflintiau ym mhob un o'r pyllau prawf, sy'n dangos gwasgariad o dri hectar o leiaf o ran maint. Cynhaliwyd y gloddfa gan Ymddiriedolaeth Archaeolegol Dyfed a Pharc Cenedlaethol Arfordir Penfro.

Prestigious award for the Trust

The Prehistoric Society awarded its Baguley Prize to the best article in the *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* volume 78 to The Trust Director, Ken Murphy, and Professor Harold Mytum of Liverpool University for their work on Iron Age settlements in west Wales. The Proceedings contains reports on several large-scale international research projects, and so against such stiff competition the Trust was delighted to be awarded such a prestigious prize. Contact Ken Murphy at k.murphy@dyfedarchaeology.org.uk if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the article – *Iron Age Enclosed Settlements in West Wales*.



Alison Sheridan, President of the Prehistoric Society, presenting the Baguley Prize to Professor Harold Mytum.

Alison Sheridan, Llywydd y Gymdeithas Gynhanesyddol, yn cyflwyno Gwobr Baguley i'r Athro Harold Mytum.

Gwobr glodfawr i'r Ymddiriedolaeth

Cyflwynodd y Gymdeithas Gynhanesyddol ei Gwobr Baguley am yr erthygl orau yn *The Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society*, cyfrol 78, i Gyfarwyddwr yr Ymddiriedolaeth, Ken Murphy, a'r Athro Harold Mytum o Brifysgol Lerpwl am eu gwaith ar aneddiadau'r Oes Haearn yng Ngorllewin Cymru. Mae'r *Proceedings* yn cynnwys adroddiadau ar nifer o brosiectau ymchwil rhyngwladol ar raddfa fawr, ac felly yn erbyn y fath gystadleuaeth gref, roedd yr Ymddiriedolaeth yn falch dros ben o dderbyn gwobr mor glodfawr. Cysylltwch â Ken Murphy ar k.murphy@dyfedarchaeology.org.uk os hoffech dderbyn copi electronig o'r erthygl – *Iron Age Enclosed Settlements in West Wales*.

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