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Elinor,

You can go to http://www.straightdope.com/classics/a2_246.html for a detailed explanation. That article also says why W is considered a vowel sometimes. The word crwd in that article is the same word as crwth I mentioned earlier. Crwd is also called crowd in modern English. You can find that definition in dictionary.com under crowd.

Your explanation of cwm is right. In ordinary geological terms, a cwm is called a cirque. The English counterpart of the word cwm is combe, coomb or coombe.

By the way, vext is a variant spelling of vexed.

Tim