

The clothing-trade flourishes here; but its chief manufactory is hats, here being an incorporated company of felt-makers. The streets are broad, and well-paved; but most of the buildings low and thatched. The market is on Mondays; fairs on Easter-Monday, Whit-Monday, July 6, first Monday in September, and November 6, for cattle. It has also a great beast-market every Monday fortnight.—Its castle, of which there is little to be seen now, was built in the reign of Henry III. It had also four churches formerly, which are now reduced to one, the town having suffered much in the barons' wars. The present church has a square tower and eight bells, with chimes. Here are likewise twenty alms-houses, endowed by the Marquis of Stafford and Lord Grenville, for the support of twenty women, who are allowed two shillings and eleven-pence per week, and a new gown value twenty shillings yearly.

There are frequent horse-races in the neighbourhood of this town, though it is in a manner surrounded with coal-pits; the coal of which is softer than the cannel-coal, and is cut out in slices, but consumes so fast, that it is only fit for forges. There is the greatest quantity of stone-ware made near this place of any part of England; so that, one year with another, they are said to export 100,000l. worth of it.—Dr. Plot, as an instance of the growth of stones, mentions, that near this place was found a stone with a man's skull, teeth and all, enclosed in it.

BANKER.—Mr. Thomas Kenersley; who draws on Smith, Payne, and Smith, Lombard-street, London.

The south mail arrives at six in the evening; the north at six in the morning; and the mail is dispatched both ways in ten minutes after the above arrivals.—The post-office opens for the delivery of letters at half past six in the morning, and shuts at half past ten at night. John Maffey, postmaster.

John Maffey's mail-coach goes to London every morning at ten minutes after six, and to Liverpool every evening at the same hour.—Wilson, Culls, Dixon, Lillyman, and Silvester's coach, sets off for Stony Stratford, Penkridge, and Wolverhampton, every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at eight in the morning.—A coach to London, through Stone, Wolfley, Litchfield, and Coventry, every morning at five; also a coach to Liverpool, Sandbach, Middlewich, Northwich, Warrington, and Prescot, at the same time: Simpson, Bowman, Eardley, and Wilson, proprietors.

Wakeman and Co's waggon sets out every Sunday morning, at six o'clock, to the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, London, and returns on Wednesday following.—Thomas Cowlough's cart goes to Stone every Monday and Wednesday.

The following is a list of the principal inhabitants:

C O R P O R A T I O N.

Joseph Adams, Esq. *Mayor*
— Emery, Esq. *Recorder*

Justices.
Mr. Thomas Sparrow
Mr. Burnett Combe

Aldermen.
Mr. Daniel Beard
Mr. Thomas Swinerton
Mr. Aaron Brown
Mr. William Hyatt
Mr. Joseph Tillston
Mr. B. Hadderton
Mr. John Holland
Mr. Thomas Barber
Mr. Joseph Mellar
Mr. James Godwin

Mr. William Fowler
Mr. George Plant
Mr. Francis Stanier
Mr. William Watkiss
Mr. John Maffey
Mr. Thomas Kenersley
Mr. John Harding
Mr. Samuel Hatton
Mr. Richard Parrot
Thomas Sparrow, *Town-clerk*
Town-serjeants.
John Turner
William Maffey

G E N T R Y.

Adams Richard, *Gent.*
Adams Thomas, *Gent.*
Brown —, *Gent.*