

**CLUBS: for Sports Clubs, Choirs, Band, Political Associations, Friendly Societies, Societies involved in Continuing Education, Clubs/Societies linked to Chapels, Church & Temperance (I.O.G.T) – see the various relevant Sections – much pre-1909.**

**2 October 1909** Cork Club A Cork club has been started with the object of visiting Dublin in March 1910, to witness the Wales and Irish International Rugby Football match. It has a membership of about 50 young men.

**11 March 1911** Smoking Concert Held at the Constitutional Club on Monday evening, and presided over by Mr. H. Edgar. Mr. J. Littlejohns gave an address dealing principally, and at great length, with Tariff Reform. The audience was attentive and appreciative. Songs were rendered by Mr. Crad Shankland and Mr. T. G. Davies.

**25 March 1911** Constitutional Club On Friday night last, St. Patrick's Day, an excellent spread, which took the form of a 'cold lunch,' was provided for the members at the Club Room. The tables having been cleared, an excellent concert and lecture took place, the chair being occupied by Mr. T. Williams, who was supported by Mr. H. Edgar, Messrs. H. Wilcox and W. Evans and others. Mr. C. Shankland gave some splendid turns.

**23 December 1911** Presentation A very successful smoking concert was held at the Constitutional Club on Monday evening, when Mr. C. Shankland, the chairman of the club, presided, supported by the Mr. W. Evans, and Mr. H. Edgar. The artistes were: Mr. J. Turner, Mr. C. Shankland, Mr. T. Harris, Mr. M. Jones, and Mr. C. Mills. Mr. Roberts, Pontlottyn, presided at the piano. During the evening, Mr. William Evans presented Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Phillips, steward and stewardesses of the Club, with a beautiful tea service as a token of the high esteem in which they were held by the club members. Mr. and Mrs. C. Mills were also made the recipients of a very handsome picture mirror. The presentation was made by Mr. H. Edgar, on behalf of the club, to mark the occasion of their marriage, which was solemnised a short time ago. Both presents were subscribed for by the club members. Appropriate speeches were made by several members, to which the parties suitably responded. The club premises are to be extended and renovated.

**9 March 1912** Tournament The Constitutional Club was visited by Deri Club on Thursday for a return tournament. Don, crib, whist, bagatelle and other games were played. Fochriw had an easy win by 15 points to 10. Games were finished by 8.30, after which a concert took place.

**7 September 1912** Concert A concert took place at the Constitutional Club on Monday last, during which Mr. Jarman delivered a long and appropriate speech. Mr. C. Shankland presided.

**9 November 1912** Constitutional Club On Thursday week, Nos Calan Galaf was celebrated at the Club. All members were invited to a cold colation, and a good many attended. An excellent concert followed the spread, Mr. C. Shankland presiding. The programme was contributed to by the following: solos - the Chairman; Messrs. T. F. Harris, C. Mills, W. Jenkins, W. Evans, Price and W. Williams. Mr. Alfred Jenkins was at the piano. An address was given by Mr. W. Young of Pontypridd.

**22 March 1913** Constitutional Club On St. Patrick's Day, the members of the club sat down to an excellent spread to which they had been invited. The tables were laid in fine style by Mr. and Mrs. Findley. After the tables were cleared, and excellent 'smoker' took place, Mr. Crad Shankland presiding, and supported by Mr. Dd. Jenkins. The

following contributed: Messrs. James Haley, Josh Evans, C. Shankland, W. Evans, S. Pike, D. Griffith. Mr. James Henney amused the company with his wonderful trick, 'The Vanishing Lady.'

**5 April 1913** Tariff Reform A very successful meeting was held at the Constitutional Club on Wednesday evening, when Mr. Queen addressed the members on Tariff Reform. Mr. Queen stated that he had been up and down Great Britain, but never had he found a man from the U.S.A. looking for a job in England, hence so many of our people going out to the U.S.A. and getting work, where tariff reform reigned supreme. The address was listened to with attention and was greatly appreciated. There was also a musical programme to which Mr. Queen contributed.

**5 July 1913** Smoking Concert A smoking concert was held at the Fochriw Constitutional Club on Thursday week, Mr. William Evans presiding.

**6 June 1914** Outing: Motor-Car Tour A well-arranged motor-car tour went from the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, on Monday last, journeying to Gloucester, via Abergavenny, Monmouth and Ross, returning via Hereford and Brecon. The party left Fochriw at 8 a.m. and returned home at 11.15pm.. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. H. Edgar, secretary, with Mr. T. Carter acting as treasurer.

**7 August 1915** Pals' Club Supper and Concert A very pleasant evening was spent at the Workmen's Institute on Thursday evening last, when the members of the Pals' Club of the above Institute held their annual supper and entertainment. A large number of friends sat down to an excellent spread, followed by an equally excellent concert. The chair was occupied by Mr. H. Wilcox, with Mr. W. S. Williams as vice chairman. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. Isaac Martin, C. R. Mills, W. Evans, B. Evans, H. Wilcox, T. Jones, D. H. Evans, J. Keefe, W. S. Williams and T. Harris. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of the Anthem of the Allies. Secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. S. E. Phillips.

**7 August 1915** White Horse Outing Club On Monday, the members of the White Horse Outing Club, Pentwyn, held their annual outing. The party, numbering about 20, travelled by motor charabanc to Carmarthen town. The party left the White Horse Hotel about 6:30a.m. The first stop took place at Senny Bridge, and then again at Llandovery and Llandeilo before reaching their destination. On arriving at Carmarthen dinner was taken. The afternoon and was given to sight-seeing and amusements, the party of reaching home about the 11:00pm. The excellent arrangements were carried out five Messrs. H. Edgar, secretary, W. Price, treasurer, and Edward Morgan, chairman.

**28 August 1915** Mount Pleasant Outing Club The members of the above club held their annual outing on Saturday. The party journeyed to Leominster by motor-car. The secretary was Mr. C. R. Mills.

**25 December 1915** Welsh Drama On Thursday and Saturday last, two excellent performances of the Welsh drama "Asgro Lan" by R. G. Berry, were given by the Carmel Dramatic Society at the Council Schools to large audiences. The acting was all that could be desired, and reflects great credit on the abilities of the members. The scenery and dresses were very effective, and the drama was well received. The following took part: Mr. David Evans, Mrs. M. A. Walters, Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. Moses Williams, Mr. D. Rowlands, Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Tom Jenkins, Mr. Simon Lewis, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr.

James Jones, Mr. Evan Williams. The stage-managers were: Messrs. T. J. Jones and D. Harris. Miss Olwen Hughes presided at the piano on Saturday evening.

**11 March 1916** Pals Club The members of the Pals Club sat down to an excellent supper at the Workmen's Institute last Saturday. Mr. H. G. Wilcox presided, and Mr. J. E. Lloyd was at the piano.

**30 December 1916** Drama On Thursday and Friday evenings last week, the people of Fochriw were entertained to a fine treat, when the members of the Carmel Dramatic Society gave a fine production of the Welsh drama "Ar y Groesffordd," at the Council School to a very large audience. The acting of the various parts was all that could be desired. The following took part: Mr. James Williams, Mr. James Jones, Mr. Samuel Lewis, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. T. H. Jones, Mr. Evan Williams, Mr. T. R. Evans, Miss Mary A. Walters, Miss Mary MacArthur. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. T. Jones, assisted by Mr. D. Harris.

**14 September 1918** Fochriw Allotment Society: First Annual Flower and Vegetable Show The Show was held on Saturday at St. Mary's Hall, and was a great success. There was a fine display of vegetables and flowers, and Mr. C. Blake, F.R.H.S., Tredegar, the judge, declared that some of the stuff exhibited was the best he had seen this summer. The show was largely attended throughout. Afterwards, the vegetables were sold, and the proceeds, with other takings, will be sent to the Welcome Home Fund.

Before the opening ceremony, the Fochriw Brass Band, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, met with the officials of the show at the station, and played up to the hall. The president, Mr. John Bevan M.E., delivered a very encouraging address before calling upon Mrs. Tudor Davies, Dowlais, to open the Show. Mrs. Davies said it was a pleasure to see such a large number and the keen interest shown, and she hoped that this would be kept up after the war. The Rev. John Francis, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Davies and Mr. Tudor Davies. Rev. Rhys D. Williams seconded with a few well-chosen remarks.

Mr. Tudor Davies then spoke and said that it was a surprise to him to see so much stuff and its splendid quality. He had never thought that a place like Fochriw could produce such vegetables. He appealed to them to continue this, as the allotment movement had solved a great difficulty, and had defeated the Hun boast of starvation with their U boats. As in everything else, the Britisher had risen to the occasion when put to the test, and he hoped this good movement would go on year after year.

Mr. Blake then gave his award on the allotments, and also some very good advice to the competitors. He said that this had been one of the happiest days he had spent. He had received nothing but kindness since he arrived at Fochriw, and thanked Mr. Francis the vicar, who had a happy way of making him feel at home from the first moment they had met. He also wished to thank their president and his wife for their kind hospitality throughout the day. He complimented the members on the show, which was quite a good one taking into account the nature of the ground. The celery was the best he had seen this summer. His award for the best and neatest allotment, which also contained the most essential food crops was: at Fochriw: 1. Mr. Edward Everett; 2. Mr. John Baldwin; 3. Mr. Berkeley Angell; at Pentwyn: 1. Mr. Richard Morris; 2. Mr. John Jones; 3. Mr. Richard Morgan. He advised them all to keep on with the good work, and to aim high.

Mr. George Thomas moved to a vote of thanks to the judge for the excellent way he had carried out his duties. Mr. Edward Lewis seconded, and said Mr. Blake was giving his services free in aid of the Welcome Home Fund. Rev. R. D. Jenkins then proposed a vote of thanks to the president, who he said was always ready to do all in his power to carry on any good work in the place. P. S. Williams seconded. Great credit for the success of the show is due to the Association chairman, Mr. Edward Lewis, who was untiring in his efforts both as chairman and auctioneer; Mr. Albert Mantle, vice chairman; Mr. James Davies, treasurer; and the energetic secretary, Mr. John Walters, all of whom were ably assisted by a hard-working committee. The list of prize winners will appear shortly.

**28 September 1918** Prize Winners: Flower and Vegetables Show The following won prizes in the various categories at the recent show: Thomas Jenkins, Charles Mills, R. Jones, W. Wilton, Thomas Everett, D. Jones, S. Phillips, J. Lawrence, John Baldwin, Richard Morgan, Tom Davies, Tom Powell, W. H. Davies, J. Morgan, H. Watkins, David Cole, P. S. Williams, John Richards, James Davies, Bert Evans, E. Jones, Tom Rees, A. Shankland, Percy Cumpstone, John Lewis, Walter Walters, Edward Everett, Levi Richard, John Baldwin, Rev. John Francis, William Sibley, Berkley Angell. Schoolboys' prize - Charles Dummett.

**19 October 1918** Vegetable Show As a result of the recent vegetable show held by the Fochriw Allotment Society, the sum of £18 18s 7d has been handed over to the Treasurer of the Fochriw Sailors' and Soldiers' Welcome Home Fund.

**13 September 1919** Vegetable and Flower Show The Annual of Vegetables and Flower Show in connection with Fochriw and Pentwyn, was held at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday last, and was well attended. For an allotment exhibition, the display was a very good one, the produce in all the classes being of excellent quality. The judge was Mr. C. Blake, Tredegar. The officers of the Association are: President - Dr. J. S. Evans; chairman - Mr. Albert Mantle; vice chairman - Mr. W. Griffiths; treasurer - Mr. R. Jones; joint secretaries - Mr John Walters and Mr. J. Baldwin.

**13 December 1919** Lecture A lecture took place at the Church Hall on Saturday last under the auspices of the Pentwyn Allotment Society, when an excellent and instructive address was given by the Mr. R. H. Bailey, F.R.H.S., Peterston-super-Ely. Mr. T. Baldwin presided.

**20 December 1919** Show As a result of the Fochriw and Pentwyn Vegetables Show, which was such a success, a balance in the hand of £7-0-9 is shown. The committee wish to thank all those who in any way helped to make the show a success, especially those who so kindly subscribed to the fund.

**10 April 1920** Y.M.C.A. Mrs. George Phillips, president, has received a letter from the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., thanking her and all helpers for the splendid way in which they organised the Flag Day at Fochriw. The amount was £4-5-0.

**24 April 1920** Pentwyn Building Club The members of this club sat down to an excellent supper at the White Horse Inn on Saturday evening. The tables had been beautifully decorated and laden with all the good things necessary to make a good supper. Thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vines. Afterwards, Mr. Evan Jones delivered a very able address.

**11 September 1920** Vegetable and Flower Show The Annual Vegetable and Flower show in connection with the Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybank allotment

holders, took place at the Church Hall on Saturday last, when a fine collection of vegetables, flowers etc were exhibited. We hope to give a detailed account of prize winners next week.

**18 September 1920** Fochriw and District Annual Vegetable and Flower Show The above show was held on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, the flower and vegetable section in the Church Hall, whilst the rabbit section, a new feature in connection with the show, was held in the Ambulance Hall. The judges were: vegetables and flowers – Mr. C. Blake, F.R.H.S., Tredegar; rabbits – Mr. F. Tuckwell, Dowlais. Committee: Mr. W. Griffiths chairman; Mr. Evan Jones vice-chairman; Mr. Robert Jones, treasurer; secretaries, Messrs. T Baldwin, J Walters, and Edward Lewis; who are to be commended for arranging such a successful exhibition. Councillor Tudor Davies, M.E., Dowlais, the President of the show, in his address, paid a glowing tribute to the excellence of the exhibition - the exhibits being much better than in previous years. In a few words of praise and encouragement to the allotment holders, he said that every man should have a garden; it was really necessary, as a shortage of potatoes was predicted for the coming winter. In proposing a vote of thanks to the judge, he said that Mr. Blake had had a difficult task, but had given great satisfaction. The fact that he had been invited here for the third time was ample proof of his ability. He also thanked Nurse Thomas, who had kindly consented to open the show. The prize winners were as follows:

Section A - Open: Collection of vegetables (six varieties) - 1. J. A. Tamlin, Bargoed; 2. E. Oliver, Deri; 3. J. Bowen, Deri; Collection of potatoes (dish of round and dish of kidney) - 1. J. A. Tamlin; 2. F. C. Brooks, Bargoed; 3. J. Acreman, Rhymney; Celery - 1. J. Bowen, Deri; 2. T. Jenkins, Fochriw; Long Carrots - 1. J. Bowen, Deri; Short Carrots - J. Bowen; 2. J. A. Tamlin; Parsnips - 1. F. Jones, Fochriw; 2. J. A. Tamlin; Leeks - 1. J. A. Tamlin; Spring-sown Onions - 1. E. Oliver, Deri; J. A. Tamlin; Autumn-sown Onions - 1. E. Oliver; 2. J. A. Tamlin; Long Beet - 1. J. Jones, Deri; Turnip Beet - 1. J. Lewis, Pontlottyn; 2. J. A. Tamlin; Runner Beans - 1. J. A. Tamlin; 2. J. Prosser, Deri; Peas - 1. J. Lewis, Pontlottyn; 2. Ll. Whiting, Pontlottyn; Broad Beans - 1. J. Prosser; 2. E. Oliver; Cauliflower - 1. T. Jenkins; 2. J. Bowen; White Cabbage - Ll. Richards, Pontlottyn; 2. F. C. Brooks, Bargoed; Red Cabbage - 1. J. A. Tamlin; 2. J. Jones, Deri; Shallots - 1. J. Jones, Deri; 2. D. James, Pontlottyn; Swedes - 1. J. A. Tamlin; White Turnips - 1. James Lewis; 2. J. Prosser; Parsley - 1. E. Oliver; Lettuce - 1. J. A. Tamlin; 2. Job Thomas, Fochriw.

Cottagers: Section B - Open to Fochriw and District: Collection of acts Vegetables - 1. H. Roberts; 2. John Walters; Kidney Potatoes - 1. Job Thomas; 2. H. Roberts; Round Potatoes - 1. J. Walters; 2. T. Baldwin; Long Carrots - 1. H. Goddard, Nantylffyn; Short Carrots - 1. T. Baldwin; Leeks - 1. T. Jenkins; Parsnips - 1. H. Roberts; 2. Geo. Jones; Peas - 1. W. J. Jones; Runner Beans - 1. H. Goddard; Broad Beans - 1. A. Mantle; Short Beet - 1. H. Roberts; White Turnips - 1. T. Baldwin; White Cabbage - 1. Geo. Jones; Rhubarb - 1. H. Roberts; Spring Onions - 1. T. Baldwin; Parsley - 1. Job Thomas; Shallots - 1. H. Roberts.

Section C - Confined to Fochriw and Pentwyn Allotments Collection of Vegetables - (1st & 2nd prizes given by Mr. Burkle, Bargoed, value in seeds) 1. & 2. T. Jenkins; 3. W. Lewis; Round Potatoes - 1. Walter Walters; 2. T. Baldwin; Kidney

Potatoes - 1. R. Morgan; 2. D. James; Celery - 1. T. Jenkins; 2. Wm. Lewis; Long Carrots - 1. T. Jenkins; 2. T. Baldwin; Short Carrots - 1. T. Baldwin; 2. Walter Way; Spring Onions - 1. T. Baldwin; 2. Ted Lewis; Autumn-sown Onions - 1. E. Everett; 2. C. R. Mills; Parsnips - 1. T. Baldwin; 2. Ted Lewis; Broad Beans - 1. A. Mantle; 2. T. Jenkins; Leeks - 1. T. Jenkins; Peas - 1. Ted Lewis; 2. W. J. Jones; Long Beet - 1. Bob Jones; Turnip Beet - 1. D. James; White Turnips - 1. R. Morgan; 2. Tom Jones; Shallots - 1. Walter Way; 2. J. M. Davies; White Cabbage - 1. W. Walters; 2. W. H. Davies; Red Cabbage - 1. T. Baldwin; Parsley - 1. R. Morgan; Swedes - 1. Morgan Parry; Cauliflower - 1. E. Cumpstone; 2. T. Jenkins; Lettuce - 1. John Baldwin.

Flower Section Asters - H. Goddard; Dahlias - H. Goddard; Window Plant - 1. J. M. Davies; 2. Mrs. S. Way; 3. G. Way; Hanging Plant - 1. H. Goddard; 2. Wm. Wilton; 3. Mrs. Shankland.

Best and Neatest Allotment in Fochriw and Pentwyn Allotments: 1. T. Baldwin; 2. Walter Way; 3. T. Jenkins.

Rabbit Section: Best Marked Adult - 1. C. Hollister; 2. Wm. Sibley; Best Marked Under 5 Months - 1. Barlow, Dowlais; 2. E. Dummett; Best Unmarked Adult - 1. Willie Watkins; 2. Willie Watkins; Best Unmarked under 5 Months - 1. C. Hollister; 2. J. R. Davies; Best Pair of Rabbits - 1. Barlow, Dowlais; 2. E. Dummett; Best Rare Bred - 1. Baker, Merthyr; 2. Brown, Bedlinog; 3. C. Hollister.

**9 October 1920** Presentation On the Thursday, at Noddfa vestry, the Fochriw Touring Club held a social and presentation. Mr. Richard Jones, one of the members, is leaving to take up studies at Bristol College, and he was presented with a beautiful dress case and wristlet watch, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members. Before the presentation, a social was held, when each member of the club invited a friend, about 90 partaking of the spread. After the tables had been cleared, the following contributed to an excellent programme of music: solos, Messrs. Jas. J. Lewis, Theo. Shankland, Mrs. H. Davies, Misses Enid Evans, Doris Davies, Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard; recitations, Mr. Rees Thomas; duet, Messrs. Lewis and Shankland. Mr. Aneurin Thomas presided at the piano. Mr. William Evans, secretary, made a presentation. Mr. Matthew Thomas proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the trayholders, artistes, chairman and accompanist, seconded by Mr. Stanley Jones. The chairman for the evening was the Reverend Esaiiah Williams, and the tray holders were Mrs. Price Jones, Alf Evans, Rees Thomas, John Thomas, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Evans; cutters, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Evans. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Mr. Jas. J. Lewis.

**21 October 1922** Wireless Society The weekly meeting of the above society took place at Noddfa Vestry on Wednesday. Most of the evening was given over to instruction on Morse Code.

**10 February 1923** Fochriw Wireless Society A concert was given under the auspices of the above society at Noddfa Vestry, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Rev. S. Evans. Dr. T. Stenner Evans accompanied the audience in the singing of the National Anthem.

**17 February 1923** Fochriw Wireless Society There was a large gathering at Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening. Mr. C. H. Keen, of the family Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds,

and a vice-president of the Fochriw Society, brought his own, self-made set to the gathering. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. The whole of the Cardiff Broadcasting station was picked up quite clearly. Paris, Birmingham, Newcastle and Petrograd were also picked up and heard quite distinctly. Mr. J. P. Isaac, headteacher, proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by ex-Sergeant Williams. The energetic secretary of the society is Mr. Idris Jones, B.A. The society possesses a very fine receiving set of its own.

**17 March 1923** Whist Drive and Dance At the Fochriw Ballroom on Friday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Touring Club, a first class whist drive and dance was organised in aid of the funds of the Library. The room had been specially decorated for the occasion. The duties of M.G. were ably carried out by Mr. Wm. Evans, whilst the M.Cs were Messrs. W. A. Jones and W. A. Thomas. Mr. H. Salmon of Rhymney was the accompanist.

**16 June 1923** Fochriw Ballroom A whist drive and dance took place last Thursday in connection with the Wireless Society, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Councillor D. J. Thomas was M.C. for whist, and the M.C's for dancing were Mr. W. A. Evans, and Mr. W. A. Thomas. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestra, conducted by Coun. D. J. Thomas. Mrs. E. C. Jones presented the prizes to the successful whist winners, and Mr. W. J. Payne thanked all who had taken part.

**9 February 1924** Outing About 50 members of the Fochriw Touring Club journeyed to Scotland on Friday last to witness the rugby match and had quite a rare time. They looked well in their caps, and it was not their fault Wales lost, because they cheered them to an echo.

**26 June 1926** Homing Pigeons The many friends of Mr. J. M. Davies, Martin's-street, will be pleased to know that he has had a very successful season in pigeon flying. He is a member of the Fochriw and Pontlottyn Homing Society, and has won the Cup for the old bird average for this season. Amongst his many wins are: first, second, third and fourth, Tynemouth; first and second, Ludlow; second and third, North Berwick, besides winners from Shrewsbury, Stockport, Ripon, etc.

**31 July 1926** Pontlottyn and Fochriw Homing Society The results of a society sweeps and races for 1926 are as follows: The first sweep of all birds was flown from Ludlow on Easter Monday, the prize winners being: 1st & 2nd and pools, Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw, velocity 844 and 842; 3rd, Mr. T. Sullivan, Pontlottyn (828). On 24<sup>th</sup> April, the club sweep was held, also from Ludlow: 1st and pools, Mr. C. White, Fochriw (1068); 2nd & 3rd, Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw, (1062 & 1051). The first club race was held from Shrewsbury on 1<sup>st</sup> May, which resulted as follows: 1st (and 3d and 6d pools) Mrs. T. Perry and Son, Pontlottyn (1472); second (and 1/- pool) Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw (1471). On 29<sup>th</sup> May, the Ripon Race took place and Messrs. T. Perry and Anon took the first three places. This performance was repeated by Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw, in the Tynemouth race on June 5<sup>th</sup>. In the North Berwick race on the 19<sup>th</sup> June, Mr. T. Sullivan, Pontlottyn, came first with the velocity of 873.9, and Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw, second with 863 and also third with a 862. Mr. J. Davies also had the honour of having the best Old Bird with 19 points. A vase was to have been presented for the best Old Bird, but owing to the expense incurred by the society in paying for the transport of members birds during the crisis, the vase was not purchased. With the young birds, racing started on a July 17th, the race being from Ludlow, and the prize winners being: 1st, Mr J. Davies (1041); second and

third, Mr C. White (1038 and 1038); 4th, Mr J. Davies (1037). On July 24<sup>th</sup>, the race from Shrewsbury was held, Mr. J. Davies again taking first place. This completes the races to date. Since the strike commenced, all expenses incurred, such as carriage of birds, etc., have been borne by the society, which has had the very successful season.

**8 January 1927** Welcome Tea On Saturday, at the Old Reading Room, the Fochriw Harmonic Society welcomed the return of their members of the choir and their friends from Cardiff. Supper was provided, and the tables were presided over by Mesdames D. James, W. Lewis, J. Davies, J. J. Lewis, H. C. Davies, J. Williams, D. Lewis, M. Williams, L. Evans, W. Angell and Misses L. Jones and A. Davies. Others who helped were Mesdames D. Davies, J. Williams, J. Walters, D. Evans, W. Walters and D. Jones. Later, the following took part in a humorous programme: Messrs. J. J. Lewis, T. Davies, J. Gregory, J. Walters, D. Evans, J. Evans, D. Griffiths, R. Thomas, and Mrs. W. Lewis, and Mrs. H. C. Thomas. Mr. T. Rowlands lent his gramophone. Mr. W. Lawrence was the accompanist.

**16 July 1927** Chess There are not many chess players in Fochriw, but a Chess Club is being started due to the enterprise of Messrs. Hollister, Curtis and Powell. The headquarters will be Pen Pwlla.

**7 July 1928** Pigeons Amongst the birds in the great Thurso race were two sent by Mr. James M. Davies, Fochriw. The birds were liberated at 7:20a.m., one arriving at Fochriw at 9:20p.m. Mr. Davies, a great pigeon fancier, has had a very successful year with his birds.

**4 May 1929** Outing A large number of members of two outing clubs made the journey to Wembley on Friday and made their presence felt by cheering their favourites on Saturday.

**6 July 1929** Concert At the White Horse Inn on Saturday, in connection with the Pentwyn Pals Touring Club, a first class musical entertainment was given to a large audience. Mr. T. Halloran, Merthyr, who is totally blind, imitated numerous birds and animals almost to perfection, for which he was loudly encored. Mr. T. Lewis of Tredegar, sang "Sonny Boy." Another tit-bit was the singing by that well-known tenor, Mr. Eddie Thomas, Penybanc, and Mr. Willie Tibbott of Dowlais.

**2 November 1929** Touring Club At the Co-operative Rooms on Saturday, a very enjoyable evening was spent by members and friends of the touring club. Tea was provided, and later a concert was given. Mr. John H. Evans, chairman of the club presided. Mr. O. Richards was the accompanist, and the soloists were Mr. Haydn Davies and Mr. Thomas J. Evans, and Miss Nesta Evans was the elocutionist. The concert ended with the singing, in typical Welsh style, of "Cwm Rhondda," and "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," the soloist being Mr. Bryn Roberts.

**3 May 1930** White Horse Outing Club A large number of members of the White Horse Outing Club journeyed to London on Saturday morning, and returned on Sunday morning after a jolly time.

**9 August 1930** Pals Outing Club The members of the Pals Outing Club journeyed at Blackpool on Friday for a week's holiday. This club, which has been in existence for a number of years, is very popular. The energetic secretary is Mr. Tom Idris Evans, with Mr. Willie Davies as treasurer.



**28 March 1936** Tea and Social To wind up a successful sewing class under Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, a tea and social were held at the Council School this week. The tables were presided over by the ladies of the sewing classes. After tea, games took place, the accompanist being Mrs. Evans. The secretary was Mrs. W. A. Davies, and the treasurer Mrs. R. Thomas

**17 April 1937** Dramatic Society Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday by the Fochriw Dramatic Society. The music was supplied by the Serenaders Band, Merthyr, and the M.Cs. were Messrs. Idris and Arthur Cumpstone. Refreshments were served by women members of the society. The secretary is Mr. Bryn Davies.

**24 April 1937** Sewing Class To wind up the session, the Fochriw Ladies Sewing Class held a tea and entertainment at the Council School on Thursday, Councillor Sam Lewis addressing the gathering. The tray holders and helpers were Mesdames Sheen, S. G. Williams, G. Williams, L. James, M. A. Edwards D. Evans, E. Jones, R. Parry, D. Williams, G. Burrows, B. Evans, B. Edwards, W. Edwards. Mrs. M. H. Jones presided at the entertainment. The prize-winners were Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ivy Jones. The secretary was Mrs. R. Thomas with Mrs. E. Cumpstone as treasurer. Mrs. F. Evans, who was in charge of the class, responded to the vote of thanks. Thanks of were accorded Mrs. L. Smith for preparing the room.

**16 April 1938** Sewing Club Supper To close a very successful season in connection with the Sewing Club of which Mrs. Florrie Evans, Deri, is the instructor, the members sat down to a well-prepared supper at the Council Schools on Thursday evening. The company included Mrs. S. J. Jones, and one of the school governors. The tray holders and helpers were: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. James, Mrs. E. Cumpstone, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, and Mrs. D. Evans. After supper, games were indulged in, and a happy time was spent.. This secretary is Mrs. Tom Jones, and the treasurer Mrs. R. Parry.

**4 June 1938** Boy' Club A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday evening with the object of starting a Boys' Club at Fochriw. Mr. Ray Clark presided. Mr. Roberts, Bargoed, the organiser, gave an address, and it was unanimously decided to form a club. About 40 boys are already enrolled. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Mr. Ray Clark; treasurer, Mr. Rod Jones; secretary, Mr. B Davies.

**18 June 1938** Boys' Club Mr. Ray Clarke presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Monday and a good attendance of boys was present. Several important matters were discussed, among them a question of equipment. Mr. Rod Jones and Mr. Bryn Davies will attend the group meeting at Bargoed.

**25 June 1938** Boys' Club A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday when Mr. T. J. Jones presided. He gave an address: "The aims and objects of a Boys' Club." Mr. Roberts, chief organiser of Boys' Clubs, dealt with the arrangements for a week's camping holiday for the boys of Fochriw at St. Athan Camp. At the close, a large number of boys accepted the invitation for a camping holiday, which will take place during the week on which the pits in the district take their annual holiday.

**23 July 1938** Boys' Club At the boys' club sports at Ystrad Mynach on Saturday, Evan M. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, Brynteg, won three events,

securing two cups and a chemistry set. He won the 100 yards, 220 yards and the long jump. He is a pupil of Lewis' School, Pengam.

**13 August 1938** Boys' Club About 20 boys, members of the Fochriw Boys' Club, returned from St. Athan's Camp last week after a week's stay.

**19 November 1938** Boys' Club The Boys' Club has 60 members with Mr. Bryn Davies as secretary, and Mr. Rod Jones as treasurer. Mr. Roberts, Bargoed, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, are P.T. and musical training instructors. Two football teams play in the boys' league. A joint meeting of the representatives of the Library and Institute, Welfare Association, and Boys' Club were held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Councillor Sam Lewis presided. The meeting was convened to discuss the question of a building for the Boys' Club. It was decided to hold a further meeting, and to see Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser, and Captain Glynne Jones on the matter.

**24 December 1938** Social A successful tea and entertainment took place at the Council School on Monday evening, when all the members of the sewing class, with their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, met. The tables were decorated and attended to by Mesdames B. Harris, S. G. Williams, P. Edwards, Misses R. Davies, Irwen Thomas, Mrs. L. D. Smith. Games were indulged in. The secretary was Miss Rosie Davies, and the treasurer Mrs. Ray Parry.

**21 January 1939** Boys' Club Upon the invitation of the Rev. J. C. Payne, the vicar of Penydarren, members of Fochriw Boys' Club visited St. John's Church Guild on Thursday last. The evening's programme commenced with a table tennis match that was won by the Guild. In the billiards match, Fochriw proved victors in all the games played. Refreshments were prepared by Mrs. Payne and the girls of the Guild. When food was served, the position was "all square." The darts match also ended in a victory for Fochriw. The matches were followed by an impromptu dance. The secretary of the Boys' Club, Mr. Bryn Davies, thanked the Vicar, Mrs. Payne and members of the Guild, and extended an invitation to the Penydarren Guild to be a guests of the Fochriw Boys' Club in the near future.

On Monday at the New Hall, Mr. R. Clark presided at a meeting of the Boys' Club. Mr. Roberts, the organiser, addressed the meeting and outlined ways and means of proceedings with the object of securing a Boys' Club in the village. It was explained that a building was essential, so that it could be used six nights a week, if necessary. The Boys' Club movement was by far the strongest movement in South Wales, and there were 126 clubs already in existence. He could see nothing to prevent Fochriw having a building of their own, provided a suitable piece of ground could be secured. It was decided to seek premises of their own and a number of schemes for raising part of the money were considered.

**11 February 1939** Boys' Club At the weekly meeting of the Fochriw Boys' Club, it was reported by the Secretary that the numbers on the books showed an increase once more. However, there were still a few boys left in the village who should join the club immediately to strengthen the case of Mr. E. Roberts, Bargoed, for a building at Fochriw for the use of boys. A site had been procured and progress is being made in this direction. It was also decided to hold a number of special efforts for raising funds. The first of these will be a series of four weekly dancing classes to commence next week. The public are invited to any of the Boys' Club meetings to see the way in which the boys spend their evenings, as much money has now been

spent in providing the boys with indoor games and handicraft tools. A visit by the parents will convince them that the boys are being instructed in a manner that was denied to the elder people. The music group and P.T. classes are still popular, and it is expected that the woodwork class will also be a popular feature.

**4 March 1939** Boys' Club A took place at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. Raymond Clark presided. Also present were Mr. G. B. Bradney, Cardiff, and Mr. E. Roberts, of the Bargoed Boys' Club. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Bradney, Mr. Roberts, members of the Boys' Club committee, and Mr. Daniel (Welfare organiser), should meet the Library Committee, and the Welfare Committee, to discuss the question of facilities in the new building for the boys' club.

**11 March 1939** Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. Music was supplied by the Melody-Makers Band. The M.Cs. were Mr. G. Davies and Mr. W. Rees.

**25 March 1939** Club Dance A dance in aid of the Boys' Club was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The music was supplied by the Melody Makers Band. The M.Cs. were Mr. Windsor Rees, Gomer Davies and Gordon Lawrence.

**25 March 1939** Women's Social Club Mrs. S. Phillips presided at the meeting on Monday at the New Hall, when a lecture and demonstration was given by Mrs. Sessions, Cardiff, on "Winter Salads." The members are rehearsing for the singing festival at Bargoed. They are being trained by Mr. Bryn Mordecai and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The secretary is Mrs. L. Thomas, with Mrs. M. Shankland as treasurer.

**1 April 1939** Girls' Club At a meeting of the Girls' Club on Thursday evening, a very pleasant time was spent, Mrs. S. Phillips presiding. Miss Floyd Morgan, Tredegar, entertained the club with a musical programme. A vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Evans and family in their recent bereavement. On Sunday, the members accompanied by Mrs. Phillips (leader) and Mrs. K. Williams (treasurer), journeyed to Bargoed to compete at the annual eisteddfod.

**8 April 1939** Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. The music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed. The M.Cs. were Messrs. G. Davies, W. Rees, and C. Cumpstone.

**15 April 1939** Social On Monday Hall, the social was organised by the Girls Club. Mrs. L. Phillips, organiser, was assisted by Misses Williams and L. Thomas, Mesdames H. Archer, B. Angell, D. Harris, A. Cumpstone, W. Pope, Harding, J. Lawrence, W. Morgan, .E L. Thomas. Members of the Boys' and Women's Clubs were present. Games and a miscellaneous concert were held. The pianist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

**22 April 1939** Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers Band, with Mr. G. Davies and Mr. C. Cumpstone as M.Cs

**6 May 1939** Dance Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed, and the M.Cs. was Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone.

**6 May 1939** Football The following Fochriw boys have been selected to play in the Rhymney Valley group against the Pontypridd group of Boys' Clubs semi-finals for the Chris Page Cup: Edryd Jones, Gethin Jones, Evan M. Lewis (captain), Alun Davies and Jack Davies.

**13 May 1939** Boys' Club Mr. Ray Clarke presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Monday. The secretary reported on the progress of the club. The Gym team was active, and the football team had won the cup for the Boys' Club League. Singing was another part of the programme, and was conducted by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

**13 May 1939** Cup Winners Fochriw Boys' Club entertained Aberbargoed on Saturday in the final of the Boys' Club League. Fochriw were on top form and won 5-0. They were represented by: H. J. Watkins, D. R. and Edryd Jones, Ewart Davis, Gethin Jones, E. M. Lewis, Cadvan Cumpstone, Ivor Davies, W. Williams, Alun and Jack Davies. The referee was Mr. Ben Davies.

**20 May 1939** Boys' Club Plans A meeting of the Library and Institute and Outdoor Welfare Committees, and the Boys' Club Committee was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Among those present were Mr. R. Whitfield Parker (Central Miners' Welfare Committee, London), Mr. F. Daniel (Welfare organiser), Mr. E. Bradney (Boys' Club organiser), and Mr. Roberts (local boys' club organiser). Councillor W. J. Payne welcomed the guests. Mr. Daniel, who presided, said the purpose of the meeting was to examine the position of the various organisations, and attempt to agree a co-operative scheme that would be of benefit to them all. The difficulty at present was the small amount of room available for the boys to carry out their many activities. He appreciated the difficulties, and felt, under the circumstances, that the institute committee had done their best. They would soon be commencing a new building, which should make a great difference. Mr. Bradney, Mr. Parker and Mr. Roberts also spoke. It was agreed that when the new building was completed, the present billiard hall should be handed over to the boys' club.

**27 May 1939** Dance Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a dance took place at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed, with Mr. G. Rees and Mr. C. Cumpstone as M.Cs.

On Saturday, five of the local boys' club members played for the Rhymney Valley Boys' Clubs against the Brynmawr area Boys' Clubs at Pontypridd in the final of the Chris Page Cup. Exhilarating football was witnessed, Brynmawr winning after extra-time by three goals to two.

**15 July 1939** Boys' Club A tea, concert and presentation of the Football Cup took place at the New Hall on Thursday last to mark the winning of the Rhymney Valley Boys' Club League cup by the Fochriw Boys' Club. The side is captained by Willie Williams. Mr. W. M. Davies presided and gave an address. The cup was presented to the captain by Mr. G. Roberts, Bargoed, organiser. Mr. Roberts spoke highly of the achievement, and the captain responded on behalf of the team. Musical items were rendered by Madam H. C. Davies, James J. Lewis, Miss Dilys Haines (Deri), Eddie Thomas, Gordon Price, Dennis Harding, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the piano. Items were also given by the Melody Makers' Band, Bargoed.

**22 July 1939** Girls' Club A number of members of the Club journeyed to Boverton on Friday to enjoy a week's holiday.

**18 November 1939** Sewing Class Social The sewing class, under the instruction of Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, held a tea at the Council School on Monday, when the trayholders were Mrs. F. Evans, Mrs. C. Williams, B. Harris, R. Parry, P. Edwards, L. James, M. Evans, E. Rees, S. G. Williams, M.A. Edwards, M.H. Morgan, R.M.

Cumpstone, E. Jones, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Morgan, The secretary was Mrs. M.H. Jones, and the treasurer, Miss Rosie Davies.

**9 December 1939** Boys' Clubs Concert A concert was held under the auspices of the Boys' Club at the New Hall on Thursday, when boys from the Fochriw, Deri and Abertyswg Clubs took part under the conductorship of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The choir and artistes were in excellent form. The chairman was Councillor W. J. Payne, who spoke of the advantages of the Boys' Club, and the growth of the movement. He paid tribute to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies. Mr. Bryn Roberts, organiser for the Rhymney Valley, also addressed the meeting. Mr. Roger Jones, Nelson, was also present. Refreshments were provided for the boys, the ladies of the Social Centre, and girls from the Girls Club, being in attendance. Miss D. Roberts played a selection of classical tunes and poplar songs on the piano accordion.

**16 December 1939** Dance The Boys' Club held a dance at the New Hall on Tuesday and the music was supplied by the Hotshots' Band. The MC. was Mr. G Davies.

**16 December 1939** Boys' Club The club was visited on Wednesday by the Dorian Trio. The chairman was Mr. Arnold, The Settlement, Bargoed. On Thursday, a lecture was given by Mr. Roger Jones, Mus. Bac., Nelson. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M..

**23 December 1939** Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies.

**23 December 1939** Personal Dennis Harding, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harding, Plantation-street, who, with a number of members of the boys' clubs in South Wales, went to Maesyrhaf, Trealaw, for an audition to select the party known as the Travelling Theatre to tour the British Isles, has been informed that he has been chosen as one of the boys for the tour. The adjudicators were Mr. Gregory Evans, Pontypridd; Mr. Roger Jones, Nelson; Mr. Anthony Thomas, Surrey.

**6 January 1940** Boys' Club A lantern lecture was given at the Boys' Club on Thursday by Mr. Dan Jones of the Observatory, Cardiff, entitled to "A trip through Space." This was Mr. Jones's first visit to Fochriw, but not his last, as he promised to bring a powerful telescope to the club one evening in January. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. William Lewis. The chairman was Mr. Bryn Davies.

On Monday, a social evening was held at the club. Tea was provided by the mothers of the boys and others. Visitors to the club were old boys home on holiday and Mr. E. Roberts, Bargoed. Tea was followed by a dance, music being supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's Band, with Mr. Gomer Davies as M.C. The programme was interrupted for a short time when a presentation was made to the Secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies. Mr. Davies has been secretary since the club was formed two years ago. He has built a sound club in the village, and, considering the difficulties, it is no mean achievement to build a club of 80 members. Tribute was paid to Mr. Davies's work by the chairman of the club, Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and by Mr. E. Evans and Mr. Will Williams, captain of the soccer team, who made the presentation of an oak barometer on behalf of the boys. After the distribution of prizes to the winners, the

evening ended with a few whistling solos and bird calls by Mr. John Davies, Pentwyn.

**27 January 1940** Boys' Club At a meeting held last week, the secretary reported that several activities are in progress. Mr. Gethin Jones won the table tennis championship, the finalists being Mr. Jack Davies and Mr. Gethin Jones. The juniors' gymnastic team have been equipped with a new outfit and are developing into a fine team under the careful training of Mr. Bryn Morgan, Bargoed. The drama section of the club intend producing two one-act plays. The musical side is in the capable hands of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence who is preparing the boys for their forthcoming engagements.

**16 March 1940** Boys' Club Repairs had been made to the New Hall, and this has enabled the boys' club to continue its many activities this week. On Wednesday, a dance was held, with music supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle and his band. The M.Cs. were Mr. G. Davies and Mr. C. Cumpstone. On Thursday, a lantern lecture was given by Mr. Colin Matheson, M.A., on "When the Bear Roamed Wales."

The soccer team still keeps its fine record, and on February 24th, they defeated Pontlottyn at Pontlottyn by 4 goals to 2. On Saturday, 23rd March, as champions of the Rhymney Valley, they meet the champions of the Aberdare Valley.

The physical training class is also in its stride once more, and it is hoped to stage a physical training display and boxing exhibition by members of the club soon after Easter

**9 March 1940** Dance On Wednesday, a dance was held at the New Hall under the auspices of the Boys' Club. Music was supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's band. The M.C. was Mr. G. Davies

**30 March 1940** Club Concert An inter-girls club concert was held at the New Hall on Monday last, in which the Deri and the Fochriw Girls' Clubs took part. The conductor was Miss Gwen Hagger (organiser of South Wales Girls' Clubs), and the accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The chairman was Miss Olive John, B.Sc., Bargoed. The following artistes took part: soprano, Miss Dilys Haines, Deri; contralto, Miss Megan Brown, Deri; soubrette, Miss Jenny Neade, Fochriw; elocution, Miss Elizabeth Evans, Fochriw; duetists, Misses Muriel Davies and Gwladys Harris, Fochriw. Members of the Fochriw Girls' Club took part in a one-act play, originally written by Miss Liza Evans, Fochriw Girls' Club. The guest artiste was Mr. Dennis Harding, Fochriw, who had just returned from a tour of the British Isles with the boys' clubs travelling theatre. All those who had helped to make the evening a success were thanked.

**27 April 1940** Boys' Club At the invitation of Mr. Cyril Spiers, manager of Cardiff City A.F.C., the Soccer Club were visitors to Ninian Park on Saturday, their opponents being Cardiff City Reserves. Fochriw were winners by two goals to one. After the game, three Fochriw boys were signed on for Cardiff: J. Dadge, E. Jones and E. M. Lewis. Mr. Spiers has arranged to field a side at Pontlottyn on May 4th. The Fochriw team was: M. Evans, E. Davies, E. Jones, W. Lewis, E. M. Lewis (capt), K. Davies, J. Dadge, I. Davies, T. Davies, Alun Davies, J. Davies. The secretary is Mr. Bryn Davies, 3. Glyn-terrace.

**4 May 1940** Sewing Class Social To end a successful sewing class under the supervision of Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, a tea and social were held at the Council School

on Thursday. Arrangements were made for the annual outing. The place selected this year is Worcester. The trayholders and helpers were: Mesdames M. Evans, E. Jones, T. J. James, E. Rees, C. Williams, M. A. Edwards, P. Cumpstone, M. H. Jones, S. G. Williams, R. Davies, R. Parry. The secretary was Mrs. M. H. Jones, and Miss R. Davies was treasurer.

**22 November 1940** Boys' Club The Club has commenced its winter activities, and the secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies, has arranged a varied programme.

**3 November 1940** Girls' Club At the weekly meeting of the Girls' Club on Monday, Mrs. Sam Lewis given an interesting talk. She was thanked by Miss Eliza Evans and Miss Marie Davies. The evening concluded with community singing and games. Mrs. S Jones presided. The energetic club leader is Mrs. S. Phillips. The Girls' Club entertain the evacuated girls from Sheerness every club night. They are busy with their winter programme, and hoped to include a drama in their activities.

**30 November 1940** Boys' Club The Boys' Club is in full swing again. An added attraction is the mixed club, introduced for the first time this winter, which is very popular with the hundred boys and girls who present themselves on mixed club night. In the near future, parents will have an opportunity to attend one of these mixed club nights to see how their children spend their evenings. On Monday night, the children were entertained to a talkie picture show sponsored by Messrs. Fry of Bristol. Later in the week, a similar show was put on by Mr. Lang of Sheerness. At these picture shows, 200 children were present, and if the volume of laughter was the measure of happiness, then these nights were most enjoyable. The chairman was Mr. Pay, resident school teacher from Sheerness. The Boys' Club is doing everything possible to make its guests as happy and contented as circumstances will permit. As in previous years, various teams of the club are having marked success.

**28 December 1940** Women's Club A lecture was given by the Rev. Ben Davies, Cardiff,

**17 April 1943** Youth Movement Members of the Fochriw branch of the Youth Movement spent an enjoyable time on Saturday when they went on a hiking tour. Accompanied by their warden, Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., they took the train to Torpantau station and from there climbed the Brecon Beacons. They then walked on to Brecon and returned by train.

**22 May 1943** Youth Sunday On Sunday at Carmel Church, a religious service in connection with the local youth movement was held, when an address was given by the Rev. Eurof Jones, who emphasised the part young people had to play in the building of a better and more Christian world. Portions of Scripture were read by Miss E. Evans and Master S. Davies. Prayers were said by Master H.B. Thomas and the organist was Mr. T. Walters. The collection was taken by Masters P. Mantle and J. Evans.

**29 May 1943** Youth Movement The youth movement, under the direction of their warden, Mr. Emlyn Evans, is preparing a concert to be held at the New Hall next week in aid of the Wings for Victory week.

**5 June 1943** Youth Movement The Fochriw branch of the Youth Movement are helping the "Wings for Victory" effort by giving performances at the New Hall this week. The programme is a varied one and the leaders of the movement are to be complimented for their work towards the cause. The leaders are: Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A.,

warden; Miss Olive M. Payne, sub-warden; Rev. Eurof Jones; Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.; Master Huw B. Thomas, secretary.

**12 June 1943** L.E.A. Youth Centre At the Hall last week, a variety concert was given by the Fochriw branch of the L.E.A. Youth Movement in connection with the "Wings for Victory" week. £17 7s was realised towards the weeks figure and praise is due to the warden and staff. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, presided, and addressed the leaders and members. The artistes were Misses Marie Davies & Muriel Davies (solos); Messrs. E. Davies & D. Lewis (ballet); Cyril Davies (monologue); Huw B. Thomas (pianoforte solo); Evelun Angell, Lilian Mantle, Amy Thomas, Marie Davies, Elaine Thomas, Hettie Gittins, Margaret Davies, Mary Lewis (country dancing). Selections were rendered by the choir, and the one-act plays, "Jerry Blunder's Ghost," "Visit to the Dentist in Shadows," "The Bishop's Candlesticks," and "Y Ciwrad yn a Fair," were presented by the following: Messrs. J. Evans, J. Price, D. Evans, D. Kelly, T. Williams, H. Lewis, S. Hughes, P. Mantle, D. Cumpstone, H.B. Thomas, Misses E. Angell, L. Mantle, A. Thomas, M. Davies, E. Thomas, H. Gittins, M. Davies, M. Lewis, L. Evans, M. Cumpstone and M.J. Evans. The secretary was Mr. Huw B. Thomas and the treasurer, Mr. Desmond Kelly.

**30 October 1943** Youth Movement A lecture under the auspices of the Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Movement was given last week at the New Hall by Mr. Harry West, Brithdir, who took as his subject, "Two Years in a Prison Camp." The chairman was Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A.. The speaker was thanked for his address.

**20 May 1944** "Salute the Soldier" Under the auspices of the Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Club, under the leadership of Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., and the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, a miscellaneous concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. Cyril Davies presided, and the artistes were Misses Amy Thomas, Marie Davies, Elaine Edwards, Megan Thomas and Mr. Huw B. Thomas. Selections were given by the Band, and choruses by the Youth Centre Choir. The accompanists were Miss K. Ballard and Mr. Huw B. Thomas. The shadow competition was won by Miss Olive Payne, who returned the prize towards the effort. Thanks were accorded by Coun. W.J. Payne and Rev. Eurof Jones.

**23 December 1944** Christmas Social The Sewing Class, with their teacher, Mrs. Evans, held their social at the school on Monday. The helpers were: Mesdames Walters, Harris, Phillips, Evans and James. Mrs. Evans thanked all for their splendid help and co-operation.

**6 January 1945** Youth Centre Activities Fochriw County Youth Centre (warden Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A.) commenced its 1945 session on Monday. Officers and committee were elected: Chairman, Mr. H. B. Thomas; secretary, Miss Mair Cumpstone; treasurer, Mr. Des. Kelly; committee, Mr. D.E. Evans (ex officio), Mr. Cyril Davies, Mr. Derlwyn A. Lewis, Miss Enid Davies, Miss Elaine Edwards, and Miss Elinor Griffiths. The librarian is Mr. Hywel T. Lewis, and the canteen staff Mr. C. Davies and the Misses E. & M. Davies. The Centre, which is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, offers activities including physical education, choir and music appreciation, handwork, dramatics, discussion and debating, photography, aero modelling and outdoor activities (camping, hiking etc). A religious epilogue concludes each week's work.

**31 March 1945** End of Session A social evening was held at the Fochriw Council School to end up the needlework class which has been held during the winter months.



Mrs. F. Evans, the instructress, thanked all the members for their excellent work. Mrs. Mildred Evans, Mrs. T. Rowlands and Mrs. T.J. James supervised at the tables.

**28 April 1945** Community Singing Organised by the County Youth Movement, a community singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday evening to assist the Aid for China Fund of which Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., is the president. The chairman was Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A. The singing was conducted by Mr. H. Ballard Thomas and reached a high standard. The organists were Miss A. Jones and Mr. D.J. Thomas.

**12 May 1945** Youth Concert A concert was given at the New Hall recently by members of the Fochriw County Youth Centre. Items given included pianoforte solos by Huw B. Thomas; recitations by E. Morgan and E. Davies; solos by Marie Davies and Elaine Edwards; boys' sextet led by D. Harding; girls' party led by M. Cumpstone. Choral items were given by the Centre Choir, conducted by Mr. H.B. Thomas. A mime and play, which will be performed at the county youth eisteddfod, were given. Those who took part in the mime were: Marie Davies, M. Cumpstone, E. Davies, E. Morgan, E. Cumpstone, N. Jones, J. Sullivan, C. Woods, G. Thomas, A.M. Thomas. The narrator was D. Kelly and the producer D. Emlyn Evans, B.A. The music was arranged and played by H.B. Thomas. Those who performed the play were: Huw B. Thomas, Elinor Griffiths, John Evans and John Ballard. The producer was Mr. D. Emlyn Evans and the electrician and stage manager, Mr. J.J. Davies. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones, and present at the concert were Mr. Trefor Jenkins, B.A., county youth organizer, and Mrs. Jenkins, and Miss Ena Grey, assistant organizer. Miss Grey gave an address saying that Fochriw could be proud of the talent of the young people. Mr. Jenkins also spoke. The County Youth Eisteddfod is to be held at Bridgend on Saturday, May 12, and the centre is entering many competitions.

**19 May 1945** Youth Centre's Successes Members of the Fochriw County Youth Centre went to Bridgend last Saturday to the Youth eisteddfod. The choir, under its young conductor, H. Ballard Thomas, was awarded second prize in the chief choral competition for mixed voices. The boys physical training group (leader, Bruce Campbell, M.A.; junior leader, David Mantle), gained second prize in the PT competition, and third prize in the agility competition. The club magazine was awarded first prize, and a log book of journeys made to various youth hostels won first prize. Huw Ballard Thomas was awarded first prize for his poem "Rain;" first prize for his short story, "All Sorts;" and third prize for his gamanfa ganu programme. Much credit is due to the warden, Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., for organising the club's programme. On Sunday at the Centre, a thanksgiving service was held, and those who took part were Cyril Davies, Hywel Lewis, Huw B. Thomas, John Evans and Enid Davies. The benediction was given by the Rev. Eurof Jones.

**27 October 1945** Youth Centre Dance At the New Hall on Thursday evening, a dance was held by the local Youth Centre, and was well attended. The M.C. was Mr. Glyn Edwards.

**23 February 1946** Youth Centre A miscellaneous concert, including a one-act play, was given by members of the Fochriw County Youth Centre at the New Hall on Thursday, when the programme was directed by Mr. T. Griffith Thomas, acting warden, in the absence of Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A. The chairman was Lieut. Phillip Mantle, a club member serving with the Forces. Solos were given by Miss Millie Williams and Mr. Des Kelly; a duet by Denis Harding & H.T. Lewis; comedy acts by Derlwyn Kent

and Billy Cumpstone; country dances by M. Williams, E. Kent, E. Cumpstone, E. Morgan, J. Sullivan and Lilian Mantle, accompanied by Miss Marie Davies. Items were given by the Youth Centre Choir conducted by Mr. H. Ballard. The one-act play was "Mr. Sampson," with Mr. Des Kelly as Mr. Sampson, Miss Mary Cumpstone as Miss Caraline and Miss Enid Davies as Miss Catherine. The play was produced by Mr. T.G. Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Jackie Davies, assisted by Miss Eva Davies. The concert concluded with a minstrel troupe including Mr. S.H. Davies, master; Messrs. D. Kent & B. Cumpstone, corner men; Miss M. Davies, Messrs. D. Kelly, H. Lewis, D. Harding & Len Davies. The accompanist throughout was Mr. H.B. Thomas.

A lecture was recently given at the Youth Centre by the Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, on "Humour." Thanks were extended by Mr. D. Kelly, chairman of the Youth Centre, Mr. Joshua Evans, secretary of the discussion group, Mr. David Lewis on behalf of the villagers present and the Rev. Eurof Jones, leader of the group.

**18 May 1946** Eisteddfod Success At the recent Glamorgan County Youth Eisteddfod, Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas, only son of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Thomas, Aelybryn, member of the local County Youth Centre, gained first prize for a short story, "Caravan;" second prize English reading and was the conductor of the Centre Choir, which came second in the mixed choral competition.

**3 August 1946** Visit to Council Members of the Fochriw Youth Centre were the first party to be invited to the full Council meeting of the Gelligear Urban District Council under the new arrangements this week. Six members attended and heard the deliberations of a Council meeting from 5 to 8 p.m. They were Misses Edna Jones, Mair Cumpstone, Lilian Mantle, Mr. Stuart Davies and Mr. Hugh Ballard Thomas.

**10 August 1946** Youth Club Members of the Fochriw Youth Centre journeyed to Scotland for their annual outing. Some went on Friday, and the others on Tuesday. This is their second tour of Scotland.

**26 October 1946** Youth Centre Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday in aid of the Merthyr Blind Institute. Music was played by the Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. The M.Cs. were Messrs. C. Cumpstone, H. Owen and S. Davies.

**4 January 1947** New Year's Eve Dance A social and dance was held by the Fochriw Youth Centre on New Year's Eve at the New Hall. During the evening, the Club chairman, Mr. Len Davies, presented ex-Warden, Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., with a gift from the club members in appreciation of his services. Mr. Evans suitably responded. The warden of the club is Mr. Howell Owen, Pontlottyn, and the assistant warden is Miss Edna Evans-Jones.

**29 March 1947** Annual Supper To mark the close of a successful session, the Fochriw Sewing Class, with their instructor, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, held their annual supper on Wednesday. They journeyed to Bargoed by bus, where supper was taken.

**7 May 1949** Variety Show The Fochriw Youth Centre staged a fine variety show at the New Hall on Tuesday. The show, which was produced by Mr. Derlwyn Kent and Belly Cumpstone, was received with applause. The programme was as follows: "Memories," a one act play, starring Pat Sullivan, Sibyl Jones, Stan Davies and Derlwyn Kent; the guest stars, Eddie Thomas, the Welsh Welter-weight title holder and party, including Gene Lyn (pianist), Tom Harding (tenor); acrobatics, Audrey Jones and Maureen Morgan; P.T. Display, David Mantle and John Ballard; comedy, D. Kent and B. Cumpstone. In the

Minstrel Show, the Corner Men were D. Kent and B. Cumpstone. Also taking part were: Ken Roberts, Connie Wood, Gwenfil Thomas, Ellis Davies and Sybil Jones. The pianist was Ellen Millward. The proceeds were in aid of the Youth Centre.

**18 February 1950** Youth Club At the New Hall on Tuesday, the Youth Club presented three successful one act plays. The chairman was the Vicar, who complimented the performers and their producer, Mr. H. Owen. The following took part: "Sixth Hour" - Marie Roberts, Sybil Jones, Raymond Davies, Tudor Powell, Wm. Cumpstone; "Lights Out" - John Ballard, Margaret Jones, Patricia Sullivan; "The Bathroom Door" - David J. Evans, Lorna Rees, Tudor Powell, Margaret Jones, Sybil Jones, John Ballard.

**7 October 1950** Motor-Cycle Club A meeting was held at the Hall at which it was decided to form a Motor-Cycle Club in the village. Officers were appointed: Chairman, Mr. N. G. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. W. Abbey; secretary, Mr. T. I. Shankland, 11, Guest-street.

**23 December 1950** Sewing Class Supper The annual supper took place last week at Farley's Restaurant. Mrs. F. Evans is the teacher and a vote of thanks was moved by Nurse Ballard Davies and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence. The secretary is Mrs. Ethel Rowlands and the treasurer Mrs. C. Shankland.

**23 December 1950** Motor-Cycle Club Dance The first annual dance was held at the Mayfair Ballroom, Pontlottyn. The M.C.s were Mr. Cadvan Cumpstone and Mr. John Lewis. Music was supplied by the St. Louis Dance Orchestra. The refreshments were served by Mrs. M. H. Morgan, Mrs. M. Burrows, Mrs. Lucy Jenkins and Mrs. M. Sheen. Electricity interference was suffered so another dance will be held on Jan. 19. The secretary is Mr. T. I. Shankland.

**10 February 1951** Motor Club's Dance A successful dance was held at the Mayfair Hall, Pontlottyn, by the Fochriw and District Motor Club. A good crowd enjoyed a pleasant evening. The M.Cs. were Mr. Gordon Lawrence and Mr. John Lewis.

**17 February 1951** Fochriw and District Motor Cycle Club The first annual supper took place at the Rising Sun on Saturday. Mr. E. Evans stated that he was proud there was such enthusiasm among the members. Mr. T. Lloyd Davies, Pontlottyn, spoke of the good days he enjoyed as a member of the Ebbw Vale Club, and hoped that the membership of this club would increase. Mr. J. Davies said he hoped that the formation of the club would be the beginning of motor sport in the area, and he mentioned that some members were hoping to tour the Continent. Officials appointed were: President, Mr. E. Evans; vice-presidents, Mr. T. Lloyd Davies and Mr. Gordon Lawrence; chairman, Mr. N. G. Thomas; hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Idris Shankland; treasurer, Mr. W. Abbey; captain, Mr. Jack Davies.

**3 March 1951** County Youth Club Players At the New Hall on Thursday evening last, the Youth Players presented three one-act plays. The chairman was Mr. Emlyn Evans.

**24 March 1951** Social Evening After the completion of the sewing class under the tuition of Mrs. F. Evans, a social evening was held at the Fochriw Primary School on Thursday last to mark a successful session. The catering was arranged by Mrs. E. Rowlands, Mrs. E. Rees, and Mrs. L. Evans.

**31 March 1951** Training Scheme The Fochriw Motor Cycle Club, presided over by Mr. W.G. Thomas, held a meeting recently at the Old Reading Room to discuss the

prospects of running the R.A.C. – A.C.U. scheme for training learner motor cyclists. Mr. A.A. Thompson, motor cycle manager, R.A.C., explained the scheme, and said it was backed by the R.A.C. Auto Cycle Union, Ministry of Transport, the police, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, the local Education Authorities, as well as the Road Safety Committee. Mr. T. Idris Shankland, hon. Secretary, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Thompson, which was seconded by Mr. Jack Davies, captain.

**13 October 1951** Social Evening A social evening in connection with the Evening Sewing Class, under the direction of Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, was held at the school on Monday. Year after year, this class grows in popularity, and the teacher has made it a great success. Assistance at the tea and social was given by Mrs. Ethel Rowlands, treasurer, Mesdames C. Shankland, Mildred Evans and Elsie Rees.

**9 February 1952** Motor Cycling The annual meeting of the Fochriw and District Motor Cycling Club took place at the Old Library. Messrs. Jack Davies and John Evans, auditors, spoke of the club's financial position, which is very good after buying new headquarters. It was decided to hold the annual supper at the Rising Sun Inn on February 23. Officers appointed for the coming year are: president, Mr. E. Evans; vice-presidents, P.C. B. Perryman, Messrs. G. Lawrence, T. Lloyd Davies (South End Garage), and E. Pritchard; chairman, Mr. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Davies; treasurer, Mr. W. Abbey; captain, Mr. N.G. Thomas; vice-captain, Mr. B. Dummett; sports secretary, Mr. W.C. Hollister; hon. Secretary, Mr. T.I. Shankland, 11, Guest-street, Fochriw.

**1 March 1952** Motor Cycle Club The Fochriw & District Motor Cycle Club held their second annual supper at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday. Mr. Jack Jones presided. In his opening address, he thanked the officials for the work completed during the chairmanship of Mr. W. G. Thomas. Mr. T. I. Shankland spoke of the Club's general position, stating that there were 40 contributing members at present. He hoped this would increase. After a year of heavy expenditure, the financial position was satisfactory. The funds were swelling weekly. On April 27, a standard machine trial open to riders of clubs affiliated to the East-South Wales Centre of the Auto-Cycle Union would be run at Fochriw, and he hoped that all members would support this first event of the club. Other speakers were: Mr. Jack Davies, vice-chairman; Mr. W. Abbey, treasurer; Mr. L. Mantle. A picture will appear next week.

**12 April 1952** Session Ends The Women's Social Centre celebrated the end of another session with a tea, when a presentation was made by Mrs. Chapman on behalf of the members to Mrs. Bevan, Deri, as a token of appreciation of her efforts to make the session a successful one. Officers of the Social Centre are: chairman, Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage; secretary, Mrs. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. E. Chapman.

**5 July 1952** Sports on Wheels The Fochriw Motor Cycle Club organised sports for motor-cycle and cycles at the Welfare Ground on Saturday in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund. A large crowd gathered, and the event was a financial success. Mrs. Joan Owens, secretary of the O.A.P. Outing Fund, wishes to thank everyone who helped to achieve this success. Winners in the events were: Motor Cycle Sports: Riding the pegs: Baden Dummit; egg and spoon race, Idris Shankland and Mrs. Enid Jones; sticking the potatoes, Idris Shankland and Eileen Watkins; bun race, Baden Dummit and Mrs. W. Jenkins; Relay race, Idris Shankland and Gogie Oliver; musical chairs, Oliver Morgan and Miss Pat Brown; Cycle Sports: Around Tunnel Pits road race, L. Evans, Deri; slow

motion, Hadne Woods; relay race, Islwyn Shankland and Hadne Woods; late for school, Gareth Williams; egg and spoon, Horace Davies. Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, chairman of the O.A.P. Supporters' Committee, presented the prizes.

**24 January 1953** Cycling Club Supper The third annual supper took place at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday. The Host and Hostess, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Pritchard, prepared an excellent meal. Later, a first class concert was given by Al Lewis Bros., Pengam. The chairman was Mr. Jack Davies and the pianist was Mr. Jack Jones. At the close Mr. I. Shankland proposed a vote of thanks to the Host and Hostess and helpers, seconded by Mr. Jack Jones and Mr. Gordon Lawrence. The president of the club is Mr. Emlyn Evans; secretary, Mr. W. Abbey; treasurer, Mr. N. Thomas.

**4 April 1953** Motor Club The Fochriw and District Motor Club held their annual dance at the Mayfair, Pontlottyn, on Friday. Music was supplied by the Tommy Watkins Melody Makers. The M.C.s were Messrs. C. Cumpstone, G. Lawrence and G. Davies. The secretary was Mr. William Abbey. The event proves more attractive each year.

**11 July 1953** Literary and Debating Society A meeting took place at the School on Tuesday, at which the speaker was Mr. J.B. Jones, B.A., warden of Bargoed and Rhymney Educational Settlement. His subject was "The Principles and Practice of Economics – with special reference to World Economic Affairs." Mr. Jones' lecture was followed by questions and a discussion. The Society begins its winter session in October. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

**17 October 1953** Debating Society The opening meeting of the Fochriw Literary and Debating Society took place on Friday at the School, when the Society was addressed by Mr. Trevor Evans, B.A., Director of Education for Glamorgan, on the subject, "Progress in Education." After his talk, Mr. Jenkins invited questions of the audience, who eagerly took advantage of this. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Stuart Davies, and seconded by Mr. C. Cumpstone. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Phil Mantle. At the next meeting of the Society on Tuesday, October 20, there will be a film show. The officials of the Society are: chairman, Mr. P. Mantle; vice-chairman, Mr. S.H. Davies; treasurer, Miss Enid Cumpstone; secretary, Mr. Desmond Kelly, 2. Dynevor-street, Fochriw. It is hoped the public will attend the meetings of the Society, which has an excellent programme drawn up for the season.

**31 October 1953** Film Show Continuing its winter programme, the recent meeting of the Literary and Debating Society took the form of a film show, comprising four films that were provided by the Glamorgan Further Education Committee. The films shown were: "The Servant of the People;" "Julius Caesar" (the Forum Scene); "The Story of David Livingstone;" "Steps of the Ballet." A vote of thanks to the Authority and its projectionist, Mr. Simlett, was proposed by Miss Lorna Jenkins, B.A., and seconded by Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A. In the next meeting on Tuesday November 3, the society will be addressed by Mr. D. E. Howell of Cardiff, his subject being "What is a good citizen?"

**14 November 1953** Debating Society "What is a good Citizen?" was the subject of an address given by Coun. D. E. Howells of Cardiff at the Fochriw Literary and Debating Society. Mr. Howells outlined the main points of law and matters relating to local authorities and Parliament which every good citizen should know. Mr. Stuart Davies proposed a vote of thanks. Mr. P. Mantle presided.

**21 November 1953** "The Challenge" Fochriw Literary and Debating Society were addressed by Mr. Meredith Jones, Organiser for Further Education in Glamorgan, on

“The Challenge to Young People.” Thanks were accorded by Mr. D.A. Lewis and Nurse M. Lewis. Mr. Phil Mantle presided.

**28 November 1953** Debating Society “The Theatre” was the subject of an address by Mr. E. J. Williams of Brynmawr at the recent meeting of the Society. Mr. Williams talk contained many interesting facts about plays, authors and actors, and he displayed a vast knowledge of drama in general. Miss O. M. Payne proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Frank Jenkins. Mr. Stuart Davies presided.

**5 December 1953** Debating Society “The Continental Sunday” was the subject of a discussion at the meeting of the Literary and Debating Society. The subject was introduced by Miss Lorna Jenkins, B.A. Mr. P. Mantle thanked Miss Jenkins. The president was Mr. Desmond Kelly.

**5 December 1953** Dance the Fochriw and District Motor Cycling Club held their annual dance at the Mayfair Dance Hall, Pontlottyn, on Friday. Music was provided by the Blue Diamond Band. The M.Cs. were Messrs. Gomer Davies, Gordon Lawrence and Cadfan Cumpstone.

**12 December 1953** Reminiscences The Rev. Crwys Williams, M.A., spoke at the recent meeting of the Literary and Debating Society on “Persons, Places and Incidents,” a collection of reminiscences, humorous and otherwise, and related in his own inimitable manner. Thanks were accorded by Mr. Howell Owen and Mr. Phil Mantle. The chairman was Mr. Desmond Kelly.

**2 January 1954** Debating Society At the recent meeting, the speaker was the Rev. W.J. Davies, Tredegar, who spoke on “The Development of Welsh Folk Singing and Hymns Tunes.” A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., seconded by Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone. Mr. Desmond Kelly presided.

**16 January 1954** Literary and Debating Society Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., addressed the meeting his subject being “The Rhymney Valley.” The talk was illustrated with film. Mr. Phil Mantle, chairman, thanked Mr. Evans.

**23 January 1954** Literary and Debating Society At the recent meeting, the speaker was the Rev. E. L. Mendus of Cardiff, whose subject was “Adventures in Friendship, East and West.” Mr. Mendus, a missionary in the East for many years, selected some of his experiences and spoke of the friendships he had formed. Mr. P. Mantle presided. Mr. S. Davies proposed a vote of thanks.

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**13 February 1954** Literary and Debating Society Mr. D. Robinson Evans, M.P.S., of Cardiff, was the speaker at the recent meeting. His subject was "Problems of World Population." The members joined enthusiastically in the ensuing discussion. Mr. D. A. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker. The chairman was Mr. D. Kelly.

**27 February 1954** Literary and Debating Society "Child Welfare" was the subject of an address by Nurse Mimi Lewis at the last meeting of the Society. An interesting discussion followed. Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone proposed a vote of thanks to Nurse Lewis. Mr. D. Kelly was the chairman.

**13 March 1954** Literary and Debating Society "Welsh Culture" was the subject of an address by the Rev. R. Jones, Dowlais, to the society recently. Mr. Jones spoke mainly of the literary aspects of Welsh Culture and read portions of the Mabinogion and some well-known poems. Mr. D. Kelly proposed a vote of thanks, and Mr. Stuart Davies presided.

**27 March 1954** Debate On Wednesday, The Literary and Debating Society visited Bedlinog to take part in an inter-society debate on the topic "That Civilization is not worth the price paid for it." Fochriw, proposing the motion, were represented by Messrs. Frank Jenkins and Cecil Richards, and the Bedlinog speakers were Messrs. D. A. Gittens & J. B. Thomas. Following a lively debate, the proposition was carried 13-10. Mr. Tom Cook proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of Bedlinog, and Mr. D. Kelly replied on behalf of Fochriw.

**6 November 1954** "Music of Wales" Fochriw Literary and Debating Society held their first meeting of the new session on Tuesday at the New Hall. The chairman was Mr. C. Cumpstone. The speaker was Mr. D.W. Davies, B.A., Ystrad Mynach, whose subject was "Music of Wales." He was thanked by Mr. W.A. Davies, seconded by Mr. Dan James. The secretary is Miss E. Evans, Martin-street.

**13 November 1954** Debating Society An interesting meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, when the subject was "The Re-armament of Germany." Mr. C. Cumpstone was the chairman. The visitors were Bargoed. The speakers for Fochriw were Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. Frank Jenkins. All speakers dealt aptly with the subject.

**20 November 1954** Literary and Debating Society Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., member of the School Service staff of the National Museum of Wales, gave an illustrated talk on "The Scenery of Wales," at the recent meeting. Mrs. D. Jenkins, vice-chairman, presided. Miss Olive Payne and Mr. D. James thanked Mr. Evans.

**4 December 1954** Debating Society On Tuesday last at the New Hall, the guest speaker at the Fochriw Literary and Debating Society was Mr. D. Robinson Evans of Cardiff, whose subject was "Medicine and Society." He was thanked by Mr. Phil Mantle. The chairman was Mr. C. Cumpstone.

**11 December 1954** Literary and Debating Society Mr. Frank Jenkins presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mr. D. T. Williams, B.Sc., Bargoed, spoke on "Science - its benefits and challenge to Man." He was thanked by Mrs. H. L. Farley and Mr. E. Lewis.

**13 April 1957** Evening Classes Social A party was held on Monday to close the session of the embroidery, needlework, and home furnishing classes. Mrs. F. Evans, the teacher, congratulated the students on the high standard of work achieved. The party was provided by Mesdames M. Pritchard, R. James, K. Evans, E. Jones, M. Gittos, and

Miss R. Davies. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. J. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. B. Davies.

**19 October 1957** Scout Award At a jubilee presentation night in St. David's Hall, Rhymney, in connection with the Boy Scouts, Commissioner Artie Morgan congratulated Senior Sixer Robert Carl Blunt, Fochriw, on gaining the Leaping Wolf award. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Blunt, The Villas, Fochriw.

**5 March 1960** Boys Club Project A committee has been set up in Fochriw, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tudor Moon, to form a club to provide recreational facilities for boys of 12 years and upwards from the Fochriw District. Other officers appointed are Messrs. Billy Davies (vice-chairman); Glyndwr Jenkins (secretary); Gerald Gwynne (treasurer). The Welfare Committee has lent them two rooms that they are improving and decorating. They also hope to make a lot of their own equipment, and have already commenced work on a table tennis table. Three football teams are at present in existence with a fairly complete fixture list. Also, they have provided entries for the N.C.B. boxing championships. It is hoped to include art and drama as well as training in craft. Their present needs are for gymnastic and craft equipment. Also, voluntary, trained leaders would be welcomed.

**12 March 1960** Boys' Club Following the report of the formation of a Boys' Club, the local response has been very satisfactory. Gym equipment has been loaned by Bargoed Y.M.C.A., and as a result of a meeting at the weekend, more new leaders have come forward. Two football matches have been played. The under 18's drew, 1-1, with an all-age Tredegar 'Red and White' team. The under 15's played Bargoed Y.M.C.A. and lost 1-0. Plans for an official opening of the club are in hand, but the committee is anxious that the newly renovated premises should be in tip-top condition before being seen by the public.

**28 May 1960** Fochriw Has Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club Fochriw Y.M.C.A. – an auxiliary of Bargoed Y.M.C.A. – on Sunday elected an executive committee, which will eventually form the nucleus of a full management committee. Elected to the council were Messrs. Tudor Moon, Chairman; Glyn Jenkins, leader; Ronald Bradley, secretary; Gerald Gwynne, treasurer, and G. Grose. Boys' representatives are Messrs. John Thomas (over 16s), and R. Morgan (under 16s). It was agreed that subscriptions would be 2/- for working men on joining, plus 1/- per week thereafter, and 1/- for schoolboys on joining, and 6d per week thereafter. It was decided for the present to start no new members over the age of 16. The position will be reviewed once a month. It was decided to hold a camping weekend at Whitsuntide, with Mr. G. Gwynne as leader. Any kit required will be borrowed from the Bargoed "Y.M." It was also agreed that club members would attend on Tuesday evenings to work on the club premises, that a model aircraft club be run, possibly on Thursday evenings, that the cycling enthusiasts should link up with the Bargoed Y.M.C.A. Cycling Club on their weekly runs, that friendly matches of table tennis be arranged with other clubs, that an under 16 football team be entered in the Rhymney Valley League next season, and that other programme items for next winter be considered at an early date. Mr. C.L. Meakin, secretary of the Bargoed Y.M.C.A., told members that he looked forward to members of the Fochriw Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club taking part in various Y.M.C.A. activities, and he was sure it would not be long before its members made their mark as a successful club.



**16 July 1960** Fochriw Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club Plans The first meeting of the full committee of the Club will be held on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that the secretary of the Welsh Y.M.C.A. will attend. At the meeting, a report of the club's progress will be given, and plans for the coming year discussed. It is hoped to build a small canteen, and to install facilities to make the building waterproof. After the holiday season, a start will be made on arrangements for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The scheme is for boys 14 to 18.

**30 July 1960** Boys' Club Coun. Payne presided at the meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club on Thursday, and paid tribute to all the work that had been done to improve the building. The Vicar opened the meeting with prayer. Speakers were Mr. Meaken, Bargoed Y.M.C.A., who reported on the club's progress, and Mr. Roberts, General Secretary, Cardiff. Mr. Roberts congratulated the leaders on the progress to date, and promised support from the National Council wherever possible. He said that whilst it was natural and desirable for boys and young men to take part in a physical programme, the central purpose of the Y.M.C.A. should not be overlooked. The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Gerald Gwynne, who said that some £70 had been spent on renovations and equipment, and that there was a cash balance of £24 10s. It was agreed that a canteen be provided; that skilled labour be used where necessary; and that Calor Gas heating be installed for an experimental period. Meetings of the Management Committee would be held on the third Wednesday of every month. Officers and committee are: Coun. W. J. Payne (president); Messrs. T. Moon (chairman); Glyn Jenkins (club leader); Ronald Bradley (secretary); G. Gwynne (treasurer); G. Grose, N. Withers, M. Evans, J. Thomas, W. Morgan, P. Jarman, D. Ballard, Rev. E. Sedgemore, and representatives of Bargoed Y.M.C.A..

**7 January 1961** Fochriw Y.M.C.A. The first Christmas party was held at headquarters last week. Supper had been prepared by the ladies of the club. Certificates were awarded by the chairman, Mr. Grose, to the two best sportsmen of the year - Mr. Frank Davey, Pentwyn, best footballer, and Mr. Brinley Williams, Fochriw, best table tennis player.

**12 August 1961** Fochriw Y.M.C.A. On Saturday, members of the Club had a most enjoyable trip to Barry Island by motor coach. The weather was fine and splendid arrangements were made by the secretary, Mr. Shankland, and the treasurer, Mr. Hann.

**7 October 1961** Y.M.C.A. Mr. Norman Withers presided over a meeting at the headquarters on Thursday, and welcomed a number of officers and members of the Bargoed Y.M.C.A. Mr. Michael Shankland's resignation as secretary was received, and he was thanked for his past services to the club. Arrangements were made for the appointment of a secretary and a club leader. Several members discussed the proposed new building, including Mr. Menking and Mr. Bryn Roberts of Bargoed "Y.M." It is hoped in the near future to proceed with the scheme. The president, Coun. W.J. Payne, thanked Mr. Menking and the Bargoed Y.M.C.A. for the great assistance they had given in the formation of the Fochriw Branch. The Vicar opened and closed the meeting in prayer.

**4 November 1961** Y.M.C.A. A meeting was held last Wednesday, chaired by Mr. Norman Withers, supported by the president, Coun. W.J. Payne, the Vicar, and Mr. Meaking, Bargoed. Discussion took place on the proposed new building.

**27 January 1962** Y.M.C.A. At Thursday's meeting of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Norman Withers presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne (president of the Y.M.C.A.), Mr. J. Gifford (secretary), Mr. Neville Hann (treasurer), Mr. Meakin (Bargoed), and Mr. Jack Davies. The Vicar opened the meeting in prayer. Discussion centred on the proposed erection of the Y.M.C.A. new building and advice was offered by Mr. Meakin and others. Regret was expressed at the damage to the present building. The Y.M.C.A. football team is making good progress.

**26 May 1962** New Y.M.C.A. Building The proposed new Y.M.C.A. building was discussed at this week's meeting, when Coun. W.J. Payne presided, and the Vicar opened the meeting with prayer. Those present included Mr. J. Gifford, secretary, and Mr. Neville Hann, treasurer. They heard Mr. Smith of Cardiff explain the implications involved in building a new local Y.M.C.A. centre. Three local representatives attended the Royal garden party at Duffryn Gardens for the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal. They were the Vicar and Mrs. Sedgemore and Coun. Payne.

**4 August 1962** Y.M.C.A. A meeting of the Y.M.C.A. was held at headquarters on Thursday evening presided over by Mr. Norman Withers. The Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore, opened the meeting with prayer. Also present were Mr. Smith, Cardiff, Mr. Jones, Pontlottyn (architect), Mr. Nevill Hann and Mr. Glyn Jenkins, secretary, and the president, Councillor W.J. Payne. Chief discussion centred on the proposed new building. Comments were given by Mr. Smith and the architect. It was decided to await a further report from Mr. Smith, Cardiff. The Y.M.C.A. football teams are busy preparing for the coming season with their secretary, Mr. Philip Jones.

**7 September 1963** Y.M.C.A. Fochriw Y.M.C.A. football team entertained Phillipstown at the Welfare Field on Saturday in a friendly game. The result was a draw, 2 goals each. On Saturday, Sept. 7, the team will play away at Brithdir.

**5 October 1963** Y.M.C.A. Fochriw played McClaren on Saturday and drew 0 – 0. R. Dummett was outstanding in goal. The under 14's played their first game of the season against Georgetown and won 7 – 1. The "open-age" side is away at Cardiff today in the first round of the F.A. Amateur Cup. It is the first time Fochriw have entered. A bus leaves the station at 1 p.m. to take the team and supporters. Ties and badges are being awarded by the club. A player needs thirty points to qualify. Three points are awarded for playing, two for attending as a reserve. A plaque will be given to the season's outstanding player.

**29 February 1964** Fochriw Y.M.C.A. News The under 18's were successful recently when they deservedly defeated Aberaman at home 5-4. The A team was in top form in their home game with Troedrhifuwch, winning 3-0. The B team was away to Deri, and not to be outdone won 3-0.

**2 May 1964** Post Office Visit Members of the Y.M.C.A. together with Mr. Trevor Holifield and Mr. David Price toured the main sorting office of the Post Office in Cardiff. They were shown the various stages of sorting, and setting mails for different parts of the country.

**11 May 1964** Jumble Sale A jumble sale in aid of the Y.M.C.A. was held on Saturday and raised £32.

**30 May 1964** A Fochriw Need Fulfilled: By 'Wanderer' Fochriw Y.M.C.A. is at present a youthful movement, and like a growing child is having teething troubles, but I am confident that the problems will be overcome, and that it will develop into a healthy

adult. I am glad to report that steady progress is maintained. The will to succeed is there. I wish to appeal for better public support because it is something the village has needed for years.