



Cyfeillion Murluniau Brenda Chamberlain ar Enlli
The Friends of the Brenda Chamberlain Bardsey Murals

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We ended the last newsletter with the Bardsey Island Trust's hope of obtaining a Heritage Lottery Grant that would fund major projects on the island, including work on Carreg. Unfortunately there was great competition and their application was unsuccessful.

Nevertheless, some work has been done on Carreg. The south chimney stack has been re-pointed and slates that fell off during the winter of 2016/17 have been replaced. The efflorescence on *Horse from the Side*, that was a worry in 2016, seems to have been cured. Jane Foley and Inez Litasova came over in August and did some remedial work on the murals, reinforcing lines that had been diminished by the efflorescence and adhering underlying paint on three of the murals where it was flaking or bubbling.



The Brenda Chamberlain exhibition in Nant barn, sharing space with the shop, is now a permanent fixture. Jill Piercy's text and many of Brenda's Bardsey paintings have also been used on a leaflet that is available for visitors. The Bardsey website also has an Education Pack, courtesy of Maria Hayes, Jill Piercy and Haf Meredydd, ready for use by schools.

New this year - everybody can view our newsletters by going to the Bardsey website and following the links to About → The Arts → Brenda Chamberlain → The Friends of the Brenda Chamberlain Murals. You will meet the Education Pack en route.



You might also be interested in Edgar Pritchard's 20-minute film *Island Artist*, made in 1953, that is now available on the British Film Institute website. In it, Brenda is seen meeting a boat that delivers artist's materials, and then shows her working through her picture *The Acrobats*, and delivering it to the harbour for its London exhibition. The picture was bought by Henry Mitchell, mentioned in Newsletter V.

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-island-artist-1953-online>

With illustrated talks and sales of books, pictures and greetings cards, our fund grows at the rate of £1000 per year. Feel free to enquire about the talks.