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### Walk 2 – Ty Hir

Grade - easy

Start point – Ty Gwyn pub

Time – 40 minutes

Distance – 1.8Km/1.1mils

*Walk description – The first half of the walk is on road then the rest is in fields and tracks.*

- From the pub walk up the village and continue till you go past the last house (Tawel Fan).

*This house was once a chapel and has been converted. There were originally three chapels in the village which indicates the importance the church played in life.*

- Go another 200m up the road and on your left take the track to the left by the footpath sign (there is also a stone marked Parciau).
- Go over the bridge and go straight ahead through the gate into the yard of the house Ty Hir.
- Go through the kissing gate to the left of the house and then head for the stile.
- Do **not** go over the stile but turn left in front of it and go up hill for 50m to the next stile and then into a field.
- Walk down the field with the boundary wall to your right.

*The views down the Conwy valley and Tal y Fan are extensive .*

- Eventually you will come to a track.
- Turn left down the track and then go over a stile into the next field and then head straight for another gate and stile.
- Go over the very vertical metal stile (gate always locked) and walk down the track.
- Turn left and head down the same track (wall/bank either side) and go through two further gates and over the river footbridge to arrive back at the pub.

Just after the river bridge on your right you will see a memorial stone to Huw Tom Edwards. He was born in 1892 in Rowen and lived in Pen Y Fridd near Rowen. One of seven children he had little formal education. He had a spell working in the quarry at Penmaenmawr and then as a farm hand. At 14 he left home and went to work in south Wales in the coal mines. In the first world war he was severely wounded but went back to work in the coal mines and slate quarries of North Wales. He set up branches of a trade union and labour party. He became an important figure in Welsh politics getting involved in the problem of depopulation of rural Wales and devolution. In 1949 he was appointed chairman of the Council for Wales and Monmouthshire but, resigned from his

post in protest against the Macmillan government's failure to appoint a secretary of state for Wales. During his later life he held many posts but the one thing he never did was stand for parliament. He simply refused to do it.

Huw Tom Edwards achieved an amazing amount in his life despite being poorly educated. He was passionate about Welsh poetry and literature. He declined to be knighted at the investiture of Prince Charles at Caernarfon castle.

He died on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1970.

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