

**From a diary of someone in Cowbridge (supposed to have been Edward Ballard, ironmonger)**

**1828**

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June 9<sup>th</sup> A desperate fight at Llantrisant. The Llantrisant man successful.

June 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr Williams cut his hay today.

June 12<sup>th</sup>. Kayes thrown out of his carriage against the post of the Turnpike Gate and his servant Mr William Morgan. Both very much bruised. Kayes arm broken.

June 14<sup>th</sup>. Carried my hay this afternoon. I had no rain from the commencement. Revd Evan Prosser, Revd J Powell, Mr T Powell, Mr W Davies and Thomas Ballard with Mr W Morris assisted.

June 15<sup>th</sup>. (Sunday). Last night Mrs George Treharne put to bed of a daughter. Mr Evan Prosser served Llanblethian church in the morning and Cowbridge in the afternoon.

June 16<sup>th</sup>. Two men sent to Cabin\*. They behaved very bad and broke the bedstead, forced the window frame, and wedged the door. The constable secured them by getting in through the floor, from the Town Hall. They were committed to the House of Correction this day. One month's imprisonment and hard labour.

June 18<sup>th</sup>. Fanny Thomas came to Cowbridge.

June 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr Illtyd Nicholl and the whole of his family arrived here on the road to Ham. Sea bathing.

June 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr Thomas Powell left Cowbridge for Aberconwy for the holidays.

June 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr Williams carried his hay. Revd John Powell's birthday, 39 years. Mr Nicholl and family left that day. The new sheep pens completed, a great improvement.

\*Cabin must be the cells at the Town Hall for the temporary confinement of offenders waiting examination before the magistrates.

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....4<sup>th</sup>. Eliza Rees Llanblethian (our old servant) died suddenly at Revd. Brown Williams's Llandough. She danced all night Tuesday at Llanblethian. Revd. in good health and spirits.

....5<sup>th</sup>. Rode to Welsh St Donats with Mr John Powell to examine the bells to be re-cast. Yesterday afternoon Margaret Davies brought to bed of a bastard by a married man.

N.B. I asked that this Margaret Davies was some connection with the Kayes family – a ..... of Mr and Mrs Kayes.

Leaf of a Diary kept by some one at Cowbridge  
(supposed to have been Mr. Edw<sup>d</sup> Ballard Ironmonger)

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1828. (Diary of a Cambridge man)

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N.B. I suspect that this Margaret Davies was some connection of the Hayes family - a niece either of Mr. or Mrs. Hayes