

### **Blodwen Price of Cowbridge 1909**

Blodwen Price married William Spiller of St. Fagans in 1909. Just prior to the wedding, several of her friends in Cowbridge wrote entries in her autograph book. Her granddaughter, Chris Dobson, of Cowbridge gave copies of some extracts from the book, with the signatures and poems etc., to the History Society archive in 2011. The comments made under some of the entries are apparently from Selwyn Davies of Cowbridge, who had once been shown the autograph book.

Entries in the book are from : David Brown (of Browns the printers), Arthur Spencer (landlord of the Duke), Frederick William Dunn (of The Cross, Llanblethian), T V Rowlands, Frank Yeo, ? Gilead Spencer (of 28 Westgate), probably Miss Cecilia Thomas (of 5 High St.), probably George Morris (surveyor to Cowbridge RDC), A M Kelly, L Spencer and J Brady.

William Spiller (the groom) played rugby for Wales in 1910/11, and scored the first century for Glamorgan in first class cricket.

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Cowbridge.

June 14/09

Miss Price, my dear,  
Why do you fear  
That on Man's great frame  
You will not scan,  
But if ever the time should come our way  
We will do the best we can - Milton's choice

D Brown

I think this must be  
Dai Brown father  
of Neil & Alan Brown  
Printers

Cowbridge

Everything in the garden  
is... Lovely.

A.S.

June 14/09

This could be  
Arthur Spencer  
who owned 7th Deke  
until 1919/20

Cowbridge

Unless above himself he can  
Correct himself, how poor a thing is man

F. W. D.

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>/09.

FREDERICK WILLIAM DUNN J.P.  
of The Cross, Henllekkin

Eighty years hence  
it will matter little  
whether we were peasant  
or peer, but it will matter  
much whether we did our  
duty as one or the other

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W. Rowland

Fishing

It's nice to sit and think and  
fish,  
And fish and sit and think  
And think and fish and sit  
and wish,  
That you could get a Drink.

Frank Yeo

20. 11. '09

Papers of the day  
 Lady I love the most  
 Echo your dispatch  
 through the morning Post  
 awaiting your answer  
 I receive & turn pale  
 you be my little Pick me Up  
 and I'll be your Daily Mail (mailed)

O.P. Spencer.  
 Cowbridge  
 4/10/09

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A few lines from a bushful  
 poet.

O.P.S

? GILBERT SPENCER of 28 Westgate

I Wonder why?  
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They met beside the "Willow-way",  
 'Twas sunny summer weather,  
 On their lips a silence lay,  
 Though hands were clasped together  
 Blue eyes met brown, with glances shy -  
 I wonder why?

II

They parted by the "Willow-way",  
 Beneath the moon's soft splendor,  
 The parting, no 'twas not for aye,  
 Then why was it so tender?  
 It seemed so sweet, that last "Goodbye!"  
 I wonder why?

60 Thomas  
 Cowbridge  
 Oct 4 1909

? MISS CECILIA THOMAS of 5 HIGH ST.

Cowbridge  
 30-8-09

Little dabs of powder  
 Little dabs of paint  
 Makes a girl look beautiful  
 While otherwise she "aint"

G.M.

? GEORGE MORRIS - SURVEYOR TO COWBRIDGE R.D.C.

Cowbridge

True Friendship is  
 a flower that  
 never fades

14/6/09 Wm Kelly

Cambridge.

To wed or not to wed:  
That is the question.  
Whether 'tis better  
To remain single  
And dis-appoint a few women-  
For a time;  
Or marry  
And dis-appoint one woman-  
For life! J. Brady 20/9/09

Within a hammock snug they sat,  
But how the two behaved,  
None could have told it was so dark,  
Had it not been for the remark,  
Oh! George, you must get shaved!

Cambridge June 14<sup>th</sup> 1909.



Cambridge

All is not gold  
That glitters

L. Spradley

Sep 14<sup>th</sup> 09