Rescued Medieval house to star in TV documentary

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Bydd Llwyn Celyn yn rhan o raglen ddogfen ddwy ran y mis yma A Grade I listed medieval house in Wales' Black Mountains, brought back to life thanks to National Lottery players, is the subject of a special two-part documentary programme charting its painstaking restoration process.

Llwyn Celyn was built in 1420 and is regarded as one of the most important surviving late medieval houses in Wales.

The show will be broadcast this Wednesday 16 January and Wednesday 23 January on More4. Viewers will see first-hand how Llwyn Celyn was saved from the brink of collapse using National Lottery funding, including many unexpected discoveries and significant challenges along the way.

After Owain Glynd?r

The valley in which it sits was devastated in the Prince of Wales, Owain Glynd?r's, uprising against the English crown (1399-1415), and it is believed the building of the house may have been part of the reconstruction effort that followed.

However, the building was in such a dilapidated state when acquired by the Landmark Trust that it was feared it may be beyond saving.

But thanks to £2.5million raised by National Lottery ticket sales, the building has undergone extensive restoration over the last few years.

Welcoming visitors

Llwyn Celyn is now welcoming visitors to Wales in its new role as unique self-catering holiday accommodation, while those living in the Brecon Beacons are benefitting from a new community centre on their doorsteps.

The restoration project has itself been a catalyst for wider inspiration:

- five craft training 'heritage at work' weeks attended by over 100 people
- a thriving local history group produced a book on the history of their valley
- school visits
- five artists-in-residence developed creative responses

Watch the More4 trailer here.



Llwyn Celyn

Llwyn Celyn features in Channel 4 series