

KELLY'S DIRECTORY of RISCA, 1891

(including PONTYMISTER, CROSS KEYS and PONTYWAIN)

RISCA is a parish and village in the valley between the lofty Twyn Barlwyn (Maen) and the Machen mountains, on the Monmouthshire canal, which runs through the parish, and on the Western Valleys section of the Great Western railway, which here forms a junction with the Sirhowy line. There are stations at Risca village and Cross Keys, both in the parish, which is 165½ miles from London and 6½ northwest-by-west from Newport, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Wentloog, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Newport, Newport rural deanery, Monmouth archdeaconry and Llandaff diocese. The parish is governed by a Local Board of 9 members. The district was formed in 1878 of Risca and parts of Upper and Lower Machen, and by a Local Government Provisional Order No. 12, 157, confirmed by Act 44 & 45 Vict. cap. cii. parts of Mynyddyslwyn were added. The village is lighted with gas by a company reformed in May, 1890. A company is now (1891) being formed to supply the parish with water. The church of St. Mary, rebuilt in 1853 on the ancient foundation, is an edifice of stone, in the Florid Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles and a tower at the south-east angle with spire, containing one bell: there are 400 sittings, 150 being free. The register of baptisms dates from the year 1736; marriages 1754; burials 1779. The living is a vicarage, tithe rent-charge £110, gross yearly value £350, with residence and 45 acres of glebe, the gift of the vicar of Bassaleg, and held since 1876 by the Rev. Basil Williams M.A., of Wadham College, Oxford, who resides at Rogerstone Court, Tydee. Here are Baptist, Congregational, Primitive Methodist, Wesleyan and Calvinistic Methodist chapels. A cemetery of 4 acres was formed in 1889, and is under the control of the Local Board, with the exception of one-fourth part, which has been consecrated and contains mortuary chapel and caretaker's residence. The Public Hall, erected in 1884, is Italian in style, and includes the hall proper, which is 68 ft. by 48 ft. and seats 800 persons, and offices for local and school boards, and a suite of Masonic rooms. Here are collieries, a large tinsplate manufactory and new steel works of Mr. P. S. Phillips, the extensive iron and steel foundry of Messrs. Henry White and Co., a brewery, fire brick works and lime kilns. Lord Tredegar, who is lord of the manor, John Arthur Edward Herbert esq. D.L., J.P., Frederick Phillips esq., and Lady Llanover, are the chief landowners. The soil is gravel; subsoil, clay, coal and limestone. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasture. The area is 1,850 acres of land and 35 of water; rateable value, £14,974; the population of the parish in 1881 was 3971 and of the Local Board district, 5,540.

PONTYMISTER is half a mile south-east, where there is a Catholic chapel dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua and St. Clare, a stone building, erected in 1868, to seat 150 persons, also Baptist and Wesleyan chapels; PONTYWAIN, 1½ miles north, where there are Congregational and Wesleyan chapels; and CROSS KEYS is 1 mile north-west, where there are English Presbyterian, Baptist and Primitive Methodist chapels, are villages in this parish.

Sexton Charles Pearce.

POST, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office, Risca. - Abraham Williams, postmaster. Letters from Newport arrive at 4.45am; delivered at 7.00am North mail, 9.30am & for callers only at 4.00pm; dispatch: North mail, 1.35pm; London & all parts, 7.17pm; South Wales only, 7.55pm; Sundays, 7.15pm.

POST, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office, Pontymister. - Mrs. Jane Duggin, postmistress. Letters delivered, 7.00 & 9.30am & to callers only, 3.45pm; dispatch: North mail, 1.55pm; London & all parts, 7.25am; South Wales only, 8.00pm; Sundays, 7.25pm.

POST M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office, Cross Keys. - William Benjamin Davies, receiver. Letters through Newport, arrive 5.00 & 9.18am; delivered at 7.00 & 9.18am & to callers only at 3.43pm; dispatched, 7.10pm & 8.00pm; Sundays, 7.10pm.

POST OFFICE, Pontywain. - Lewis Lewis, receiver. Letters from Newport, arrive 5.00 & 9.45a.m. (for callers only); dispatched, 7.00pm Cross Keys is the nearest money order office & Risca the nearest telegraph office.

LOCAL BOARD:

Offices, Risca; Board day, third Tuesday at 3.00pm.

Clerk, Wyndham C. Pain, Bank chambers, Llanarth Street, Newport

Treasurer, Edwin Webber, London & Provincial Bank, Newport

Medical Officer of Health, Richard Istance, The Laurels, Pontymister

Surveyor, Inspector of Nuisances & Collector, George Chas. Giles, Local Board offices, Risca.

County Constabulary, Wm. Porter, sergeant, & 5 constables

VOLUNTEERS:

Monmouthshire (1st) Volunteer Brigade, Western Division Royal Artillery (Position Artillery) (Nos. 3 & 4 Batteries), Capt. & Hon. Major J. Williams & Capt. George William

Wilkinson, commandants ; S. Baker, sergeant-instructor

South Wales Borderers, 2nd Monmouthshire Volunteer Battalion (D Company), Pontymister, Capt. W. E. Cross, commandant; J. T. Cross, lieut.; Sergt. R. Nielson, drill instructor.

PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of services:

St. Mary's Church, Rev. Basil Williams M.A. vicar; 11.00am & 6.00pm; Wed. 7.00pm.

St. Anthony of Padua & St. Clare (Catholic), Pontymister, Rev. Edward Williams, priest; mass, 11.30am; rosary & benediction, 6.30pm; mass daily, 8.30am.

Presbyterian (English chapel), Cross Keys, Rev. Thomas Evans, minister; 11.00am & 6.00pm; Tues. 7.30pm.

Baptist (Welsh), Risca, Rev. Evan Ungoes Thomas, minister; 11.00am & 6.00pm.

Baptist Bethany, Pontymister, Rev. Thomas Thomas, minister; 11.00am & 6.00pm; Mon. & Thurs. 7.30pm.

Baptist, Cross Keys, Rev. Charles H. Watkins, minister; 11.00am & 6.00pm; Thurs. 7.30pm.

Calvinistic Methodist, Risca, Rev. Morgan Davies, minister; 10.30am & 6.00pm; Thurs. 7.00pm.

Congregational, Pontywain, Rev. J. Hughes, minister; 11.00am & 6.00pm.

Congregational, Pontymister, Rev. Jacob Williams, minister; 11.00am & 6.00pm.

Wesleyan, Risca, Rev. William H. Major, minister; 11.00am & 6.00pm; Thurs. 7.15pm.

Wesleyan, Pontywain, ministers various; 11.00am & 6.00pm; every second Wed. 7.00pm.

SCHOOLS:

A School Board of 7 members was formed in 1871, with Machen & Waunfawr United District contributory, sending 2 members; T. S. Edwards, 20 High Street, Newport, clerk to the board; T.J. Bayton, Pontymister, attendance officer.

Board (mixed), erected in 1848 for 275 children; average attendance, 160 boys & girls & 90 infants; Edward Lewis, master; Miss Evans, infants' mistress.

Board, Pontymister, erected in 1877, for 400 children; average attendance, 127 boys, 109 girls & 129 infants; Edwin Williams, master; Miss Mary Watkins, girls mistress; Miss Annie Edwards, infants' mistress.

Joint Board, Cross Keys, erected in 1880, for 500 children; average attendance, 153 boys, 143 girls & 172 infants; William George Edwards, master; Miss Elizabeth Thomas, girls' mistress; Mrs. Susan Edwards, infants' mistress.

Catholic, Pontymister, held in the school chapel, erected in 1868, for 60 children; average attendance, 30 ; Miss Morris, mistress.

RAILWAY STATIONS:

Risca village, James Basham, station master

Cross Keys, David Osborne, station master

RISCA

PRIVATE RESIDENTS:

Cross, Misses, Y Nyth
Cross, William Evan, Brynhyfryd
Green, Mrs
Hall, Samuel Jarvis, Wain Vawr
Lewis, Edward, Ivy cottage
Maskery, A. J.
Major, Rev. William H. [Wesleyan], Melbourne villa
Moses, Mrs., Medart house
Nicholas, Mrs., The Ferns
Richards, David Theophilus M.D., M.Ch., The Meadows
Robathan, George Beckett, The Grove
Thomas, Rev. Evan Ungoed [Baptist]
Wilkinson, George William, Risca House

COMMERCIAL:

Basham, James, station master
Bateman, Samuel, grocer
Cleverley, Ephraim, Plough P.H.
Cromwell Bros., road metal and stone merchants
Cross & Matthews, brewers & maltsters & aerated water manufacturers, Risca brewery
Cross, John Trevor, solicitor
Day, William, hair dresser
Duffield, Mrs Mary, Church House inn
Giles, George Charles, surveyor, inspector of nuisances & collector to local board & assistant overseer
Haines, William & Son, confectioners, etc.
Haines, Frank (Mrs.), confectioner
Haines, Joseph Jones, grocer
Hancock, John Edward, watch maker
Hayes, William, Exchange P.H.
Hodges, Arthur, beer retailer
Howells & Son, tailors
Hurn, William, shopkeeper
Jeffcott, John, butcher
Jenkins, William, farmer, Cwm-byr
Jeremy, Thomas, boot & shoe maker
Johnson, William, butcher
Jones, James, farmer, Cwm-byr-isaf
Jones, Jane (Mrs.), fire brick maker, Darran works
Jordan, Charles, boot maker
Kerr, Walter, cashier at the brewery, Craiglamont
Leyshon, William, boot & shoe maker

Lewis, Seth, butcher
Lewis, William, farmer, Cribbarth
Leworthy, Mary (Mrs.), beer retailer
London & South Wales Coal Co. Limited (George William Wilkinson, manager)
Meredith, James, smith
Mogford, Matthew, beer retailer
Monmouthshire (1st) Volunteer Brigade, Western Division Royal Artillery
(Position Artillery) (Nos. 3 & 4 batteries), Capt. & Hon. Maj. J. Williams &
Capt. G. W. Wilkinson, commandants; Sergt. S. Baker, drill instructor)
Morgan & Sons, painters
Morgan, Mary (Mrs.), beer retailer
Morgan, William, farmer, Cribbarth
Morton, Henry, fruiterer
Morton, Richard, farmer, Darran farm
Moses, Lavinia Ann (Mrs.), lime burner, & merchant
Nelson, Thomas, greengrocer
Nicholas & Johnson, firebrick maker
Noble, Charles, King's Head P.H.
Padfield, George A., grocer & draper
Pegler, Henry Edward, wheelwright
Phillips, Daniel Thomas, Albert P.H.
Price, E., smith
Pritchard, Henry & Son, wheelwrights & undertakers
Richards, John, beer retailer
Richards, David Theophilus M.D., M.Ch., surgeon, & surgeon to the Risca
collieries, The Meadows
Risca Public Hall Co. Limited (Joseph J. Haines, sec)
Robathan, George Beckett, surgeon, The Grove
Rogers, William, beer retailer
Rosser, Thomas, Bridge End P.H.
Rummins, James (Mrs.), haulier
Sage, Tom Alun, butcher
Sanders, William, beer retailer
Silverthorn, James, boot & shoe maker
Summer, James, beer retailer
Taylor, Edwin Allen, grocer & ironmonger, & agent for W. & A. Gilbey, wine &
spirit merchant
Thomas, Ann (Miss), draper
Tippins, Samuel, farmer, Cwm-nant
Walker, George, music seller & stationer
Whitmarsh, Francis, shopkeeper
Williams, Abraham, post office
Woolf, Jacob, clothier & furniture dealer

CROSS KEYS

Bryant, Rev. Saml., [Primitive Methodist]

Evans, Rev. Thomas [Presbyterian]

Rosser, George

COMMERCIAL:

Chick, Charles, shoeing smith

Cocker, Thomas, confectioner

Cox, John & Sons, quarry owners

Cutler, John, grocer

Dark, Thomas, grocer, North Risca

Davies, Wm. Benj., grocer, & post office

Evans, Evan, flannel maker

Fine, Lewis, furniture dealer

Gorman, Denis, Tredegar Arms P.H., North Risca

Harding, Isaac, boot & shoe maker

Hartshorn, Theophilus, draper

Hayes, George, grocer

James, Joseph, house agent

Jones, Frederick, hair dresser

Jones, George, draper

Jones, Henry, tinplate worker

Jones, John, Eagle P.H.

Jones, Thomas, grocer, North Risca

Jones, Thomas, haulier

Lewis, Thomas, greengrocer

Leyshon, Jacob, draper

Matthews, John, shopkeeper

Morgan, David J., grocer. North Risca

Moreton, Eliza (Miss), milliner

Mountain, William, grocer

Paget, George, shopkeeper

Risca & Cross Keys Working Men's Cooperative Society Limited (Wm. Gough, manager)

Roberts, Albert, farmer, Gelly-inig

Seers, Henry, travelling tea dealer

Short, Moses, shopkeeper, North Risca

Silverthorn, Fitzroy, boot maker

Turner, Henry, grocer

PONTYMISTER

PRIVATE RESIDENTS:

Banks, Trevor M
Dagger, Alfred
David, Philip
Emery, Mark
Goldsworthy, William L., Mill house
Istance, Richard, The Laurels
Jacob, John Rosser, Holly house
Matthews, Mrs., Zoar villa
Thomas, Rev. Evan U. [Baptist], Rose cottage
Thomas, Rev. Thomas [Baptist]
Williams, Rev. Edward [Catholic]
Williams, Rev. Jacob [Congregational]

COMMERCIAL:

Andrews, John, farmer, Gelly-Pistill
Avery, William, Masons' Arms P.H.
Bayton, Thos., school attendance officer
Benjamin, Ivor, shopkeeper
Bevan, James, boot & shoe maker
Blake, Frederick, beer retailer
Britton, Robert, confectioner & china dealer
Bromilow, Jn., steel works manager, Ivy house
Bryant, George, boot & shoe maker
Budding, Thos., woollen manufacturer
Budding, William, draper
Capel, Charles, boot & shoe maker
Chappell, -, beer retailer
Charles, Henry, Forge Hammer P.H.
Davies, William, Tredegar Arms P.H.
Dowling, Glendover Owen, shopkeeper
Duggin, Jane (Mrs.), grocer, Post office
Durston, Walter, grocer
Edwards, Edward, wholesale & retail grocer &c.
Evans, John, supt. Prudential Assur. Co
Filer, John, grocer
Giddy, Joshua, beer retailer
Giles, John Edgar, farmer, Risca farm
Gimlet, Joseph, beer retailer
Gimlett, William, Crown P.H.
Haines, Joseph Jones, grocer
Haines, William, grocer
Harrington, John, beer retailer
Harris, Chas., jun., dairyman, Ty-du farm

Harris, Herman, clothier
Harris, John, confectioner
Harris, Thomas, grocer & draper
Hiley, Sarah & Maria (Misses), drapers
Howell, Edward, plasterer
Howell, William, butcher
Iggulden, John, grocer
Inkin, David, forge manager
Istance, Richard, surgeon, certifying factory surgeon & medical officer of health
to Risca urban sanitary authority & medical officer & public vaccinator, Risca
district, Newport union, The Laurels
Jeffcott, John, butcher
Jenkins, Fred, hair dresser
Jones, Albert, draper
Jones, Henry, Welsh Oak P.H.
Jones, John, Risca House P.H.
Jones, Elizabeth (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Jones, Sarah Ann (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Jones, William D., manager of gas works
Lewis, William, shopkeeper
Lloyd, Thomas, stone mason
Mayberry, William, beer retailer
Midgley, Eliza (Mrs.), fancy draper
Monmouthshire (2nd) Volunteer Battalion, South Wales Borderers (Capt. W. E.
Cross, commandant; J. T. Cross, lieut.; Sergeant K. Nielson, drill
instructor)
Moses, Lachman, furniture dealer
Nisbeck, Tom, beer retailer
Padfield, Alfred, butcher
Phillips, John P. & Son, ironmongers
Phillips, Mary Ann (Mrs.), Rolling Mill P.H.
Phillips, Philip S., steel & tinsplate manufacturer
Phillips, Thomas, beer retailer
Phillips, Thomas, draper
Pontymister Reading Boom (George Thomas, sec.)
Pritchard, John, builder
Pugh, John, farmer, Ty-Melyn farm
Purnell, William, beer retailer
Rees, John, smith
Risca & Pontymister Gas Co. (William D. Jones, manager)
Rosser, James, farmer, Tyisaf
Rossiter, Isaac, shopkeeper
Samuel, Thomas, farmer, Penyvan farm
Scannell, John, hair dresser
Thomas, Charles, beer retailer
Thomas, Harriet (Mrs.), beer retailer

Thomas, John, house agent
Walley, John, butcher
Walters, John, commercial traveller
Waters, Cornelius, butcher
Watkins, Wm., shopkeeper & coal dealer
Watts, Edgar, insurance agent
White, Henry & Co., steel & iron founders, engineers & brass founders,
Pontymister foundry. See advert
Williams, Ann (Miss), grocer
Williams, Thomas, boot & shoe maker
Williams, William, farmer
Yendall, Thomas, patent medicine vendor & printer

PONTYWAIN

Davies, David, farmer, Pontywain farm
Goodwill, George, beer retailer
Goodwin, Henry, beer retailer
Griffiths, John, grocer & baker
Harley, Richard, grocer
Johns, Wm., flannel manufacturer, Cwm-carne
Jones, David, Castle P.H.
Jones, John, draper
Lewis, Charles, batcher
Lewis, Lewis, grocer, Post office
Marsh, Edward, confectioner
Perkins, John W., boot & shoe maker
Price, Frank G., grocer
Roberts, James, farmer & miller (water), Cwm-carne
Shipp, George, grocer
Shipton, Henry, farmer, Cwm-carne
Silverthorne, Jesse, boot & shoe maker
Thomas, Edward, grocer, & agent for W. & A. Gilbey, wine & spirit merchants