

LLANOVER

LLANOVER is a parish, on the high road from Abergavenny to Pontypool 3½ miles south from Abergavenny station, and about 4 miles northeast from Nantyderry station, both on the Great Western railway, in the northern division of the county, hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Abergavenny, rural deanery of Raglan, archdeaconry of Monmouth, and diocese of Llandaff.

The parish is bounded on the north-east by the river Usk, and the Brecon and Monmouthshire canal runs through it from south to north: the western part of the parish is very mountainous. The church of St. Bartholomew is an ancient structure of stone in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave, porch and a tower containing 5 bells: in the churchyard is a very handsome monument to the memory of the late Lord Llanover, who died 27 April, 1867, and also an ancient stone cross: the church will seat 200 persons. The register of baptisms and burials dates from the year 1661 and marriages 1754. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £190, with residence and 18 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Llandaff, and held since 1891 by the Rev. Evan Davies B.A. of St. David's College, Lampeter. Here is a Congregational chapel.

The trustees of the late Lady Llanover are the lords of the manor and the principal landowners. Llanover, the residence of the Hon. Mrs. Augusta C. Herbert, is a noble mansion of Bath stone in the Tudor style.

The soil is gravel; subsoil, strata of stone and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley. The area is 4,663 acres of land and 36 of water. The rateable value is £4,668, and the population in 1891 was 8,813 in the civil and 397 in the ecclesiastical parish.

(BM: The unlikely population figure of 8,813 is not a transcription error - that's exactly what it says! The parish population is probably more accurate.)

Parish Clerk: **David Morris**

Post Office: **David Jones**, sub-postmaster.

Letters arrive from Abergavenny at 7.5 a.m.; dispatched at 4.35 p.m. No dispatch on Sunday. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Nantyderry, 3 miles distant.

Parochial School (mixed), built, with residence for teacher, in 1872, for 108 children; average attendance, 70; built by the late Lady Llanover & supported by the trustees.

David Edwards, master

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Davies Rev. David (Congregational)

Davies Rev. Evan, B.A. Vicarage

Herbert Hon. Mrs. Augusta Charlotte

Jones Hugh Davies

Richards Mrs. Gruffydd, Ty'r Eglwys.

COMMERCIAL

Addie John Heathcote, land agent to the Llanover trustees, Estate office

Austin William, farmer, Brynpant

David David, farmer, Tymawr

David Robert, farmer, Llanover Court farm

Davies David, coffee tavern

Davies Lewis, farmer, The Vro

Edwards John, farmer, Garnllech
Edwards Thomas, farmer, Ffawyddden
Edwards Wm. farmer, Bryn-hyfryd
Evans James, grocer & baker
Griffiths John, farm bailiff to trustees of the late Lady Llanover
James Josiah, farmer, Llansabbath
Jenkins John, farmer, Blaenochran
Jonathan John, farmer, Pentallar
Jonathan William, farmer, Hendre glyn
Jones David, carpenter & wheelwright, & post office
Lewis John, farmer, Hendre Isa
Jones Hugh Davies, clerk of works to the Llanover trustees
Jones John D., welsh flannel manufacturer &c., Gwenffrwd
Jones Mary (Mrs.), farmer, Neuadd Newydd
Lewis Daniel, farmer, Glandwr
Monkley John, farmer & market gardener, Tycoch
Nicholas Edmund, farmer, Maerdy farm
Pain William Samuel, miller (water)
Pugh William, farmer, Hendre-uchaf
Redwood Thomas, farmer, Danyrheol
Thomas Mary (Mrs.), farmer, Tytgwyn
Waters David, farmer, Pwllrhwyaid
Williams William, farmer, Llwyncellyn

GOYTREY

including

NANTYDERRY, PENPERLLENNY and PENGROESOPED

GOYTREY is a parish on the river Usk, which bounds it on the southeast, 1 mile west from Nantyberry station which is in the parish on the Abergavenny and Hereford branch of the Great Western railway, 5 northeast from Pontypool, 4 north-west from Usk, and 166½ by rail from London, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Abergavenny, petty sessional division and union of Pontypool, county court district of Usk, and in the rural deanery of Raglan, archdeaconry of Monmouth, and diocese of Llandaff.

The Brecon and Monmouth Canal and the road from Pontypool to Monmouth and Abergavenny pass through the parish. The church of St. Peter, rebuilt in 1845 and 1846 at a cost, of about £1,400, from designs by Thomas Wyatt esq. of London, is an edifice of local stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and a western belfry containing 2 bells; there is an ancient font, reputed to be of Saxon origin, and restored in 1856, and in the vestry an ancient oak chest; the organ was presented by the Misses Evans, of Nantyberry House, in 1886; within the communion rail are buried the members of the ancient family of Jenkins, of Goytre Hall; there are 325 sittings. The churchyard contains several fine yew trees, two of which are upwards of 30 feet in circumference. The register dates from the year 1695. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £175, with 2 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Marquess of Abergavenny K.G. and held since 1900 by the Rev. Howell Howell. The Rectory house was erected in 1893 on land purchased from John Capel Hanbury esq. of Pontypool Park. There are Baptist and Calvinistic Methodist chapels. There are Quarries of limestone, paving stone and building stone.

Goytre Hall, now a farmhouse, was erected in 1446 for Thomas Herbert, son of the Earl of Pembroke, who lived at Raglan Castle, and was once the residence of a family of Jenkins, now extinct in the male line, lineally descended from Gwaethford, a chieftain who in ancient times owned a considerable territory here. The Jenkins property now belongs to the Misses Evans, who reside at Nantyberry House, a mansion of stone, enlarged from a design by Thomas H. Wyatt esq. of London, which stands within its own grounds on a gentle eminence commanding a fine view of a range of hills extending from Abergavenny to Pontypool and of the vale of the Usk, and is surrounded by beautiful scenery.

Goytre House, a mansion of stone, standing in its own grounds a short distance from the road leading from Pontypool to Abergavenny, is the residence of John William Pyman esq.

Pentre Grange is the residence of the Misses Bryde. The Marquess of Abergavenny K.G. who is lord of the manor, John Capel Hanbury esq. of Pontypool Park, the Misses Evans, the trustees of the late Lady Llanover, and the trustees of the late Col. Henry Charles Bryde (d. 1895), are the principal landowners.

The soil is gravel and sand ; subsoil, loam. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips. The area is 3,332 acres of land and 16 of water; rateable value, £5,274; the population in 1891 was 609.

Nantyberry is a hamlet 1 mile east.

Parish Clerk, John Jones.

Letters arrive from Pontypool at 8.55 a.m. week days only.
Post, M. & T.O., T.M.O., Express Delivery, Parcel Post. S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office, Nantyberry.-Miss Eliza Ann Taylor, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Abergavenny at 8.10 a.m. & dispatched at 3.55 p.m. week days only. Wall Letter Boxes, Penperllenny, cleared at 4.40 p.m. & Pengroesoped, 4.25 p.m. week days only.

British School, Penperllenny (mixed), erected with master's residence in 1870, on a site given by the late Col. H. C. Bryde J.P., at a cost of £600, for about 120 children; average attendance, 79; William John Croot, master .

Railway Station, Nantyberry, Henry George Sawyer, station master

GOYTREY

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Bryde Misses, Pentre Grange
Chalklin Frederick W. G., Maesyberen
Howell Rev. Howell (rector), Rectory
Prys Rev. John (Calvinistic Methodist), Pengroesoped
Pyman John William, Goytre house

COMMERCIAL

Boyce Abraham, farmer & landowner, Berthlan
Charles William, farmer
Crump Henry, farmer, Pengroesoped
Davies Thomas, farmer, Kiln farm, Pengroesoped
Edgar Edwin, farmer
Evans Wm., shopkpr. & farmer, New House
Gwatkin Edwin William, builder & assistant overseer, Goytre Wharf
Gwatkin George, farmer, Church farm

Gwenynen Gwent Cymrodorion Friendly Society (James Deakins, see.), Penperllenny
Harris Franklin James, Carpenters' Arms P.H., Penperllenny
Humphries Edward, farmer, Penystair
Jenkins Merrick, jun., farmer, Yew Tree farm
Jenkins Thomas, farmer, New barn
Jones Alfred, farmer
Jones Evan, farmer, Tyifor farm, Pengroesoped
Jones John, farmer, Abergwelyan
Jones William, farmer, Coedrobbin
Lewis Josiah, farmer, Danygraig
Matthews Henry, farmer, Plough farm
Morgan David, farmer & haulier, Road farm
Morgan David, jun., farmer, Wern farm
Morgan Lewis, farmer, Park bach
Morgan William, farmer, Glanusk
Pape Keziah (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Pengroesoped
Parry James, farmer, Pentwyn farm
Rees Thomas, farmer, Walnut trees
Rees Thomas, jun., farmer, Black beech
Stinchcombe Geo., farmer, Yew Tree Farm
Thomas David, farmer, Lan
Thomas Thomas, farmer, Penwern
Thomas Wilham Evan, farmer, Little Goytre
Walker Wm. farmer, Long house
Waters Enoch, besom maker
Whitney Thomas, farmer, Upper Goytre house
Wilks John, grocer, Penperllenny
Wilks William, machinist, agricultural machine & implement maker & agent, carpenter, builder, undertaker, saw mills & wheelwright, Penperllenny

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Evans Misses, Nantyderry house
Richards Edwin J.P., Heathfield

COMMERCIAL

Aulton William, farmer & landowner
Jenkins Edward, farmer ,
Jenkins Richard, miller (water)
Jones William, plasterer
Marsh & Sons, coal merchants, Railway station
Taylor Eliza Ann (Miss), grocer, Post office
Thomas William Evan, Refreshment Rooms P.H.