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CHAIRMANS NOTES

We have reached newsletter 21 and again I'm grateful to our officers and members for their help in responding to my request for articles.

Some of the articles in this issue cover the personal memories from our President, An article covering the efforts to date the age of Ty-Gwyn and another article from Alan Vincent covering the area known as the Rodee at Chester.

Janet our Secretary has also put together a short article about the BATTLE OF THE SOMME which as you are all aware is commemorating the start of that conflict 100yrs ago.

I'm sure you will again find something of interest to you all to enjoy.

This year we are celebrating 126 years of the Sailors' Institute since it's opening in1880 when the Canon Edward Hughes, the Rector of Barmouth established the Barmouth Sailors' Institute.

To help us commemorate this milestone in our history, the Institute committee decided to hold a service at St David's church (Our Neighbour Next Door to the Institute).
Our President who has supportedthis proposal agreed to hold the service on **Sunday the 21st August at 1800hrs.**

We trust members and visitors from far and wide will make an effort to help us commemorate this historic event.

I have on elsewhere in this newsletter published a brief background/history of the Institute taken from our website.

Last February saw us celebrate? another year with our Annual General Meeting, a meeting that allowed us to welcome 2 new members. One of them of course being our new president the Revd Cannon Bethan Bailey and Mr Peter Thompson who has historical knowledge of Barmouth and it's area. You will find an article from Peter inside this newsletter.

To continue the theme of profiles of members and contributors I succeeded in having our treasurer put forward his profile, and again within these pages you will John's profile. Who will be next? All revealed in issue 22 around January..

Finally I'm still on the look out for new articles, If you have any for publication Please get in contact with myself by late November 2016

Finally, I trust you will enjoy all the articles in this our 21st newsletter.

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SECRETARY'S SNIPPET

Hello everyone. It time once again for our Editor to ask for a report from me on happenings since our last Newsletter. You will see I have headed my piece as 'a snippet'. As I really do not have anything to say, other than waffle, that's just what it will be this time!!
We had our Annual General Meeting in February and it was very nice to welcome our new President, Reverend Canon Beth Bailey. Our local members know that our previous President, Reverend Kevin Horswell has moved away from the area to another parish and we all wish him well in his new surroundings. Since the establishment of the Barmouth Sailors' Institute by Cannon Edward Hughes in 1890, the incumbent vicar of Barmouth is automatically elected as President. Being a local Barmouthgirl, it's nice to have Beth on board.

The Annual General Meeting also welcomed a new member to the committee, Mr. Peter Thompson. Many of you will know Peter for his historical knowledge of the area. The meeting also showed the Institute is on a firm footing. We manage to plod along and cover our expenses which, this year has seen some timber repairs and painting to the outside of the building. All this is possible only because of you loyal members supporting our unique heritage. I was speaking recently to someone from television and he was so surprised at what we had to offer and to know we are the only surviving Sailors' Institute in Wales still doing basically, what it was established for so many years ago. Talking of that, our Chairman will have already told you of the proposed 125 years celebration.

A number of members and visitors visiting the the Institute ask about about the history of 'The Clock House', as we all

affectionately know that impressive building which is so much part of the estuary scene. As there are so many hearsay theories, I asked the owners Richard and Sara Parry-Jones if they would write a piece for ourNewsletter.
Unfortunately, Sara does not have anything to give me as she too,is struggling to root out the truth.She's collating a history of The Clock House but with so little written down, there's lots of research and interviews to do to try and establish historical accuracy. Very time consuming. If any one of you out there has any reliable information, she would be very happy to hear from you. If you have any information, please contactmyself or the Chairman and we will ensure it's passed on.

Well folks that is it for this issue. We have our annual Coffee Morning get together in July. In our next issue I hope to report it will have been a success once again. We do have such a loyal band of supporters.
Hope you all have a nice summer. After the recent beautiful spell of weather it's a rather nippy overcast morning here in Llanbedr (my home village)

Janet Griffith

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The Roodee at Chester

As someone who was brought up near Chester, the River Dee was part of growing up. From boating by the Groves, to picnics in the meadows and trips down to BATTLE OF THE SOMME

the Sealand Road area to watch the bore coming up river, many happy days were spent on or around the River Dee.
In addition the history of the river, particularly in relation to the Romans was part of our early education. So as a lad I was well versed in the knowledge that the Roodee had been a port in Roman times.
This knowledge was later firmly reinforced; when playing football on a wet November Sunday morning on the Roodee, it was very easy to believe that the pitch had originally been part of a harbour!

What was not made clear when I was a young lad, and only became clear as I read more of the history of Chester, was how relatively recent in time the Port of Chester had operated.
Even as late as the mid-17th century Chester's income as a port was still much larger than Liverpool's although it was comparatively small in national terms.

"In 1634 it paid £120 in export duties (and Liverpool a mere £18) but for comparison Plymouth and Cornwall paid £798 in 1631, and Bristol on its own paid £424."

Another thing that always intrigued me, particularly when going to watch the bore coming up river was why the section from Sealand Road out towards, and beyond Queensferry, was dead straight with canal like banks. Again, it transpires, this arises from Chester's history as a port, or more correctly to efforts made to maintain Chester as a port.

"In the last years of the 17th century schemes were put forward for improving the Dee to Chester and above, with the aim of easing access to the city and making a navigable waterway into south Cheshire and Denbighshire. The silting of the river, and its shallowness, were perpetually a problem and it was hoped that a straighter and wider artificial channel, regularly dredged, would eliminate this. Although the upper section was never implemented, the improvement of the Chester channel was completed after 1698 when Francis Gell, a London merchant, built modest navigation works as far as the Roodee in Chester, where a new wharf was constructed.
By the 1730s, though, the shifting sands were once again causing trouble and in 1735-6 a completely new channel was cut through the sandbanks on the Welsh side from Chester to beyond Flint. This was not particularly successful in assisting the port of Chester, and it damaged the access to the outport at Parkgate, the main passenger port for Ireland in the 17th century."

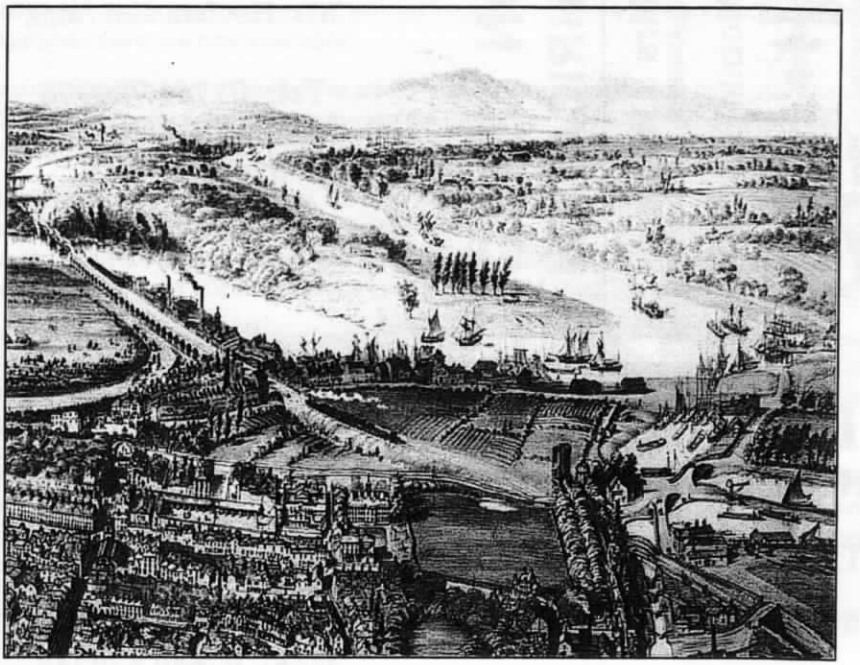
So enormous efforts were made to keep the Dee open to shipping in the early 1700's, but the battle against the shifting sands (and of course the increasing size of ships) was ultimately lost, leaving the Roodee in Chester to become,

occasionally, a Sunday Morning water-polo site, but more importantly a beautiful racecourse. Again this was important in my life, as, whilst I am not a betting man, in my early employment, the Chester Cup day occasioned a small holiday as many local firms shut for the afternoon of the race.

Finally, of course, mention of shifting sands causing trouble brings us neatly back to present day Barmouth.

(Quotes from **"A History Of Cheshire" by Alan Crosby, published by Phillimore & Co. Ltd in 1996.)**

Alan Vincent.



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Memories from our President

I have just heard the news that, in 2 days time, we will have a new Prime Minister! Meanwhile, the future leadership of the Labour Party remains unclear. What an extraordinary month this has been. Whether or not we welcomed the referendum result, we awoke on the morning of June 25th, to find the familiar landscape of our lives shifting as we embarked on an unpredictable journey into uncharted waters. What a lot has happened since then. It has been quite a struggle to keep up with the headlines, and to work out where the latest development might take us.

Not many things in life are certain.However, as we are often told, 'change'is an exception (along, I might add – having conducted too many funerals recently- with death). This doesn't, of course, mean that change is easy. On the contrary: it can often feel like akind of bereavement as we find ourselves aching for 'the way things used to be.'

I feel this, at a pretty minor level, every time I walk along Jubilee Road – my childhood playground. The grassy verges of the railway where I collected ladybirds and other 'bugs' (re-housing them - temporarily -in matchboxes), and where I learned to identify the many different wild flowers that once flourished there, are now a car park.

So many other childhood landmarks have also changed or disappeared: the old signal box which I loved to visit with my Dad; the beach huts near the Bathhouse; even 'the island', where we had such adventures, is no longer an island.

In these rapidly changing times, I think it is particularly important and appropriate to celebrate the survival of an historic building, that, in contrast, seems to have changed so little. The Sailor's Institute has been, and I hope always will be part of the landscape of my (and your) lives. At my first committee meeting, I discovered that it even still 'felt' and smelt the same! (a good smell)

Established initially to provide comfort and information about voyages to local people with loved ones at sea, and as a recreation place for seafarers, this old building continues, not only to inform and educate those who visit, but also to be an enduring and comforting landmark for those who have known Barmouth and the Quay for many years.

On Sunday 21st August at 6pm we will (belatedly) be celebrating the 125th Birthday of the Institute with a service at St David'sChurch . Do come along to give thanks for all those who have worked so hard, across the years, to ensure that the building is still open to welcome, inform and inspire all who venture through its doors.

It is my great privilege and delight to serve as President of the Sailor's Institute and to support the present committee.

It is SO good to know that some things never change!

Beth Bailey

(The Reverend Canon Beth Bailey)

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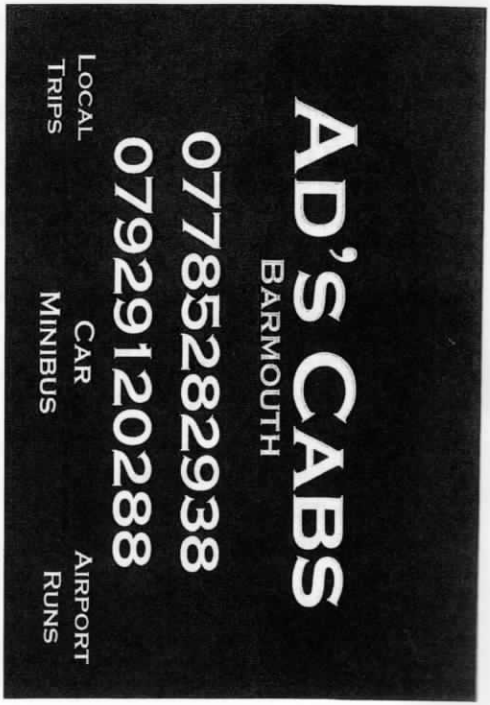
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BATTLE OF THE SOMME

Being a Friend of the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas where the Allied Armed Forces Memorial is situated, I recently received their Newsletter. They are doing something on the lines of the Tower of London poppies. On the 1st of July an *En Masse* art installation of 19,240 silhouette soldierswill be unveiled. It is in memory of the 19,240 British soldiers killed on that **first** day, the bloodiest day in the British Army's history. A battle that lasted for 141 days, finally ending on 18th November when the last silhouette will be placed in situ at the Arboretum. The day the guns fell silent and 95,675 Commonwealth soldiers lay dead or were missing. It was to be one of the most costly battles of the First World War with over 1.3 million British Empire, French and German casualties sustained in the fighting.

At the eleventh hour of our Newsletter going to press, I wondered whether I could find any information about Barmouth men who would have been involved. On the Barmouth War Memorial there are 9 names of casualties during those 141 days.

I have found a wealth of information on a website relating to the participation of 27 Welsh battalions. Too much for me to wade through at the moment. I had hoped Hugh of Hugh's Views,could showme a quick solutionor Les Darbyshire, our local Barmouth historian. Unfortunately neither could so do. However Hugh has sent me a photograph of his great uncle (Lt. Robert Griffith Rees, Brynymor, Post Office Square) who was killed on 10 July 1916 during the 38th (Welsh) Division's battle for Mametz Wood which took place 6th to 12 July 1916. It was a success but for just the taking of a small wood, the 38th lost 602 killed, 2,806 wounded and 585 missing during those few days.

By the time our next Newsletter comes out, the Battle of the Somme would have only just finished. By then I hope to have had time to do a little more research. If any of you have any appropriate information, especially on men who survived and returned to Barmouth, it would be so nice to include them.

The Museum service has been asking museums to do something to commemorate World War I and I thought this may be a way for our small Institute to play its part. A war in which 63 Barmouth men directly lost their lives.

Janet Griffith Hon. Secretary



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The Quest to Date Ty Gwyn – a work in progress

It is reckoned that Ty Gwyn is one of the earliest domestic buildings to survive in this part Wales and efforts have been made over the last couple of years to get an accurate date of construction. It is believed to be a medieval building constructed sometime in the 15th century. Many are familiar with the poem by TudurPenllyn (c1420-90) that describes the building known then as Ty Gwyn ynBermo. It was composed by Penllynas a *cywydd*or praise poem to the builder, GruffyddFychan of Cors y Gedol. They were both supporters of the Lancastrian cause during the Wars of the Roses. The poem states clearly that Ty Gwynwas constructed by Fychan and there is the suggestion that it was used by the Lancastrian supporters in the area for clandestine meetings to organise opposition to the Yorkists who controlled the region. The principal visitorto Ty Gwyn was Jasper, Earl of Pembroke and uncle of the future HenryVII, who was a young earl of Richmond at this time.

NowPenllyn's poem does NOT mention Jasper but there are other poetic references to him. Nevertheless, an extract from a poetic exchange between Sion Phylip (1543? – 1620), one of a family of bards that lived locally during the 16th and 17th centuries, and his uncle Sion DafyddapSiencyn, is helpful. Sion Dafydd mentions that Jasper had visited Barmouth, and that GruffuddapEinion (Fychan) had erected a house there and he refers to the poem by TudurPenllyn. Sion Phylip replies, stating that this is true and that the house erected by Fychan was empty at that time i.e. in Sion Phylip's time.

> *"Un ty a wnaethynte/n Wiw,*
> *Mewnceuddwr, mae'n wagheddiw"*
>
> *[i.e. GruffuddFychan's... house was empty and surrounded by water]Prof.Dafydd Bowen, 1988. RCAHM file*

So we have this later bardic 'chatter', that does seem to confirm that the use of the building, at least at that time, was well known. So we are fairly clear about the origins of Ty Gwyn from a documentary viewpoint, albeit a literary one.

We don't hear too much about the building for the next few hundred years although a consignment of goods was unladenin Barmouthin 1615 (Peniarth MS) including 'twentie tonnes of Frenche wines', so a refined palate existed in the area. Customs were due and the official may have been based in Ty Gwyn.

In the19th century documents drawn up for the sale of the property show Thomas Edward Mostyn as the owner in 1854 and the uses of the building to that date reveal it as a schoolroom and warehouse with shed adjoining. In 1883 a sale document repeated the former uses but also stated that it was later converted to cottages as the apartments were termed. There appears to be five in all, with tenants,and with a warehouse attached.

In the 1970s, as the ostensibly 19th century building came to the end of its useful life it was revealed to be what we see today: a building of medieval origins with a fine roof and a first floor hall which had been concealed by the later conversion. With the retention of the Davy Jones Locker underneath this hall was restored to roughly its original form and opened as a museum which is open to the present day.

To fully understand the development of the building however more work was needed. In 2013, with a very active program of successful tree-ring dating of vernacular buildings already successfully achieved in North West Wales, the Dating Old Welsh House Group and

the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments decided to sample and date the timbers of Ty Gwyn to get an actual date of construction, if possible, by using dendrochronology, or tree-ring dating. The roof was inspected by Dr Dan Miles of the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory but unfortunately the most obvious fabric to sample, stylistically, the roof we see today,was assessed as unsuitable because of rapid growth in the treesdue to variable climatic conditions. This can be a common problem in coastal areas. Dendrochronological samples ideally rely on at least 70 growth rings to be able to match existing samples with a master chronology using computer analysis, but rapid growth produces wide and fluctuating sequences of rings that makes this extremely difficult with current knowledge.[1]

It was, however, decided to sample the joists that support the first floor above the Locker. With thanks to the Locker, and with the aid of Dr Martin Bridge from ODL samples from nine timbers were extracted and taken for analysis. Unfortunately, the report of March 2014 revealed that these did not date as we had hoped, which was disappointing. As a last resort we then decided to submit a couple of the core samples for radio carbon 14 dating to hopefullyobtain a date that would not be precise but approximate. RC14 dating works by analysing radiocarbon contained within organic matter in the subject material, in our case timber, rather than measuring tree rings. However, the samples proved extremely difficult to get reliable data from and the results gave a very wide date range from the mid-18th century and into the 20th century. Again very disappointing and scientifically leaves us with in a dead end. It also suggests a building much later than we thought – if the data is accepted. A problem with RC14 dating is that it can sometimes give anomalous results if the sample is contaminated.

We then come to the interpretation of the findings, reported in October 2015. Since it was felt that the timbers were likely to have come from a much earlier date, one is left with at least two possible conclusions:

a) The timber subjected to radiocarbon analysis is in fact a later repair/alteration to the property

or

b) The timbers used in the ceiling are in fact much more recent than had been proposed.

Further analysis of the fabric may help to decide which. If either, of these possibilities is correct. Given the low numbers of rings available, it is very unlikely that further dendrochronological work on this ceiling would be able to throw much light on the problem.

Maybe when the science has developed further we can have another attempt but that is for the future and the object now is to piece together surviving evidence, be that documentary or photographic in order to piece together the development of Ty Gwyn and this is the stage we are at now.

1 For further information on dendrochronology
http://datingoldwelshhouses.co.uk/English2/dendrochronology.html

For information on the work of Discovering Old Welsh House Group
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Peter Thompson 2016

Barmouth Sailors' Institute

Barmouth Sailors' Institute is a unique building and is an important part of Barmouth's Maritime history.
The building is a rare survivor of a type of establishment that was once common in coastal communities throughout the British Isles in the late nineteenth century. This was a period when the seagoing trades around the British coasts were changing rapidly. The advancement of the railway into rural areas undermined the once lively coastal trade. However, seafarers from the remotest coastal areas did not forsake the sea but instead, began to take up berths on deep sea ships sailing from the larger ports such as London, Hull, Newcastle, Glasgow, Liverpool and Cardiff. The majority of their families remained in their native community where in the past they had been able to observe the seaborne movements of their menfolk on local voyages.
In order that they could continue to trace the new voyages, many seamen's institutes came into existence, not just as a meeting place but also where the Lloyds List and Shipping Gazette were available for consultation. From these, the families could trace the lengthy voyages which could last up to two years.
In 1890 Canon Edward Hughes, the Rector of Barmouth at the time would have established the Barmouth Sailors' Institute for just this reason. He was very well known for his endeavour to meet both the spiritual and social needs of his parishioners.
A set of sea charts was presented to the Rector of Llanaber (also of Barmouth) for the use of seamen of Barmouth in remembrance of their friend George Quartus Pine Talbot. They date back to 1823 and are housed in a special wall cabinet; some have voyages charted on them.

The Billiard Room provided relaxation for some folk whilst others played dominoes, chess or draughts in the Reading Room. There were team snooker competitions with an annual Christmas Goose tournament. The interest in using the snooker table has increased once again and the latter tournament was revived for Christmas 2003. However, due to costs, the "Goose" was replaced by a turkey!
Over the years, being of timber construction, the building fell into a state of disrepair. In 1982 a valiant band of volunteers obtained funding from the Prince's Trust and stemmed the tide. By January 2005 sufficient grant aid was secured to do a full restoration and the building was returned as near as possible to how it was when first established in 1890.
It conforms to current day electrical, heating, fire and security requirements and hopefully will be standing for many future generations.
The building is disable friendly but has no access for wheelchairs.

The Institute is open to all members of the public, free of charge, Monday to Saturday, October to April and every day in summer. In the Reading Room daily newspapers, magazines, etc. may be read. The many photographs and artefacts on display portray Barmouth's maritime heritage. Membership is open to everyone - it is not a requirement to have any connection with the sea. For just £5 a year you could help preserve this recently restored unique building for many years to come.

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PROFILE OF JOHN PUDDLE

I was born in Buxton, Derbyshire, in September 1947, nine months after the heaviest snowfall ever recorded in this area. In fact Buxton had been cut off for three months by road, the only outside communication being by rail. Snow played a large part in my youth. We lived in Burbage which was a mile from Buxton, in the lea of the moorlands which are predominant in the vicinity.

It was a fantastic place to grow up in. The freedom. The moors to wander at will, rivers to dam and swim in, the woods to swing from trees (if you could climb the Big Beech you were revered), the quarries to explore, school football on an old prisoner of war camp with the grass a foot tall and the wet leather ball so heavy, that only fools headed it,Tin Can, a game of hide and seek with a twist, and sledging in winter on snow covered fields to all hours in the dark only to be awakened by the call of my mother, Betty,"Time to come in now John."

I attended Burbage Primary School to the age of eleven and then Buxton College.
My father, Jack, with his brothers, owned the aptly named Puddle Bros Garage in Buxton.This was before the throw away days and my father could mend almost anything on a car. I spent many happy hours tinkering with cars in his garage and it was with my father's enthusiasm for mechanicalthings that set me on my career.

After a ten-minute flight around Manchester at the age of five I was hooked. I only wanted to be a pilot, nothing else. I achieved a Special Flying Award from the RAF whilst still at school which allowed me to attain a Private Pilot's Licence so I could fly myself even though I was too young to drive a car. I was then accepted to the College of Air Training, jointly run by BEA and BOAC.

Three things stood out at college, that is where I met my wife, Jacqui, I had to have elocution lessons as I had a broad northern accent, and that after taking A levels in geography and history we had to have extra lessons in mental calculations, but I certainly knew where we were going and where we had been.
After 18 months I was a qualified pilot and at the age of 21 was a co-pilot on Tridents for BEA working out of Heathrow Airport.

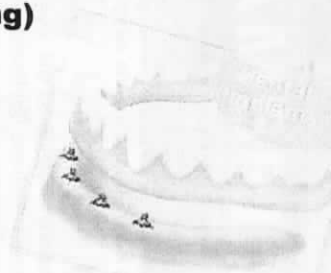
My career took me far and wide. I became a Captain and flew Boeing 737s before going Long Haul on Boeing 767s. I flew for British Airways for 33years.I ended my career flying for DHL on cargo flights within Europe. In this day and age it is not many people that can say that they enjoyed their job, but I thoroughly did.

What brought me to Barmouth? My parents bought a touring caravan in the fifties and were looking for somewhere to have holidays in it when they found Barmouth. The caravan was kept in Hughie Williams field at Branksome Farm and we spent many happy summers in it(and it did rain even in those days). As a teenager we did not visit Barmouth. My wife and I revisited in the early seventies and stayed at the Cors y Gedol Hotel. We then had three children in quick succession, hired a small touring caravan and spent a week at HendreMynach Caravan Park (a fourteen foot caravan, three chidren , a dog , no hot water but we loved it).Over the next twenty years we had numerous happy holidays in Barmouth. So when it came to retirement where else should we look for a house but Barmouth. After viewing numerous abodes Hughie said " there is a plot of land on Branksome with your name on it". We had a house built there, a hundred yards from where my parents kept the caravan. **And here we will stay**.

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