

# Conwy Libraries Newsletter



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## **GWRYCH CASTLE AND I'M A CELEBRITY, GET ME OUT OF HERE**

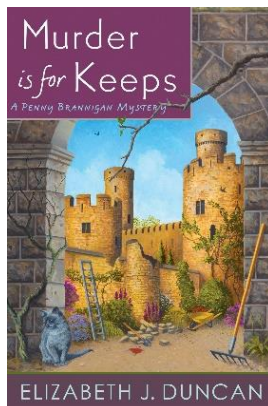
In the midst of all the shop window displays at Abergele and the excitement regarding the filming of *I'm a Celebrity*, we're reminded of the connection between Gwrych Castle and our local history collections. Whilst celebrating 50 years of library service at our current location in January

2019, Dr Mark Baker addressed a packed audience at the library as he spoke about his latest book – **Gwrych Castle, An Official Guide**.

Here we learn about the history of Gwrych Castle and the family who built it.



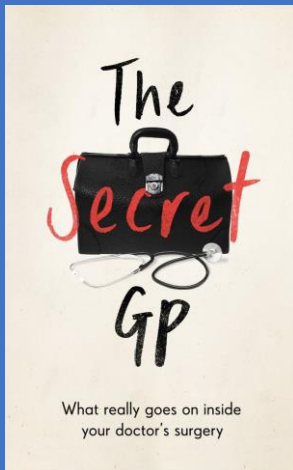
GWRYCH CASTLE  
*An Official Guide*  
Mark Baker



Should you enjoy a good murder mystery, look out for Elizabeth Duncan's novel, '**Murder is for Keeps**' which is based at Gwrych. This title is part of the Penny Brannigan Mystery series, all of which are based at Welsh settings.

**To request copies, why not search our library catalogue or use the Call & Collect service.**

## Book of the Month



**AVAILABLE NOW**



**Sir Conwy, yr amgylchedd iawn i fyw, gweithio a darganfod**

**Conwy County, the right environment to live, work and discover**

# Virtual Visits from Library Staff to Watch and Share!

Click the videos to watch our Halloween story-times all over again!



## WHAT TO READ NEXT? A READER REVIEW!

**A HUGE thank you to Diane, a reader at Abergele Library, for her review of 'The Pull of the Stars' by Emma Donoghue.**



"The Pull of the Stars" is set in a struggling overworked understaffed Dublin hospital over a three day period, 31st October to 2nd November 1918, during the pandemic that would become known as "Spanish flu". With this as its backdrop Donoghue looks at religion, politics, sexuality, love, life, friendships, family relationships, and humanity in general, through the eyes of Julie Powers, a nurse who's brother has come back from the front physically intact but mental scared and unable to speak.. It is fascinating to read the government information of 1918 and the way that pandemic was handled then and the many similarities to today's. Also all the characters are strong, well-written and believable.

In the afterword, Emma says that the competed novel was with her publisher before there was any hint of this pandemic and is impressed with how quickly her publishers managed to get this out."

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## CRAFT A PET SPIDER



### THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR...

- 'Our Readers Recommend' campaign week on our social media pages **2/11 – 8/11**.
- Non-fiction November, follow social media with **#NonfictionNovember**

## LOST WORDS AND LLANRWST LIBRARY

Looking again at one of my favourite books, "**The Lost Words**", I was reminded that Llanrwst is one of the best places in Wales to appreciate the colours of autumn. The riverside trees change their colours and light daily at different times of the day, giving them a new look. And on the doorstep, I love the **Chestnut** tree that sits outside the library, which the children grab from her crop as the twigs fall. I love it because I imagine that kids of all ages, I'm sure, can't stop looking for the biggest nut to polish!

At the back of the library, **ivy** is rife, with flowers feeding the birds before winter closes. The yellow **dandelion** sea is long gone as the season turns but I prefer to see **bramble** flowers, because of her black fruits which are our dessert and sweets.

You may not have travelled to Llanrwst this year, but take a 'walk' through the pages of this remarkable book.

'Tick-tock, sun clock, clover & dock'

