

# THE PEOPLE and PLACES OF BURRY PORT : PEMBREY

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## CHRONOLOGY

60'sAD		Romans Conquest of Carmarthenshire
297AD		Battle of Loughor, where the Romans were slain
600AD		About this period lived St Elli. To whom LLanelli church is supposedly dedicated
1066		Pembrey parish church consecrated
1356		Charter of Kidwelly granted
1457	27th Jan	Henry VII born in Pembroke Castle
1509	21st April	Death of Henry VII ages 52
1540		Coal Mining commenced in Trimsaran area Shortly after in Pinged
1560		Court Farm Pembrey Probably built
1574		This date is engraved on the old chalice at LLanelli Church
1586		The earliest Parish Registers of Kidwelly date from this year
1653		The Plague of LLanelli
1659		John Vaughan of LLanelli, High Sheriff
1660		John LLoyd of LLangenech M.P. for Carmarthenshire
1663		Thomas Rice, Vicar of LLanelli
1679		LLanon Parish Registers commence
1681		Kidwelly Church spire struck by lightening
1683		LLanelli Church probably restored at this time
1684		LLanelli Parish registers start from this time
1700		Small brewhouse started on what is now Buckleys Brewery
1701		Gwdig house rebuilt or restored
1703	26 & 27 nov	The Great Storm (Greatest storm recorded in this country)
1714		LLanelli House Built
1723		from this date there are no entries in the parish registers of LLanelli until 1735
1737		Lower Kidwelly Tinplate Works Founded
1764		John Wesley crossed sands from Kidwelly to Gower
1766		Dock constructed at Kidwelly
1766		Kymers canal built in Kidwelly ( first canal in Wales)
1768		John Wesley paid the first of six preaching visits to LLanelli
1769		Fifteen deaths from smallpox in LLanelli, mostly infants
1770		Achddu Mill Built
1774		Two adult deaths from smallpox reported
1780		First Independent Chapel - Capel Als - established in LLanelli
1784		Wern Ironfoundry established by Yalden
1784		Thomas Kymer (Kidwelly) dies 54
1785		Capel Sul (Kidwelly) formed - Independent
1788	20 September	William Emanuel (Will Manny) of Pembrey Hanged at Pensarn for Murder
1793		Wind Street Wesleyan Chapel built
1795		Less than 500 people living in LLanelli
1797		Eleven Coal pits mentioned in LLanelli at this time
1801		Population of Carmarthenshire 42,952
1801		Population of Pembrey parish 1455
1801		Population of LLanelli Parish 2,972
1801		Population of Wales 541,546
1802		Waddles Engineering works & Foundry established at what is

		now called New Dock
1804		'The Cambrian' first newspaper in Wales, Established in Swansea
1805		LLanelli Copper Works founded by Daniel & Co
1805		Gwdig Transformed to a grand home from a farm.
1807		John Wedge' survey of the Burry Estuary published
1809		Floods at LLanelli
1809		Capel Newydd founded
1811		Population of Carmarthenshire 77,217
1811		Population of LLanelly 3891
1811		Population of Pembrey Parish 1528
1811		Population of Wales 611,788
1812		Jerusalem Burry Port built
1812		Kidwelly & LLanelli Tramroad company formed
1814		John Howell's map of LLanelli produced
1817		W Lewis of Park, Pembrey killed by steam-engine
1818		Pembrey harbour Opened
1820		Jolly Sailor public house built in Pembrey
1820		Pembrey House Built
1821	27th november	United Friends, the only ship built in Pembrey harbour registered
1821		Population of Carmarthenshire 90,239
1821		Population of Pembrey Parish 1767
1821		Population of LLanelly 5649
1821		Population of Wales 717,438
1822		Capel Zion (baptist) established
1823		Ashburnham Hotel Built
1824		Coasting Pilot probably built in Burry Port
1824		Old Harbour View (Burry Port) built by George Bowser
1824		Pembrey iron Works Built
1825		Falcon Bridge rebuilt
1825		Pembrey Harbour Act
1826		Tramway built from llanelli to Burry Port across marshes, later destroyed by sea
1828		Carmel chapel built
1828		Neice of Empress Josephine drowned off Cefn Sidan (12yrs) buried in Pembrey church
1828		LLanelli Railway & Dock Company incorporated
1828		Upper and Lower Markets opened
1828		Wind Street Wesleyan Chapel rebuilt
1828		Caldy lighthouse established
1829		New Road and Hall Street commenced
1830		Cambrian Copper works opened by the Glascot
1830		Zoar (baptist) LLwynhendy built
1831		Population of Wales 806,182
1831		Population of Carmarthenshire 100,740
1831		Population of LLanelly 7646
1831		Population of Pembrey Parish 2645
1831		St Johns Pontyberem rebuilt : Capel AIs re-opened after enlargement
1831		Election riots in Carmarthen ; 200 LLanelly colliers sworn as special constables
1832		Cholera at LLanelly : 17 Deaths
1832		LLanelly united to Carmarthen as Parliamentary district
1832		Horeb chapel built
1834		First Loughor bridge opened
1834		First Post Office opened in Pembrey village (originally called Cliff shop)
1834		Gelly Fawr Coal Pit sunk near Pembrey house, Pembrey
1835	29th march	Death of George Bowser (Builder of Pembrey Harbour)
1835		Name of Burry Port first used

1835		LLanelly New Dock opened : first floating dock in Wales
1835		Gas Company formed
1837		National Schools established on the Wern : Branch of Breacon Bank opened
1836	01 January	Burry Port harbour opens, NINUS first ship to use it (300 tons)
1836	27th September	LLanelly town first illuminated with gaslight
1836		Old Harbour View became a public House
1837	01 July	Kidwelly & LLanelly Canal & Railway Company completed railway from Pembrey to LLanelly
1838		Burry Port Harbour Lighthouse erected (could be seen for nine miles)
1839		Park Street Independent Chapel opened
1839		The Workhouse built in Swansea Road
1840		Burry Port East Dock opened
1840		Pemberton Arms Built
1840		LLanelly Potteries commenced
1840		Heol fawr schools established
1840		Bethel LLanelly (Baptist) Siloah (Independent ) founded
1840		Population of Burry Port 400
1841		Neptune Hotel Burry Port Built
1841		Population of Wales 911,603
1841		Population of Pembrey Parish 2850
1841		Population of LLanelly 11115
1841		Population of Carmarthenshire 106,326
1842		Commissioners Bridge Kidwelly Built
1843		Rebecca Riots : Toll Gates demolished : continued into following year
1844		River LLiedy diverted
1845		Bridge Street widened : South Wales Railway sanctioned
1846		Helwick lightship established
1847		Dafen Tinworks opened
1847		Building of Embankment from LLanelly to Burry Port for railway
1848		'LLanelly Advertiser', established as a monthly, but had only a brief career
1848		Market Street School, and Felinfoel school Built
1849	01 September	Cholera spreads to LLanelly killing several people
1849	01 August	Cholera makes an appearance in Pontyates, One boy dies
1849		Cambrian Copper Works converted into Lead and Silver Works
1849		Copperworks in Burry Port started, by Mason & Elkington
1850	01 May	27 Miners die at Gwendraith colliery Pontyberem
1850		Box and Old Road Cemeteries founded ; St Pauls Church consecrated
1850		Dafen School erected
1850	1850-1860+	Burrows, Woodbrook & Silver Terraces in Burry Port built
1851		Population of Wales 1,005,721
1851		Population of LLanelly 13663
1851		Population of Pembrey Parish 3310
1851		Population of Carmarthenshire 110,721
1851		Prospect Place School built : First burial at New Churchyard (old Road)
1851		Steam Sawmills started at Machynys by R. Winter
1852	01 December	Storms hit LLanelly, Hailstones 2" in girth were measured
1852	21st August	South Wales Railway opened through Pembrey Parish to Carmarthen
1852		Morfa Tinworks established
1853	01 October	The Telegraph service is made available in LLanelly
1853		Silver works Built in Burry Port
1853		Old Lodge Works opened
1853		Trebeddod Reservoir commenced
1854		Wern and Seaside first lit by Gas

1854	01 January	Typhus Fever in LLanelli, several die
1854		Burry Port Reading Room established
1854		First Whitford lighthouse built - on piles
1856	01 June	LLanelli Eisteddfod took place
1856	01 January	Opening of Wesley chapel LLanelli
1856		Tabernacle (Burry Port) Chapel Built
1857		The Athenaeum erected : portion of LLanelly House turned into Drapery establishment
1857	20th January	LLanelli and LLandeilo railway opened
1857		'LLanelly Telegraph newspaper established and continued for some years
1857		James Evans killed during erection of Greenfield Chapel
1857		Public Baths opened in Market Street
1858	01 November	Cae Colliery, Marble Hall near LLanelli, ten Men Die
1858	01 June	Smallpox takes three lives in LLanelli
1858	01 January	LLanelli Athenaeum opened
1858		Hermon Pembrey built
1858		Holy Trinity Felinfoel erected : Greenfield (English Baptist) & Trinity (c.m) opened
1858		St Mary's Roman Catholic Church built
1859		Flood in LLiedi
1860		The Scouring Reservoir begun
1861		16 Public Houses in Burry Port
1861		Bethany Chapel built
1861		Population of Wales 1,111,780
1861		Population of LLanelly 17279
1861		Population of Pembrey Parish 4145
1861		Population of Carmarthenshire 111,796
1862		Marshfield Works opened
1863		'LLanelly Guardian' Weekly Newspaper founded
1863	01 October	Earthquake shakes LLanelli, Swansea, Pembroke, Cardiff and as far away as Liverpool
1864	29th July	William Mainwaring, aged 75, LLanelli's only remaining battle of Waterloo hero dies
1864		Copperworks School , Burry Port built by Mason & Elkington opened 1865
1864		Burry Port Lead works built opened 1865
1864		People's park opened
1865		Present Whitford Point Light House Built
1866	01 August	164 people have died during July and August of Cholera
1866	01 June	LLanelli's new market opened
1867		Village Hospital established
1867		Population of LLanelli Approx 17,000
1869		First Cwmlledi Waterworks opened : St Peters Consecrated
1869	01 June	Opening of the Burry Port and Gwendraeth Railway line
1869	23rd June	Gwendraeth Valley Railway opened
1869		White Lead Works opened in Burry Port
1870		Small-pox and Scarlet fever epidemic
1870		Bathania Baptist Church formed : LLwnhedy and the Roman Catholic Schools built
1870		English Congregational Chapel built
1870		Goodwins town built (Carway Street, Pemberton Avenue) Burry Port
1870		White lead works started in Burry Port
1871		Population of Wales 1.217.135
1871		Population of Carmarthenshire 115,710
1871		Population of LLanelly 21746
1871		Population of Pembrey Parish 4773
1872		The Brice murder at Bryn
1872		Morewoods Tinplate works established : Moriah Baptist Chapel

		opened
1872		Railway converted to narrow guage
1873	01 April	Of 340 Houses visited in Pembrey 234 did not have toilets
1874		Population of Burry Port 1840
1875	6th july	Foundation Stone laid for Burry Port church
1875		First Sunday school held in Burry Port on Easter Day
1876		Present LLanelly Railway Station built
1877		Kidwelly Town Hall built
1877	9th december	Burry Port church dedicated
1877		Jubilee house built (Josephs) in Burry Port
1877		Lead Works Closed
1878	01 September	LLanelly new reservoir opened (swiss valley)
1878		Pembrey harbour, Designated unused
1879		Upper Kidwelly Tinplate Works Founded
1881	01 October	Top of the spire at Burry Port Church Blown down during Hurricane
1881	22nd December	BURIAL OF 'WILLIAM McKIERNON' at Pembrey, builder of Neville dock, Commissioners Bridge.
1881		The Mazy murder at Kidwelly
1881		Pembrey Explosive Works Opened
1881		Population of Wales 1,360,305
1881		Population of Carmarthenshire 124,864
1881		Population of LLanelly 27779
1881		Population of Pembrey Parish 5663
1882	01 August	LLanelly Tramway opening
1882	17th november	Seven People Killed, 4 Females, 3 Males in explosion at Pembrey dynamite Works
1883	01 May	General Booth founder of the Salvation Army visits LLanelly
1883		'UP' Irish Express wrecked at Kidwelly, incredible escape of passengers
1884	01 October	Laying of Foundation Stone for LLanelly Hospital
1884	01 February	Twenty feet of St. Mary's church spire demolished by lightening
1885		LLanelly Post Office removed to Cowell Street
1885		Liberal club opened
1885		LLanelly New Hospital opened
1887		T Davies tinworks messenger robbed and murdered near Dafen by David Rees
1887		Howells timber yard destroyed by fire
1887		Lifeboat moved from Pembrey to Burry Port, Lifeboat House and Slipway built.
1888		Western Tinplate Works established
1888		The Hall in the Market Place built
1889	01 June	Opening of Bandstand in Peoples Park LLanelly
1889	01 January	Burry Port Reading Rooms opened
1889		Turnpikes abolished
1889	8th January	First ship sails from Burry Port West Dock
1890	01 January	Gales & Tides wash away the railway embankment between LLanelly and Burry Port
1890		Old Lodge and Ashburnham Tinplate Works Started
1891		Higher Grade School opened
1891		'LLanelly Mercury' Weekly newspaper established
1891	CENSUS	Sarah Thomas of 4 Pencoed was 102yrs old, born in 1789
1891		Population of Wales 1,519,035
1891		Population of Carmarthenshire 130,566
1891		Population of LLanelly 32034
1891		Population of Pembrey Parish 6448
1893		Riots in Tumble
1893		New custom House erected
1893		Royalty Theatre LLanelly opened
1893	01 January	17 Degrees of frost recorded at LLanelly

1894		Ashburnham Golf Club Inaugurated
1894		Burry Port Parish hall Opened
1894		LLanelli Market Pavilion Built
1895	01 October	Elizabeth Morris aged 104yrs died, born 1791
1895		National Eisteddfod held at LLanelly
1896	01 August	LLoyd George Visits LLanelly
1896	01 April	New Town Hall Opened
1896		Lower Kidwelly Tinplate Works closed
1897		Free Library's act adopted
1899	01 June	Cockett Tunnel Collapses
1901	01 November	Burry Port Policeman, P.C.Gunter killed in Birmingham
1901		Population of Wales 1,714,800
1901		Population of Carmarthenshire 135,328
1903	01 July	Buffalo Bill Entertains in LLanelly
1903	3rd may	Burry Port Church consecrated
1903		Second National Eisteddfod at LLanelly
1904	01 October	Five people die in Loughor train disaster
1907	01 September	Royal Exchange in Market Street, LLanelly burnt down
1907	01 February	Colliery disaster at Trimsaran, six die, five injured
1908	17th october	Scarlets beat the Australians at Stradey 8pts to 3
1908		Co-operative Society House built in Burry Port
1911	01 March	Y.M.C.A Building opened in Stepney Street
1911	31st July	4 colliers killed at crown colliery Pwll
1911	1st January	LLanelly receives first electricity supply
1911	19th August	LLanelly Railway Riots, 2 killed by soldiers
1911	17th August	LLanelly Railwaymen begin strike
1911		General Post office opens in LLanelly
1911		LLanelly Cinema Built
1911		Palace Theatre built on corner of Market Place and Murray Street
1911		LLanelly
1911		Population of Wales 2,025,202
1911		Population of Carmarthenshire 160,406
1911		population of LLanelly 31,953
1912	01 April	Stepney House, Stepney Street, LLanelly, Burnt down
1912		Park Howard bowling greens opened
1912		restoration of St.Iltyds church Pembrey
1917	01 September	Victoria Cross Awarded to Ivor Rees of Pwll, first LLanelly man to be awarded the V.C.
1917		Garden Suburbs Burry Port Probably built
1918	01 October	Influenza Epidemic kills more than 20 in LLanelly area
1919		Electricity first used in Burry Port dock area
1921		Population of Wales 2,127,059
1921		Population of Carmarthenshire 175,377
1922	01 September	Steboneath football ground opened in LLanelly
1922	01 March	Two men killed ,and six injured at Pembrey factory
1922	15 August	Ashburnham Estate Sale, Held at Parish Hall Burry Port
1922		Ashburnham Golf Club buy the links at Pembrey for £3,750
1923	01 December	LLanelly Pottery closes, situated at junction of Murray street and Pottery Street
1923	01 May	Ten men die at Trimsaran mine disaster
1924		Ashburnham Golf Club Opened (building)
1928	01 April	Mrs Margaret Morse, Burry Port's oldest resident dies aged 98
1928	June 28th	Amelia Earhart lands in Burry Port, rowed ashore Captain Fisher & David Harvey Thomas
1929		Regal cinema Built in LLanelly
1930		National Eisteddfod at LLanelly
1931	01 July	Royal Welsh Show at Stradey
1931		Gwscwm Road from Rock House to Jerusalem Burry Port
1931		Widened
1931		Population of Wales 2,472,377

1931		Population of Carmarthenshire 171,445
1934	01 January	Mrs Hannah Maria Bevan, Burry Villa, Burry Port dies age 92
1936		Burry Port Post Office moves from New Street to Station Road (present Position)
1937	July 31st	Gardens in Memorial Square opened
1938	01 May	Odeon Cinema LLanelli Built
1938		Upper Kidwelly Tinplate Works Closed
1939	3rd September	Second World War started
1940	01 March	Meat rationing in Carmarthenshire
1941		Population of Wales 1,910,980
1941		Population of Carmarthenshire 162,670
1943		The Last vessel Loaded in Burry Port harbour
1946	01 July	Bread rationed
1948	01 April	Market Street School LLanelli, 100yrs old
1948		Burry port park and bowling greens opened
1950	01 April	First Television Pictures received at LLanelli, Mr Les John, first T.V Licence Holder in LLanelli
1951		Population of Wales 2,472,429
1951		Population of Carmarthenshire 164,681
1953	28 June	Carmarthen bay Power Station opened
1953		Ashburnham Tinplate Works closed
1954	27th August	Burry Port Power Station goes on line
1960	01 August	Regal Cinema LLanelli closes
1961		Population of Wales 2,518,711
1961		Population of Carmarthenshire 161,099
1962	01 October	New Police Station opens in LLanelli
1962	01 January	Fishers and Ludlow Ltd opens in felinifoel
1964	01 February	Two boys killed when tree falls on them in Penyfan LLanelli
1965		Pembrey R.O.F. Closed
1966	01 January	LLanelli spelt with an 'i' instead of a 'y'
1966		Brian Trubshaw from the links, Pembrey to be Chief test pilot for Concorde
1967	17 January	Scarlets beat the Australians at Stadey 11pts to nil
1967		'Morris the Realm' LLanelli's largest department store closes
1968	01 December	LLanelli's oldest inhabitant dies at 105yrs, Mrs Sarah Jenkins, Havard road, LLanelli
1969		Road widening at Pembrey Church and Bethel
1971	01 April	Six men die at Cynheidre colliery
1971		Population of Wales 2,262,247
1971		Population of Dyfed 318,245 (boundery Changes)
1972	31 October	Scarlets beat the All Blacks 9pts to 3
1976		Pembrey 'OLD' Harbour lighthouse demolished
1977	07 May	Burry Port Yacht Club launched
1980	01 August	Opening of Pembrey country park
1981	01 January	Grounds of Carmarthen bay power Station for experimental windmills
1981		Population of Wales 2,225,351
1981		Population of Dyfed 311,351
1982	01 August	Albert Richards murdered by Mark Smith At Burry Port harbour
1982	01 March	Ty Elwyn opens in LLanelli
1982	August 29th	Pembrey Inn Opened (renamed from CommercialArms) (Landlord Peter Hallett)
1983	01 January	Rugby Maestro Carwyn James dies
1983		Closure of Gwendraeth valley Railway
1991		Last Stack of Carmarthen Bay Power Station demolished
1993	01 January	Burry Port Infants School Elkington Park Opened
1993		Demolition of Top End of Murray Street to make way for new town Complex
1995	April	Demolition of 'ELIM' LDS Church Opposite 'Island House' Public House, the oldest LDS Brick Built Church in The United

## Kingdom

This Chronology is but just touching upon the incidents which have happened over the years, I do not pretend to know everything that has happened, above is just a small amount of the People and incidents which have happened in our towns and villages.