

## □ Welsh History Strange But True □

Welsh history is rich and fascinating, shaped by centuries of conquests, cultural influences, and unique traditions. Within this tapestry of events lie several peculiar and extraordinary stories that might surprise even the most avid history enthusiasts. From mythical creatures to astonishing discoveries, the following collection of Welsh historical oddities will undoubtedly leave you amazed.

### The Mysterious City of Cantre'r Gwaelod

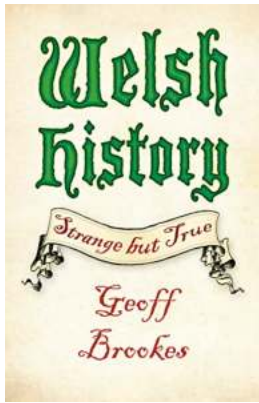


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Legend has it that beneath the waves of Cardigan Bay lies the lost city of Cantre'r Gwaelod. According to the folktale, the city was drowned by a terrible flood, caused by Seithennin, a distraught guardian of the sluice gates. To this day,

during exceptionally low tides, locals claim to hear the distant bells of Cantre'r Gwaelod echoing from the seabed.



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## The Buried Army: World War II Ghosts



During World War II, the Welsh coastal town of Porthcawl was home to a secret training ground for British forces. It is said that the spirits of these soldiers still roam the area. Witnesses have reported seeing ghostly apparitions and hearing the sounds of marching troops late at night.

## **The Enigmatic Voynich Manuscript**



Kept in the National Library of Wales is the puzzling Voynich Manuscript. Its origins and purpose remain a mystery. Dating back to the 15th century, the manuscript is written in an unknown language, illustrated with peculiar diagrams and sketches of unidentified plants and celestial bodies. Researchers have attempted to decipher its contents for years but have yet to unravel its secrets.

## **The Haunted Castle of Hensol**



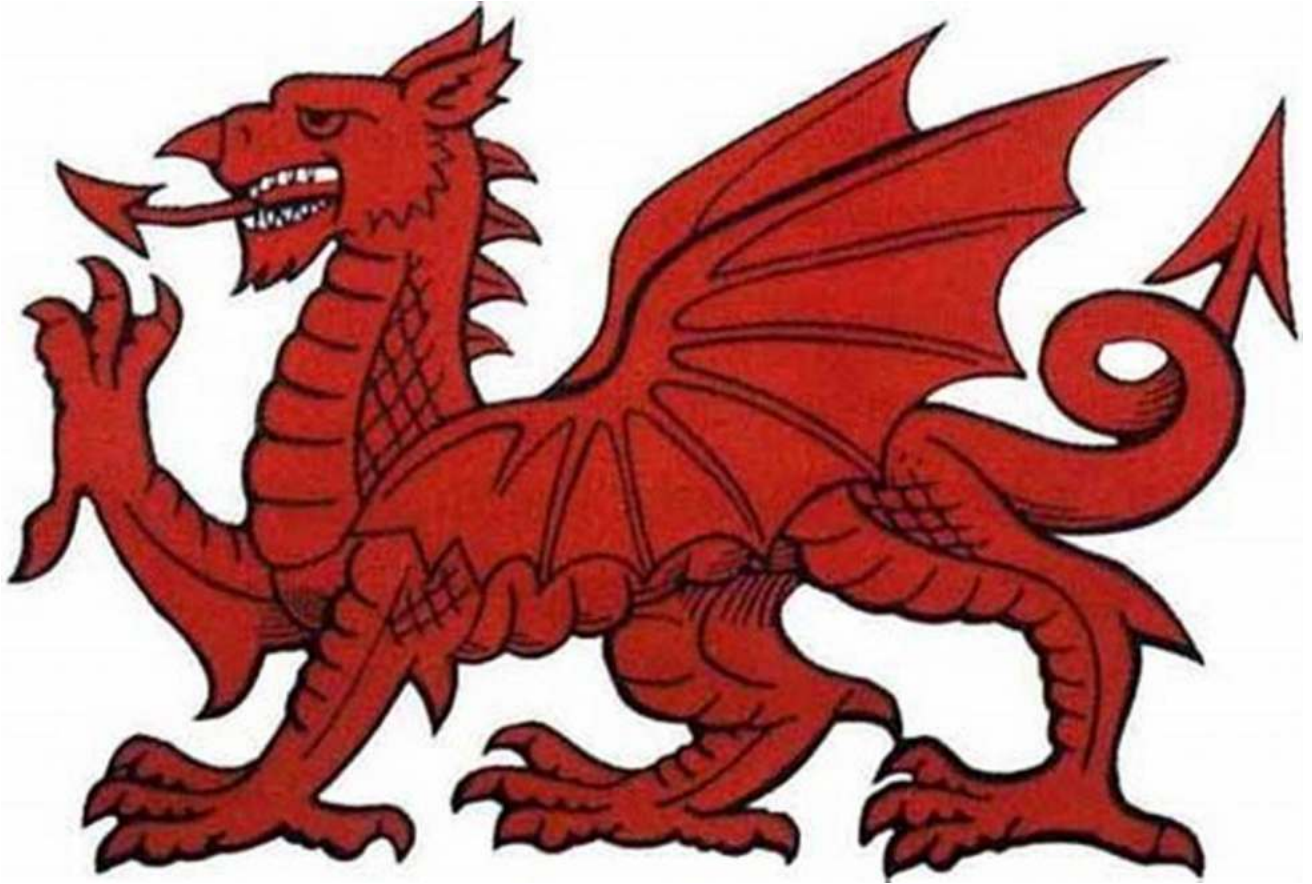
Hensol Castle, located in the Vale of Glamorgan, is said to be haunted by a ghost named the Grey Lady. Witnesses have reported seeing her wandering through the corridors, often in search of her lost child. The castle's eerie atmosphere and mysterious tales have attracted paranormal enthusiasts from around the world.

### **The Oldest Tree in Wales**



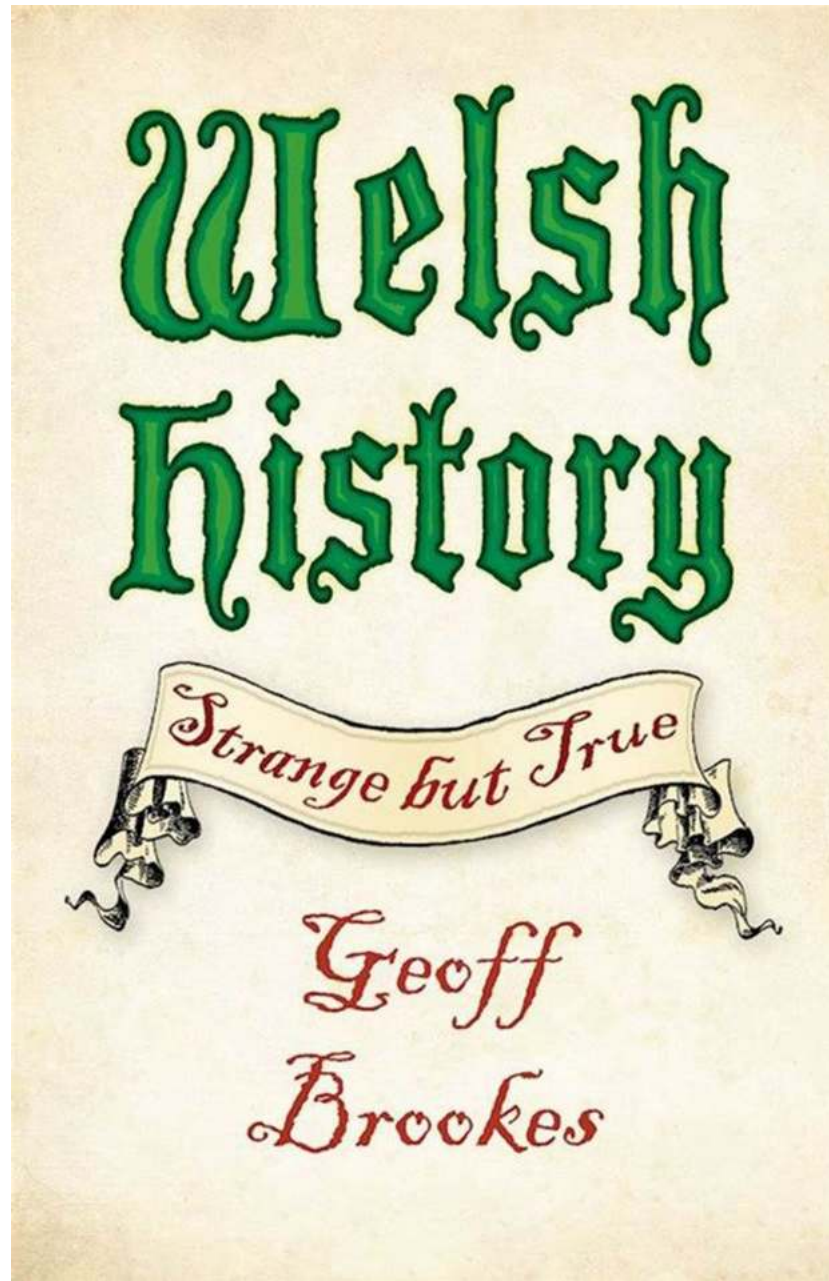
Hiding within the breathtaking landscapes of Powys is the ancient yew tree of Defynnog. Estimated to be over 5000 years old, this tree is considered the oldest living thing in Wales. Its gnarled branches and longevity serve as a reminder of the enduring spirit of nature.

## **The Famous Red Dragon**



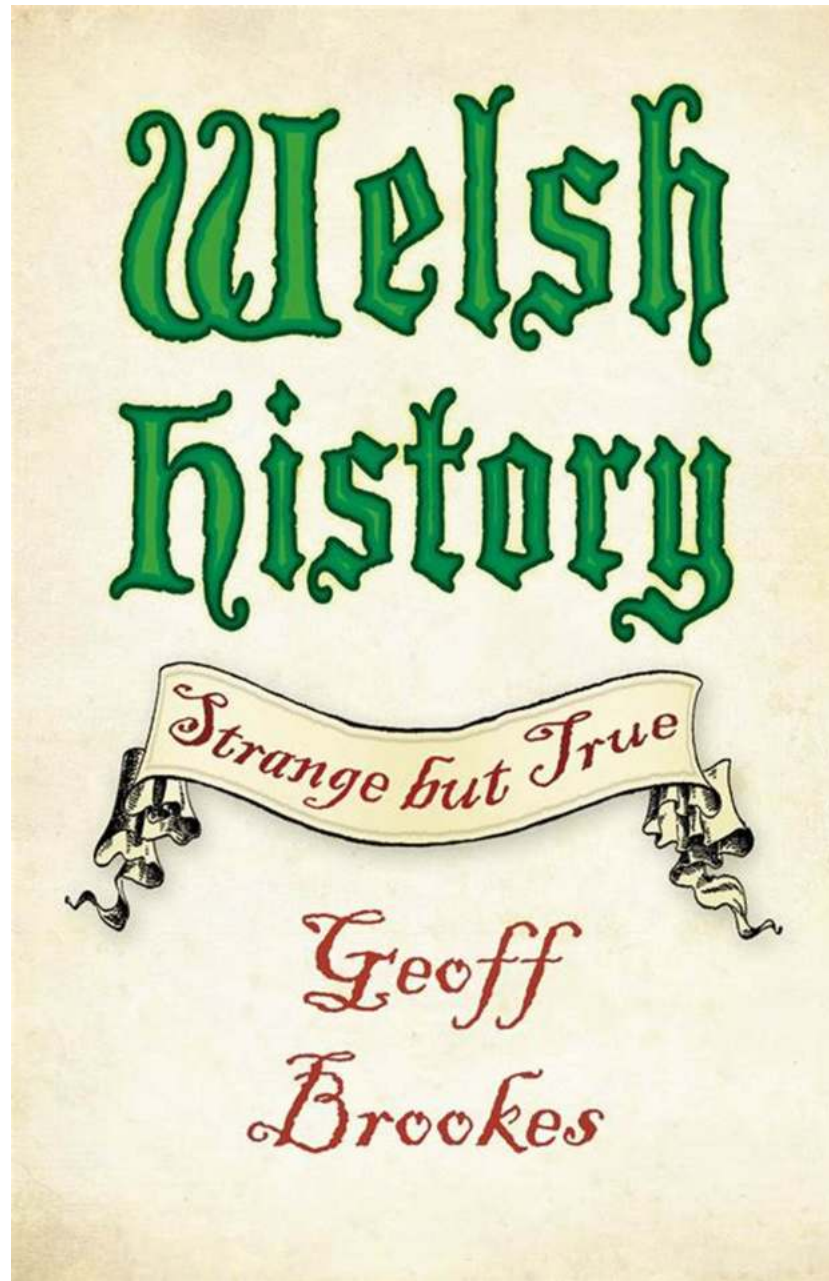
Wales is renowned for its association with the red dragon, a symbol representing the country's identity. Legend has it that this fierce creature once fought a white dragon, embodying the conflict between the native Britons and invading Anglo-Saxons. Today, the red dragon proudly features on the Welsh national flag.

### **The Quirky Llanwrtyd Wells**



Llanwrtyd Wells, a small town in Wales, is home to some truly eccentric events. Notably, it hosts the World Bog Snorkeling Championships, where competitors from around the globe don snorkels and flippers to race through a peat bog trench. Additionally, the town holds the Man Versus Horse Marathon, pitting humans against horses in a race across rugged terrain.

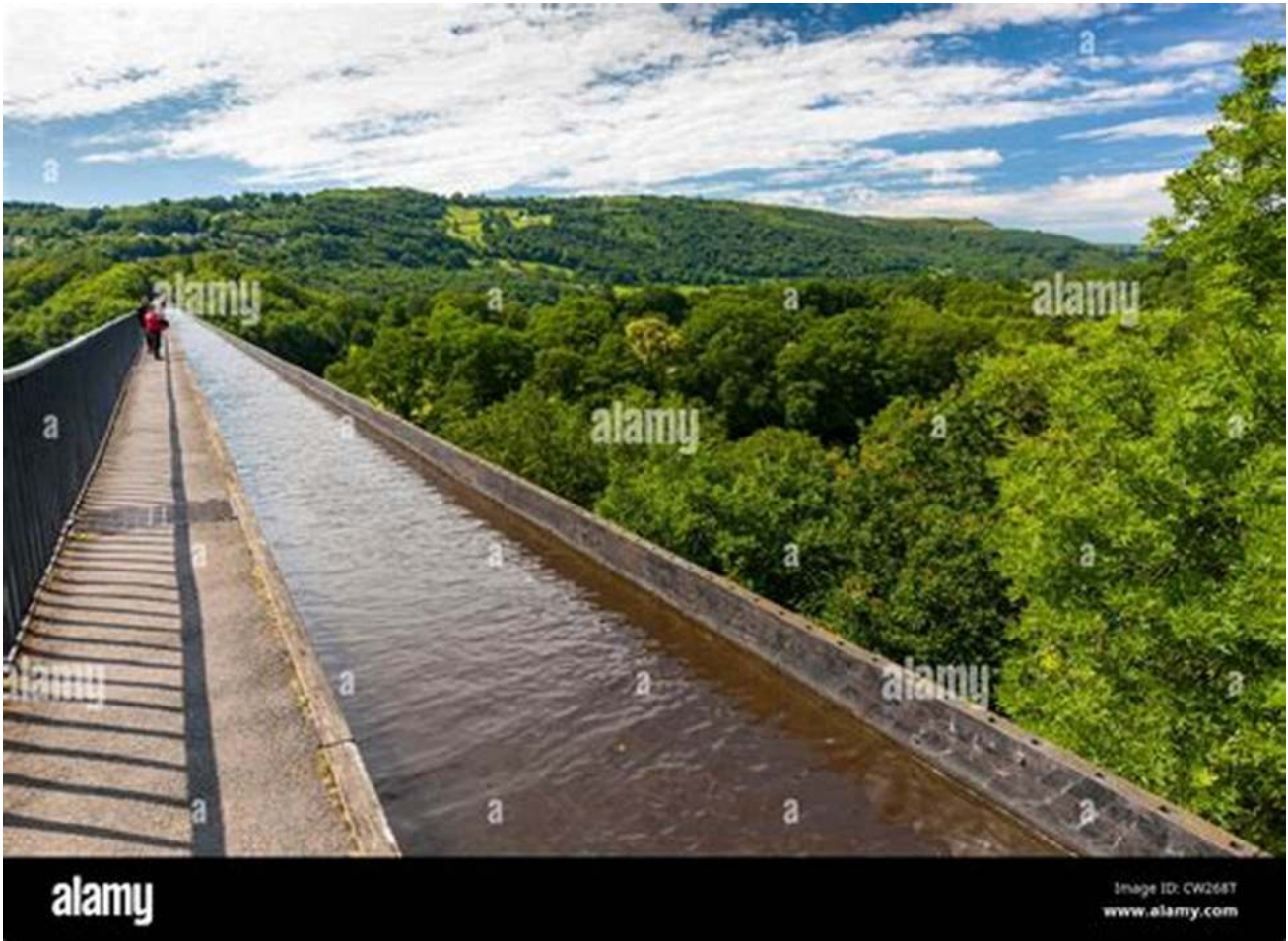
### **The Eerie Llangernyw Yew**



Located in the churchyard of St. Digain's Church, the Llangernyw Yew is believed to be one of the oldest trees in Europe. Shrouded in mysticism, this ancient tree is rumored to be haunted by ghosts, causing many to avoid it after dark. The twisted branches and haunting atmosphere make it a gathering place for those fascinated by the supernatural.

### **The Remarkable Pontcysyllte Aqueduct**





Spanning the River Dee is the awe-inspiring Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This remarkable structure carries the Llangollen Canal, 38 meters high above the valley floor. Walking across its narrow path offers breathtaking views and a thrilling experience for those brave enough to venture across.

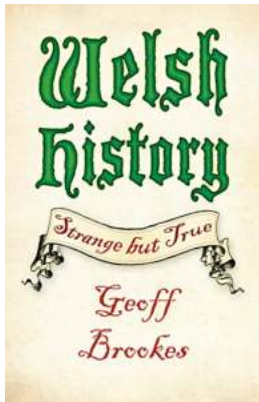
## **The Unbreakable Welsh Prince**



Standing tall in Cardiff is the statue of the Welsh prince, Hywel ap Cadell. According to legend, he was invincible during battles. In one instance, a capture attempt led to the prince's sword breaking, only for him to seize an iron rod and continue fighting, ultimately defeating his enemies. The statue serves as a tribute to the unwavering spirit of the Welsh people.

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Welsh history is filled with countless extraordinary stories, spanning from legendary tales to intriguing historical sites. These peculiar and fascinating oddities captivate the imagination, reminding us of the richness and diversity of the Welsh cultural heritage. Exploring the strange but true narratives of Welsh history is an adventure that allows us to delve deeper into the past and appreciate the wonders that lie within this remarkable nation.



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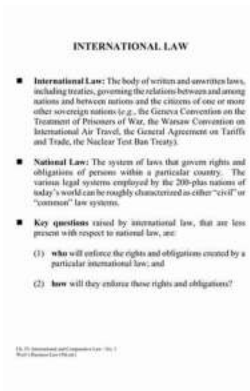
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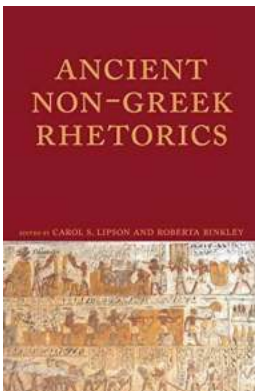
A miniature history of Wales, filled with funny facts and strange true stories. This book contains hundreds of "strange but true" facts and anecdotes about Welsh history. Arranged into a miniature history of Wales, and with bizarre and hilarious true tales for every era, it will interest and delight readers everywhere. It includes information on the earliest prehistoric burial in Europe, which was found in Wales—the skeleton was known as the "Red Lady of Paviland" until scientists discovered that it had, in fact, belonged to a man. Welsh royalty is also discussed, including "Rhodri the Great," Wales' first king, who was killed by a Saxon army, and the second King of Wales—killed by his own men. It also discusses why English armies usually contained Welsh bowmen: a Welsh-fired arrow could—and did—go all the way through armor, leg, saddle, and horse.

Welsh bowmen often used English longbows against them, firing them at point-blank range during ambushes.



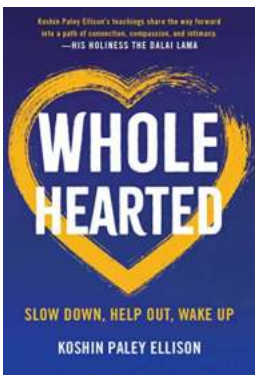
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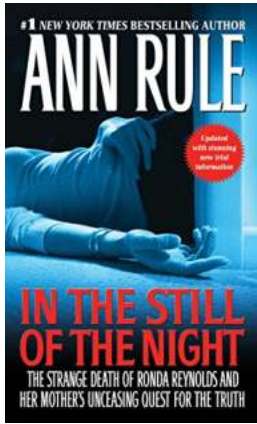
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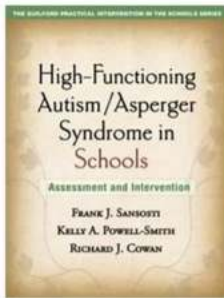
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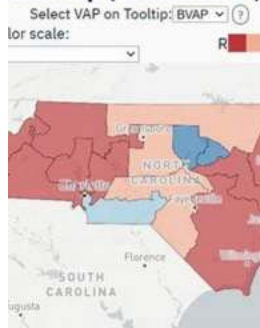
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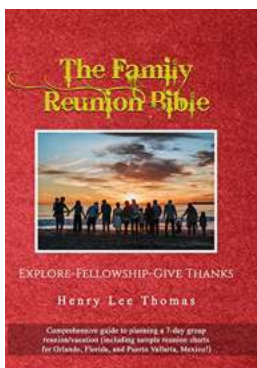
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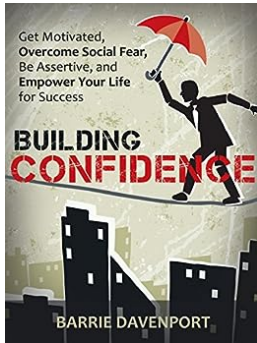
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