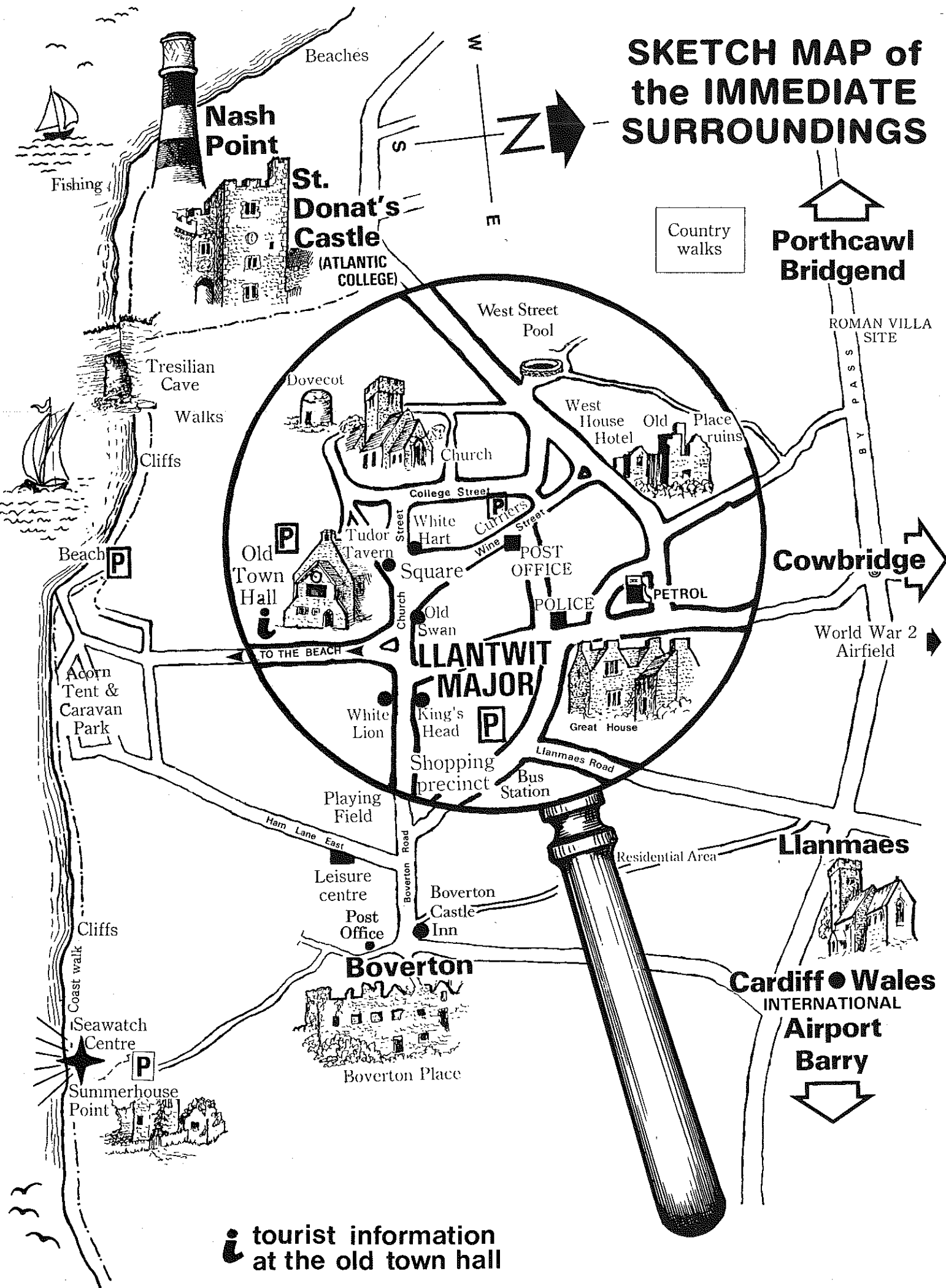


SKETCH MAP of the IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS



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WALK WITH THE SAINTS

WHEN you set foot in Llantwit Major you follow in the paths of the ancients—Bronze Age and Iron Age people who left burial chambers and remains of their defended villages. Romans who came, saw and were conquered by the beauty of the Vale—nearly are the scant remains of the villa of a prosperous Romano British farmer.

IN THE age of the Saints, when Europe was searching for new foundations after the collapse of the Roman Empire, this was Britain's first centre of learning.

THREE, 1500 years ago, St. Illtud taught men from Western Europe and Britain at his monastery—among them St. David Patron Saint of Wales, Gildas the Historian, St. Samson of Dol who became Abbot and who left an impressive stone monument to prove it. Whilst a student here, Patrick was abducted by Irish pirates to become their Patron Saint.

HERE Illtud's church stood is now one of the loveliest churches in Wales, from Norman Foundations it was rebuilt and extended as the town thrived in medieval times. The church is dedicated to the saint, who also gave his name to the town of Llantwit Major—an English corruption of Llanilltud Fawr (St. Illtud's main church).

EARLY, across the brook which the monks fished, are the remains of the medieval grange.

The Gatehouse and Columbarium (Dovecot) are surprisingly intact and there is evidence too of other buildings, including foundations of the great Tythe Barn.

WE INVITE you to linger a while to enjoy this delightful town with its ancient inns, restaurants, public buildings and houses, to walk the coastal paths, to discover the unspoilt beaches, to breathe the fresh Atlantic air and to go away with unforgettable memories.

SOUTH WALES is steeped in history, ancient and modern—burial chambers and hill forts, mighty castles, picturesque abbeys and churches together with the remains of the sites upon which was forged the Industrial Revolution—all set among beautiful hills, vales and coastlines. Llantwit Major has good access to them all.

TO LLANTWIT MAJOR

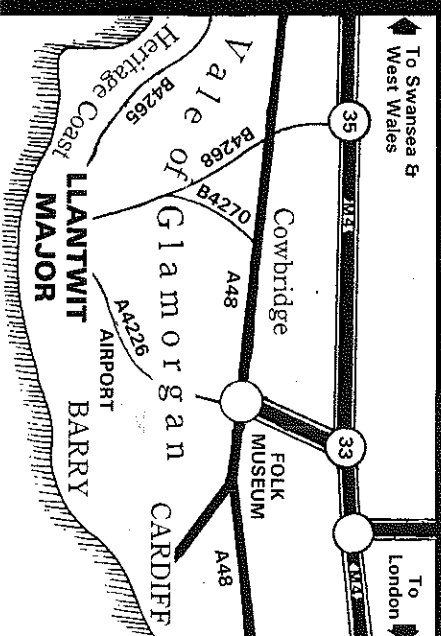
BY CAR—Easy access from London, the Midlands, the North and the West Country via motorways.

BY RAIL—London to Cardiff (under 2 hours) or Bridgend (2½ hours) then by local bus.

BY COACH—London to Cardiff (3½ hours) or Bridgend (4 hours) then by local bus.

INFORMATION & BOOKING

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— Your hotel porter or receptionist.
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