

MYTHS, FOLKLORE &

The Black Horse - Y Ceffyl Du



A myth of the river was the **Black Horse** (Ceffyl Du) who invited you to take a ride on its back.

Once on its back there would be a force sticking you to his back.

It had the strength to jump deep into the river and drown you.

There was a way to stay safe from the **Black Horse!**

To protect yourself you only had to get one of the white **hawthorn flowers** before you got to the riverbed.

Once the **white flower** was in your hand the black horse's strength disappeared and you were able to escape.



Another myth is that of the **Water Ghouls** (Ellyll y Dwr), spirits found in the deep pools of the River Towy living at the dark bottom of the river. They had the strength and ability to pull men down to the depths to drown.

Cyril 'Billy Boy' Owens, twelve years old, with his father Willy Mike 'Billy Boy' Owens. The photo was taken by a six pence camera from Woolworths.