

Steeped in history, *wrapped in elegance*



Tŷ Glyn is a place where history and landscape are deeply intertwined. The Gentry house has long stood as a landmark of the Aeron Valley, bearing witness to centuries of change. Once a private estate, it welcomed poets, creatives, and visitors drawn to the serenity of Ciliau Aeron and the River Aeron flowing nearby. Known as Ty Glyn Uchaf in the 18th century and it was the High Sherriff David James that built the first Ty Glyn-uchaf between the present Ty Glyn and Pont newydd.

The estate returned to the James family through John James, a merchant from Aberystwyth, who married Anne, the daughter of David Jenkins of Presteigne. Their daughter, Bridget, brought disgrace to the family by marrying the groom, David Rees of Cunglas, Cribyn.

John's son, David James, inherited the estate and later sold the house, Tyglyn-uchaf, to Alban Thomas Jones Gwynne (1751–1819), who renamed it TyGlyn Aeron. After Alban died, his widow Susannah found out the estate was in serious debt. She handed it over to the courts (Chancery), and in 1824 it was sold at auction. It was bought for £4,099 by Thomas Winwood (1784–1838), a businessman from Bristol who made his money in canal and railway work. In 1825, Thomas Winwood built the current Ty Glyn Aeron house on a new site.

During the 1930s, under the ownership of Geoffrey Faber, T.S.Eliot was a regular guest, staying every summer from 1933 to 1941. Here, he drew inspiration for Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, which later became the musical Cats. In the 1950s, Tŷ Glyn was owned by the Wilton Clark family. Gillian "Bobby" Wilton Clark was a war heroine — one of only six women ever to receive the George Medal — who later became a celebrated rally car driver, competing in many Monte Carlo races.



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