

GOMERSAL CC

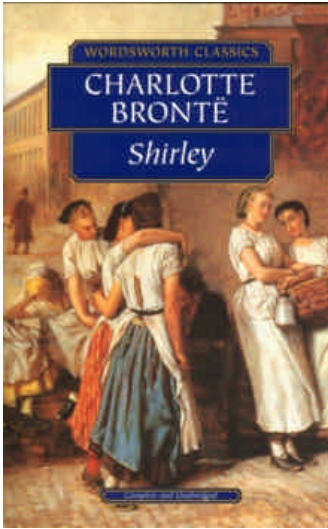
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4 FACTS ABOUT GOMERSAL (THE VILLAGE)

1. Gomersal is known for the Luddite uprising of 1812, where rioters protested against powerlooms.

2. The Luddite riots provided Charlotte Bronte with material for her novel *Shirley*.

3. John Wesley preached in Gomersal. Wesley was the founder of the Methodist Church.



4. Burnley's Mill used to provide the jobs for the local community.

GOMERSAL GALA

Gomersal's annual gala attracts many local people. Stalls line the streets, while spectators can admire the floats and street entertainment. Competitions and the crowning of the gala queen also take place.



PLACES OF INTEREST

Red House Museum



This delightful red-brick house, built in 1660, was home to the Taylor family who were cloth merchants and manufacturers. Mary Taylor, daughter of the house in the 19th Century, was a close friend of Charlotte Bronte, who visited often, featuring the house as 'Briarmains' in *Shirley*. Red House still looks very much as it would have done in Charlotte's day, each room bringing visitors a step closer to the 1830s.

CHURCH & CHAPEL

St. Mary's Church, Gomersal

Mary and Martha Taylor, Charlotte Brontë's friends - the Yorke family in *Shirley* - are buried in St. Mary's Church graveyard.



Methodist Chapel

This is also known as the 'pork pie' chapel. This is due to its circular shape. It is a grade II listed building.

