

BUTCHER'S DIRECTORY 1880/81

COWBRIDGE.

Population in 1861	.	.	.	1,049
" 1871	.	.	.	1,094

COWBRIDGE is a parish and small market town, and contributory borough with Cardiff and Llantrisant in the return of one member to Parliament. It is situated in the rich agricultural district of the Vale of Glamorgan, in the hundred of its own name, Bridgend and Cowbridge union. It is in the diocese of Llandaff and deanery of Gro-Neath (lower division). Its distance from London by rail is 186 miles, Bristol 56, Bridgend 7, Cardiff 16, Swansea 40, and Neath 28.

The town consists principally of one large street, stretching from east to west, containing some well-built houses, town hall, and market house, and is divided by the river Ddaw, over which there is a good stone bridge. In Welsh orthography it is called *Pontfaers*, probably a corruption of *Pont-y Fôn*, of which the English name *Cowbridge* is an accurate translation.

The figures of a *cow* and *bridge* are the arms of the town, and it is stated that when the bridge was first built, a cow driven by dogs took shelter under the arches, where she was so much entangled by her horns that she could not be extricated alive, and from this trivial circumstance the town is said to have received its name.

In the eleventh century the town was encompassed by a wall, by *Robert de St. Quintin*, one of the Roman adventurers who afterwards rebuilt and strengthened a castle called Llanblethian. The town is now governed by a mayor, elected by the burgesses for life, and two bailiffs, elected annually.

The parish church, dedicated to *St. Mary*, is a handsome building; the living is a vicarage, consolidated with Llanblethian and Welsh St. Donatts, in the patronage of the dean and chapter of Gloucester, joint annual value of £300, and is at present held by the Rev. Thomas Edmondson, M.A. The parish church of Llanblethian is about a mile

distant from the town. There are also places of worship for Baptists, Wesleyans, and Calvinistic Methodists.

The only charity is the *Free Grammar School*, probably an offshoot of the great college at Llantwit. Sir Leoline Jenkins, judge of the Prerogative Court and Secretary of State under Charles II., who had been educated in the school, gave the site of the present school and endowed it. He founded six masterships, and provided that certain boys of great promise should be received free. 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 educated in the school equal advantages with the Welshmen in competing for the scholarships and fellowships of Jesus College, Oxford. The present head master is the Rev. M. P. Williams, M.A. There is also a Board school.

Llanblethian is a small parish and village in the hundred of Cowbridge, Bridgend and Cowbridge union and county court district, situated about one mile from the above-named town. Its area in statute acres is 3148, belonging to various landowners, and the Marquis of Bute is lord of the manor. Its population in 1861 was 753; in 1871, 756.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Post, Money Order, and Telegraph Office, and Savings Bank.—Thomas Felton, postmaster. Letters arrive at 7.30 a.m.; north mail 10.10 a.m. Despatched 6.25 p.m.; north mail 4.40 p.m.

Magistrates acting for Cowbridge division.—Rev Thomas Edmondes and William Salmon, John R. Homfray, John S. Gibbon, George M. Traherne, George Henry Jenkins, John B. Jenkins, Hubert C. Gould, George W. Nicholl, Thomas D. Salmon, Frances E. Stacey, James S. Ballard, and Ralph T. Bassett, Esqrs.

Mayor.—George W. Nicholl; *Deputy*, George M. Traherne.

Bailiffs and Justices of the Peace for the borough.—John S. Gibbon and Edward Bradley, jun.

St. Mary's Church.—Rev Thomas Edmondes, M.A., vicar; Rev Owen B. Price and Rev Philip M. Edwards, curates.

Baptist Chapels (English and Welsh).

Calvinistic Methodist.

Wesleyan.

Farmers' Club.—George E. Tutton, secretary.

Free Grammar School.—Rev M. P. Williams, M.A., head master.

Gas Works.—J. T. Parsons, secretary ; John Jenkins, manager.
Glamorganshire Agricultural Society.—William V. Huntley, secretary.
Police Office.—Frederick Jennings, sergeant in charge.
Stamp Office.—Thomas Felton, distributor.
Town Hall.—John Pike, keeper.
United District School Board.—Thomas Rees, clerk.
Young Men's Reading Room.—David Tilley, secretary.
Board School.—George E. Tutton, master ; Kate Tutton, mistress.
Railway Station.—Oscar Hurford, station master.
Conveyances to Llantwit Major (Christopher Punter and John Bowen)
 every Tuesday, and daily during summer.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Ballard James, The Verlands	Llewellyn Thomas
Ballard Col. James Simpson, J.P.	Llewellyn Rev William
The Verlands	Morson Mrs
Bassett Mrs Eliza, Beaupre	Ord Edward
Bates Edward, M.D.	Payne Thomas
Bradley Edward	Phillips John W. High street
Coulton Mrs Lydia T.	Prichard Misses
Davies Miss Corina	Prichard Mrs Mary
Davies Ebenezer, East Village	Rees Thomas
Davies O. M.	Richards Mrs M. Broadway villa
Davis Evan T.	Simmonite Mrs
Edmondess The Misses C. L. and	Stockwood John
L. M.	Thomas Miss Eliza
Edmondess Rev Thomas, M.A. and	Thomas Mrs E. Taynton house
J.P.	Thomas John, Eastfield house
Edwards Danl. Ithiel, East End	Verity Miss Cecilia
Edwards William, Glen cottage	Williams Rev M. Price, M.A.
Hambly Thomas	Williams Morgan, Edmond's ter.
Jones Rev William, East villas	Williams William, The Armoury

COMMERCIAL.

Aubrey Richard, *Wheelwrights' Arms*, and wheelwright.
 Ballard & Co. ironmongers
 Bates Edward, M.D. surgeon
 Bird Nathaniel, ironmonger
 Braddick Joseph, *Masons' Arms*
 Bradley Edward, land and insurance agent
 Culverwell Mrs and the Misses, ladies' school
 David Jane and M. grocers &c.

- David Iltyd, *Westgate inn*
 David R. boot and shoemaker
 Davies The Misses, ladies' boarding school
 Davies Mrs. greengrocer and earthenware dealer
 Davies David, carpenter and joiner
 Davies Edmund, draper and boot and shoe dealer
 Davies Edward, currier
 Davies O. M. insurance agent
 Davies William H. *Commercial inn*
 Davies William J. painter
 Davis Ann, bookseller, stationer &c.
 Davis Ebenezer, printer, bookseller &c.
 Davis Evan T. surgeon
 Edwards Daniel I. surgeon, East End
 Evans John D. tailor and grocer
 Evans Samuel D. draper, tailor, and insurance agent
 Evans Thomas, butcher, and hay and corn dealer
 Evans Thomas, *Pelican inn*
 Evans Mrs M. *White Lion inn*
 Felton Thomas, chemist and insurance agent ; Stamp office
 George John, coal, hay, and corn dealer, and railway goods carrier
 Giles David, boot and shoe maker
 Griffiths John, blacksmith
 Griffiths Philip, grocer and insurance agent
 Griffiths William, blacksmith, Maindy
 Hall, Reynolds, & Co. limited, corn, seed, and manure merchants
 (Joseph Hall, agent)
 Hancock William H. butcher
 Harding Mrs Lydia, miller, Town mill
 Harman Miss Susannah, milliner &c.
 Hayter Samuel, photographer and painter
 Hayter William, painter, baker, and confectioner
 Hopkins David, *Crown and Anchor*
 Hopkins John, monumental mason &c.
 Horton Mrs Mary, beer retailer
 Howe John, butcher and general shop
 Howells John, *Three Boars' Heads*
 Howells Samuel, brewer and maltster
 James Alfred, cabinet maker
 James Morgan, greengrocer
 James William A. builder &c.
 Jenkins Lewis, brewer, maltster, and wine merchant
 Jenkins Lewis, *Horse and Groom*

Jenkins Thomas, coal merchant

Jenkins William, maltster

John Edward, agricultural implement dealer

John Evan, woollen weaver

John Lewis, saddler

John Thomas, carpenter &c.

Johnson Henry, watchmaker &c.

Jones Daniel, boot and shoe maker

Jones William, *Railway inn*

Lewis Thomas, blacksmith

Lewis William, boarding school, and rate collector

Llewellyn Misses Jane and Annie, ladies' school

Llewellyn Mrs Jane, saddler

Llewellyn John, chemist &c.

London and Provincial Bank limited, High st. (Thos. Hambly, mngr.)

May Joseph, *Ancient Druid inn*

Miles Ebenezer W. solicitor and insurance agent

Stockwood John, solicitor and insurance agent

Thomas David, draper &c.

Thomas David, *Duke of Wellington inn*

Thomas Isaac, grocer &c.

Thomas John, auctioneer, land agent &c.

Thomas John, chemist, seedsman, and insurance agent

Thomas John R. seed, corn, flour, and manure merchant

Thomas Mrs Mary, beer retailer

Thomas Morgan, butcher, and *Cowbridge Arms inn*

Thomas Thomas, *Bear hotel*

Tilley Wm. coachbuilder, blacksmith, and agricultural implement maker

Tucker Thomas, general dealer

Turberville Mrs Jane, *Edmond's Arms*

Warren Solomon, painter, and beer retailer

Williams David, *Royal Oak*

Williams Edward, grocer &c.

Williams Edward. mason and plasterer