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Mystery Figure Rediscovered!

Who's the face emerging from the north wall of Bryntail Cottage? Intelligence to the editor please.



£1 000 in grants awarded!

In January we were awarded £1000 from the Tesco Community Fund after our project 'Bring Bryntail back to Life' received most customer votes in local stores.

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More student 'art work' emerges

Are any readers prepared to acknowledge their work on the back of a beam in the coach house?



Planning News

Dr Sam Johnson, the newly appointed Conservation Officer for Powys, visited the cottage on 2nd February and was thoroughly supportive of our proposed renovations and improvements.

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New Locks Again!

Following in the footsteps of many previous custodians your correspondent spent a day at Bryntail replacing hasps and padlocks. Architectural evidence supports the hypothesis that this event takes place every 25 years! The latest work was prompted by the terms of the insurance policy.



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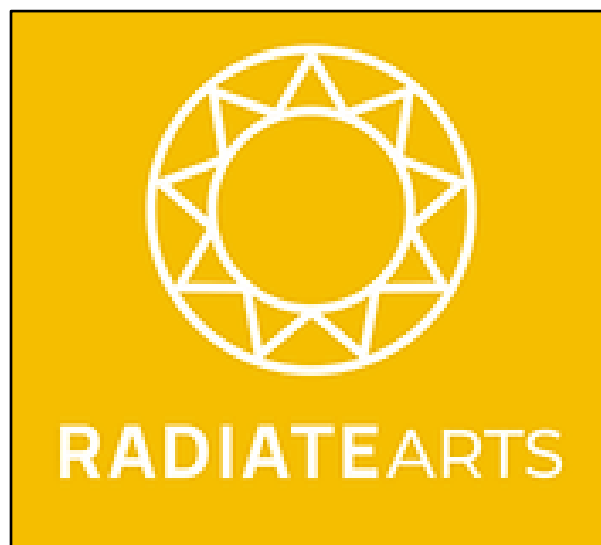
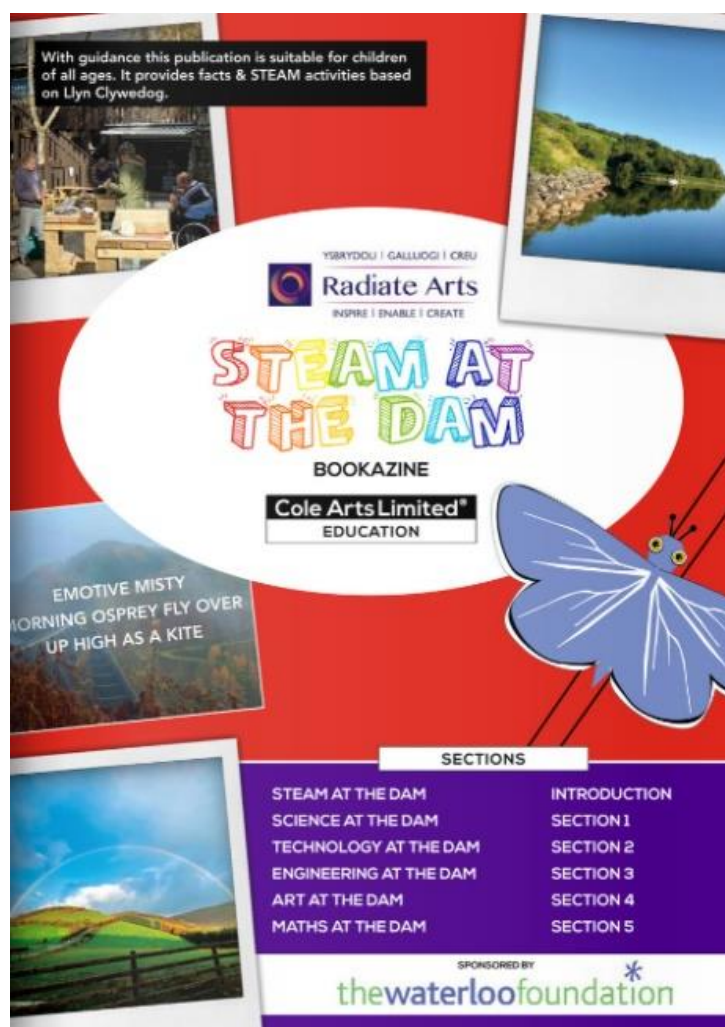
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Clywedog Creative Hub

Exciting discussions have taken place with Radiate Arts who run the café and arts centre at the dam. This presents a great opportunity for children from Birmingham to get involved with arts projects during their visits as well as Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Their S.T.E.A.M offer can be seen here:

<https://www.radiatearts.co.uk/s-t-e-a-m-at-the-dam>



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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 £222963.

Use CAF Donate to help us make a difference

Through our bank we have set up a donation page that enables supporters to make online gifts and automatically enable Gift Aid. If you are feeling generous, follow this link

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/15185#!/Donation>

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