

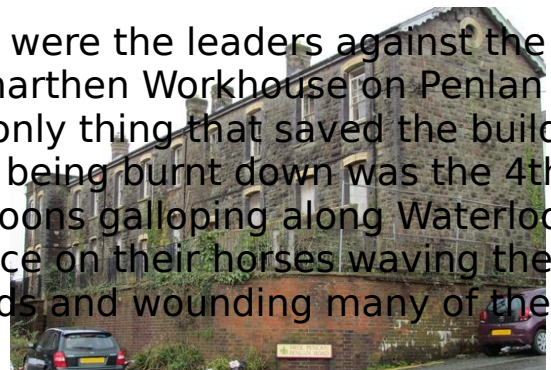
Coracle Stories

The Rebecca Riots



Carmarthen coraclers were at the forefront of every riot in the town, they controlled the '**Carmarthen Mob**' in 1843, the year of the Rebecca Riots.

They were the leaders against the Carmarthen Workhouse on Penlan Road. The only thing that saved the building from being burnt down was the 4th Light Dragoons galloping along Waterloo Terrace on their horses waving their swords and wounding many of the rioters.



The charge ended the riot and many of the rioters were exiled or imprisoned by magistrates.

John Lewis, a teenage coracler from Dan Y Banc was jailed for eight months in Carmarthen Prison.

His punishment included 8 hours daily on the dreaded treadmill. They were however excused hard labour on Christmas Day and Good Friday.

However, he could have been easily deported to Australia.

