

Felin Newydd/New Mill

Old Mill Road

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Downstream from Hen Felin or Old Mill, in the area where Glyn Terrace now stands, the 1847 tithe map shows evidence of another Corn Mill, Felin Newydd, or New Mill, which had been built on land owned by Lord Newborough. It was tenanted at that time by William Pritchard. He rented the Mill House, Mill and a building now assumed to be a Grain Store. He died in 1854 and was buried in St Gwynin's Churchyard. However, prior to 1847, the Mill was occupied and in operation for many years.

Evidence from Parish Records shows us that in 1813 Harry Thomas was the Miller and would have lived there with his family. By 1816 Thomas Evans had taken over the operation of the Mill. The last recorded occupant was Hugh Jones Roberts. Fire demolished the Mill and Mill House in 1865, leaving only the Grain Store. (See photographs 1 & 2).

A small community, Pentre Felin, or Mill Village, had grown up around the Mill by the early 1800s. There is evidence to show that in the 1760s a cooper lived and worked in that area. He made casks, churns, pails, dairy and kitchen utensils made of wood.

We can see from the Parish Baptism Records that families lived in the area of Pentre Felin throughout the nineteenth century. Amongst the occupants there were blacksmiths, labourers, farmers, carpenters and joiners. After the Mill burnt down in 1865 these families would have remained as long as there was a living to be made.

Gradually, towards the end of the century, as more workers were needed at Penmaenmawr Quarry, some of the homes would have been rented by Quarrymen and their families.

