

Gaia

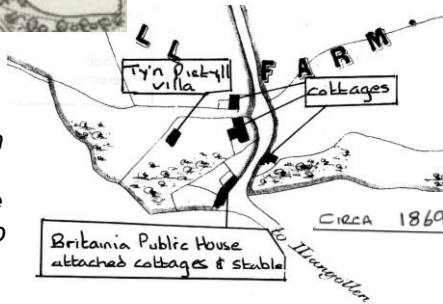


Gaia in 2020, with Tŷ'n y Pistyll behind.

The bungalow of Gaia today stands on the same site as one of the original Tŷ'n y Pistyll cottages, which in turn appears to have possibly been part of the original Tŷ'n y Pistyll Hall. However, none of the original building has survived to be incorporated into the house that stands today. Tŷ'n y Pistyll



The original location of Tŷ'n y Pistyll Hall (from an 1819 map) is shown in red on the 1874 Ordnance Survey map (above). In 1869 (right) two cottages occupy the same footprint, although there is no trace of them on the OS map five years later.





This photograph of the Britannia Inn, (above) taken in the 1940s, shows a building standing on the site of Gaia. However, it is not marked on any maps at the time and another photograph from the 1950s (left) suggests that it may have been a summerhouse for the Hall.

The area occupied by Gaia is marked on maps just as the garden for Tŷ'n y Pistyll up until at least 1963. However, local residents remember people living there when it was essentially still a garden house, with an Eric Merriman having it as a second home in the 1970s and early 1980s. The bungalow that stands on the site today was also constructed around that time.

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Gaia as it looked at the end of the 1980s.

