



VAYNOR

St. Gwynno's

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Vaynor benefited from the success of nearby Merthyr Tydfil by being able to provide the wealthy town with agricultural produce.

It is an exception to most other areas in the borough as it has remained mainly rural, avoiding the major physical impacts of the industrial revolution.

Traditionally lay within the Pwysg boundary but its close proximity to the rapidly expanding Merthyr Tydfil area meant close economical and cultural links.

The ancient parish had a wooden church built in 874 AD in honour of St Gwynno who brought Christianity to the area.

It is believed that the church was burned down in 1391 at the Battle of Maes Fawr between two Norman barons disputing over the location of a stronghold: Caer Burdydd - (field of the shortest day) indicates the day on which this battle took place. The mound is believed by some to be the remains of a wooden castle which predated the nearby

Morlais Castle.

A second church was built on the same site in 1295 and was described as having uneven earth floors, no ceiling, with irregular and decaying seats set in dark and damp conditions.

In 1867 this church became unsafe so a new church was built, unusually on a new site nearby. It was noted that many continued to use the old church even after this date probably because they believed that this was the sacred site for a church.

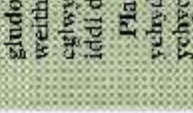
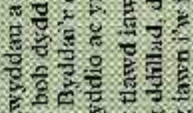
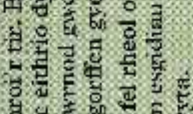
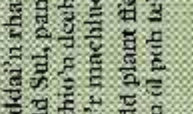
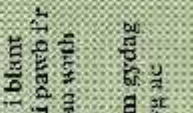


The battle was won by the men of Bohun and blood like an ocean in Vaynor was seen"

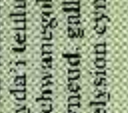
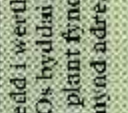
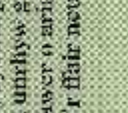
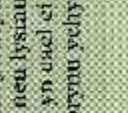
QUOTE FROM AN OLD WELSH POEM

"Ban Wyr Bohun a oir Gwared Fel Mor Dros Fawor Fir"
"Unllywod y Fawor gan wy'r Bohun, Roedd gwared fel mor dros y Fawor"
DYFYNIAD O HEN GERDD GYMAERG

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10 O DAFLENNI AR DEITHIAU CERDDDED
HANESYDDOL YM MWRDEISTREF SIROL
MERTHYR.

Further historical information may be found from:
Gallir cael rhagor n wybodaeth hanesyddol n:

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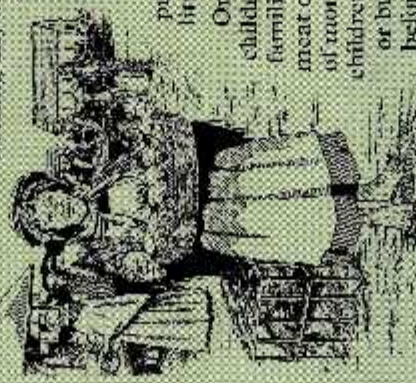
1897 burial registers showed there were watchmakers, coopers, mechanics, sculptors, turners, joiners, hakers, plumbers, farmers, smiths, shoemakers, callors and dressmakers working in the area. Many of these individuals resided in Merthyr Tydfil but wished to be buried in Vaynor. Any produce not made locally was bought at Lains.

PACFWRLE/FRILL PETHIADAU

Diwylliant Ffwril yn parhau'n rhydd yn sefyllu'r Welfh
Junglwr. Gwiffrith Jones set up circulating schools throughout
Wales to educate and save the souls of his countrymen by teaching
them to read and write from the only Welsh text book available,
The Bible.

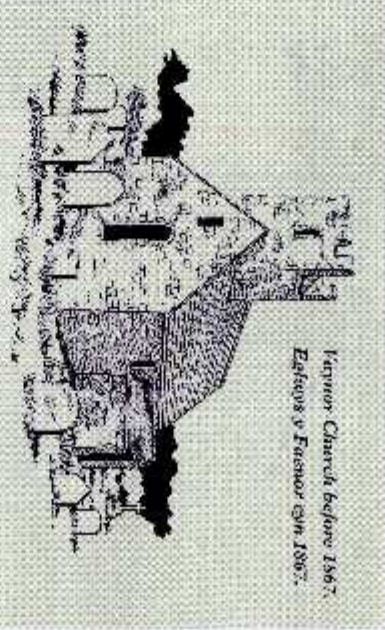
In 1794 Catherine Morgan was buried in Vaynor Church, aged
106 she died through the reign of 7 monarchs (7 kings and 2
queens) and lived almost 50 years longer than her husband
Robert. It is believed that the church was built on the site of the
Vaynor in 1867 where he is buried under a 10 foot stone slab
inscribed with the words "Good Fungwr Me" surrounded by staked
iron nails.

CHILDREN / PLANT:



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Vaynor Church before 1867
Eglwys o Fawor cyn 1867.

Credir bod yr Eglwys wedi ei llwngi ym 1291 ym Mawrth Maes y Fawor rhwng dau awgrydd Normandaidd a oedd yn ymhladd dros leoliad eu pencaidys. (a.e. Buryddid (cae) ddirodd iys-af) - sy'n nodi'r diwrnod y digwyddodd y hwydr. Mae'n rhoi credau mai othon castell prer: yw'r templein, a oedd yn gymharach na Castell Morlais gerllaw.

Codwyd all eglwys ar yr un safle ym 1295, a diwydiad digrifidat fod y llofnau prifid yn ansastad, dim nerfod, y scddau'n atrolleidd ac yn pydru newt. awgryddch dywyll a llath.
Elym 1867 roedd yr eglwys hon mwr amugei nes i eglwys newydd gael ei chodi, yn marferol, ar safle newydd gerllaw.
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Addoladid Robert T. Crassey, Maestr Hwam Cymarthfa, eglwys newydd yn y Fawor ym 1867. Mae'n rhoi credau ei gladdu o dan gantwr o 10 fwrdd. Et gerant "Good Fungwr Me" ari'n a rthiau bodwrn o 4 chwngys.

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Trail

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Distance: 4 miles (6½km) **Time:** 1½ hrs.

The Trail starts at Pontsarn Inn.

Pellter: 4 milltir (6½km) **Amser:** 1½ awr

Mae'r llwybr yn dechrau wrth Dafarn Pont-sarn.

- 1 Facing Pontsarn Inn turn left.
- 2 Cross road bridge and turn left up narrow path.
- 3 Turn left into Pen-rhiw Glais farmyard and follow the road around Farnhouse to the right, continuing to Hy-Brasail.
- 4 Turn right down road then next left onto track just before sharp right hand bend.
- 5 Cross stream and continue around to the right.
- 6 Turn right past Church Tavern and through picnic area.
- 7 Continue straight on then sharp right down hill along wide track which doubles back in direction of church.
- 8 Cross footbridge over river, turn right and continue up hill.
- 9 Bear up to the left at fork in track.
- 10 Turn right onto Taff Trail.
- 11 Cross viaduct and turn left after passing under bridge.

- 1 Gan wynebu tafarn Pont-sarn, troiwch i'r chwith.
- 2 Croeswch y bont a throiwch i'r chwith i fyru ar hyd llwybr cul.
- 3 Troiwch i'r chwith i glos fferm Pen-rhiw Glais a dilynwch y ffordd o gwmpas y ffermdy i'r dde, ac ymlaen at Dy-Brasail.
- 4 Troiwch i'r dde i lawr y ffordd yna i'r chwith at y llwybr ychydig cym y tro sydyn i'r dde.
- 5 Croeswch y nant ac ymlaen ma'r dde.
- 6 Troiwch i'r dde heibio Tafarn yr Eglwys a thryw'r man picnic.
- 7 Fwch ymlaen ac yna'n union i'r dde i lawr y rhiw ar hyd llwybr llydan yn ôl i gyfeiriad yr eglwys.
- 8 Croeswch y bont dros yr afon, troiwch i'r dde ac i fyru'r thiw.
- 9 Tua'r chwith wrth y fforch yn y llwybr.
- 10 Troiwch i'r dde at Dairh Taff.
- 11 Croeswch y bonffordd ac i'r chwith o dan y bont.

There are many interesting historical features along the trail, some of which have information plaques attached to them.
Mae sawr nifer o nodweddion hanesyddol ar y llwybr, rhai o'r rhai sydd â placiau wybodaeth atgysylltiedig i'w gweld.



Notes:

- Distances and times are approximate and do not include stops.
- Wear suitable footwear as surfaces may be wet and muddy.
- Maps are not to scale and routes are not guaranteed.
- The hills rest with care, being aware that the forestry land and built-up areas are sensitive environments.

Ysbysebion:

- Rhai bwrdd yw'r pellter a'r amserau ac nid ydynt yn cynnwys amser stop.
- Gwisgwch eiddoedd addysg oherwydd gall y llwybr yrru heb yrru.
- Nid yw'r mapiau ar raddfa na'r lwybrau wedi eu rhestru.
- Ddiogelwch y lwybr yn ofalus, a brofwch fod y tir oherwyg a'r manau adreiddig yn bennaf gwach.