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Wales



The forgotten years

The Celts of Wales eventually formed five major tribes. These were the Silures of the south-east, the Demetae of the south-east, the Ordovicil of the north-west, the Deceangli of the north-east and the Cornovii of central Wales. Each tribe was ruled by a powerful royal family, but there were many smaller noble families who were important locally.

Celtic warfare

For the Celts, going to war was an occasion for singing, drinking and generally struting their stuff. Everyone wore their best jewellery and finest clothes while carrying wrapons and armour decorated with gold and silver. The warriors formed up in dense masses while the nobles rode in front in their chariots.

Most battles began with the nobles dashing out in front of their armies to show off. They were skilled in galloping at high speed while juggling with their swords, doing handstands on the backs of the chariot points or dancing up and down the chariot poles. Nebles would dash forward to engage each other in single combat, with the armies cheering them on.

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had collapsed. Irish settlers were moving in to take over the rich farmlands of the Lleyn Peninsula and the far southwest.

In 410, the Romans who ran the British towns asked the Emperor Bionorius to send army units to drive off the linuders. Honorius told them that he could spare neither men nor money to defend Britan. They would have to defend themselves. Most Romans assumed that things would get better, but they didn't. Roman rule over Britain had ended.

The first martyrs

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The Cymry come forward

Wales after the Romans



he years after the Romans abandoned Britain in AD 410 are among the most obscure in Welsh history. What we do know is that in 410 Wales was part of a Roman province, but by 750 it was shome to a new nation: the Cymry, or Welsh.

It would seem that the councils of the civitates [main towns] of Britain created a new position called the 'high ruler', who would organise the defence of Britain, This ruler, Vortigern,' followed standard Roman practice and hired

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mercenaries — soldiers who were willing to
work for anyone who paid them. He chose two

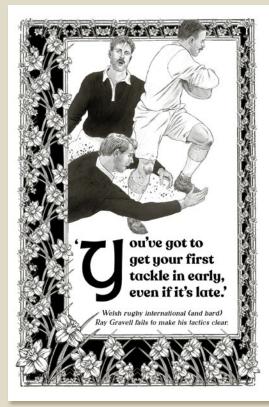
work for anyone who paid them. He chose two Saxon brothers, Hengist and Horsa, and their warband.

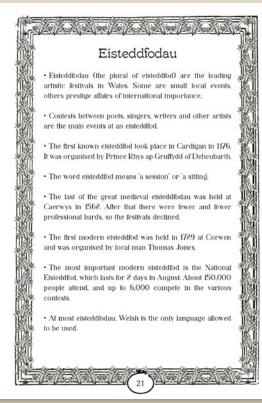
Big mistakel In about 440, a quarrel between Vortigern and Hengist led to warfare that devastated much of southern Britain. The peace treaty handed the civitas of Cantium (Kent) to Hengist, who set himself up as an independen ruler – or 'king' in his language. Soon other mercenaries did the same.

Princes in charge

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