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## Kyffin to welcome visitors to Oriel Môn

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A large striking commemorative sculpture of Sir Kyffin Williams, sketching, can be seen at Oriel Môn. The sculpture is the work of David Williams-Ellis, one of the UK's leading sculptors specialising in figurative sculpture.

The sculpture shows Kyffin seated as he works on a composition. Facing the mountains of Snowdonia, for which he is famous for depicting, the sculpture is positioned near the entrance to Anglesey's museum and art gallery.

Esther Roberts, Senior Manager of Oriel Môn stated; "Kyffin Williams was a great supporter of establishing Oriel Môn and generously donated works by him and other Welsh artists to the gallery. He also argued for the establishment of the Kyffin Gallery at the Oriel to showcase works of Welsh artists, a vision of his that became reality in 2008. We are extremely pleased that Kyffin has 'come home' to us here at Oriel Môn."

Anglesey's Education, Libraries, Culture and Youth Portfolio holder, Councillor Meirion Jones added "A new sculpture of Kyffin Williams welcomes us to Oriel Môn and inspires us as we enter the building. It is an excellent piece of work and is totally appropriate that the local boy and national hero gets pride of place."

David Williams- Ellis had a personal connection with Kyffin, having first met him as a boy near Porthmadog. He was also fortunate enough to spend time with Kyffin in his studio, making a portrait bust in 2002. David remembers Kyffin as a "tremendous character – he was a larger than life figure. This project is one close to my heart since Kyffin was a family friend."

The sculpture was the idea of David Williams-Ellis with the help of Mary Yapp, owner of the Albany Gallery, who, for a number of years has been selling 12" high maquettes of the sculpture to help raise funds for its casting. Profits from the sale of the 12" maquettes of Sir Kyffin Williams will raise funds for Oriel Môn. If you are interested in purchasing one and supporting the gallery, please contact Oriel Môn on 01248 724444.

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### Footnote

David Williams-Ellis' large bronze works can be seen in other institutions in Wales – with a portrait of Sir Kyffin Williams in the Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy, bronze figures at Oriel Plas Glyn y Weddw, Llanbedrog and another Welsh character, Ray Gravell (Grav), which was commissioned for the Scarlets stadium in Llanelli. David's most recent commission, by the Normandy Memorial Trust, is an 18 foot sculpture which was unveiled in Normandy, above Gold Beach, on 6th June on 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The sculpture, consisting of 3 bronze soldiers will occupy a prominent position on the forecourt of the memorial and commemorates the 22,442 British soldiers who died in Normandy in 1944.

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