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Erthygl i'r Wasg Press Release

Dathlu bywyd a gyrrfa Hywel Gwynfryn wrth iddo droi yn 80

Bydd rhaglen arbennig ar S4C yn dathlu cyfraniad unigryw y darlledwr a'r awdur bytholwyrdd Hywel Gwynfryn ar achlysur ei ben-blwydd yn 80 oed.

Mae'r 'Dyn ei Hun' wedi bod yn lais ac yn wyneb i'r Cymry Cymraeg ers 1964, ac mae'n dal i godi gwêr a chreu argraff bron i 60 mlynedd yn ddiweddarach.

Mae **Hywel Gwynfryn 80** yn mynd â gwylwyr ar daith drwy hanes trysor cenedlaethol gan fynd dan groen bywyd sydd wedi bod yn baradocs o'r llon i'r lleddf, a rhyfeddu at ei agwedd bositif at bob dim "*a deud y gwir yn onest*".....

Yn ogystal â chlywed am atgofion Hywel o fywyd hir a chyfoethog, byddwn yn clywed gan Iwyth o'i ffrindiau a'r artistiaid y mae o wedi gweithio gyda dros y blynnyddoedd gan gynnwys Huw Stephens, Endaf Emlyn, Olwen Rees, Marged Esli ac Alwyn Humphreys.

Yn wreiddiol o Ynys Môn, mi aeth Hywel lawr i Gaerdydd yn ddyn ifanc i astudio yng Ngholeg Cerdd a Drama. Roedd o ar fin dechrau swydd fel athro drama mewn ysgol ym Mynydd Cenfig pan gafodd ei 'ddarganfod' tra'n gweithio mewn tafarn yn y brif ddinas.

"Ar ôl coleg, roedd rhaid i mi ennill arian cyn dechrau swydd fel athro. Felly dechreuais i weithio tu ôl i'r bar yn nhafarn y 'Borough'. Un noson mi ddaeth criw o bobl mewn gan gynnwys Nan Davies - arloeswraig ym myd darlledu."

Ac roedd hi'n gwybod yn syth – dyma'r boi roedd hi angen a wnaeth hi gynnig swydd iddo - ac mae'r gweddill yn destun hanes!

Yn ystod y rhaglen clywn am lwyddiant Hywel mewn rhagleni poblogaidd fel Bilidowcar, Helo Bobol a Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn.

Clywn hefyd am sawl trasiedi yn ei fywyd - sef colli ei ffrind gorau Derek Boote mewn damwain erchyll, ei berthynas gymhleth gyda'i dad a cholled ei wraig Anya bedair mlynedd yn ôl.

Mae teithio wedi bod yn rhan fawr o fywyd Hywel Gwynfryn ac mae o wedi bod i bedwar ban y byd yn ystod ei yrfa. Un o'r teithiau hyn i ben draw'r byd wnaeth ysbrydoli geiriau'r gân sydd bellach yn glasur sef 'Anfonaf Angel'.

"Mae teithio yn metaffor am fywyd," meddai Hywel. "Chi ddim yn gwybod beth sydd ar y daith 'ma ond mae rhaid chi wynebu'r daith beth bynnag sydd gan y daith honno i gynnig i chi."

Mae Hywel yn mynd nôl ar daith i fro ei febyd sef Llangefni gyda'i gyd-gyflwynnydd Bilidowcar sef Marged Esli.

Mae Capel Smyrna yn y dref yn dod ag atgofion melys nôl i Hywel. "Mae Capel Smyrna yn golygu lot fawr i mi," meddai Hywel. "Dim ond wrth edrych yn ôl ar hyn oedd yn digwydd yma dwi'n sylweddoli beth oedd o mewn gwirionedd, oedd hyfforddiant tuag at yr hyn roeddwn ni'n mynd i wneud fel darlledwr proffesiynol."

Dyma wahoddiad i wylwyr ymuno ar daith Hywel Gwynfryn wrth iddo edrych yn ôl ar 80 mlynedd ac edrych ymlaen at y blynnyddoedd nesaf yn **Hywel Gwynfryn 80** ar S4C ar ddydd Gwener, 30 Rhagfyr.

Hywel Gwynfryn 80

Nos Wener 30 Rhagfyr 8.00, S4C

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Celebrating Hywel Gwynfryn on his 80th birthday

A special programme on S4C will celebrate the life and work of the broadcaster and author Hywel Gwynfryn on his 80th birthday.

The 'man himself' has been a well-known face and voice in Welsh language broadcasting since 1964, and he can still raise a smile and create an impression nearly 60 years later.

Hywel Gwynfryn 80 takes viewers on a journey through the life of this national treasure, getting under the skin of a life which has seen both happy and sad times and marvelling at Hywel's positive and honest attitude to life.

As well as hearing Hywel's memories of a long and rich life, we also hear from many of his friends and the artists he has worked with over the years including Huw Stephens, Endaf Emlyn, Olwen Rees, Marged Esli and Alwyn Humphreys.

Originally from Anglesey, Hywel went to Cardiff as a young man to study at the College of Music and Drama. He was about to start work as a drama teacher at a school in Kenfig Hill when he was 'discovered' working behind the bar of a pub in the Capitol City.

"After college, I needed to earn money before starting my job as a teacher. So I started working behind the bar in the 'Borough' pub. One night a group of people came in including Nan Davies – an innovator in the world of television."

And she knew straight away that this was the chap she was after and she offered him a job – and the rest is history!

During the programme we hear about Hywel's success in popular shows such as Bilidowcar, Heli Bobol and Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn.

We also hear about several tragedies in his life – losing his best friend Derek Boote in a terrible accident, his complex relationship with his father and the loss of his wife Anya four years ago.

Travel has been a large part of Hywel Gwynfryn's life and his career has taken him all over the world. It was one of these journeys which provided the inspiration behind the words of the song 'Anfonaf Angel' which has become a classic.

"Travel is a metaphor for life," said Hywel. "You don't know what will happen on this journey but you have to face whatever the journey offers you."

Hywel goes on a trip back to Llangefni where he was born and brought up, along with his Bilidowcar co-presenter Marged Esli.

Smyrna chapel in the town brings back fond memories for Hywel. "Capel Smyrna means a lot to me," said Hywel. "It's only through looking back at what happened there that I realise what it was in truth – and that is training towards that which I was going to do as a professional broadcaster."

Viewers are invited to join Hywel Gwynfryn on his journey as he looks back over 80 years and looks forward to the years ahead in **Hywel Gwynfryn 80** on S4C on Friday, 30 December.

Hywel Gwynfryn 80

Friday 30 December 8.00, S4C

English subtitles available

On demand: S4C Clic, iPlayer and other platforms

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