

Gweithdy yn Sain Ffagan

St Fagans is celebrating its 70th birthday this week, making 2018 an important year for the museum as it also prepares to complete a multi-million pound redevelopment project.

Thanks to National Lottery players, St Fagans National Museum of History near Cardiff in South Wales is currently undergoing the most significant redevelopment in its history, having received £12.5million; the largest grant ever given by HLF in Wales.

Now entering the final stages of its innovative ‘Making History’ project, St Fagans - one of Europe’s biggest open-air museums - is preparing to welcome visitors to a host of new attractions created as part of the exciting work. These include a new gallery and workshop in the brand new Gweithdy building, and the recreation of important historic buildings from throughout Wales’s past - like Iron Age farmstead, Bryn Eryr, which opened to visitors in 2016.

Next month, St Fagans will also help welcome thousands of visitors to Cardiff as part of the National Eisteddfod, an important historic festival which celebrates Welsh heritage and culture.

The Eisteddfod’s most prestigious event is that of the chairing of the bard (‘Eisteddfod’ literally means ‘a sitting’), and this year’s chair has been designed and handcrafted at the new Gweithdy in St Fagans.

This marks a double celebration for the museum in its 70th birthday year, itself about to begin an exciting new chapter in its own history with the completion of it ground-breaking National Lottery project in October. Pen-blwydd Hapus St Fagans!

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