

THE BEAR INN

This historic inn has stood on the Bull Ring for over 200 years and is a much-loved traditional family pub with a cosy restaurant. With open fires and a warm and family welcome, visitors can't resist staying that bit longer.

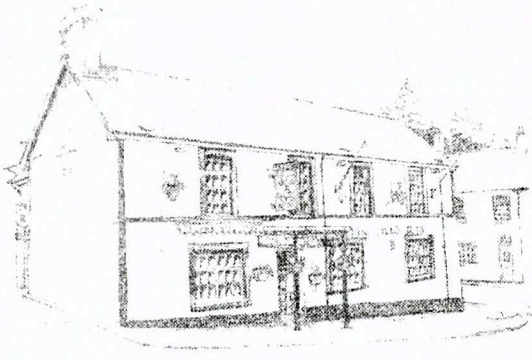
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THE CROSS KEYS

Built in the 1800's, the Cross Keys was the meeting place for the petty sessions where folklore says that witches were tried and their fate decided. Today it is a modern and lively establishment where good ale is served.

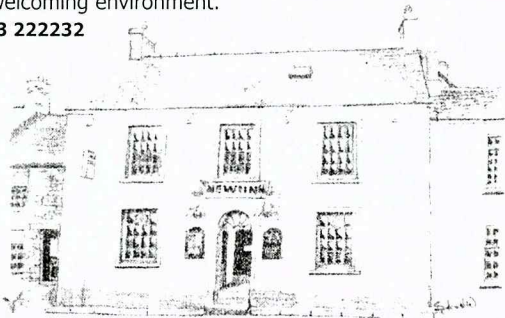
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THE NEW INN

The oldest pub in town, the New Inn offers home-cooked food throughout the week and a popular Sunday lunch served in a friendly, welcoming environment.

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HOW TO GET HERE



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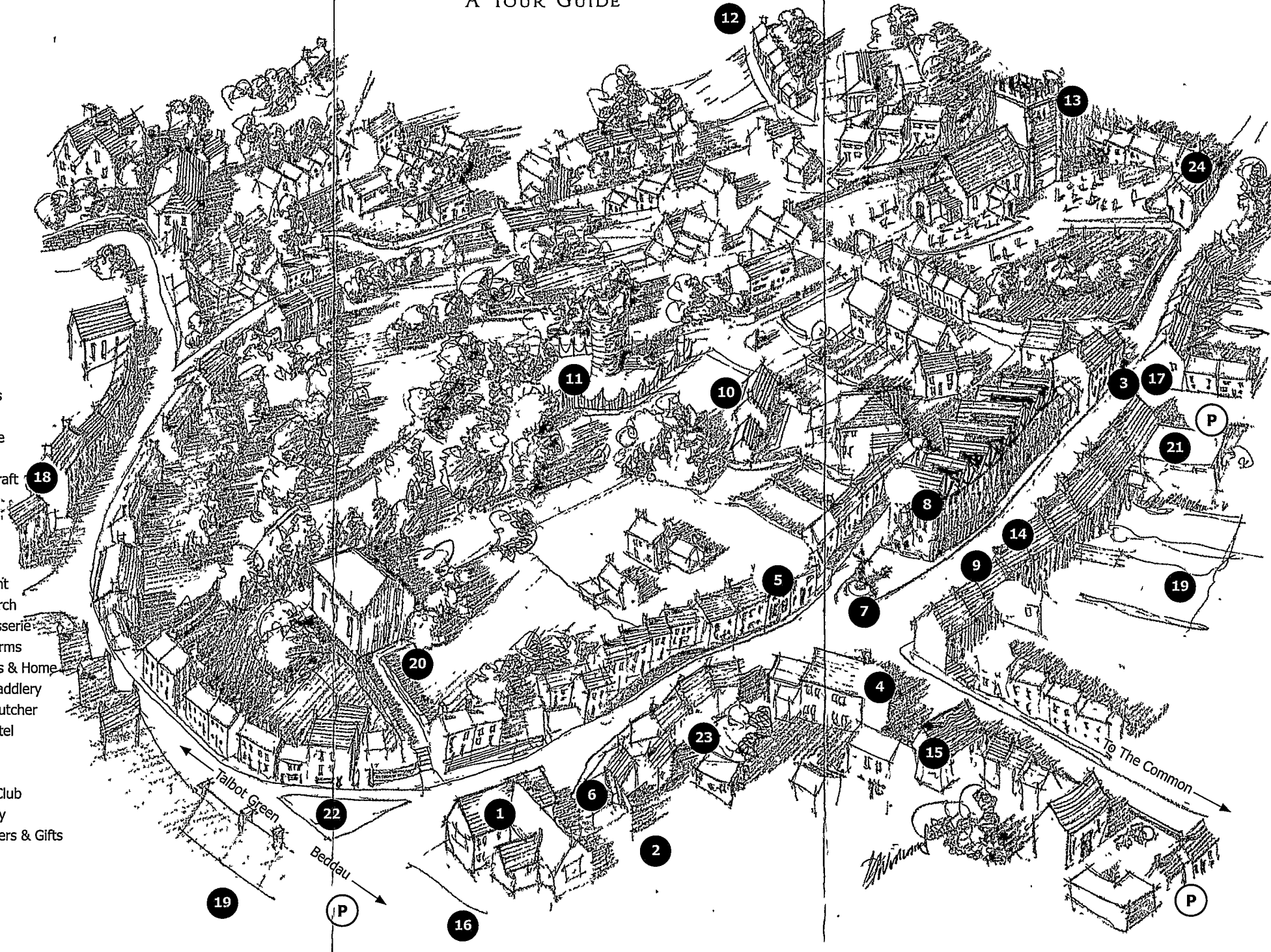
LLANTRISANT



Llantrisant is an ancient hill town overlooking some of the most picturesque Welsh landscapes. Evidence of a settlement here dates back to the bronze age. Today it is renowned for its beauty and historic interest while also boasting the region's only centre for contemporary craft & design along with a number of specialist shops, eating places and a Heritage & Visitors' Centre, where a warm welcome always awaits you.

A TOUR GUIDE

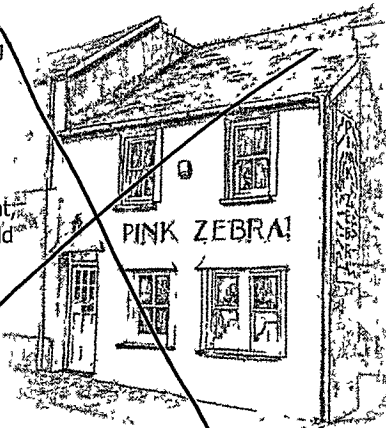
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PINK ZEBRA

This cheerful pink building nestling on the Bull Ring hosts a wonderful selection of beautiful gifts, shoes and accessories. Originally a bakehouse and one of the oldest buildings in Llantrisant, Pink Zebra juxtaposes the old and the new, with mirrored furniture set against original stonework. Whether you're shopping or browsing it's definitely worth a visit!

Tel: 01443 449058



THE GOURMET BUTCHER

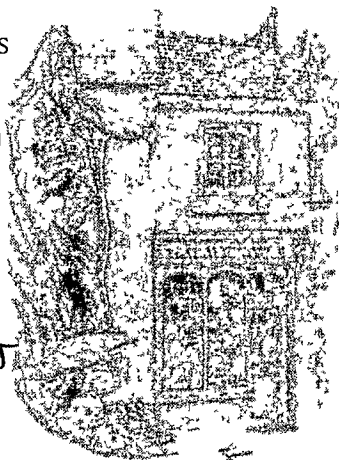
Renowned for fresh, quality cuts, this is the place to go for first-rate produce. They source ingredients from local suppliers with a reputation for sustainable farming and stock a range of prime cuts, including beef, lamb, poultry and pork products.

Tel: 01443 520560

TRADITIONAL TOYS

This charming building stands on the corner of the Bull Ring and is everything you would expect a traditional toy shop to be, selling rocking horses, doll houses, jointed teddies and a large range of wooden toys. It is a haven for collectors and children alike.

Tel: 01443 222693



THE WHEATSHEAF

The Wheatsheaf Hotel has served the locals for two centuries and continues to showcase some of the best beer that this country produces. The "Wheat" has been a favourite public house in Llantrisant for generations and continues to draw the crowds with its wonderful atmosphere and busy programme of events. With plenty of live music, good beer, fine wines and the warmest of welcomes, The Wheatsheaf Hotel is one of the most popular places to socialise in the area.

You're guaranteed the warmest of welcomes too!

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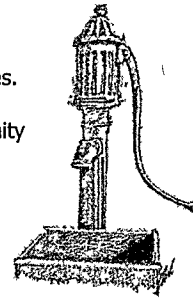
PLACES OF INTEREST

Welcome to the beautiful hilltop town of Llantrisant, one of the most historic in Wales. Llantrisant boasts unique traditions, fascinating tales, eccentric characters and a vibrant community of residents.

Commanding an outstanding setting high on the crest of a hill, Llantrisant's splendour lies in the beauty of its landmark buildings and homes scattered through the town's charming, cobbled streets.

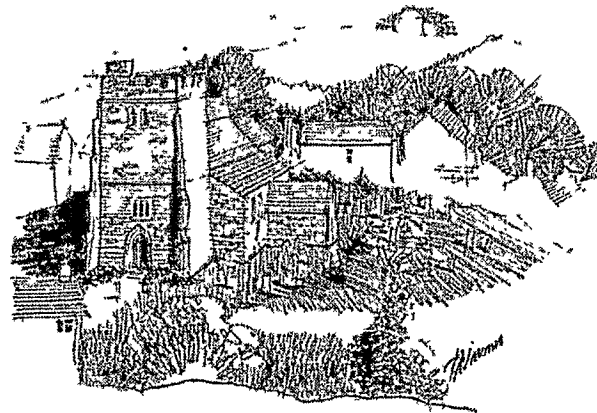
Today Llantrisant is a popular tourist attraction offering boutiques, shops, eateries, family-fun activities and a flourishing social scene.

We look forward to welcoming you to Llantrisant. It has more to offer than you ever imagined.



THE PARISH CHURCH

Llantrisant Parish Church stands on the skyline of Llantrisant and represents a celebration of faith for more than a thousand years. There is evidence that the church dates back to the 12th century, but within the church is an inscribed cross dating to the 7th century. One of its significant features is the East Window, which was the work of the late 19th-century artist Edward Burne Jones and depicts a beardless Christ.

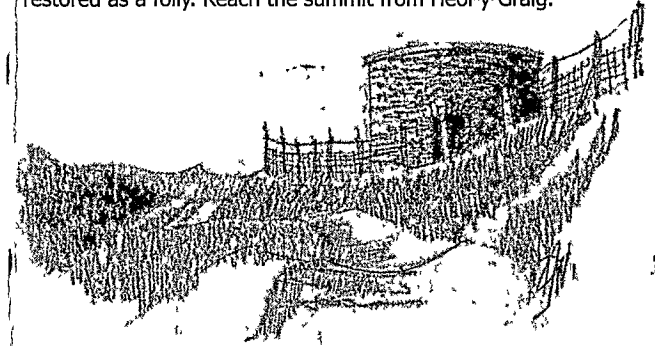


THE BULL RING

Llantrisant was an important market town from the 13th century. Whilst the fairs and markets took place next to the Guildhall, the Bull Ring was used for the bull baiting. This practice was disallowed here in 1827, not because of the cruelty factor, but because it was encouraging unruly crowds. It is believed that the original bull baiting stone is buried in Llantrisant Common. In 1982, a statue of Doctor William Price was erected on the Bull Ring.

BILLY WYNT

At the highest point of the town stands the remains of a 13th-century lookout post for the castle or maybe a windmill as often believed. It is a tower known locally as the "Billy Wynt". By the early 19th century the tower was in ruins and in 1893 it was restored as a folly. Reach the summit from Heol-y-Graig.

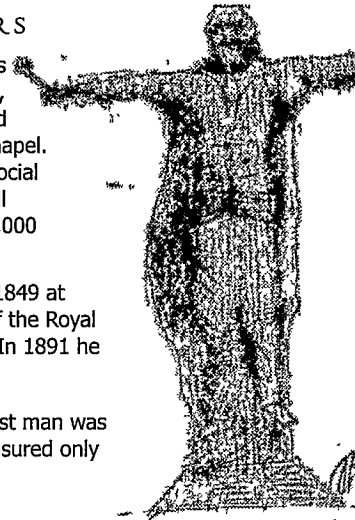


FAMOUS CHARACTERS

One of Llantrisant's most famous residents was Dr. William Price, the pioneer of cremation, who lived near the site of the former Zoar Chapel. An iconic statue to the druid and social reformer stands proudly on the Bull Ring facing East Caerlan where 20,000 attended his cremation in 1893.

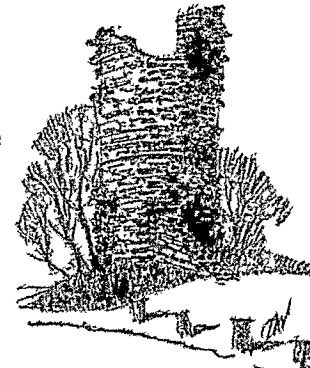
Sir David Evans, who was born in 1849 at Glanmychydd Farm near the site of the Royal Mint, was a Freeman of the town. In 1891 he was made Lord Mayor of London.

Hopkin Hopkins, the world's shortest man was born in the parish in 1736. He measured only 2ft 7in tall, 0.787m.



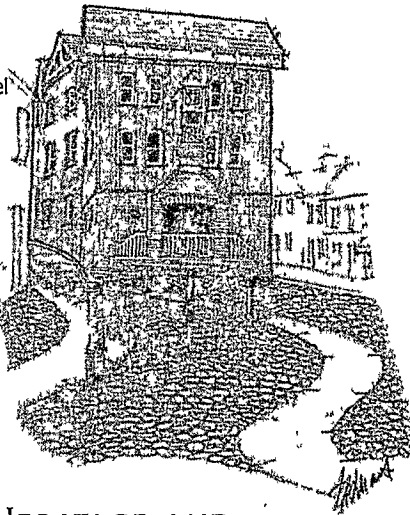
LLANTRISANT CASTLE

Llantrisant Castle was, at its time of construction in 1246, an important fortification. Its position overlooking the Vale of Glamorgan and the northern uplands was a significant feature. It was held by the de Clare family and in 1326 was an overnight prison for Edward II. By the early 16th century the castle was in ruins and now all that remains is part of the Raven Tower.



THE MODEL HOUSE CRAFT & DESIGN CENTRE

This contemporary art and craft centre overlooks the Bull Ring. As well as the Llantrisant Gallery shop, Model House has three floors open to the public, housing studios for artists, craftspeople and designers, making and selling a variety of pictures, textiles, jewellery, ceramics and more. The shop stocks a wide range of crafts, gifts and cards. Free admission. Lifts to all floors.
Tel: 01443 238884
www.llantrisantgallery.com



THE GUILDHALL HERITAGE AND VISITORS' CENTRE



Llantrisant's magnificent Guildhall is a unique venue set in the heart of an ancient hilltop town. The perfect choice for weddings, parties, conferences and special occasions, the Guildhall will enchant and delight. Built in 1346 and rebuilt in 1773, Llantrisant Guildhall was the centre of power in an ancient borough for more than 500 years. As a heritage and visitors' centre it tells the remarkable story of an historic Welsh town that has witnessed a colourful past unlike any other. Today it also provides a unique venue for concerts, high-end events and a wealth of activities
Tel: 01443 449111
www.llantrisantguildhall.co.uk

BUTCHERS ARMS GALLERY & COFFEE SHOP

Originally an old coaching inn, winding downhill between the Bull Ring and Llantrisant Common, The Butchers Arms boasts a warm and friendly coffee shop downstairs. Upstairs is a treasure trove of designer gifts and goodies for you to enjoy.

ART & HOME

Fine affordable furniture, stunning pictures and prints, contemporary gifts for the home and a cosy farmhouse kitchen shop. The Artist's Studio hosts artist-in-residence Rhoswen Wilkinson, who paints and sells her exquisite original paintings, prints and cards.
Tel: 01443 229285
www.butchersarmsgallery.co.uk



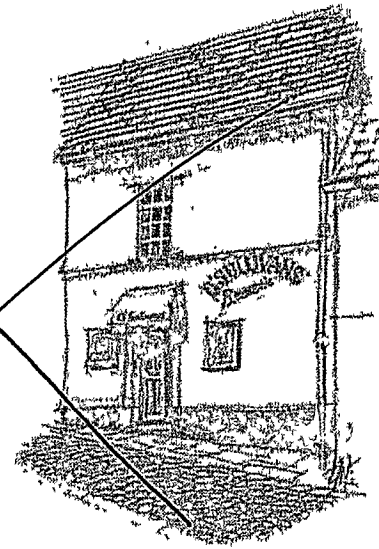
BULL RING GENERAL STORES

The General Stores has kept the traditional look of an old-fashioned shop. Fruit, vegetables, flowers, newspapers, bread and cakes from a local bakery are just some of the items on sale. Every customer can count on a friendly, helpful service.
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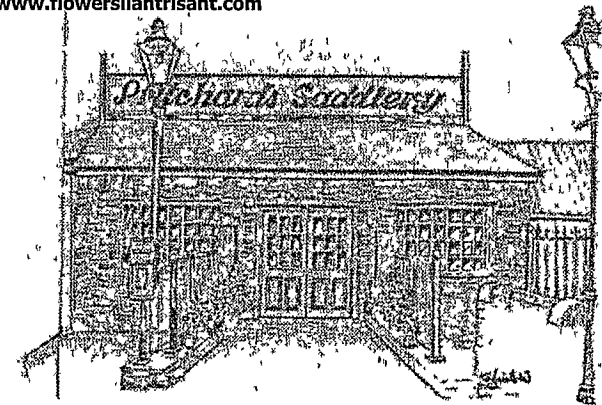
O'SULLIVANS BRASSERIE

O'Sullivan is a family-run restaurant in Swan Street, just off the Bull Ring. It has a reputation for the unusual, with a continental atmosphere. You can test your adventurous spirit with kangaroo, ostrich, goat, wild boar, roebuck and many different fish from around the world. They also offer a fine selection of wines.
Tel: 01443 237774



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Created and designed by experts, Lynne's studio offers an array of fresh beautiful flowers, stems and arrangements to complement any occasion. She designs and delivers beautiful, individual hand-tied bouquets and arrangements for all occasions. All of their hand-picked bouquets are gift-wrapped and finished with a gift card and complementary coloured ribbon.
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PRITCHARDS SADDLERY

Established for over 25 years and situated in the old wheelwright's yard on Newbridge Road, this is Wales's largest stockist of equestrian equipment. Absolutely everything for the horse and rider as well as a large selection of country clothing. There is also a large exhibition of equestrian by-gones.
Tel: 01443 224370