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The Newsletter Of The Friends Of Kinmel Hall

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### <u>BREAKING NEWS</u>

 $5^{\mathrm{TH}}$  MAY 2022

THIS DATE SAW CHANGES TO THE POLITICAL MAP OF ENGLAND
THIS WAS NO DIFFERENT IN WALES

SEE HOW THIS MAY HELP INSIDE!



# FRIENDS OF KINMEL HALL NEWSLETTER VOLUME 2 $5^{\mathrm{TH}}$ EDITION $27^{\mathrm{TH}}$ MAY 2022



In this edition of The Kinmelogue
We will be giving the reader an insight into
how the Friends of Kinmel Hall have evolved
to meet with the changing situation with the
Hall and the Council and our plans for moving
forward.

#### THE COUNCIL OF REFERENCE

Following the events of the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1975, it was feared that Kinmel Hall would be lost forever.

With gaping holes in the roof and water pouring through the burnt out floors it was in a pitiful state.

Three attempts had been made to have the majority of the Main Hall Demolished leaving only the Palladian Stable Block remaining untouched. Each attempt was blocked by the Secretary of State for Wales.

Then one Sunday afternoon a car turned up the drive to the burnt out remains of the Hall. In the car was a Husband and Wife whose eldest Daughter had been a pupil at Clarendon before the fire.

The Husband got out of the car in front of the gates, which were locked shut but he managed to climb over the fence and made his way into the gardens.

There he met some people cutting the grass and he asked if he could look around the Hall. He climbed up the back staircase to see the extent of the damage.

His next stop was at Plas Kinmel to see Major Fetherstonhaugh about restoring Kinmel Hall!

The gentleman was Edmund David Vince a Christian Businessman who already had a Conference Centre in East Sussex which he had created from a Prisoner of War location into a thriving Conference Centre.

When everything was agreed with the owners of the Estate and the authorities, he started the gargantuan task of restoring the Hall.

To help him do this he brought together a group of people with various skills and expertise in areas he had little or no knowledge of.

Eddy gave this group of advisers the name: 
'THE COUNCIL OF REFERENCE'

In 2021, with the permission of the Vince Family, The Friends of Kinmel Hall created its own 'Council of Reference' to help and advise them with the best way to move things forward with both the Friends of Kinmel Hall and the plans for the future including the Building Preservation Trust we are in the process of creating at the moment.

In its early days, The Council met infrequently because of personal commitments and the effects of COVID-19.

The last meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April via Teams.

At this meeting it was suggested and agree that the C.O.R. would meet on the last Thursday of each month via Teams between 6pm – 8pm. These times

were to allow the various members of the C.O.R. to join in as and when it was convenient with them.

The Second meeting was held at 6pm on Thursday  $26^{th}$  May 2022.

At this meeting the following points were discussed: -

- ➤ OFF THE GROUND The C.O.R. were shown the photographs and the Drone footage taken for the Auctioneers in 2021 which had just been GIVEN to The Friends of Kinmel Hall. It truly shows the sad state the Hall has fallen into since 2011.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> had seen a lot of changes to the political map of North Wales. 54 Councillors were either elected or re-elected to County Borough Council. On the advice of the Heritage Trust Network's Adam Hitchings, all of these Councillors were contacted to introduce the topic of Kinmel Hall to them all right at the start of their new term in office. To date 44/53 Councillors have verbally agreed to meet with the Friends of Kinmel Hall to be brought up to speed with what is going on and what we are trying to do to save this National Icon from total loss.

- ➤ A letter drafted by the Chairman of The Friends of Kinmel Hall to these Councillors and Senedd Members was discussed prior to it being sent out to those who had agreed in principal to meet us.
- > ESTABLISHING NEW CONTACTS -Thanks to Social Media we were made aware of another project that is taking shape in Manchester – Hopwood Hall is a Grade II\* historic house in Middleton, Greater Manchester, England, which was the ancestral country home of the landed gentry family of Hopwood who held it from the 12th century, passing to the Gregge family – which is slowly being brought back to life by a descendant of the Hopwood Family who was born and brought up in Holland, Michigan, USA – but has moved lock stock and barrel to Manchester to restore his Ancestral Home. We are pleased to announce that he has responded to emails sent to him by the Friends and has agreed to speak to us once he returns from his publicity tour in America.
- ➤ On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May two members of the Friends of Kinmel Hall met with relatives of the Kinmel Estate Gardener from the 1870's

- George Homer Beckett and the Vaughan family who also worked on the Estate. The information, memorabilia and photographs they brought with them were spell-binding. Two of the photos appear on the Front Page of this edition of 'The Kinmelogue'. The top image is of the Fireplace at Lleweni Hall near Denbigh. The bottom image is what is known as The Sunken Drive but it was taken prior to the building of the Palladian Stable Block in 1855!



This, we believe, is what is known as The Golden Lodge???!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 18.00hours.

### NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

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

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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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