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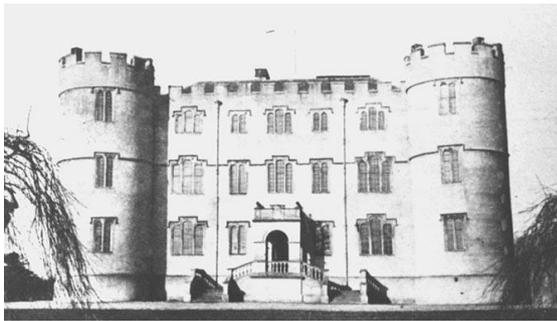
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**Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**At National Museum Wales Cardiff in the Oriel Suite**

**Ruperra Castle**  
**a talk by Pat Jones-Jenkins**



Pat Jones-Jenkins is a remarkable lady who set up Ruperra Castle Conservation Trust in 1997. She was secretary under the first Chairman Dr Peter Elmes. Then, under Janet Wilding, the Trust purchased Coed Craig Ruperra in 2000 and in 2009 successfully defeated housing plans for the Castle site in a Public Inquiry.

Ruperra Castle is one of only a few 'Pageant' Castles left in the UK and the only one in Wales. It was built by Sir Thomas Morgan in 1626 and is one of a group of late Tudor and Stuart Buildings which no longer needed to be defensive and so had large windows looking out at the countryside around. It was considered to be the only building fit for a king, when Charles I stayed for four days in 1645.

In her talk Pat will place the castle in context both historically and geographically revealing that it has long been a site of importance since the Iron Age.

The castle, now privately owned, is still in ruins after an accidental fire in 1941 when it was occupied by troops during the Second World War.

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The cost for Friends and public alike is £10. This includes the talk itself, in the Oriel Suite followed by coffee/ biscuits. Please pay on the day by note or a cheque made payable to: - Friends of National Museum Wales – written in full please.

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