

WOOD QUIRKING WEEKLY

THIS WEEK AT WOODQUIRKING

This week was spent taking a well needed break in North Wales! Eryri (Snowdonia) fast became our favourite place after visiting for the first time a few years ago. We've seen some spectacular views from driving around the mountains and we find something new everytime we go!



LLYNNAU CREGENNEN

This amazing lake is one of our favourite places in Eryri. We found it completely by mistake our first visit, exploring the mountains. We returned this week as the sun set! The mist and eerie quiet adds to its magic!



LLAFN Y CEWRI

Llafn Y Cewri - which means Blade of the Giants - is a statue we came across in Llanberis. It is a 20ft steel sword that was erected in 2017 to honour the Welsh Princes.

THE BLACK CHAIR - Y GADAIR DDU

One of the most interesting places we have visited in North Wales is Yr Ysgwrn in Trawsfynydd. Yr Ysgwrn is the historic farmhouse that was the home to famous Welsh poet Hedd Wyn. The home where Hedd Wyn (Ellis Humphrey Evans) lived remains largely unchanged and houses many of the chairs he won at various Eisteddfods.



The farmhouse and outbuildings are now a museum paying tribute to Hedd Wyn's tragic story and a memorial to all local soldiers who lost their lives in World War I.

After a lot of success at regional Eisteddfods, in 1917 Ellis Evans entered his poetry in the National Eisteddfod. Unfortunately Ellis was fatally injured during the first day of conflict at the battle of Passchendaele.

At the chairing of the bard ceremony at the Penbedw National Eisteddfod, Hedd Wyn was announced as the winner! However when Hedd Wyn was not present to accept the chair, it was discovered that he had died in the conflict shortly before.

This was a stark reminder of the young lives cut short by war. The chair was then draped in black and named "Y Gadair Ddu" (The Black Chair) - and delivered to his mother at Yr Ysgwrn.