

# LONGBRIDGE AT A GLANCE

**Longbridge** (Small Town): Conventional; AL LN/LG; 800gp limit; Assets 72,000gp; Population 1748 Mixed (1673 humans, 27 dwur, 25 noniz, 9 half-olves, 6 olves, 6 hobniz, 2 half-euroz).

*Authority Figures:* **Accilon Dara** male human (mayor of Longbridge); **Sir Gellen Cadwale** male human (duke-apparent of the Azure Coast and Glaive Virtuous of the Order of the Golden Sun); **Kaywen Dara** female human (priest of Sotillon).

*Important Figures:* **Derl Galthrena** male human (patriarch of the Galthrenas); **Gavos Kalsenn** male human (priest of Procan); **Helena Galthrena** female human (daughter of Derl); **Jalicia Dovesword** female human (priest of Mayahine); **Kaden the Wanderer** male human (priest of Trithereon); **Malasca Demerii** female half-olve (proprietor of the Gilded Leaf); **Savo Belarii** male human (elderly priest of Velnius).

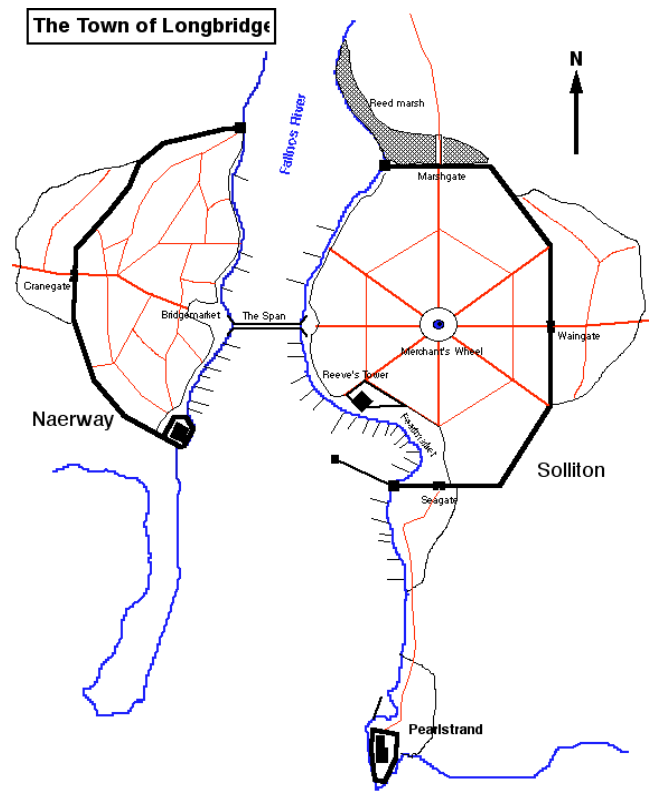
Longbridge was originally two towns that sprawled opposite each other for several hundred yards along the banks of the Fallnos River. The construction of "The Span," in the years following the Battle of a Thousand Banners amalgamated Naerway and Solliton into the town of Longbridge. (It should be obvious to even the slowest of wits how the fledging town came by its name). Also known as "Zilchus' Way" good fortune is thought to smile on those who cast a coin into the waters of the Fallnos while standing on the bridge.

The western portion of the town (once the town of Naerway) is lower than the eastern bank and occasionally floods. Those who can, therefore dwell in Solliton. Prior to the Wars Longbridge was an integral part of the Cliffway – a trade route that linked Irongate with Scant. However with the outbreak of hostilities trade along this route has been reduced to a trickle.

Docks and jetties can be found up and down both banks of the Fallnos. The bridge however bars the passage of larger vessels built as it was with dwur aid to resist both the Azure Seas autumnal high tides and the seasonal floodwaters that flow out of the Headlands. The Fallnos is a particularly fast river and annual dredging is needed to keep the approaches to the town open. The mouth of the river is over 50 yards wide, but unpredictable tidal currents and constantly shifting sandbars make the approaches perilous unless a local pilot aboard.

The current ruler of Longbridge, Sir Gellen Cadwale, is the fallen duke's brother. The Mayor Accilon Dara and his wife Kaywen a follower of Sotillon aid him. Gellen, a Glaive Virtuous of the Order of the Golden Sun is the highest-ranking survivor of his order but his leadership of that august body is in doubt. Suspicion surrounds him as he was the knight that bore the recall order to his brethren, which resulted in the deaths of all who headed it. He is deeply concerned that the order is close to extinction, arguing that membership must be extended to commoners to bolster numbers.

The waters around the town are famed for their fishing. For 3 days during Patchwall the Fallnos is packed with salmon trying to swim upstream to their spawning grounds. This event has evolved into a festival of sorts featuring fishing competitions during the day and celebrations by night. During the day the riverbanks are packed with contestants, observers and families. At night on nearby beaches great bonfires are lit upon which the days catch is cooked. The duke traditionally gave prizes for the largest fish caught and the most fish caught each day.



Azure Sea

## NAERWAY

As mentioned previously Naerway is constructed on the lower of the two riverbanks and parts of it are thus prone to flood during the high autumnal tides. As a consequence in Naerway the poorer you the closer you live to the Fallnos. A small part of Naerway has come to be known as "Little Naerie" because of a number of Idee exiles who dwell there. They hate both the Brotherhood and Ahlissa and take any opportunity to strike against either enemy.

The Azure Citadel, dedicated to Procan, is located where the danger of this is greatest. Every autumn special services are held as the peaks of the highest waves gently lap into the temple's main chamber. Though levelled by the Brotherhood, work is underway to rebuild the temple. Gavos Kalsenn officiates here and is widely regarded as one of the most powerful of local spellcasters. Others temples recently founded in Naerway include the Temple of the Chase dedicated to Trithereon and The Bastion Solar that has as its patron deities Pelor and Mayaheine – the first such founded in Onnwal after the Rebellion. Jalicia Dovesword is frequently seen about Naerway raising the spirits of the peasantry and teaching them the use of simple weapons. Kaden the Wanderer however can be found haranguing the masses, lecturing them on the need to be free and to revenge oneself upon wrongdoers. Unsurprisingly the authorities view him as a destabilising influence. The faithful of Fortubo have also returned to the town and have erected a small shrine to their patron.

One other faith of note in Naerway is that of Fharlanghn. The simple carved votive altar and statue in his shrine vanished after the fall of the town and reappeared equally as mysteriously after the liberation. Although the Farwanderer has no permanent clergy in the town his shrine (in the Crane Gate) is well frequented. The

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Almshouse of the Gilded Leaf stands on a small bluff a stones throw from the Fallnos. Maintained by Malasca Demerii a native of Sunndi, the Almshouse helps many that would otherwise starve. As a consequence Malasca is much beloved by many commoners.

## SOLLITON

Much of Solliton was destroyed by fire in 245 CY and was rebuilt by the famed Aerdy architect Gartov Grenharp. Today Solliton is home to many merchants, well-to-do commoners, spell-throwers and others of good standing. Prominent merchants maintaining businesses here include the Carbani, Feralnen, Muamman and the Galthrena. Some commerce has now resumed with the civilised folk of the Serpent Isles who trade spices for hard-to-come-by mainland luxuries. The Feralen are pre-eminent in the fine weaponry trade, some of their blades rivalling those of the dwur for strength and keenness of blade. The Galthrena are perhaps the most powerful merchants in the province but accusations of corruption dog the family. Derl Galthrena, the ageing patriarch of the family, maintains a well-appointed townhouse in Solliton but spends much of his time in his palatial estate to the east of the town. Of the other family members only Helana is often seen about town.

Solliton is also home to several faiths. The Vault of the Coin adjacent to the Merchant's Wheel is dedicated to Zilchus. Sealed since the fall of the town it has resisted all attempts to reopen. A makeshift chapel has been set up in an adjacent townhouse. The Palace of the Lady of the Pearls is sanctified in the name of Osprem (a local belief having pearls being considered to be the tears of Osprem). The Court of the Winds, consecrated to the Oeridian Agricultural Gods namely Telchur, Atroa, Sotillon, Wenta and Velnius is overseen by Savo Belarii. Sotillon is an important local deity, worshipped primarily in her aspect as a provider of comforts. A summer festival is held in her honour every year. On the first day of Richfest a young maiden is proclaimed as the "Pearl of Longbridge." A week-long celebrations ensues, giving thanks to the Lady of Summer for the bounty and comforts that she has bestowed on the town.

The Church of Pholtus also maintained a temple, which served as the lawcourts for the province. All its attendant priests were slain during the Occupation and now a mixture of courtiers and followers of Zilchus handle official business from the rebuilt structure. Solliton also plays host to the Merchant's Wheel – a great oval space the centrepiece of which is an ornate fountain dedicated to Sotillon. Much of the trade that is conducted in Longbridge is carried out here. Rich merchants maintain business around the Wheel, while lesser individuals rent stalls to display their wares.

## Longbridge during the Fall

As elsewhere in Onnwal Longbridge was the victim of subterfuge and betrayal. Here however the defeat was deeper and more profound than elsewhere. Assassins slew Duke Ansend, his wife and their three sons as they slept. Groups of savage warriors neutralised the defences of Longbridge, and in the process slew the Duke's cousin, Duvend Baron of Azurond. His death saw any hope of meaningful resistance in Longbridge crumble. Local Wreckers were also targeted extremely effectively by the Brotherhood. The defeat was so complete that when the Brotherhood flotilla sailed up the Fallnos the next morn it is said they didn't sustain any casualty.

Oppression here was severe, but resistance was not as effective as throughout the rest of Onnwal. As a result atrocities were not common in Longbridge. Kesh Nojos banned the Salmon Run and ordered nets cast across the river to catch the migrating fish. These nets were often sabotaged and in 585 CY she executed four young men by drowning for attempting to interfere with the nets.

The Brotherhood used the town as a strategic base to supply and provision many of their warships before they made their way into the Gearnat. Because of this many fishermen's crafts were confiscated to assist in this task, which considerably damaged the local economy.

## FREEDOM

Longbridge was freed during the initial Brewfest rebellion. Fighting here was relatively heavy, but was concluded swiftly. Kesh Nojos was slain during the storming of the town, sacrificing herself and her elite guard to ensure the escape of the Brotherhoods naval flotilla.

The town is currently without a naval screen of any kind due to the dire straits in which the once numerous Onnwalish navy finds itself. Longbridge relies on a mixed bag of shore defences and fishing craft to ward off the attacks of Brotherhood and Lordship of the Isles vessels.

## LOCATIONS ON THE AZURE COAST

The Azure Coast is a place of sandy beaches, dunes, lagoons, cranegrass and reed marshes. It is here that the yellow/brown dune-cranes that leant their likeness to the electrum Wader can be found nesting. The only cliffs of any note can be found where the Headlands march resolutely into the Azure Sea. Along the coast wends the Cliffway linking Longbridge with both Irongate and Scant. Plantations can be found throughout the province.

## THE DEMESNE OF FAMILY CADWALE

Located several miles up the Fallnos from Longbridge lie the estates of the ducal family Cadwale. The estate consists of a single large rambling manor house with its attendant outbuildings all sheltered behind a once formidable outer wall. The wall is now breached in several places – a legacy of the fighting that recently raged here between rebel and Brotherhood forces. The estate is rumoured to stand upon a network of passages, tunnels and chambers constructed by the so-called Tunnelling Duke (372 – 402 CY) who built them seemingly upon a whim. One of the tunnels is whispered to be wide enough for his stage coach and was thought to run from the main house to the main gate. If this is true the entrance to the so-called Ducal Highway has yet to be found.

The estate is now deserted after rebel forces discovered the Brotherhood defenders slain to a man late in 590 CY by something that as yet, has eluded discovery. Several rebels who spent the following night in the house were also found torn apart. This has given rise to many gruesome tales and the estate is now shunned by all.

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