

## Wall Plaques

Whilst walking my dog around the streets of our town I sometimes look up at the houses as very often the upper parts of the buildings on the street are very interesting which is how I came across the numerous wall plaques to be seen on terraces and shops. Some have sadly disappeared over the years due to



rendering being replaced. Others have been obscured by ill placed satellite dishes or cables. Often, the name might give you some indication of who built the terrace, sometimes the street name as in Church Terrace on the lane leading up to St Mary's Church.

I wonder how many have noticed a wall plaque on King Street, Brynmawr opposite the K.T's wine bar (previously the Rising Sun), It claims that this is "Eddy's Terrace". Builders often added their name to any buildings they constructed but I was always intrigued as to who was Eddy. He was of course a builder and lived in Victoria House, Brynmawr.



I'm not sure but it may be the house near the roundabout on the border between Brynmawr and Nant y Glo. The house has a plaque with an image of Queen Victoria on it. It was by chance that I found this short snippet about a tragic accident reported in the Evening News on December 31<sup>st</sup> 1906:

*"A skating accident occurred at the big pond, Nantyglo, on Saturday evening, which resulted in the death of two brothers, named Jonathan Eddy (21) and Robert Eddy (18), sons of Mr. Robert Eddy, builder, of Victoria House, Brynmawr"*.

Robert Eddy also had a younger daughter who was with her brothers skating; she fell and as one of the brothers went to help her the other fell through the ice. His brother now ran to help him but sadly also fell through.

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