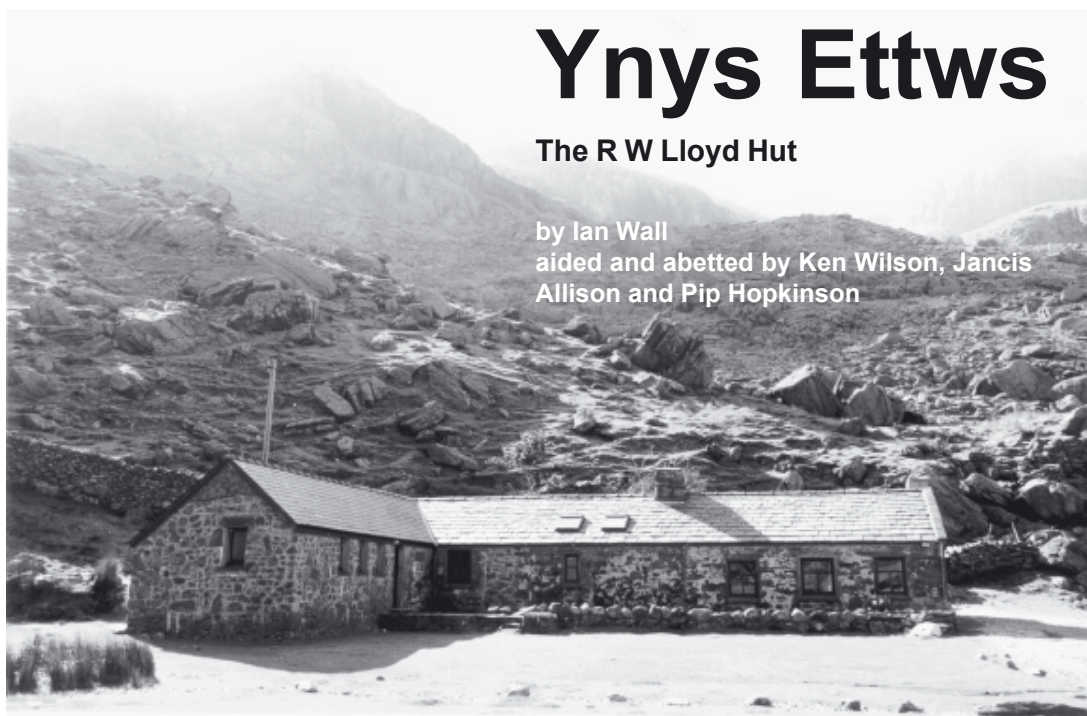


# Ynys Ettws

## The R W Lloyd Hut

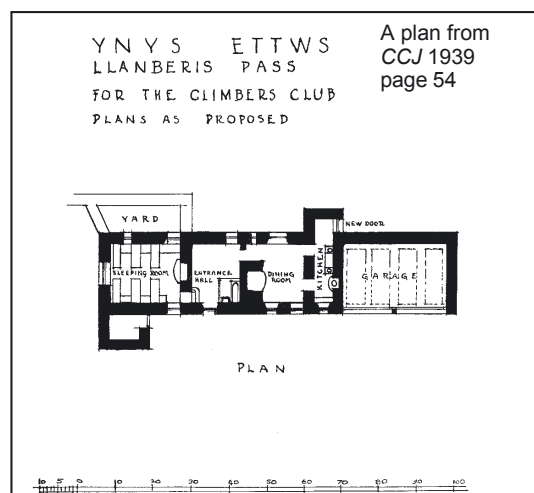
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There is evidence of a Trust Deed dated 1932 between the Lessee and Walter Phineas Marler on behalf of the Club. However, it was the President speaking at the Annual Dinner in 1938 who told of the steps being taken to provide the Club with additional accommodation in North Wales.

'One cannot believe that anywhere in North Wales would it be possible to find a property more ideally suited, surrounded as it is by cliffs — many of them unclimbed and offering routes of every standard.' See CCJ 1939.

The old cottage identified for reconstruction was chosen by the Sub-Committee and known as Ynys Ettws with a two-acre field to the front. At that time there was no direct access but plans were in place to build a bridge over the river and to construct a rough road thus enabling the members to drive cars up to the six vehicle garage that was to be built next to the cottage. Sir Michael Duff originally leased the property to the Westminster Bank that was acting on behalf of the Climbers' Club in 1939 for a 50-year period but this did not come into effect until after the war in 1945. At that time the Sub Committee consisted of S B Donkin (Chair), G L Bartrum, W R Reade, B Donkin (Treasurer), E S Chantrell and B McKenna. See CCJ 1939



In the 1947 CCJ the editor A D M Cox stated that 'at the time of going to press little progress had been made. Periodic nagging at the different authorities had made no apparent difference. On the other hand R W Lloyd's magnificent gift of £3,500 had removed any anxiety about the Club's ability to raise the funds to carry the work through'. This, it is believed, was given so that the 'young men' of the time could enjoy the opportunity Lloyd realised the mountains and climbing brought to so many young men. Lloyd himself gained a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure from the mountains but he was in fact lame and no longer as active as he would have liked. The Club expressed its appreciation by electing Lloyd as an Honorary Member. An idea of the original layout can be seen from the following plan. Calor gas was the fuel installed due to the prohibitive cost of bringing electricity into the building.

The 20th May 1950 saw the opening of Ynys Ettws by