

Sometime in the early 60's I visited the site & noted that excavation was being carried out, apparently beyond the closed end of the chamber. This does not seem to have been reported. I possess a rough plan of the excavation.

by H. Will

23 No. 1 Rhos y Bryn Tumulus called Bedd yr Afanc 1032

The Afanc is a fabulous creature of Welsh story, which the wise wish to make into a beaver, and sometimes into a crocodile. The mediaeval Welsh story of Peredur, however, makes the Lake Afanc so far anthropomorphic as to hurl a poisoned arrow with fatal accuracy at anybody who approached his cave; but according to the folklore of certain parts of the principality the Afanc among other things was supposed to cause floods in rivers. The most famous was the Conway river, so the inhabitants, with the aid of Hu the Mighty, had it dragged out of the river and a long way up Snowdon into the Glaslyn, which belongs to another watershed. There does not appear to be any legend which connects the Afanc of Precelly with floods in the Nevern. The meaning of the word Afanc is obscure, the corresponding old Irish form is Abacc, which in that language seems to have meant a dwarf.. (See Celtic Folk Lore by Prof. Rhys, pp. 130-5, 429-434 - he thinks "Bedd yr Afanc" means The Dwarf's Grave)

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