

Gwaddol / Legacy: John Gwil

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Dramodydd a darlithydd Cymraeg o'r Groeslon oedd Dr. John Gwilym Jones. Bu'n athro yn Llundain, yn gynhyrchydd drama'r BBC, cyn mynd yn ddarlithydd yn Adran y Gymraeg, Prifysgol Bangor. Ond fel dramodydd y caiff ei gofio hyd heddiw, gydag 'Ac Eto Nid Myfi' yn cael ei hystyried fel un o'i brif ddramâu.

Sefydlwyd Cymdeithas John Gwilym Jones, cymdeithas lôn Gymraeg Prifysgol Bangor, ar yr 2il o Hydref 2018 er cof amdano. Penderfynwyd enwi'r Gymdeithas ar ôl y dramodydd enwog am y cred nifer o bobl na wnaed digon i goffau'r llenor o'r Groeslon wedi ei farwolaeth. Bwriad y prosiect hwn ar y cyd rhwng Pontio a Chymdeithas John Gwilym Jones yw dathlu gwaddol John Gwil. John Gwil y dramodydd a John Gwil y dyn.

Hoffwn ddiolch yn arbennig i Alwyn a Jean Plemming am eu parodrwydd i fenthyg eitemau inni eu harddangos, yn ogystal â Archifdy a Chasgliadau Arbennig Prifysgol Bangor, BBC Cymru a Linda Brown.

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Dr. John Gwilym Jones was a playwright and Welsh lecturer from Groeslon. He was a teacher in London and a drama producer for the BBC before becoming a lecturer at Bangor University. But it is as a playwright that we remember him today, with 'Ac Eto Nid Myfi' considered one of his finest dramas.

Bangor University's literary society, Cymdeithas John Gwilym Jones, was founded in his memory on the 2nd of October 2018. It was decided to name the Society after the famous playwright because many believe not enough was done to commemorate the writer from Groeslon after his death. The intention of Cymdeithas John Gwilym Jones, in partnership with Pontio, is to celebrate the legacy of John Gwil. John Gwil the playwright and John Gwil the man.

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