

COWBRIDGE, with LLANBLETHIAN, &c.

COWBRIDGE is a small contributory parliamentary borough, market town and parish, a polling place for, and in the county of, Glamorgan, hundred of its own name, Bridgend and Cowbridge union and county court district, rural deanery of Gro-Neath (Upper division), archdeaconry and diocese of Llandaff, distant 172 (by rail 186) miles from London, 56 from Bristol, 12 from Cardiff, 8 from Llantrissant, and 7 from Bridgend. There is a line of railway from Llantrissant station (South Wales branch) to this town.

The town consists principally of one long street from east to west, and has some well built houses, and Town Hall and Market-place, and is divided by a small stream, over which there is a stone bridge.

In the year 1091 the town was encompassed with a stone wall, by Robert de St. Quinton, who afterwards rebuilt the Castle of Llanblethian, of which only one of the gates now remain standing.

The town is supposed to have received its present name from the circumstance that, when the bridge was built, a cow, driven by dogs, took shelter under one of the arches, and her horns being so much entangled that she could not be taken out alive; the arms of the town are still the figures of a cow on a bridge. The town is governed by a mayor, two bailiffs and six aldermen, the mayor appointed by the Marquis of Bute for life, and the bailiffs elected annually by the burgesses. A court of record may be held under the charter granted by Charles II., but the corporation do not avail themselves of the privilege. Cowbridge shares with Cardiff and Llantrissant in returning one member to Parliament.

The church of St. Mary is a handsome stone building, in the Norman style, and consists of a chancel, nave, south

aisle, and gallery with an organ at the west end, also a porch, and fine square tower, with peal of 8 bells; there is a tablet in memory of Dr. Benjamin Heath Malkin, M.A., F.R.S., the celebrated historian of South Wales, who was buried here. The church was restored in 1851 at a cost of £1,400, defrayed by contributions. The register dates from the year 1718. The living is a vicarage, with Llanblethian and Welsh St. Donatts annexed, yearly value about £300, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester, and held by the Rev. Thomas Edmondson, M.A., of Jesus College, Oxford; the Rev. Owen Bowen Price, B.A., of St. David's College, Lampeter, is the curate.

The church of Llanblethian (St. John the Baptist) is an old stone edifice, in the Norman style, situated upon an eminence; it has a chancel, nave, south transept, porch, and square tower, with a peal of 8 bells. The register dates from the year 1660.

There are chapels for Baptists, Calvinistic Methodists, Independents and Wesleyans.

The Grammar School was endowed by Sir Leoline Jenkins, Judge of the Prerogative Court and Secretary of State in the reign of James II.; according to his will it was purchased by him of Sir Edward Stradling, of St. Donatts Castle, and commonly called or known by the name of the 'Free School,' and devised by him to the principal, fellows and scholars of Jesus College, Oxford. He founded six monitorships, each of the present value of £16 10s. The scholarships and fellowships originally attached to the school have been, as in most foundations, thrown open to competition by the Royal Commission, in granting to English boys, who have been educated in the school for four years, equal advantages with the Welsh in competing

for the fellowships and scholarships of Jesus College, Oxford. The present building was erected by the fellows of Jesus College, Oxford, in the year 1847, with residence for master. There is also a National school for boys and girls.

The Town Hall and Market House is situated in the High-street and is a fine building.

The county court is held at the Town Hall alternately, every month, with Bridgend. Petty sessions are held at the Police Station, and the magistrates meet every Tuesday. There are also Gas Works, by which the town is supplied.

The market is held every Tuesday, and is purely agricultural. The great markets are held the first Tuesday in every month, chiefly for cattle. Fairs are held the Tuesday before March 25th, May 4th, June 24th, September 29th and the first Tuesday in December.

The charities (a list of which is in St. Mary's church) are as follows:—Mrs. Catherine Williams, by will, dated 27th November, 1682, bequeathed the sum of £100 for ever to the town of Cowbridge, the interest whereof to be yearly paid for the relief of the poor of the said town. Sir Leoline Jenkins left, by will, dated 20th June, 1685, the sum of £20 once in every four years, towards apprenticing poor children or clothing poor people of the town of Cowbridge, at the discretion of the master of the Grammar School in the said town for the time being. Mrs. Mary Wilcox also left two closes of land, situated in the parish of Llanblethian, the rent of which to be yearly distributed to the poor of the town of Cowbridge, at the discretion of the bailiffs of the said town for the time being. Mrs. Rebecca Wyndham likewise left, by will, the sum of £100, which, together with the interest thereof, purchased the moiety of a tenement of lands called Pencoed, in the parish of Llanid, the profits of which to be applied towards apprenticing poor children of the town of Cowbridge, at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens for the time being. Mrs. Cecil Thomas's house, near the Cross, in the town, Mr. Thomas Thomas's house, near the Weigh-house, Mrs. Mary Morgan's house, near the Market-place, and a field, called by the name of Fair Erw Heoly Smallway, situated in the parish of Llanblethian, are charged with the yearly sum of 12s. each, which, with 4s. from the corporation, are left to be distributed in bread to the poor of the town on every Sunday after divine service, at the discretion of the churchwardens. Mr. Walter Williams, by a codicil to his will, dated 16th January, 1796, bequeathed the yearly sum of £4 for ever, to be issuing

out of the rents and profits of a tenement of lands called The Paddocks, situated in the Western Village of the town of Cowbridge, to be paid to the treasurer of the town, and to be distributed to the poor of the town and parish of Cowbridge, at the discretion of the bailiffs. Nov. 24th, 1840, Daniel Jones, of Beaupre, in the parish of St. Hilary, in this county, by his will, directed his executors should purchase as much stock in the £3 per Cent. Consols as would produce a yearly dividend of £10, for the use and benefit of the poor of the town for ever, the money either to be divided among the poor in equal moieties, one at Whitsuntide and the other at Christmas, by the minister for the time being, or to be laid out by such minister for the use of the poor, in clothing, bedding, or firing; the above stock stands invested in the £3 per Cent. Consols in the name of Her Majesty's Accountant-general. Dec. 11th, 1845, John Frauncies Gwyn of Ford Abbey, in the parish of Thornecombe, in the county of Devon, by his will, made the following bequest:—I give and bequeath unto the minister and churchwardens for the time being of the parish of Cowbridge the sum of £200, in trust, to invest the same in their names in the public funds of Great Britain, and to apply the dividends thereof in such manner as they shall think fit, for the benefit of the National school for boys of the three consolidated parishes of Cowbridge, Llanblethian, and Welsh St. Donatts.

The principal residences in the neighbourhood are: Bryn Awel, the seat of Miss Entwisle; Marlboro' Grange, the seat of Mrs. Entwisle; Newton House, the seat of John Samuel Gibbon, esq., J.P.; Penline Castle, the seat of John Houffray, esq., J.P.; Penline Court, the seat of William Salmon, esq., J.P.; The Verlands, the seat of James Ballard, esq.

The Marquis of Bute is lord of the manor of Llanblethian, and borough of Cowbridge. The Earl of Dunraven, John Samuel Gibbon, esq., J.P., Major William West, James Bassett, J.P., and Mrs. Entwisle are the principal land-owners.

The soil is clay and gravel; subsoil, various. The chief crops are wheat, barley and pasturage, and the population in 1861 of the parish of Cowbridge was 1,047; parish of Llanblethian, in 1861, was 753.

The area of the parish of Cowbridge is 69 acres; parish of Llanblethian is 3,030 acres; gross estimated rental of the parish of Cowbridge, £3,550 13s.; parish of Llanblethian, £5,515 9s.; rateable value of the parish of Cowbridge, £3,095 10s.; parish of Llanblethian, £5,083 6s.

Parish Clerk, Thomas Davies.

Official Establishments, Local Institutions, &c.

POST & MONEY ORDER OFFICE, Post Office Savings Bank & Government Annuity & Insurance & Telegraph Office, High street.—Thomas Felton, postmaster. Letters arrive from London, Gloucester, Bristol, Cardiff, Swansea, Bridgend &c. at 7.30 a.m.; second arrival from Ireland, Scotland & the North of England &c. at 11.47 a.m.; dispatched to all parts at 7.45 a.m.; second dispatch at 6.30 p.m.; extra stamp, 7.0 p.m. Money orders are granted from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Sundays there is only one delivery, at 7.30 a.m. & letters are delivered at the office from 7.30 a.m. until 10 a.m. only

CORPORATION.

Mayor of Cowbridge & Constable of the Castle of Llanblethian (vacant)

Bailiffs, James Ballard, esq.; John Samuel Gibbon, esq., J.P.

Aldermen, Edward Bradley, Thomas Llewellyn, Rev. Thomas Edmondson, M.A. James Ballard, Rev. Francis Taynton, John Bevan

Town Clerk, John Stockwood, High street

MAGISTRATES.

Usually attending Petty Sessions.

John Whitlock Nicholl Carne, esq. D.C.L. St. Donatts castle
 Rev. Thomas Edmondson, M.A. Cowbridge
 John Samuel Gibbon, esq. Newton house
 Rev. Francis Frederick Edwards, Gilesdon manor
 John Houffray, esq. Penline court
 John Richards Houffray, Pwllwraich house
 John Blandy Jenkins, esq. Llanharran house
 George Whitlock Nicholl, esq. Ham house
 William Salmon, esq. Penline court
 Thomas Deere Salmon, esq. 7 New sq. Lincoln's inn, London
 George Montgomery Thackerne, esq. St. Hilary
 Hubert de Burgh Thomas, esq. Crossways house

Rowland Fothergill, esq. Hensol castle
 Hubert Churchill Gould, esq.
 Major William West James Bassett, Beaupre
 Clerk, John Stockwood, High street

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Commercial Union Assurance, Henry Peter Hoadley, High street
Eagle Life, John Parsons, High street
General Fire & Life, Philip Griffiths, High street
Imperial Fire, W. Thomas, Greenfield villa, Llanblethian
Lancashire Fire & Life, J. Reynolds, Bute cottage, Llanblethian
Law Union Fire & Life, William John Goddard, High street
Life Association of Scotland, Thomas Payne, High street
Liverpool & London & Globe, Thomas Felton, High street
Norwich Union, John Stockwood, High street
Provincial, Thomas Payne, High street
Royal Exchange, Thomas Rees, East village
Royal, S. D. Evans, High street
Royal Farmers' & General, Edward Bradley, East village
Sun Fire & Life, John Parsons, High street
West of England Fire & Life, John Thomas, High street

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

County Court, held at the Town hall, Thomas Falconer, esq. judge; Thomas Tamplin Lewis, registrar; John Stockwood, high bailiff
Police Station, Charles Rodman, sergeant
Stamp Office, Thomas Felton, High street, sub-distributor
Town Hall, High street, Mrs. Rebecca Thomas, keeper

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Borough Treasurer, John Thomas, High street
Clerk to the Magistrates, Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes & to the District Highway Board, John Stockwood, High street

Collector of Rates & Assistant Overseer, William Lewis, High street
District Surveyor, Robert Lougher
Inland Revenue Officer, James Fielding Rich, Cross house
Inspector of Nuisances, Charles Rodman
Medical Officer, Edward Bates, M.D. surgeon, East village
Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, David Lloyd, East village
Relieving Officer, David Lloyd, East village
Town Crier, Owen Roberts

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

CHURCHES.

St. Mary's, Cowbridge, Rev. Thomas Edmondes, M.A. vicar; Rev. Owen Bowen Price, B.A. curate
St. John the Baptist, Llanblethian, Rev. Thomas Edmondes, M.A. vicar; Rev. Owen Bowen Price, B.A. curate

CHAPELS.

Baptist (English), The Limes, ministers various
Baptist (Welsh), West village, Rev. Timothy Thomas, minister

Calvinistic Methodist, The Limes, ministers various
Calvinistic Methodist (Welsh), Aberthin, ministers various
Independent (Welsh), Maindy, Rev. John Evans, minister
Wesleyan (Welsh), High street, ministers various
Wesleyan (English), East village, Rev. John Nancarrow, minister

SCHOOLS.

Grammar, Church street, Rev. James Col n Francis Morson, M.A. head master; James Milnes Wheat, B.A. & Augustus Laloé, assistant masters
National, East village, William Thorpe, master

RAILWAY STATION.

Cowbridge, Aaron England, station master

CONVEYANCE.

FROM LLANTWIT MAJOR TO COWBRIDGE RAILWAY STATION—John Smith, daily

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Ballard Capt. Jas. Simpson, The Verlands
 Ballard James, The Verlands
 Ballard Misses, The Bridge
 Bates Edward, East village
 Bevan John, High street
 Bradley Edward, East village
 Colton Mrs. The Bridge
 Edmondes Rev. Thomas, M.A., J.P. [vicar], High street
 Edmondes Misses, East village
 Edwards Daniel Ithiel, East village
 Entwisle Miss, Bryn Awel, Llanblethian
 Entwisle Mrs. Marlboro' grange, Llanblethian
 Gibbon John Samuel, J.P. Newton house, Llanblethian
 Gibbon Mrs. East village
 Giroe Miss, Brynhyfyd, Llanblethian
 Goddard William John, High street
 Hall Joseph Williams, East village
 Homfray John, J.P. Penline castle
 Howells Samuel, West village
 Jenkins Evan, West village
 Jenkins Lewis, High street
 Jones Rev. Owen Bowen, J.P. [curate]
 Laloé Augustus, The Poplars
 Lewis Miss Mary, East village
 Lewis Mrs. East village
 Llewellyn John, High street
 Llewellyn Thomas, East village
 Miles Mrs. High street

Morgan Mrs. Ivy cottage, West village
 Morgan Mrs. The Limes
 Morson Rev. James Colin Francis, M.A. Grammar school, Church street
 Nancarrow Rev. John [Wesleyan], East village
 Nicholl George William, Llanblethian
 Ord Mrs. East village
 Payne Thomas, High street
 Perkins Mrs. High street
 Phillips John Watkin, High street
 Price William, East village
 Rees David, East village
 Rees Thomas, East village
 Rogers Joseph, High street
 Salmon William, J.P. Penline court
 Salt Titus, St. Quinton's cottage, Llanblethian
 Simonet Mons. Julius Augustus, Dynevor cottage
 Smith Rev. Joseph Henry, Llanblethian cottage, Llanblethian
 Stibbs Robert, The Limes
 Stockwood John, High street
 Thomas Rev. Timothy [Baptist], East village
 Thomas Hubert de Burgh, J.P. Crossways house, Llanblethian
 Thomas John, Eastfield house
 Thomas Mrs. Calcady house, High street

Thomas Wm. Greenfield vil. Llanblethian
Thomas William, Thorn villa
Verity Miss Cecilia, East village
Williams Miss, Sydney ho. East village
Williams Morgan, Edmond's terrace
Williams Thos. Sydney ho. East village
Williams William, The Armoury

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COMMERCIAL.

Aubrey Richard, *Tennis Court*, & wheelwright, East village
Ball Jeremiah, accountant, West village
Ballard & Co. iron merchants & ironmongers, High street
Bates Edward, M.D. surgeon, East village
Bird Nathaniel, general ironmonger, High street
Braddick Joseph, *Masons' Arms*, & haulier, High street
Bradford James, flannel weaver, Llanblethian
Bradley Edward, land agent, East village
Butler John, farmer, Aberthyn, Llanblethian
Collins Timothy, lodging house keeper, East village
Cowbridge Gas Light & Coke Company (Thomas John
Parsons, secretary; John Jenkin, manager). The Limes
Cowbridge Railway Company Limited (Jno. Stockwood, sec)
Culverwell Thomas, farmer, Liwynhellig farm
Davey John, farmer, Aberthyn, Llanblethian
David Hopkin, farmer, Hollybush farm, Llanblethian
David Ilyd, *Westgate*, West village
David Thomas, *Cross Keys*, High street
David Thomas, shoe maker, West village
Davies Ebenezer & Anne (Miss), farmers, Llanblethian
Davies Margaret Eliza & Mary (Misses), boarding & day
school, High street. See advertisement
Davies Edmund, linen & woollen draper, East village
Davies Edward, carrier & leather seller, High street
Davies Ellen (Mrs.), milliner & dress maker, Church street
Davies Margaret (Mrs.), shopkeeper & servants' registry
office, East village
Davis Ann (Miss), stationer & news agent, High street
Davis David, bookbinder &c. Church street
Davis Ebenezer, bookseller, stationer & printer, High street
Edmund William, miller, Llanblethian
Edwards Daniel Ithiel, surgeon, East village
Edwards David, farmer, Broadway
Edwards William, tin plate worker, East village
Evans David, farmer, Down farm, Llanblethian
Evans Edward, cooper, Llanblethian
Evans Evan, *Horse & Groom*, High street
Evans John, baker & grocer, East village
Evans John David, tailor, West village
Evans Robert (of Bridgend), auctioneer & valuer, High st
Evans Samuel David, linen & woollen draper, tailor &
general outfitter, High street

Evans Thomas, beer retailer, High street
Evans Thomas, *Polican*, West village
Evans Thomas, *White Lion*, High street
Felton Thomas, chemist, & stamp & post office, High street
George John, coal merchant, & agent for the Burton
Brewery Company, East village
Gifford Nathaniel, shoe maker, Llanblethian
Giles David, boot & shoe maker, West village
Goddard William John, solicitor, High street
Griffiths John, blacksmith, High street
Griffiths Philip, grocer & provision dealer & agent for
Gibbey's wines, High street
Hall Joseph Williams, coal, manure & seed merchant,
High street
Harding William, miller, Town mill, Llanblethian
Harman Susannah (Miss), milliner & dress maker, Tydvil
house, High street
Harris Catherine (Miss), ladies' seminary, West village
Harris Jane (Mrs.), grocer, High street
Hayter William, shoe maker, East village
Hopkin Thomas, farmer, Maindy, Llanblethian
Hopkins David, stone mason, Llanblethian
Hopkins Evan, farmer, Llanblethian
Hopkins John, stone mason, Llanblethian
Horton Mary (Mrs.), *Red Lion*, East village
Howe Elizabeth (Mrs.), *Blue Bell*, High street
Howe John, grocer & butcher, High street
Howe Joseph, farmer, Llanblethian
Howell John, *Three Boars' Heads*, High street
Howells Samuel, brewer & maltster, Malt House yard
Huge Richard, *Hare & Hounds*, Aberthyn, Llanblethian
James Harriet Strange (Mrs.), cabinet maker & furniture
dealer, East village
James Matthias, stone mason, The Bridge
Jenkins Lewis, brewer, maltster & wine & spirit merchant,
Vale of Glamorgan brewery, High street
Jenkins Richard, grocer, West village
Jenkins Thomas, coal merchant, East village
Jenkins Thomas, farmer, Mount Pleasant farm, Llanblethian
Jenkins William, maltster, West village
Jennings William, blacksmith, West village
John Catherine (Mrs.), shopkeeper, East village
John David, farmer, Maindy, Llanblethian

John Edward, *Railway*, East village
John John, farmer, Aberthyn, Llanblethian
John Thomas, carpenter, West village
John Thomas, farmer, Llanblethian
John William, accountant, West village
John William, haulier, East village
Johnson Henry, watch maker & jeweller, High street
Jones Daniel, shopkeeper, Llanblethian
Jones Evan Morgan, painter, house decorator &c. Bridge ho
Jones Henry, farmer, Llanblethian
Jones John, farmer, Llanblethian
Jones John, tailor, West village
Jones Mary (Mrs.), lodging house, East village
Jones William, farmer, Llanblethian
Jones William, grocer, Llanblethian
Joseph Morgan, beer retailer, Llanblethian
Kitt James, *King's Head*, Llanblethian
Lane Robert, farmer, Aberthyn, Llanblethian
Lawes John Bennett (of London), seed & manure merchant
(Edward John, agent), High street
Lewis John, saddler, Tydvil cottage
Lewis Thomas, market gardener & china & glass dealer,
High street
Lewis William, baker, plasterer & tiler, East village
Lewis William, boys' school, Eagle academy, High street
Lister Thomas, chemist & druggist, High street
Llewellyn Jane (Mrs.), saddler & seed dealer, Church street
Llewellyn John, surgeon, High street
Lloyd David, registrar of births, deaths & marriages, & re-
lieving officer, East village
Matthews & Yorwerth, saddlers, High street
May Joseph, *Ancient Druid*, East village
Miles Mary Ann (Mrs.), grocer & provision dealer, High st
Morgan Ann (Miss), shopkeeper & dress maker, East village
Morgan David, beer retailer, High street
Morgan John, farmer, Great house, Llanblethian
Morgan Miles, beer retailer, West village
Morgan Morgan, shoe maker, High street
Morgan Thomas, *General Picton*, Llanblethian
Morgan William, butcher & farmer, Llanblethian
Morris Richard, confectioner & shopkeeper, East village
Mustoe Rowland Hale, boot & shoe warehouse, East village
National Provincial Bank of England (Thomas Payne,
manager), High street; draw on Head Office, London
Nicholas Thomas, builder & slate & timber merchant,
The Limes
Ormandy Elizabeth (Miss), *Bear inn & posting house*,
High street
Oswin John, chimney sweeper, The Limes
Owens Catherine (Mrs.), dress maker, North View cottage
Parker Thomas, farmer, Aberthyn, Llanblethian
Parsons John, grocer & provision merchant, High street
Perkins John, hair dresser, High street
Phillips Jane (Miss), dress maker, East village
Phillips John Watkin, surgeon, High street
Phillips Mary (Mrs.), *Royal Oak*, Aberthyn, Llanblethian
Pickard Richard, greengrocer & shopkeeper, High street
Preece John, blacksmith & wheelwright, High street
Price Edward, grocer, East village
Price William, seedsman, High street

Provincial Banking Corporation Limited (Henry Peter
Hoadley, manager), High street; draw on London &
County Bank
Rees David, general draper & outfitter, East village
Rees Thomas, solicitor, & commissioner for taking affidavits
in the common law courts
Reynolds James, auctioneer, tailor & draper, Bute cottage,
Llanblethian
Reynolds Thomas, tailor, High street
Rich James Fielding, inland revenue officer, Cross house
Richards John, farmer, Llanblethian
Richards Silas, *Commercial inn*, East village
Richards Thomas, farmer, Llanblethian
Roberts Owen, nail maker, Eastfield cottage
Roberts Thomas, tailor
Stibbs Elizabeth (Miss), confectioner, High street
Stibbs William, baker & confectioner, Ivor house
Stockwood John, solicitor, clerk to the magistrates, clerk
to the commissioners of taxes, clerk to the district high-
way board, commissioner for taking deeds of acknow-
ledgment by married women, to administer oaths in
chancery & all the common law courts, town clerk, & high
bailiff of the county court & secretary of the Cowbridge
Railway Company, High street
Thomas David, boot & shoe maker, West village
Thomas David, draper & outfitter, High street
Thomas David, *Duke of Wellington & posting house*,
High street
Thomas David, shoe maker, West village
Thomas Evan, grocer, East village
Thomas John, auctioneer, appraiser, land agent, borough
treasurer, & livery stables proprietor, High street & Bear
Inn livery stables. See advertisement
Thomas John, *Crown inn*, East village
Thomas John, pharmaceutical chemist, High street
Thomas Morgan, *Cowbridge Arms*, & butcher, High street
Thomas Thomas, wine & spirit merchant, High street
Thomas Thomas Treharn (of Bridgend), agricultural imple-
ment maker, High street
Thomas William, maltster, Hill house, Llanblethian
Thomas William Henry, *Greyhound*, West village
Thorne & Hill (Misses), ladies' boarding & day school,
Great house, High street. See advertisement
Tilley William, coach builder & wheelwright, West village
Turberville Jane (Mrs.), *Edmond's Arms*, East village
Turner Margery (Mrs.), lodging house keeper, High street
Warren Solomon, beer retailer, plumber, painter & house
decorator, East village
Wilde David, omnibus proprietor, East village
Williams David, farmer, East village
Williams David, *Royal Oak*, High street
Williams Edward, plasterer, East village
Williams Morgan, farmer, Aberthyn, Llanblethian
Williams Thomas, baker, High street
Williams Thomas, boot & shoe maker, High street
Williams Thomas, plasterer & tiler, East village
Williams Thomas, shoe maker, East village
Williams Thomas, tailor, East village
Williams William, cabinet maker, upholsterer &c. High st
Williams William, tiler & plasterer, West village