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***One of the great houses of Glamorgan
though somewhat down at heel***

Reception Halls • Drawing room • Dining room
Study • Sitting room • Kitchen • Pantry
Domestic offices

6 principal bedrooms/library 3 bathrooms
2 bedrooms and bathroom (unusable)

Extensive outbuildings and cottage • Gardens
Parkland • Woodland

Secondry House (Erw Wen)
Sitting room • Office • Kitchen
Bedroom • Bath • Shower

In all about 71.73 acres (29.03 hectares)

Cowbridge 1½ miles • M4 (J35) 4 miles
Bridgend 4 miles • Cardiff (Culverhouse Cross) 10 miles
(All distances are approximate)

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Situation



Penllyn Castle is situated just outside the thriving and popular town of Cowbridge in the heart of the Vale of Glamorgan. Penllyn village is the epicentre of the Vale and includes a popular Inn, whilst Cowbridge is renowned for its shops, including a Waitrose, restaurants, schools and other necessary services. Cardiff naturally has all the facilities of an important capital city with the Culverhouse Cross Retail Park a short drive. Bridgend is within 10 minutes' drive to the west.



The A48 and M4 provide fast access east to Swansea, Cardiff, Newport, the Severn Bridge and the national motorway network.



Trains from Bridgend and Cardiff to London Paddington on First Great Western are mainline services and have been recently electrified.



There is an international airport at Rhoose (9 miles).





History

There has been a settlement, castle, farmhouse, manor and mansion on this historic site above the River Thaw for well over a thousand years. The Castle itself dates back to the early 1100s when it was likely to have been built by Earl Robert of Gloucester's Sheriff, Robert Norris and had one of the first Norman keeps in Glamorgan. In the late 14th Century the Norris heiress married into the Turbervilles who remained in occupation until 1702. In that time Penllyn became less of a castle and more a Tudor Manor House. In 1702 it was sold and went through various inheritances until Miss Gwinnett, whose brother Button Gwinnett settled in Maryland and was one of the signees of the Declaration of Independence and killed in a dual with his rival General MacIntosh. Miss Gwinnett rebuilt the house as a new mansion in the 1790's. In 1846 John Homfray, son of Jeremiah Homfray who had founded the Penyarden Iron Works in Merthyr, bought it. Various improvement and alterations were made including the decoration of the Drawing Room in the Third Empire style following a visit to the Paris Exhibition of 1861. It changed hands to distant relations in 1961 and has remained in the same hands ever since. It is listed.

Penllyn Castle

Penllyn Castle sits in a dominating position above woods and the River Thaw with far-reaching views over the Vale of Glamorgan to the Bristol Channel and Somerset Hills beyond.

Approached up a long drive, which in former years was a brilliant cobalt white from the quarry in the grounds, the Castle is, naturally, built of stone with a rendered brick front facade. Once one of the grandest houses in Wales, time has not been kind and is in a tired condition. Internally there are fine reception rooms including the splendid drawing and dining rooms with ornate plasterwork, decorative carvings, panelled doors, shuttered sash windows and wooden floors. Further reception rooms and domestic offices are approached off various corridors with the original servants' bells. The recent kitchen has a solid fuel Aga.

The extensive rear of the property is in a poor condition, but includes the impressive old kitchen with its meat hooks and the enormous boiler room behind.

A semi-circular cantilevered staircase beneath a large roof light leads up to a galleried landing with the principal bedrooms off. These mirror the reception rooms downstairs with the two principal bedrooms, one formerly a library, having stunning views out to the south.

There are four more bedrooms and three bathrooms, whilst the rear two more bedrooms, a bathroom are in a state of disrepair.

The Courtyard and Outbuildings

Adjoining the Victorian house to the rear is the Courtyard and surrounding buildings that incorporate much of the Norman castle and Tudor mansion. They comprise of the largely unused cottage, coach houses, stables with original stores and a water tower. Planning Permission was granted in 1998 for the conversion to three flats (98/00022/FUL). Though now out of date, Nick Renwick MSc BArch ARB RIBA, the architect involved, has kindly made these plans available on pdf through either his firm or ourselves, and is happy to discuss the scheme with interested parties. 01446 775589 / www.nickrenwick.com.

Gardens and grounds

The combination of gardens, woodland and park runs to about 72 acres and provide both privacy, enjoyment and firewood, Running from the house are formal lawns, banks and the former grass tennis court which from the parking area open up to a lovely vista over the paddocks to the south. There are a number of ponds, and a long belt of woodland including Cedars, Beech, Oak and Ash interspersed with Rhododendrons flanks the drive up to the Castle and runs off for a considerable distance to the south-east.

Erw Wen House and walled garden

200 metres to the southwest lies the walled kitchen garden with its original structures and the gardener's cottage, now called Erw Wen. This is occupied and comprises hall, kitchen, sitting room, office, two bedrooms, a bathroom and shower. It looks out into the garden, which though heavily overgrown, is a remarkable asset in itself. Erw Wen is on a separate title but included within the sale.



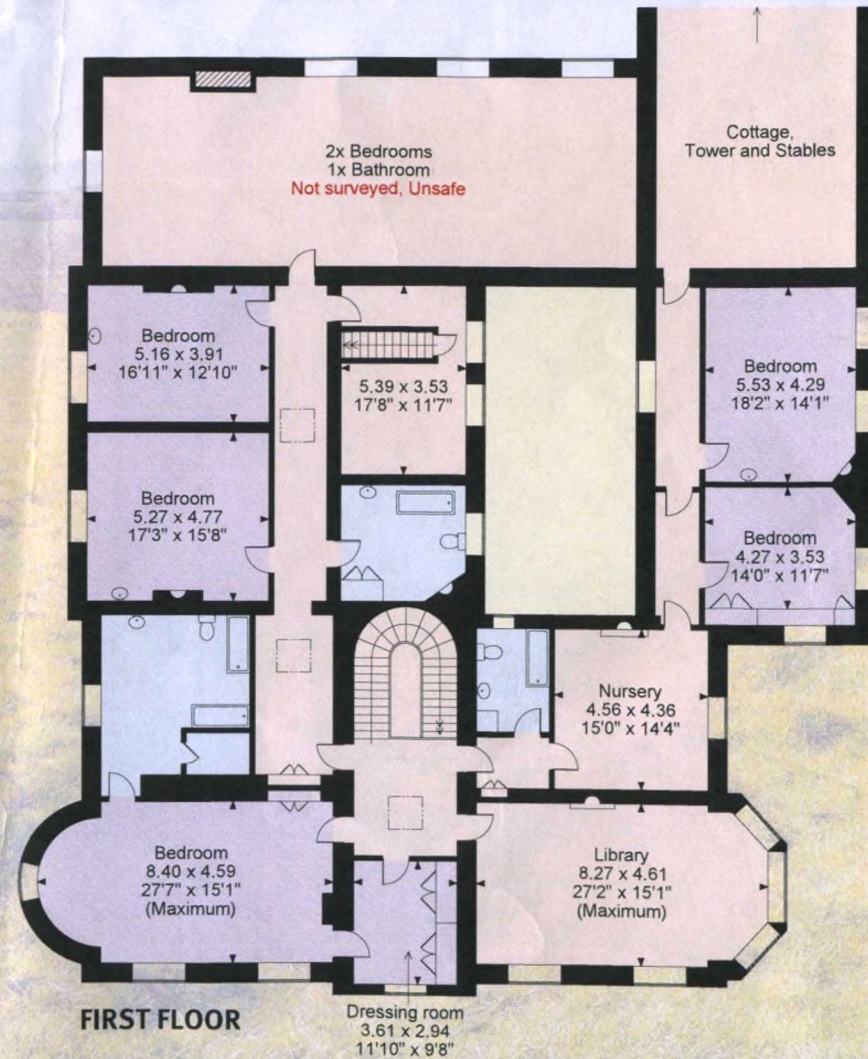
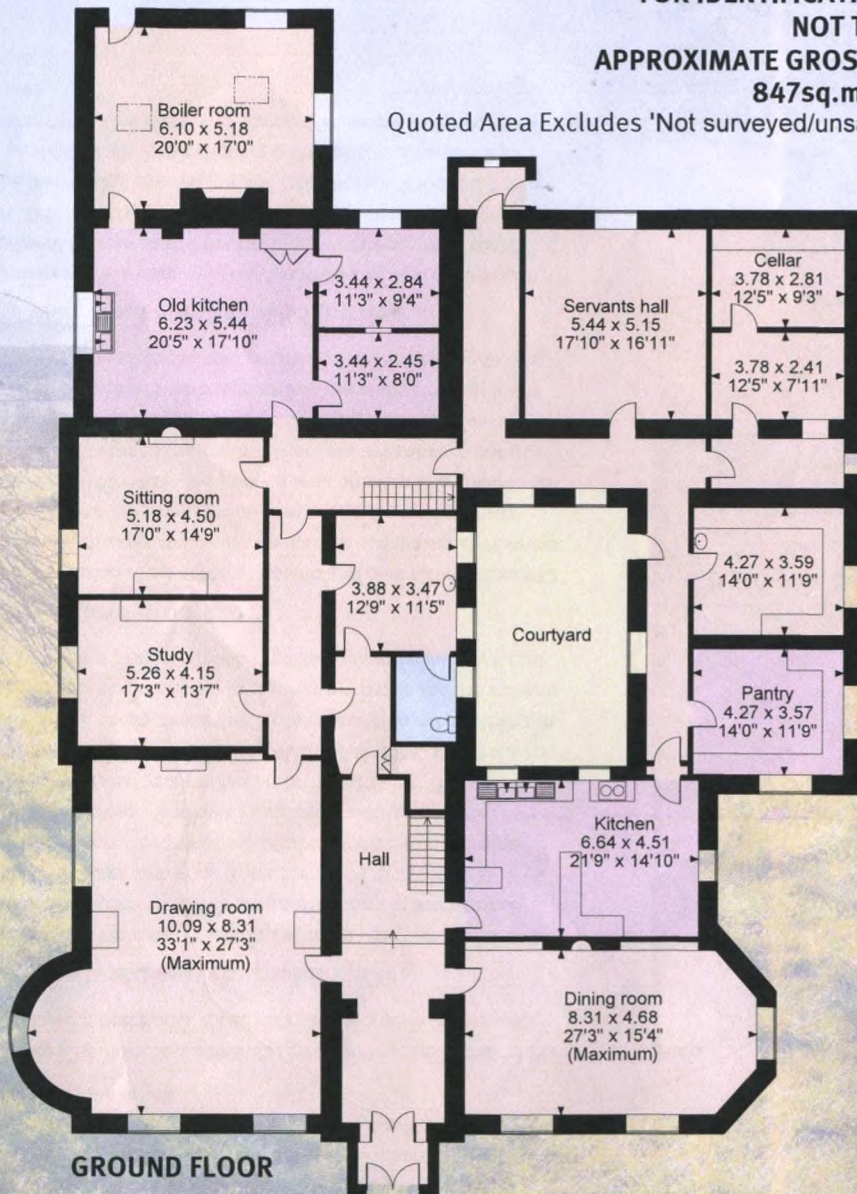
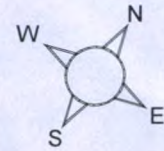
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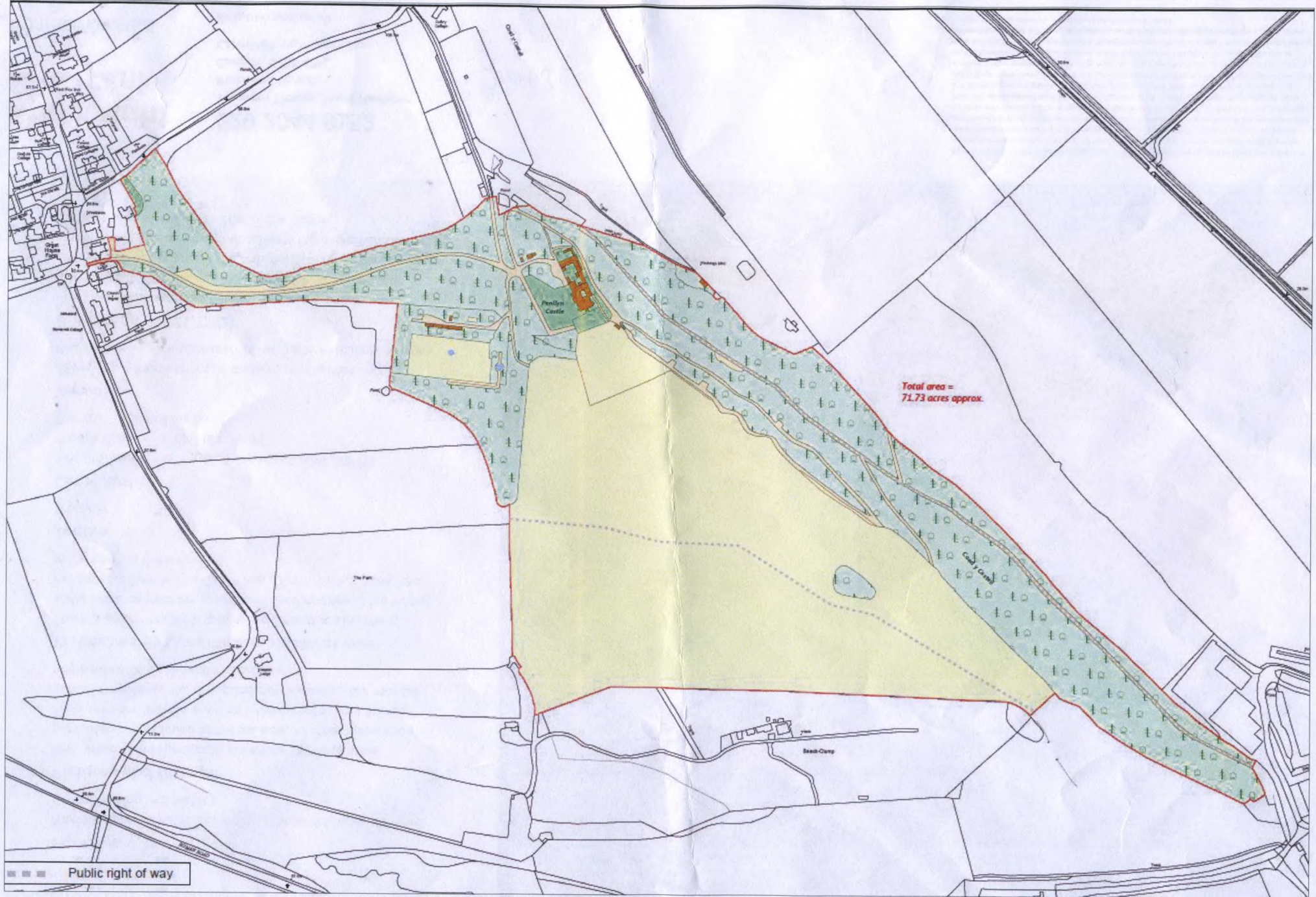
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APPROXIMATE GROSS INTERNAL FLOOR AREA

847sq.m (9,112sq.ft)

Quoted Area Excludes 'Not surveyed/unsafe area and the Cottage, Tower and Stables'





Total area =
71.73 acres approx.

Penlynn
Centre

The Park

Black Quarry

Cauldwell

Public right of way

Services

Mains water and mains electricity. Private drainage. Oil-fired central heating (not tested).

Fixtures and fittings

Only those items specifically mentioned in these sales particulars are included within the sale. All other items known as fixtures and fittings, such as fitted curtains, light fittings, garden ornaments etc. are specifically excluded, but may be made available by separate negotiation.

Wayleaves easements and rights of way

There is a footpath leading from the Church to Llwynhelig some distance from the castle, and another deep in the woods beneath the Castle. The Castle has a right of way up the track to the north of the property.

Tenure

Freehold.

Local authority

Vale of Glamorgan Council. Telephone 01446 700 111
Penllyn Castle - Council tax band I
Erw Wen - Council tax band F

Viewings

All viewings are to be arranged strictly by prior appointment via Knight Frank and only upon proof of funding by an appropriate body.

Directions (CF71 7RQ)

From Culverhouse Cross take the A48 west, passing Cowbridge, for 10 miles to Pentre Meyrick. Turn right and after 200 yards right again towards Penllyn. At the staggered junction, continue straight over passing the church and follow the drive up and around to front of the Castle.



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Penllyn Castle on sale for £1m

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Penllyn Castle sits in nearly 72 acres, and has extensive outbuildings.

PENLLYN Castle, described as “one of the great houses of Glamorgan”, is on the market for **£1 million**.

The house dates back to the early 1100s and is likely to have been built by Earl Robert of Gloucester’s Sheriff, Robert Norris.

More recently, the property featured in a 2005 episode of *Doctor Who* called *Tooth and Claw*.

Situated around a mile and a half outside Cowbridge, and about four miles from Bridgend, it has eight bedrooms, almost 72 acres of land including extensive outbuildings, a cottage, gardens,

parkland, and woodland

The castle is built on high ground above woods and the River Thaw with views over the Vale to the Bristol Channel.

Anthony Clay of estate agents Knight Frank said: “Penllyn Castle is one of the most important houses if not the most important house, in the Vale of Glamorgan.

“It’s a very handsome property, yet somewhat tired. It is too good a place not to be returned ack to its former glory.”