



Welcome To Griffy Well



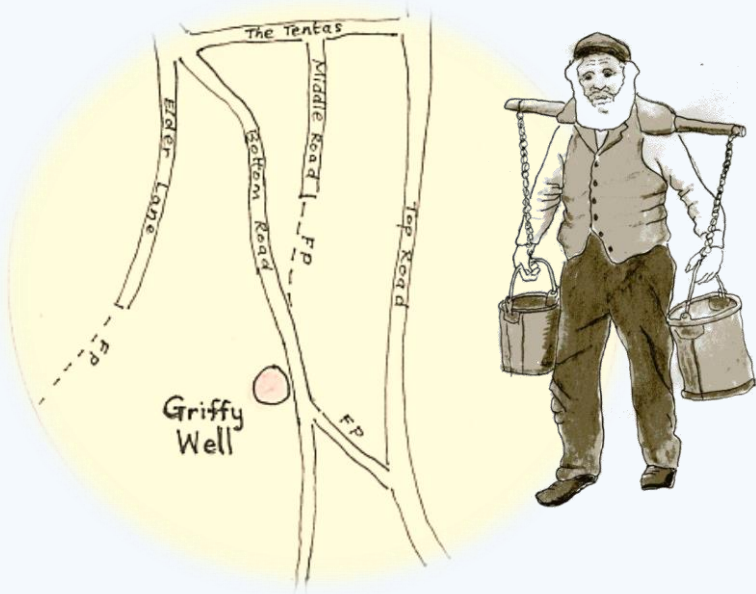
Griffy Well is a natural spring and was a water source for villagers until the 1930s when mains water was supplied to the village.

The name of the village of 'Griffydham' is thought to originate from Old Norse "gryfja" (cleft/valley) and Old English "dammer" (dam). There are also historical references to "Griffith's dam"



The Griffy Well legend tells of a mythical beast with the body of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle that guarded the spring and prevented villagers from collecting the water.

Villagers were forced to walk several miles for their water until one day the beast was slain by a chivalrous knight.



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There are many myths and legends linking griffins with water sources. Perhaps because of the similarity of the name to Griffydham a legend exists about the well.

The importance of the well is shown by the number of paths leading to it.

