

Cowbridge Paragraphs.

(By VALIAN).

Not for many a year has Cowbridge experienced such a quiet Whitsun as last week-end. Although the town lies in the heart of the "sleepy Vale," it has always been a busy thoroughfare at holiday time, but on Whit-Sunday and Whit-Monday, when it rained continuously, the town was "like seven o'clock on a Sunday morning"—the words of a well-known local personality. Had it been fine over Whitsun, one would have seen a line of traffic stretching from one end of the town to the other, but instead, a car or two passed every five minutes. Week-ends at the beginning of the year were much busier—in fact, on one Sunday in January, over two thousand cars passed through High Street in one hour. These are authentic figures supplied by a local resident, who delights in the hobby of counting motor-cars. However, it is said, that busy times are to be seen in Cowbridge when the season is at its height.

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Many of the local residents are asking why the peal of bells at the Holy Cross Church, which used to resound so beautifully throughout the town in times past, are not heard of late. The real reason is that the devastating death-watch beetle has found a home in the Church, and has rendered the bells, together with the woodwork supporting them, useless. But there is a remedy, and the Rector (the Rev. Gilbert Williams) has sent out an earnest appeal for the restoration of the bells by public subscription. He is also appealing on behalf of the Church itself, and says that £1,200 is needed for restoration work. This may seem a huge sum, but already there is £94 9s. 1d. in the bank, and knowing, as we stated last week, that Cowbridge is the home of charity, he believes that the balance will soon be forthcoming. Already £3,740 1s. 3d. has been spent on restoration work at the Church.

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Cowbridge was strongly represented at the British Legion conference which opened at Weston-super-Mare on Sunday, and twenty members of the Cowbridge district branch of the Legion, accompanied by the officers, made the journey by boat. Active interest was taken in the discussions on subjects of a local and national nature. The Cowbridge representatives also took part in the grand march past. The officers who accompanied the party were: Mr. G. F. Westcott (chairman), Mr. Tudor Adams, D.C.M. (vice-chairman), Mr. G. Millman (secretary) and Mr. W. Brown (standard-bearer). Representing the ladies' section of the branch was Mrs. G. Tilley.

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Cowbridge Cricket Club lost badly to Pontypridd at Cowbridge on Saturday, when they knocked up the meagre total of 75 runs as against the visitors' 173 runs for seven wickets declared. L. E. W. Williams, was the only Cowbridge batsman on form, and of the home side's total, he scored a brilliant 45 not out. Pontypridd found little opposition from the Cowbridge bowlers, and the best individual scores were from T. Harrison (53) and M. Cox (36).

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Playing at Pontypridd on Saturday, Cowbridge Seconds could only compile a score of 32 runs, but they fought back gamely, and dismissed Pontypridd Seconds for 46 runs, leaving them victors by 14 runs. However, on Whit-Monday, Cowbridge Seconds gave an improved display, and scored 154 for five wickets declared against Abercynon on the home ground. N. G. Brown carried his bat for a brilliant score of 76, composed mostly of boundaries. Rain intervened and spoiled the game, and after Abercynon had only scored twenty runs for the loss of no wickets, play was abandoned. Cowbridge were thus robbed of a likely victory.

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Playing against St. Fagans Seconds on Tuesday, Cowbridge Seconds gained a comfortable victory by four wickets, knocking up 98 runs for the loss of six men. St. Fagans were dismissed for 84 runs, but the notable feature of the match was the consistently good bowling of J. H. Carr, who captured the whole of the six Cowbridge wickets that fell, for a total of 43 runs. However, this win will encourage the Cowbridge second string, which is a comparatively new team, and they are now showing indications of being as strong a force as their seniors.