

Kyffin Williams - An Anglesey Sketchbook

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The exhibition *Kyffin Williams – An Anglesey Sketchbook* encompasses a large selection of Oriel Ynys Môn's collection and will be the first time many of these works have been shown together.

Councillor Ken Hughes, stated, "Kyffin Williams was an Anglesey born man and it is a pleasure to see these works of art together, giving us an insight into the familiar places and people that were important to him."

Kyffin Williams had a connection with Anglesey throughout his life. Even when he lived elsewhere, the significance of the island's characters and sites meant he returned often. He believed he fell under the spell of Anglesey during his early school years at Trearddur Day School.

As he travelled around the island he would fill his sketchbooks with ideas and inspiration for paintings. He created hundreds of drawings of the island and numerous paintings. The weather was never a problem for him. He wrote once that even when he was out sketching during the winter he didn't feel the cold as he became so absorbed in his work. This meant he could be out sketching for hours. After returning to the studio he would re-create his drawing on canvas. He usually finished a painting in one day.

As he sketched the island over many years his drawings and paintings have captured many changes in the landscape giving his work a certain historical significance. He had a keen interest in the pre –history of the island and many of Anglesey's ancient monuments are captured in his drawings and paintings. This exhibition of Kyffin's work, from Oriel Ynys Môn's collection, reflects his interests and the places on the island that drew him back, again and again.

The Oriel is open 10.30am to 5.00pm daily and admission is free, for further information please contact: - 01249 724444 / www.orielynysmon.info