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ARE PROGRESSING WELL

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The Newsletter Of The Friends Of Kinnel Hall

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IN MEMORIAM

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE WISH TO
INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING OF
MRS FLORENCE HUGHES,
SISTER OF THE LATE EDMUND DAVID
VINCE AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
TRUST THAT RAN KINMEL HALL AS A
SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ON
NEW YEARS DAY AT THE AGE OF 99
MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH
HER FAMILY AT THIS SAD TIME



**FRIENDS OF KINMEL HALL
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HAPPY NEW YEAR
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To
THE FRIENDS OF KINMEL HALL**



In this edition of The Kinmelogue
We will continue looking at life in the Hall in
years gone by whilst bringing the reader up to
date with current developments from the
Friends of Kinmel Hall

V.A.D. OFFICERS HOSPITAL
'BRADSTONES'
Sandfield Park
Liverpool

3rd January 1922

Dear Rev. & Mrs Hughes,

I hope you are keeping well and getting ready for the New Year.

I recently came across a document detailing the development of The Kimmel Estate and I thought I would recount some of my findings whilst we await a change of staff in the Hospital.

..... Lord Dinorben died in 1852 and was buried in the family mausoleum in St. George churchyard. He was succeeded by his only surviving son who died eight months later. the title becoming extinct. The estate then passing to his cousin Hugh Robert Hughes of Bache Hall, Chester.

Hugh Robert Hughes immediately commenced to build on a lavish scale as follows:

1855. Palladian Stable Block.

1857. Cottages in St. George village.

1866. New forge at Talrych.

1867. Home farm and model dairy.

1867. Cottages at Terfyn and Bodoryn following the extension of the park boundaries and the re-aligning of local roadways.

1866. New chapel at Bodoryn.

1868. Golden Lodge and Morfa Lodge.

The Town Hall at Abergele was built in 1867 and the Village Hall at St. George in 1899. A consortium formed by the Kimmel Estate, the Chester & Holyhead Railway Company and others built four blocks of large houses at Pensarn to cater for the summer visitor trade which was developing following the coming of the railway.

Kimmel itself was extended, re-modelled and clad in brick by William Eden Nesfield between 1871 and 1874, thus becoming architecturally important as it marked a change in style from the Victorian Gothic Revival. Kimmel was then a palatial and sumptuous house for a Victorian commoner. even one as wealthy as Hugh Robert Hughes.

At this time lands were exchanged with owners of some of the neighbouring estates. a rationalisation of properties in order to form a large, compact estate holding.

*Taken from
the Development of
the Kimmel Estate,
by
R. FRED ROBERTS*

How the Squire of Kimmel came to be introduced to William Eden Nesfield is a story in itself!

John Pemberton Heywood, Director of Heywood's Bank in Liverpool, ran a competition in his home town for newly qualified Architects to design a monument for the centre of West Derby Village in Liverpool.

The winner of this competition was one William Eden Nesfield whom Heywood promptly commissioned him to design his retirement home 'Cloverley Hall'



WEST DERBY VILLAGE MEMORIAL

Whilst working on both this project and at the same time working with his Landscape Architect Father and Brother, William Andrews Nesfield and Markham Nesfield, on the Victorian Gardens within the Regent's Park, Heywood introduced William Eden Nesfield to Hugh Robert Hughes who commissioned him to work on Hendre Gyda followed by Tollgate cottage, Morfa Lodge Golden Lodge, St George Lodge, Dinorben Lodge, Glas Coed Lodge(Kinmel Lodge), Plas Kinmel, Meifod Lodge, Dinorben Lodge, and the Garden House. He then commissioned him to work on the Hall designed by Thomas Hopper which had been built to replace the Wyatt building which was destroyed by fire in 1841.



Sincerely yours

Charlie

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

When The Friends of Kinmel Hall was created it was with the intention of trying to get Conwy Council to take responsibility for one of the most impressive and historic buildings within their boundaries.

Whilst this is still part of the aims of The Friends of Kinmel Hall. The group itself has developed in ways that could not have been foreseen at the start.

To give an example of what is meant by this. In the late 70's Eddy Vince created the '*Council of Reference*' which was a body of people to whom he could refer to in relation to things he needed specialist advice.

With the permission of his family the Council of Reference' has been re-created with people who are specialists in various areas of expertise that relates to Kinmel Hall and its grounds. Some of the people who have kindly agreed to join the group are members of the original team and so know that building better than most.

Another development which is ongoing at present is the creation of a Building Preservation Trust with the ability to apply for grants and funding not available to individuals.

It is hoped that with the formation of the Trust we can offer the owner of Kinnel more tangible support in various areas as well as give us a more formal footing with which to approach the Council and other statutory bodies to request their assistance.

Building Preservation Trust's have been used to good effect with the likes of Stowe House and Wentworth Woodhouse and closer to home Gwrych Castle which has come on in leaps and bounds since Dr Mark Baker took the reins.

The idea of the Building Preservation Trust was something that had been looked at earlier last year. However, the Auction being sprung on us by the owners made us look again at the idea.

Interest has been shown from different sources into the idea of working with the owner AND the trust to help restore the Hall and various contacts have impressed upon us the need to get the Trust up and running.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Once the Building Preservation Trust is established it is hoped that it can establish a working agreement with all the relevant parties that will enable the Trust to assist the owner of the Hall to bring the Hall back into use and re-open to the public once again.

One way in which this could be achieved is by way of a Heritage Partnership Agreement signed by all parties concerned.

The first HPA signed in England was between Maldon District Council and the Trustees of Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, Purleigh, Near Maldon, Essex in 2014.

A Heritage Partnership Agreement or H.P.A. has been used in England in such locations as Kings Cross Station which enables work to be carried out to maintain the Building without the need for repetitive and time consuming listed planning applications.

Also at the University of Sussex's Falmer campus. Edinburgh College has signed a Heritage Partnership Agreement aimed at enhancing students' learning opportunities – which gives us some ideas to work with.

Southampton City Council signed a Heritage Partnership Agreement with English Heritage for works to their Civic Centre.

The Letters to the Chief Executive are continuing and so if any of The Friends of Kinmel Hall wish to register their comments/concerns or have questions for the Council. May I respectfully request that they send them to

nesfieldscrown@outlook.com

and we will forward them to the relevant person in the Council via our established lines of communication. Please feel free to ask whatever comes to mind.

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35	ANDREW DAVIDSON
36	ANDY MCKINNEY
38	BEN OAKLEY
39	BRUCE AND DELIA BICKERTON
40	CARL YAPP
41	CATH STEWARD
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43	CHRISTOPHER BROOK
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45	JOHN LAWSON-REAY
46	CURTIS SHEA
47	DARREN MILLAR

48	DAVID GALLACHER
49	DAVID HALL
50	DAVID VINCE
51	DEBBIE AND KEN DAVIES
52	DEBBIE VINCE
53	DELYTH MCRAE
54	DICKON FETHERSTONHAUGH
55	DR AMY BOYINGTON
56	DR H W FLEMING
57	DR JOHN E DAVIES
58	DR JONATHAN BERRY CADW
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60	DR SHAUN EVANS I.S.W.E.
61	DWYNWEN - ANGLESEY COLUMN
62	EDWARD BLAKEMAN
63	GARETH LLOYD-DAVIES
64	HAY CASTLE
65	HEATHER JONES
66	IHBC JAMES DREW
67	JACOB VINCE
68	JEREMY MUSSON
69	JOHN GOODALL
70	JONATHAN FENTON-VINCE
71	JOSHUA VINCE
72	JUDITH ALFREY C.A.D.W.
73	JUSTIN ALBERT NATIONAL TRUST
74	KATE REES
75	KATHRYN ROBERTS CADW
76	KEN AND LIZ WARD
77	KEN MOORE BALLYMENA YOUTH
78	LISA FIDDES CADW
79	LORD LANGFORD
80	LUCIE CARAYON
81	LUCY E WILLIAMS
82	MARQUISS OF ANGLESEY
83	MARTIN JONES
84	MATT OSMONT INSALL

85	MICHELLE
86	NICHOLAS KINGSLEY
87	PETER HARE
88	PETER HOWELL
89	RICHARD BARLEY
90	ROB SHELLEY ITV WALES
91	DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES
92	SIMON BAYNES MP
93	STEPHEN WEEKS
94	TIM & SIMONE VINCE
95	TIMOTHY COOKE
96	TOM LLOYD
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104	CLLR CHARLIE MCCOUBREY
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107	CLLR WOOD
108	DAVID POWELL
109	JANET FINCH-SAUNDERS
110	HAROLD BURROWS
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122	ANDREW WILLIAMS
123	ANDY H
124	ANNA WHITE V & A
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126	CAROLYN THOMAS
127	CLAIRE DARRAH
128	DAVID ALDERMAN
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133	EDDIE VASS
134	ELEANOR CARPENTER
135	ELGAN JONES
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138	IAN LANG ITV WALES
139	IAN TAYLOR ST GEORGE WELL
140	INNES MATHIESON
141	JOANNA DAVIDSON H G W
142	JOHN ROBINSON
143	THISTLES AND WEEDS
144	KATE DARRAH
146	LORD JULIAN FELLOWES
147	LORD LIEUTENANT OF CLWYD
148	LORD MOSTYN
149	MARGARET DUNN
150	MARK ISHERWOOD
151	MICHAEL FITT
152	MICHAEL TREE
153	MICHELLE

154	NICK MORRIS
155	PETER AND JANET MARSHALL
156	PETER GOODCHILD
157	PETER WELFORD
158	ROB SHELLEY ITV WALES
159	SAM ROWLANDS
160	SCOTT HANDLEY
161	SIR T. INGILBY
162	ST GEORGE SCHOOL
163	STEPHEN WELCH
164	TOM ELLIS AI LAW
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167	MARIAN MARTIN
168	MICHAEL DAY
169	NATALIE KENNY
170	PAULINE JONES
171	PENNY ICKE
172	RACHEL TULSIE
173	RICHARD BADDELEY
174	ROB CHAMBERS
175	SCOTT HANDLEY
176	SIMON JENKINS
178	TERRY COLE
179	DAVE THORNEYCROFT
180	VICKI COX – H.T.N.

I am very concerned that a Grade I listed building in Conwy, one of the greatest buildings in Wales, is at great and increasing risk. It seemed that some steps forward had been taken this year with new ownership of Kinmel Hall, but I understand that progress may be foundering.

Kinmel Hall is by definition nationally important.

*Less than 2 per cent of Listed Buildings
in Wales are designated Grade I.*

Unfortunately, there is a real possibility that it will be lost to future generations unless the local authority takes a proactive role in the case.

DR PETER WAKELIN
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And Historical
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MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

**IN 1944 1 FIELD HOSPITAL R.A.M.C.
ARRIVED AT PENSARN STATION AND
MARCHED, VIA ST GEORGE'S ROAD, TO
THE HALL IN DRIZZILING RAIN.
AMONGST THE NUMBERS WERE
Lt CORPORAL RON BLAKEMAN AND
CAPTAIN CYRIL BLAKEMAN.
ON TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2022, THE
WAR DIARIES OF CYRIL BLAKEMAN
ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO 3 MEDICAL
REGIMENT R.A.M.C. AT THEIR
'OFFICERS TO DINE'
EVENT**