

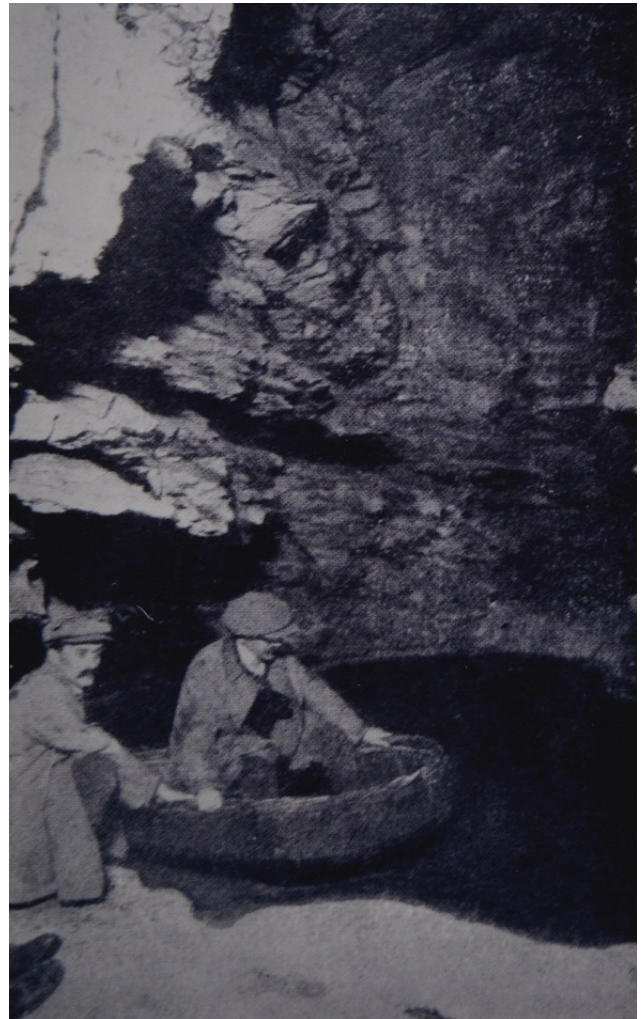
Coracle Stories

The National Showcaves Centre for Wales, Dan Yr Ogof Caves, in the Swansea Valley has become one of Wales' best tourist attractions over the years.

In 1912, two brothers, with candles, a coracle and a revolver went on an expedition to find the source of a "magical" water supply. They were trying to find the source of the river Llynfell that flowed through their farmland at the base of the cliffs at Dan Yr Ogof.

Tommy and Jeff Morgan descended into a complex series of unexplored caves. Local myths and legends, superstitiously told of ghosts, goblins and evil spirits.

Scrambling and crawling into the unknown, the brothers entered the darkness with no idea of what, or



The initial expedition was halted by a large lake. The brothers travelled to Carmarthen, bought a coracle and then were able to explore further into the cave system. They crossed not one lake but four and discovered a labyrinth of caves, passages and chambers, a 330 million years old wonderland of stalactites and stalagmites. They were eventually stopped by a small passage that was too small to crawl through.

A display Towy coracle was donated to Dan Yr Ogof many years ago, but unfortunately was mislaid and has now been replaced with a different coracle