



Friends of STORIEL / Gwynedd Museum and Art Gallery

## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

Registered Charity No. 1003922

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND WELCOME TO OUR FIRST 2019 NEWSLETTER.** We apologise for the lack of a Newsletter last autumn when our talks were confirmed so late we could only send last minute emails.



*Fred and Alison Whowell on one of their many adventurous trips.*

**Fred Whowell:** A longstanding Friend and erstwhile Committee member, Fred died in December. Enthusiasts for the Museum and its collection, Fred and Alison also hosted events at their home, Goetre Isaf, Bangor. He and his colourful waistcoats will be missed.

### NEWS FROM STORIEL.

- **The Café** continues under STORIEL in-house management and is available to hire for private parties.

- **Friends Meeting with Development Trust members** Progress has been slow, but the Trust has set up a bank account so it can now register as a Charity. The Friends will be supporting the trust with the required start-up deposit. Projects are being identified that the Trust can make funding applications for.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: AGM DATE: THURSDAY MAY 16TH 7PM,** Speaker: tbc. We would be pleased to hear from any interested new committee members before that date.

### FRIENDS' INITIATIVES UPDATE

- **Garden volunteers: Julian Bradnam** has taken on the job of rejuvenating Storiell gardens which were planted in haste on very poor soil. The Friends are supporting with soil, new plants and soil improver. If you can

volunteer or donate garden tools, please email Julian: simddawen48@gmail.com

- **The Friends have offered training days for museum volunteers** and help with information sheets for room stewards.

- **Donations / Finances:** Donation boxes have yielded £1011.44 so far this financial year and will gain 25% in Gift Aid. Gift Aid on last year's donations was £274.

- **Christmas Party 2018:** After low numbers at this event we are considering other ideas for fundraising events in future. At what was therefore, likely our last Christmas party in December, we raised £346.45.

**ART FUND Fundraising lecture in Storiell Friday March 1st, 2pm.**

**Michael Freeman** – Welsh costume . £10

### SPRING LECTURES (free)

**Fridays - on the theme of 'Active Women'**

**March 8th: 12.30m Annie Williams** - Votes for Women: The Bangor Suffragists.

**March 15th: 12.30pm Lisa Hudson / Marged Pendrell** Merched Chwarel –dim yn dawel.

**March 22nd: 12.30pm Lindsey Colbourne / Lisa Hudson** Hanes Llanddynes – Llandudno through the series of Women.

**March 29th: 12.30pm Wil Aaron:** 'Martha Hughes - first woman senator in the U.S'.

### IN THE GALLERIES:

**Jan 12 – Feb 23: Touching Syria:** Artwork from contemporary artists from Syria.

**Jan 26 – April 6: Lisa Eurgain Taylor** Between II Lights.

**Jan 26 – April 6: Brenda Chamberlain** Paintings and drawings from the collection.

**Jan 26 – March 30: New Again** 'Re-cycled' items from the collection.

**STORIEL OPEN ART EXHIBITION: ARTISTS!** Submission deadline March 18th. Entry Forms available at STORIEL reception /online - <https://www.storiell.cymru/open-art/>