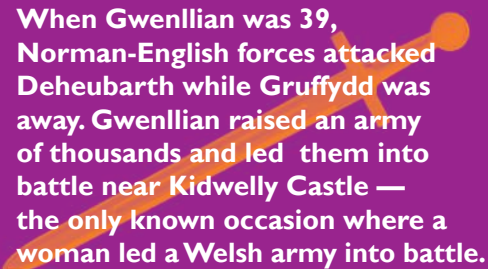




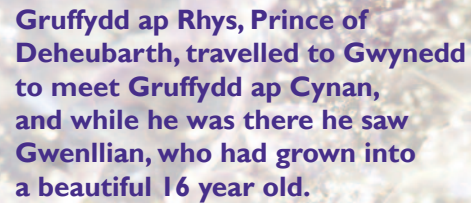
When Rhys was 5 years old, Gwenllian had her sixth and final son, Sion ap Gruffydd.



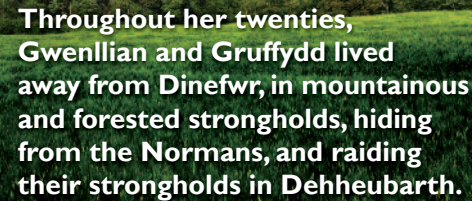
When Gwenllian was 39, Norman-English forces attacked Deheubarth while Gruffydd was away. Gwenllian raised an army of thousands and led them into battle near Kidwelly Castle — the only known occasion where a woman led a Welsh army into battle.



Gwenllian had a third son, Owain ap Gruffydd, when she was 29.



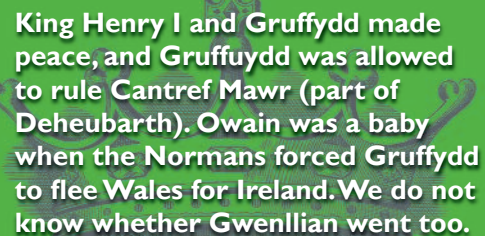
Gruffydd ap Rhys, Prince of Deheubarth, travelled to Gwynedd to meet Gruffydd ap Cynan, and while he was there he saw Gwenllian, who had grown into a beautiful 16 year old.



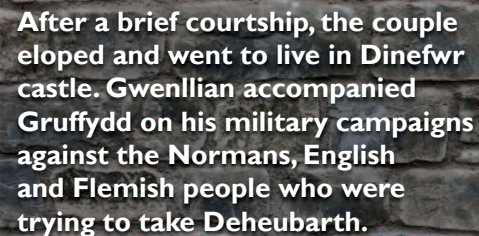
Throughout her twenties, Gwenllian and Gruffydd lived away from Dinefwr, in mountainous and forested strongholds, hiding from the Normans, and raiding their strongholds in Deheubarth.



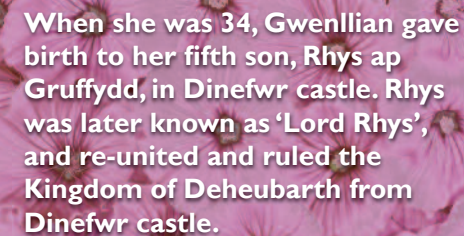
When Owain was 2 years old, Gwenllian had a fourth son, Maredudd ap Gruffydd.



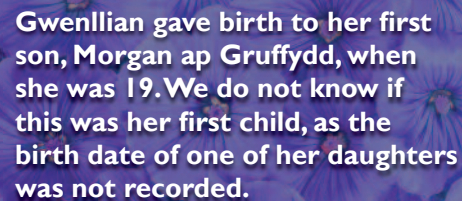
King Henry I and Gruffydd made peace, and Gruffydd was allowed to rule Cantref Mawr (part of Deheubarth). Owain was a baby when the Normans forced Gruffydd to flee Wales for Ireland. We do not know whether Gwenllian went too.



After a brief courtship, the couple eloped and went to live in Dinefwr castle. Gwenllian accompanied Gruffydd on his military campaigns against the Normans, English and Flemish people who were trying to take Deheubarth.



When she was 34, Gwenllian gave birth to her fifth son, Rhys ap Gruffydd, in Dinefwr castle. Rhys was later known as 'Lord Rhys', and re-united and ruled the Kingdom of Deheubarth from Dinefwr castle.



Gwenllian gave birth to her first son, Morgan ap Gruffydd, when she was 19. We do not know if this was her first child, as the birth date of one of her daughters was not recorded.



Gwenllian had her second son, Maelgwyn, when Morgan was 3 years old.

