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News from the Bat Cave

Following a final, and very expensive, survey the batmen/women have confirmed that **ONE** brown long eared bat is in residence in the Miners Cottage. Trustee Richard Fryer suggests we adopt this animal as our mascot, your correspondent suggest we call it Covid.

£12 000 grant awarded!

The Hargreaves Foundation have awarded the charity a grant to install a new, commercial standard, kitchen.

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The Bernard Piggott Charitable Trust has made a generous donation of £1000 towards the refurbishment of the cottage.

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Goodwill drives volunteers to help keep the Bryntail legacy alive



At the end of July Richard Fryer and his grandson spent a day lopping off the top of the hedge at some personal cost!



Wayne Flowers, from the Springfield Group, visited.

This time Wayne used his skills to remove the old header tank from the toilet block and convert the system to mains pressure.



Nigel Baker, brother-in-law of the chair of trustees, lent a hand again.

Historic items sent off to Newtown Tip!



Buried deep within the accumulated clutter in the coach house of the Miners Cottage our volunteers uncovered artifacts that once provided hours of entertainment to generations of Bryntailers. The table tennis table will certainly be replaced.



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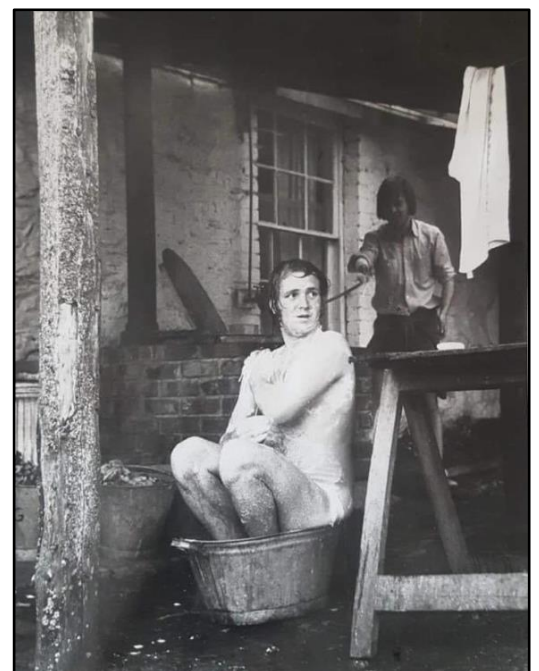
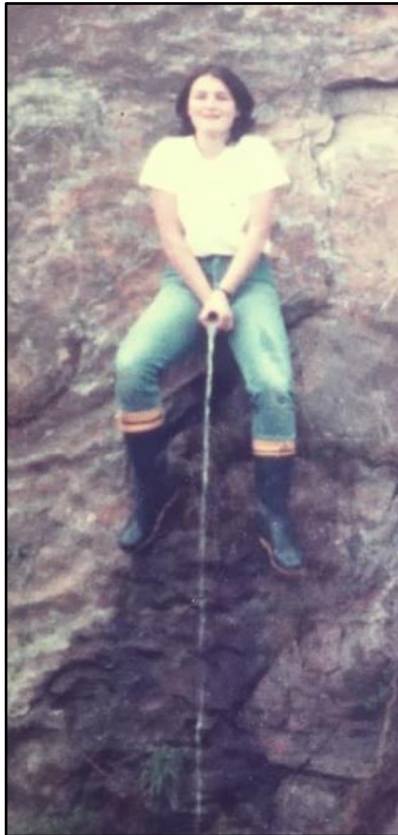
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From the archive

A stay at the cottage has always provide an opportunity for humorous photographs, sometimes of questionable taste! Here is a selection.



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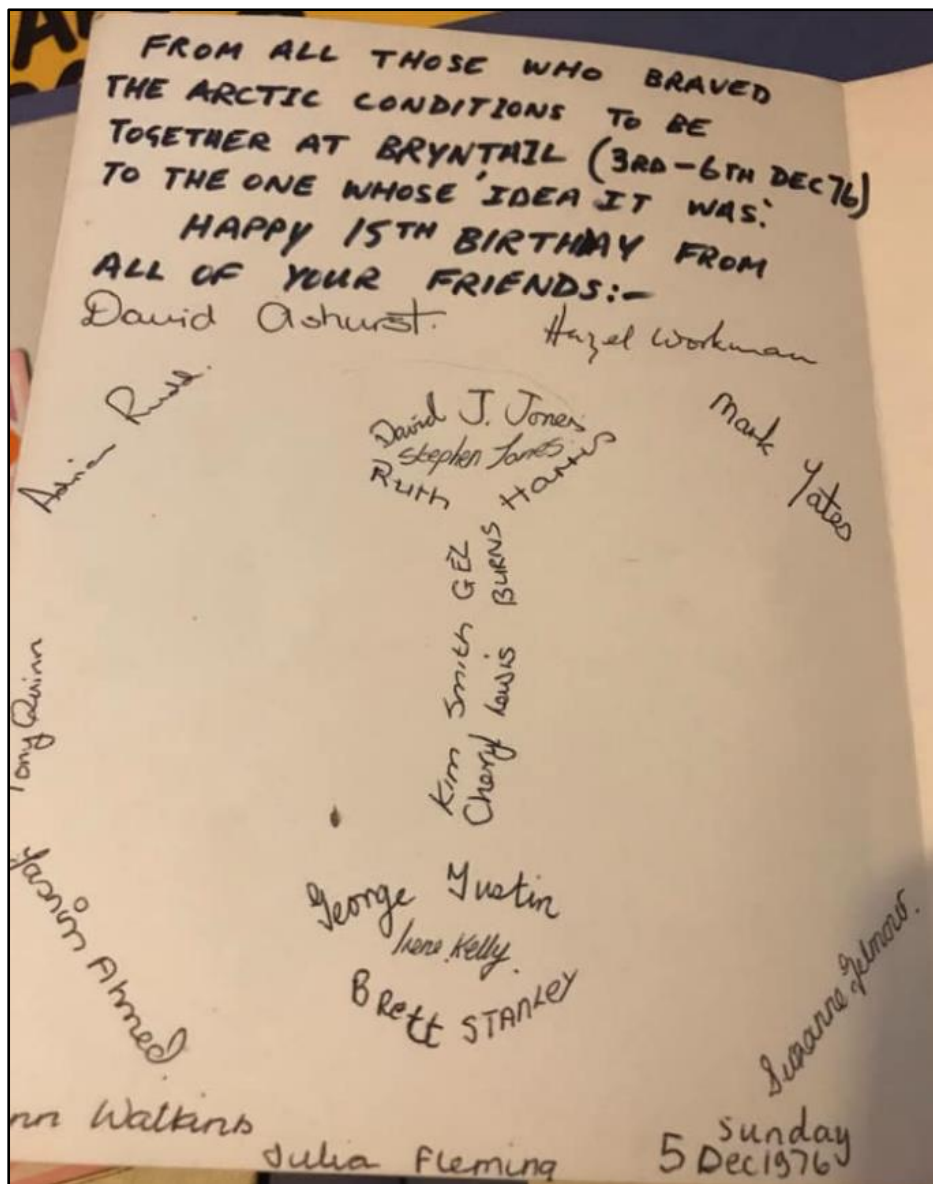
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2021 Reunion

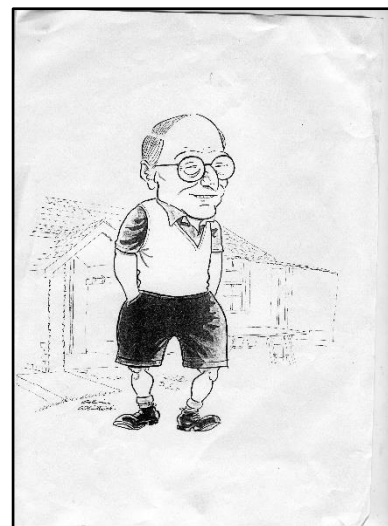
Saturday 18th September

The booking form for this event has been widely distributed by email and on various Facebook pages. If you have not been able to access a copy, please email us.



Bryntail has hosted many special occasions over the years. This birthday card was shared earlier this year in the BKC Facebook page.

Cartoon Corner



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The redevelopment programme

The charity's plans for the cottage fall into two phases:

1. Refurbishment. This will repair the fabric of the buildings compliant with their grade two listed status.
2. Redevelopment of the buildings and grounds to make them fit for purpose in the 21st century. This will create two twin ensuite rooms for staff and two upgraded dormitories. The current ablution block will be replaced and the kitchen modernised. The grounds will be landscaped to allow limited camping. The hedges will be replanted and the garden fenced.

All improvements will be phased and meet the highest sustainability standards.

The total cost is in the region of £300k. So far we have raised £172881.

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