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Spirit of Adventure





Coch-y-bonddhu (Photographs courtesy of Lakeland Arts)

In the exhibition gallery you can view Coch-y-bonddhu, on loan from The Arthur Ransome Society. Built in 1934 at Crossfields in Arnside, Ransome gave Coch-y-bonddhu to his friend Charles Renold to learn to sail in. Renold didn't enjoy sailing and returned the dinghy to Ransome who used it in Suffolk and later on Coniston. The unusual name comes from a fishing fly which represents a small Welsh insect.

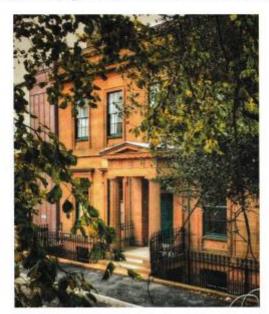


Esperance (Photograph courtesy of Lakeland Arts)

MOAT BRAE – WHERE PETER PAN BEGAN

Flora Burns, a trustee of Moat Brae, introduces the new home of TARS Library

Although something of a timely coincidence all round, Moat Brae in Dumfries is, in fact, a very fitting home for The Arthur Ransome Society Library. It is now safely and handsomely ensconced in one of the attic rooms in Moat Brae. It features clearly in our signage, is easily accessible by lift or stairs, and offers a quiet workspace for anyone who wants to visit or carry out research. Hopefully on their way to the attic they will also make time to browse in our shop, taste some of our café delights and explore the rest of this beautiful Georgian house and the Neverland Discovery Garden.



Moat Brae (Photo Graeme Robertson)