

“Merthyr Express” 4 September 1880

Sunday School Treat On Thursday last, the 24th, the Church gave her annual Sunday school treat. The children with their teachers assembled in the mission church between two and three o'clock. A short service was said by the vicar of the parish, during which service the choir and children sang two hymns, accompanied on the piano by Miss Effie Kenty Jones. Service over, a procession was formed, headed by the clergy, and followed by the Bargoed Brass Band, and then the children, two deep, took up the rear. After having traversed some part of the neighbourhood, the procession returned to the schoolroom, when each child was satisfied with “te a bara brith.” After the juvenile feast was over, the youngsters were dismissed to their juvenile games. Now commences the “tea fight” in earnest as 120 adults partook of the cup that does not inebriate; even my lady friends were satisfied with the cake. Mr. and Mrs. G. Phillips should be proud of having obtained such celebrity. Great praise is due to the ladies presiding at the tea table, namely, Mrs. and Miss Evans, Mrs. and Miss Pryse, Misses Morgan, Thomas and Breillat, and Mrs. James and Mrs. Bradley acquitted themselves remarkably well in the “brewing department;” and James, E. Lewis, Payne and Radley discharged their “cutting duties” most satisfactorily. The following clergymen were present: The Revs. T. Theophilus, vicar of the parish; J. L. Meredith, rector of Gelligaer; H. Harris and D. J. Jones, Rhymney; E. Evans, Deri; T. L. Davies and W. Jones Evans, Pontlottyn. There were also present the Misses E. & C. Theophilus, and Master Georgie, Mrs Jones Evans, and Miss Effie Kent Jones. After the “fight” was over, hundreds, including tea drinkers and sight seers, adjourned to the Marquis of Bute’s park (the mountain side) to indulge in various games, some in dancing to the tune of sweet music, discoursed by the Bargoed Brass Band, others in racing and jumping, and the other class in “Kissing in the ring.” About eight o'clock the band struck up the finale, and then marched home, and then little by little pleasure seekers began to disappear, till at nine o'clock stillness reigned on the mountainside.

“Merthyr Express” 13 August 1881

Vochriw Church School The Church gave its Sunday School a treat on Thursday last. There was a large crowd, natives and aliens, to witness it. At 2.30 p.m. the vicar of the parish said a short service. No sooner was this over than the children and adults were formed into a procession, headed by the clergy and the brass band from Deri and Bargoed. After making the circle of the “city,” young and old returned to the schoolroom, where ample provision was made for them. The feeding over, the ticket purchasers were allowed an innings. They partook of tea and cake from four different tables, which were served by Mrs. Richards, Mrs Morgan, Miss Kent Jones and Miss Jones-Evans, who were assisted by a staff of waitresses which was numerous and attentive. There was a grand display of flowers at each table, but not was so exquisite as that presented by Miss Harris. The greatest part of the large concourse subsequently adjourned to the Vochriw “park,” which is an extensive one, some to dance to the sweet music of the band, others to amuse themselves with “kiss in the ring.” We noticed, also, that the Vochriw Cricket Club were disporting itself, on the green sward close by. The clergy present, fewer than usual, owing to the Rhymney treat being on the same day, were Revs. T. Theophilus, vicar, J. L. Meredith, rector of Gelligaer, T. Williams, Dowlais, E. Evans, Deri, and W. Jones-Evans, curate of Vochriw. The room was tastefully decorated by Miss Kent Jones and others.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July 1882

Vochriw Mission Church On Monday last, the annual Sunday school treat was given. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, a large concourse consisting of men, women, and children came together. The Church had been decorated by the Misses Kent Jones, Harris, Williams and Mantle, and they deserve great credit for the interest they take in church work. The little ones began to assemble at 1.30 p.m., but when at the special hour of two the “German Band,” under the able and special leadership of Herr Von Nessel, discoursing sweet music, made its appearance, the place seemed alive with excitement , and tea was served under the management of Mrs. James and Miss Margaret Thomas. At 2.30 p.m. the Rev. T. Theophilus arrived, and at once proceeded to read a short service. The choir under the leadership of Mr. J. Harris did its part well, with Miss Kent Jones presiding at the harmonium. The unpropitious state of the weather prevented the usual procession. Now the onslaught on the “bara brith,” etc. commenced - upwards of 100 “grinding mills” were at work - the fires were blazing - the water was boiling - the women converting it to tea - the waitresses were conveying it - and the children were eating and drinking. The juniors satisfied, the seniors presented themselves at the different tables, when every care was taken of them by Mrs. Richards, Miss Morgan, and Miss Kent Jones, assisted by a host of waitresses. The following amateurs gave their services: Miss Margery Davies, Pontlottyn; Miss Thomas, Vochriw; Master Charley James, Mr. John Higgs, Mr. John Williams (Deri) and a friend, and Mr. Pollard. After the usual votes of thanks the National Anthem was sung, and the annual tea party of Vochriw Church was numbered with the past. Amongst the clergy present we noticed the Revs. T. Theophilus, vicar; J. L. Meredith, rector of Gelligaer; E. Evans, Deri; T. L. Davies, Pontlottyn; W. Jones, Newton; W. Jones-Evans, Vochriw. Mr. F. Thomas, an undergraduate from Cambridge, was also present. The ladies who contributed their chit-chat were Mrs. Bowen Jones and Mrs. Harrison, Bargoed; Mrs. T. L. Davies and the Misses Jones and Theophilus, Pontlottyn; Mrs. Kent Jones and Mrs. Jones-Evans, Vochriw; The committee beg to thank Messrs. A. H. Clair Jones and Josiah Richards for the active part they have taken in disposing of the tickets, etc. The cake, which weighed 290 lbs., manipulated by Mr G. Phillips, grocer, Vochriw, was excellent in taste.

“Merthyr Express” 29 August 1885

Church Sunday School Annual Treat The Church Sunday School held their annual treat on Thursday afternoon, the 20th. At 3 o'clock the children were formed in procession, and, accompanied by their teachers and a few adult members, marched through the village carrying banners and headed by the Pontypool Brass Band. On their return they found everything ready, and were soon busily engaged in discussing the good things provided for them. Tea over, some friends took the children to the mountain, and there delighted them by organising games, and awarding prizes in money and toys, the band playing frequently during the evening. As well as the children, a large number of adults occupied the tea tables. By 7 o'clock there were several hundred people on the mountain indulging in various innocent amusements. The tables were presided over by the following:- Mrs. Richards, assisted by Misses S. A. Williams and S. Jones; Miss Morgan assisted by Misses S. A. Morgan and A. R. Morgan; Miss Evans assisted by Misses M. A. and G. Mantle; and Miss Harries assisted by Misses Ela Harris and Ann Mantle. Valuable assistance was also rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Pleasant View; Mrs. Geo. Lewis,

Mr. T. Greening (superintendent), Mr. D. Phillips and family, Messrs. J. Richards and J. Wood. The afternoon was fine and the treat altogether quite a success.

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1887

Vochriw: Annual Treats Although there was not much preparation made to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee in this village, yet the inhabitants agreed to spend a day instead, on Monday the 27th. If any strangers visited Vochriw on Monday, they would have found no-one there - everyone had gone away. It happened to be Pay Monday, and all the works were idle, so they thought it wise to have their annual tea flights. Instead of having their festivals at home, at 9.30 a special train left the station for Talybont, by which the members of Carmel and Nazareth Sunday Schools, and many more, travelled to that very pretty place, to spend a very happy day. The passengers in all numbered 500. They engaged the Vochriw Brass Band who played most excellently. The Baptist Sunday School went by the ordinary train to Pontsarn, where they enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We are glad to say that everyone returned home at night without an accident occurring.

“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1887

Vochriw: Picnic The annual tea party in connection with Nazareth Welsh Calvinistic Methodists took place on Monday last. The weather was fine and the treat a grand success. About 300 sat down to tea, the tables being presided over by the following ladies:- Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Eleanor Jenkins, Mrs. Matthews (butcher), and Mrs. John Mathews. The following also took a very active part in the work:- Messrs. John Matthews (sen.), John Matthews (butcher), Edward Parry, Griffith Pugh, Hugh Jones, William Adams, Evan Evans and Mrs. Susannah Llewelyn. The C.M. are rather weak in this place, and a little help is needful.

“Merthyr Express” 20 August 1887

Sunday School Treat On Thursday last the annual Sunday School treat of the Vochriw Church was held. At 2 o’clock there was a service, the Rev. D. Rees, Pontlottyn officiating, and before they proceeded, Mr. T. Greening, superintendent of the school, gave a short address. At 3 o’clock the procession started, headed by the school banner, and the Revs. D. Ll. Rees, Vochriw; D. Rees and W. Pritchard, Pontlottyn; and Mr. Greening, superintendent, Mr. Radley and Mr. Wood. Then followed the Vochriw Brass Band under the conductorship of Mr. David Williams. This band plays exceedingly well considering that they have had only about twelve months’ practice. Tea was prepared in the schoolroom, and the following ladies presided at the tables, viz., Mrs. Richards, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Radley, Mrs. Wey and Miss Castle. Everything passed off quietly, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Rev. T. J. Jones, vicar, joined them at tea, and had his surpliced choir there.

“Merthyr Express” 9 September 1887

Tea Party Noddfa Welsh Baptist Church had a tea party on Saturday evening. Although the weather was wet, they had a large attendance. The following ladies assisted at the tables:- Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. D. Davies and Miss E. Thomas. The following also took a very active part:- Messrs. Thomas Moore, Thomas Jones, D. Davies, Daniel Evans, T. Evans. A prize of 10 shillings was drawn for and won by Mrs. Rachel Higgon of Pontlottyn who returned it to the chapel funds.

“Merthyr Express” 4 August 1888

Church Sunday Schools Church of England Sunday Schools held their annual treat on Thursday 26th. Although rain fell at first, the weather cleared later and the school turned out in demonstration. A brass band was in attendance. Great credit was due to the respected curate-in-charge, Rev. D. Lloyd Rees.

“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1895

Teachers' Picnic The annual picnic arranged by the teachers of the Vochriw School, took place on Saturday. Between 100 and 150 visited Dolygaer, and spent the time in boating and other amusements. During the afternoon the victorious Vochriw Band arrived on their return journey from Welshpool where they had won the second prize in a competition. This enlivened the party greatly. The return to Vochriw was made by special train, and when they arrived, the inhabitants gave a right hearty welcome to the band.

“Merthyr Express” 18 April 1896

Vochriw: Outing The annual outing under the auspices of the “Welsh Grammar Class” took place on Saturday last. The rendezvous on this occasion was Ponsarn, and a really enjoyable day was spent. During the morning various games were indulged in. Then tracks were made for the refreshments room, where a capital ‘spread’ had been prepared by Hostess Lewis. After dinner, various places of interest were visited, our able tutor, Rev. J. Jones, acting in the capacity of guide. The affair turned out a complete success, and was a fitting close to a term of lessons drawn up to master the intricacies of the Welsh language. “Oes y bydi’r iaith Gymraeg.”

“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1896

Teachers' Picnic The annual picnic of the Vochriw teachers came off at Llangorse on Saturday last. The stationmaster, Mr. J. Harris, kindly placed a saloon to the ordinary train at the disposal of the company. An enjoyable day was spent, the weather being all that could be desired.

“Merthyr Express” 18 July 1896

Demonstration The Nonconformist Sunday Schools held their annual demonstration on Monday last. The churches took part in the following order: Carmel Independent, 300; Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist, 100; Noddfa Baptist, 130. Tea was subsequently taken by the processionists in the respective chapels. The scholars having done ample justice to the good things provided, an adjournment was made to the cricket and football grounds, where the usual games were freely indulged in. A novelty which greatly added to the attraction of the afternoon was a course of military manoeuvres which were gone through by Corpl. John Francis and his band of raw recruits.

“Merthyr Express” 15 May 1897

Outing The Dosbarth Grammadeg Cymraeg held their annual outing on Saturday, the rendezvous being Weston. The party was made up exclusively of members of the class and their teacher, Rev. James Jones. The morning was fine, and the start was made from Pontlottyn Station at 7.30 a.m. At Cardiff, the party transferred to the Waverley. Lunch was taken at Weston, followed by the usual visit to the beach. Afterwards, the party drove to Worle and Kewstone. The outing was in every way pleasant one.

“Merthyr Express” 25 March 1899

Supper On Friday night, a supper, promoted by the fitters of the Dowlais Fochriw Collieries, was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, when that tables were decorated most tastefully, the occasion being St. Patrick's night. The arrangements

had been carried out by a committee, which had Mr. W. Bellamy as chairman. A word of praise is also due to the numerous singers which took part, namely: William Griffiths, John Lebourne, George Jones, Willie J. Barry, James Davies, Alfred Evans, William Williams, John Davies. The pianist was Miss Lizzie Gwynn.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July 1899

Tea Party On Thursday, a tea party was held at Nazareth Chapel, when a large number of friends, as well as a number from several other places, partook of tea. The following superintended the tables: Mrs. Esther Pugh, Mrs. Cassie Pugh, Mrs. Jones (grocer), Miss M. A. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. E. A. Jones, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Peter Jones, Mrs. Angell and Miss E. Morgan. The following also gave a helping hand: Mr. Edward Parry, Mr. Evan Jones, Mrs. Llewelyn and Mrs. M. A. Evans. The proceeds are to be devoted to the building fund, which has lately been commenced, for the purpose of making alterations on the building.

“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1901

Tea Party On Thursday, a successful tea party in connection with the Fochriw Mission Church Sunday School was held. Before the tea, a short service took place in the Church, conducted by the Rev. D. W. Davies, curate-in-charge. The Fochriw Brass Band attended. The tables were presided over by Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. W. D. Phillips, Mrs. Wellings, Misses Williams, Jones, and Payne. The following rendered assistance: Misses M. M. Jones, Payne, S. A. Davies, Williams, J. Payne, Messrs. W. Payne, T. Baldwin, W. Lewis and H. Edgar. The Rev. Davies was ably assisted by a strong committee, over which Mr. J. H. Jones (manager) presided.

“Merthyr Express” 7 December 1901

Fochriw Mining Class: Social A pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Fochriw Mining Class at the Board School on Monday week, each member bringing two friends. Invitations were also given to the Ambulance Club. Mr. J. Prichard was the secretary, and made all of the arrangements. The class wish to thank Mrs. J. H. Jones, Miss Williams and others, for the kind way they assisted at tables, also Mr. Payne for looking after the fires. Great credit is due to Mr. John Powell, the teacher, for the way in which he has persevered with the class. He has already been paid the compliment of having the most successful mining class in the district.

“Merthyr Express” 5 July 1902

Coronation Festivities at Fochriw Despite the postponement of the Coronation, coronation festivities went ahead in the village. On Thursday, a procession was formed at 1:30p.m., and was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band. Fochriw and Penybank scholars took part, and it was followed by tea at the Fochriw schools. The costumes of numerous countries were worn by the children. Every child received a commemorative mug. On Thursday night, a coronation bonfire was lit on Pentwyn mountain by Mrs. J. H. Jones. During Thursday and Friday, Coronation Sports were held. Events: Two miles bicycle race - 1. W. Payne, 2. D. Lawrence; Half mile bicycle race - 1. T. G. Davies, 2. W. Edwards; 440 yards foot race - 1. W. E. Jones, 2. J. Edwards; 100 yards foot race - 1. R. Pugh, 2. W. E. Jones. Mr. J H Jones was manager of the committee, Dr. Eleazer Davies was treasurer, and Mr. Evan Evans was secretary.

“Merthyr Express” 19 July 1902

Fochriw Sunday School Treats The children of Carmel and Noddfa chapels paraded the streets of the village, before tea was taken at the respective chapels. After tea, sports were held. The children of Nazareth Chapel went to Abergavenny Castle.

“Merthyr Express” 9 January 1904

Christmas Tree On New Year's Eve, a treat in the form of a Christmas Tree was given at Fochriw Church to the scholars attending the Sunday school. During the evening, Mr. D. Phillips, who has been an active church-worker and Sunday school teacher for nearly 50 years, was presented by the scholars with a Bible and silver-mounted pipe. A Bible was also presented to Mr. William Lewis, who has acted as Sunday School Superintendent for nine years. The presentations were made by Mrs. Rees, wife of the Rev. J. A. Rees, the popular curate. On Christmas Day, and on the following Sunday, the Church Choir rendered a service of song entitled "Christmas Chimes," the baton being wielded by Mr. John Hood, choirmaster.

“Merthyr Express” 26 March 1904

Presentation Through the departure of Mr. David Jones for Rhymney, the Fochriw Brass Band has lost a most capable secretary. About two years ago, the Band was on the point of being disbanded. Then Mr. Jones was prevailed upon to undertake the duties of secretary, and so ably did he discharge his work that band was again, in a very short time, on a sound basis. Indeed, more contests were attended during the season, than in many other similar periods of the band's existence, and the numerous prizes captured have placed the band once more in an honourable position. A few weeks ago, a presentation committee was formed with Mr. Charles Payne as chairman, Mr. Daniel Jenkins as treasurer, and Mr. J. Pugh as secretary. On Friday evening last, a smoker was held, at which Mr. Jones was made the recipient of a handsome marble clock supplied by Messrs. Mappin and Webb. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. David Jones by the committee and members of the Fochriw Brass Band for services rendered as secretary, March 18th, 1904." The chair was taken by Mr. J. H. Jones, M.E., the genial president of the band. After a rousing song by Mr. Charles Payne, Councillor Thomas, in the course of an able speech, attributed the success of the past season largely to the interest taken in his work by the secretary. Two capital songs having been rendered by Messrs. W. S. Williams and T. Davies, the chairman, in a witty speech, made the presentation. Mr Jones suitably responded. Mr. W. J. Powell, the popular conductor, then spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Jones' services, and he was followed by Councillor Jones. A splendid programme of songs was now contributed to by Messrs. T. Shankland, J. Payne, J. Edwards, D. Jones, and W. S. Williams, whilst stirring speeches were delivered by Messrs. H. Evans, Brook House, and T. Roberts. Among the former officials of the band present were Messrs. James Evans, Howell Thomas and Jacob Jones. After the usual votes of thanks, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow. "

“Merthyr Express” 14 May 1904

Supper The Fochriw Alex football club brought their season to a close on Friday night, by holding a supper and smoking concert at the Rising Sun Inn. An excellent spread was provided by Mr. Thomas Morgan and family, and great praise is due to them for the artistic manner in which the tables were decorated, and for the tasty

victuals prepared and served by them. After the supper was over, a splendid musical programme was gone through, the chief feature of which was the rendering of selections by a magnificent gramophone manipulated by Mr. Seth James. Vocal solos were given by Messrs. Tom Davies, Crad Shankland, Johnny Williams, and Ernest Price, and Mr. David James Thomas gave a couple good comic songs. Mr. Harry Evans then spoke of the prospects for the coming season. Votes of thanks were given to all who had helped towards the success of the club in the past, and it was decided to elect the officials for the coming year at a future meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 8 July 1905

Treat On Monday, the annual children's tea party of the three denominations was held. A large procession was formed, the pits being idle for the day, and members of the churches turned out in strong force. Between 600 and 700 paraded the streets singing hymns, etc., after which the children partook of tea in the different chapels. The following ladies were tray holders at the Congregational Chapel: Miss M. A. Ballard, Mrs. William Thomas, Miss Edith Cole, and Miss E. Jones, assisted by Miss B. Ballard, Miss C. Jones, Miss E. A. Evans, Miss L. A. Angell, Miss E. J. Evans, Miss E. Evans, Miss Esther Evans, Miss M. J. Davies, Miss M. A. Lewis, and Miss M. Thomas. Cake Cutting: Mr. Wm. Wright and J. H. Jones. Mr. L. Jones and Dr. Davies distributed sweets to the children. Assistance was given by Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. John Phillips, Mr. James Williams, Mr. George Phillips, Mrs. Davies (Guest-street), Mr. R. Jenkins and Mr. W. Jones. The following were tray holders at the Baptist Chapel: Miss Lilian Williams, Mrs. Thomas Davies, Mrs. P.S. Williams, and Mrs. H. Davies, assisted by Miss Gertie Williams, Mrs. D. J. Davies, Miss Tydfil Evans, Miss R. Edwards, Miss M. Evans, Miss M. S. Edwards, Miss Mary Davies, Miss M. Edwards, Miss A. Edwards, Miss A. A. Davies, Miss E. J. Davies, Mrs. M. Williams and Miss Beatrice Jones. The helpers were: Mr. T. J. Hopkins, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Ed. Davies, Mr. John Jones, Mr. T. J. Harris, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. James Davies, Mrs. H. Davies, Mrs. Evans, Penybank, Mr. Henry Williams and Mr. James Williams. The following ladies attended the tables at the Methodist Chapel: Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Captain Jones, assisted by Mrs. M. Davies, Miss R. Cheeke, Miss M. Jones, and Miss E. M. Jones. The helpers were: Messrs. John Jones, T. Roberts, Peter Jones, Councillor John Jones, Mrs. Davies (Guest-street), Mr. Wm. Jones and Mr. Evan Jones. After tea was over, sports and games were enjoyed by young and old.

“Merthyr Express” 5 August 1905

Sunday School Treat The Fochriw Church held their annual tea party on Thursday. A procession was formed at 3 o'clock at the Church, headed by the Rev. J. A. Rees, curate, the Rev. T. Rees, vicar, and the Rev. Mr. Stanley (Church Army missionary). The procession, about 220 strong, was headed by the Deri Brass Band, and wended its way through the streets. The band, under the leadership of Mr. William Powell, Fochriw, played select marches. Tea was taken in the Church, the tray holders being Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. J. Richards, Miss Annie Rees and Miss Minnie Morgan, assisted by Miss A. Summers, Miss S. E. Williams, Miss J. Prosser, Mrs. William Wilton, Mrs. R. Thomas, Miss Emily Morgan, and Miss M. M. Jones. The band played several selections outside the Church before they adjourned to the mountain, where they played dance music, etc. The helpers at the tea were: Mrs. Jas. Davies,

Mrs. Wm. White, Mr. Jas White, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Payne, Mr. D. Jones and Mr. J. Mantle. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr. J. Wellings, grocer, Pentwyn. A splendid programme of sport had been made up, but the chief attraction was the 120 yards open handicap, and the half-mile bicycle handicap. The winner of the former was 1. Wyndham Edwards, Fochriw; 2. R. Pugh, Fochriw; and of the latter 1. J. Lawrence; 2. A. Jenkins, both of Fochriw. The sports officials were: Judge: Mr. J. H. Jones, M.E.; starter, Mr. W. Gwynne; handicapper, Mr. Wm. Payne. Other officials were: Mr. Jos. Payne, Mr. T. Baldwin, Mr. H. Edgar and Mr. J. Woods.

“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1907

Outing The Sewing Guild in connection with Nazareth Chapel, had their outing last Thursday to Pontsarn. The weather was delightful, and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed. The party visited the historical ruins of the Morlais Castle, situated on the high cliff above Pontsarn. In the afternoon, they took tea at Aberglais. Speeches were delivered by the Reverend Isaac Roderick, minister, Councillor John Jones, and Captain Jones, Fochriw, all congratulating the Sewing Guild upon its great success during its first season of work. Thanks were also given to Mrs. M. J. Roderick, president, Mrs. S. A. Jones, secretary, and Mrs. H. Roberts, treasurer of the guild. The latter part of the day was spent very enjoyably at Aberglais Pleasure Ground.

“Merthyr Express” 6 June 1908

Annual Tea Party The people of Nazareth Chapel held their annual tea party on Monday, and it proved very successful. The tables were beautifully laid, and the following ladies served at them: Mrs. Ellen Edgar and Miss M. Pugh, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Maggie Davies, Mrs. Jones and Miss E. A. Parry, Mrs. Alison Davies and Miss Katie Lawrence, Mrs. M. J. Roderick and Mrs. Evans. The following also rendered assistance: Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. H. Roberts, Miss Esther Mary Jones, Miss Mary Rees, Miss Mary Lawrence, Messrs. Peter Jones, T. Hopkins, John Davies, Tom Pugh, William Jones, James Lawrence. The managers were Mr. Griffith Pugh and the Reverend Isaac Roderick.

“Merthyr Express” 11 July 1908

Sunday School Treats On Monday afternoon, the children's annual tea took place, and the various Sunday schools paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn. The children presented a brilliant spectacle. The day was beautifully fine, and the children turned out in large numbers. The following is the order of the procession: Carmel; Nazareth; Noddfa.

During the march, the children of Carmel sung many well-known hymns very beautifully. They were conducted by Mr. David John Thomas. After the parade the Carmel scholars took tea on the mountainside opposite the chapel. The following ladies and gentlemen helped with the tea: Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. Stephen Ballard, Mrs. M. A. Williams, Mrs. Sibley, Mrs. Lucy Jenkins, Mrs. Jane Jones, Mrs. A. Jones (grocer), Mrs. T. Llewellyn (grocer), Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Mrs. Martha Thomas, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. Mary Morgan, Mrs. Hannah Griffiths, Mrs. Ann Jenkins, Mrs. Catherine Phillips, Mrs. Martha Griffiths, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Ed. Lewis, Mr. Job Thomas, Mr. Rees M. Davies, Mr. Walter Jones, Mr. John Griffiths, Mr. S. Lewis, Mr. Wm. Wright, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Dd. Harris, Dr. E. Davies, J.P., Messrs. Rhys D. Jenkins, E. M. Davies, and Thomas Lewis. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Arthur Ballard, Aelybryn.

The children of Nazareth Chapel sung the following hymns en route: "Fe elai plant at Iesu Grist," " Am yr ysgolrad Sabbothol," "Plant ydym eto dan ein hoed," "Calon lan." Their conductor was Mr. William Morris, Dynevor-street. The superintendent was Mr. J. M. James, Guest-street. Tea was provided at the chapel, and afterwards sweets were distributed. The trayholders were: Mrs. J. Roderick, Mrs. Capt. Jones. Mrs. Ellen Edgar, Mrs. Katie Lawrence, Mrs. Maggie Jones, Mrs. E. A. Parry, Miss Jenny Jones, and Miss Maggie Pugh. The following persons rendered assistance: Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davies, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. James Lawrence, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mr. Peter Jones and Mr. Roderick Jones.

The children of the Baptist Sunday school also sung en route under the conductorship of Mr. S. Evans. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by: Mrs. J. Matthews, Mrs. James Wilkins, Mrs. P. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Captain Edwards, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas Davies, Mr. David Davies, Mrs. J. Rees, Mrs. John Lewis, Miss M. E. Morgan, Miss S. E. Evans, Miss A. May Thomas, Miss May Evans, Miss Ann Edwards, Messrs. P.S. Williams, John Williams, Richard Evans, Albert Walters, S. Jones, John Evans, Thomas Evans, John Rees. After tea, the children were provided with fruit, the boys with bats and balls and the girls with skipping ropes. After tea, the children of the three schools played games of various kinds on the mountainside.

"Merthyr Express" 25 July 1908

I.O.G.T. Outing to Crickhowell On Monday, a party of 25 of the members and a few friends journeyed by brake and trap to Crickhowell. The weather was beautifully fine, and the trip proved to be very enjoyable. On arrival, the party took luncheon at the Institute. After this, some visited St Edmund's Church, and others the famous Glanusk Park. Many took boat trips on the canal.

"Merthyr Express" 8 August 1908

Tea Party The annual tea party in connection with the Fochriw Church, was held for the first time in the Hall of the new Church on Thursday last. The procession, which was a large one, paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell. The day was beautifully fine, and the children turned out in large numbers. The following rendered assistance at the tea: Mrs. Ted Evans assisted by Misses M. M. Jones, Judith Angell and Lydia M. Evans; Mrs. Thomas assisted by Misses M. F. Morgan, E. C. Morgan, and Miss Stephens, Pontlottyn; Mrs. Curtis assisted by Mrs. Adams and Misses Curtis and Summer; Mrs. Wellings assisted by Mrs. Cogen and Misses Mary Wellings and M. A. Powell; Mrs. G. Way assisted by Misses L. and E. Way; Mrs. Richards assisted by Misses A. M. Sibley, Nan Prosser and B. Gough. Others who assisted were: Mrs. Davies, Mrs. W. White, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. C. Payne, Miss Summers, Mrs. S. Way, Mrs. Thomas Roberts, Mr. C. Payne, Mrs. G. Honeybun, Master James Davies, Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. Gough. The catering was in the able hands of Mr. Thomas Llewellyn and Sons. After the tea, there were sports at Pentwyn, with the following competitions: half mile bicycle race; 120 yards foot race; tug of war; 100 yards foot race; three-legged race; 100 yards girls' foot race; 80 yards boys' race; skipping contest.

"Merthyr Express" 12 September 1908

Temperance Tea and Parade On Saturday afternoon, the members of the Independent Order of the Rechabites and of the International Order of Good Templars, paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the

conductorship of Mr. William Powell. After the parade, a tea was held at Carmel Vestry, to which a large number did ample justice. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following: Misses M. A. Lewis, Catherine Jones, S. J. Lewis, Mrs. Martha Griffiths, Miss Maggie Griffiths, Miss E. Evans, Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. David Griffiths, Mrs. H. Howell Thomas, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mrs. Griffiths (Brook-row), Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. Martha Thomas, Mrs. Morgan (Pentwyn). Assistance was also rendered by the following gentleman: Messrs. W. L. Wright, J. Lewis, P. Jenkins, James Williams, S. Lewis, C. Ballard, S. Ballard, and James Davies. An interesting temperance lecturer was afterwards given in the vestry by the Rev. R. S. Rogers, Pontlottyn. Mr. T. Llewellyn, Martin's-street, presided over a large and appreciative audience. The lecturer, who was cordially received, plunged into his subject with real earnestness. He was listened to with rapt attention, and his witty remarks elicited rounds of applause. Votes of thanks to the rev. gentleman and to the chairman brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 6 March 1909

Soiree The annual soiree in connection with the Noddfa Branch of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society took place on Monday at the Baptist chapel. The tables were beautifully laid, and a rich spread was provided. The tables were presided over by the following gentleman: Messrs. G. Thomas, Ben Thomas, Lewis Thomas, William H. Jones, D. J. Williams., David Evans, S. Phillips, W. Henry Jones, Joshua Evans, Tom Evans, W. James Williams, J. P. Davies, and Sam Jones. The soiree was under the management of Mrs. Captain Edwards and Miss Lilian Williams. The carving was done by Mrs J. Evans and Miss Gertie Williams. After the tables had been cleared, an excellent concert was held, presided over by Mr. Albert Walters. After a song by Mr. John Evans, an excellent address on “St. David” was given by Mr. David Thomas. Selections were given on the gramophone, which was manipulated by Mr. Wm. H. Jones; and “englynton” on “Dewi Sant” by Mrs. Captain Edwards.

The Sunday School children were entertained to a good spread on Tuesday evening. Miss Lilian Williams presided at the piano.

“Merthyr Express” 3 July 1909

I.O.G.T Outing On Saturday, members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge and several friends, numbering in all about 50, had their annual outing, when they journeyed to Weston-super-Mare. The weather in the morning was not all that could be desired, rain falling at intervals. However, it was much better in the afternoon. Various places of interest at Weston were visited.

“Merthyr Express” 10 July 1909

Treat On Thursday week, the children of Carmel, Nazareth and Noddfa Sunday Schools had their annual treat. The children of Carmel marched down to the Council School, where they were joined by the children of Nazareth Sunday school. They then proceeded, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, to Noddfa Baptist Chapel, where they were joined by the children of that school. The scholars, who now numbered 600, then paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn, the band playing lively march tunes en route. After the parade, the children returned to the vestries of their respective churches for tea. The tables were tastefully decorated, and there were many willing helpers. The children were then presented with toys, fruit, etc, after which they went to the mountain, where various games were played. The Band played lively music, and dancing was indulged in by a large number.

“Merthyr Express” 28 August 1909

Luncheon and Parade On Saturday, the members of the Pentwyn Branch of the Bristol and West of England Benefit Society paraded the streets of the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw, headed by the Pontlottyn Drum and Fife Band, who played lively march tunes en route. After the parade, an excellent cold luncheon was taken at the White Horse Inn, the headquarters of the club. Credit is due to the officials and members of the club who work so hard for its success, the club having grown rapidly since its formation a little over 12 months ago.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 21 May 1910

Banquet At the winding up of the Technical Classes for the last session, a banquet was held by the teachers and pupils of the different classes. The mining, the Welsh, and the Art Needlework classes, under the tuition of Mr. William Davies, Mr. Rhys Jenkins, and Mrs. Isaac Roderick, respectively, joined to celebrate the success of the classes. Mrs. Edith Cole Jones was appointed secretary, and Mrs. Isaac Roderick treasurer. The tables were laid out in an artistic fashion. About 100 people attended, and all enjoyed the good things provided by the ladies. The following ladies took an active part at the banquet: Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Captain Edwards, Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Miss Beatrice Griffiths, Miss Mary Jane Angell, and Miss S. A. Williams. An entertainment was held after the banquet. Councillor John Jones, who presided, said he trusted the social would be the means of stimulating others to join the classes next winter. He thought they were giving good mental training to the young people, which would make them useful citizens in the future. Miss Ceridwen Thomas rendered a solo, and Mr. Simon Cole gave selections on the gramophone. Mr. J. D. Jones read a piece on "Sleeping," which caused great amusement. A most amusing feature of the evening was a competition for the best story. The competitors were: Messrs. J. Jones, J. D. Jones, Moses S. Young, Rhys Jenkins, Howell Thomas, Simon Cole, William Davies, and Mrs. Edith Cole Jones. Dr. Eleazer Davies adjudicated, and the prize was divided between Mr. Howell Thomas and Mrs. Edith Cole Jones. The Rev. Isaac Roderick recited a stanza (englyn) on the banquet, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded an excellent meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars: Outing The annual outing of the Star of Fochriw Lodge took place on Saturday last, when Weston and Clevedon were visited. The party, numbering about 25, left Pontlottyn for Cardiff by the 7.45a.m. train, and proceeded to Weston by the 9.40a.m. boat. After enjoying themselves at Weston, they proceeded to Clevedon by light railway. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in this pretty place. They returned to Weston on the 4.45p.m. train, before leaving for Cardiff by the 7:40p.m. boat. They returned to Fochriw by the 10:10p.m. train. The weather throughout the day was ideal.

“Merthyr Express” 9 July 1910

Outings The members and scholars of Carmel Chapel had their outing on Monday when Talybont-on-Usk was visited by over 400 people. The weather was exceedingly

favourable, and a very enjoyable day was spent. Two splendid meals were provided for the children and adults. A number of ladies and gentlemen from Fochriw rendered great assistance. A field had also been provided for the children in which to play.

Nazareth Sunday school scholars went to Llangorse. Most visitors took advantage of boating on the lake. Many historical places in the district were visited. Mr. Roderick Jones was the secretary of the trip, and Mr. Peter Jones was the treasurer. Pianoforte solos were played during luncheon hours by Mr. Roderick Jones and Miss Katie Jones Davies.

The majority of Noddfa Sunday school and Penybank Sunday school children visited Brecon. A large number of the older members of the Church were present. Many went boating on the river, whilst the Barracks and the College Buildings were also visited. Refreshments were provided at one of the Temperance hotels.

“Merthyr Express” 30 July 1910

School Childrens' Tea On the occasion of the opening of the new Infants' School at Fochriw, a tea was given to the scholars of the mixed schools on Friday afternoon at four o'clock. The expenses of the tea were paid by Mr. J. D. Jones, headmaster, and the staff of the Mixed School. The children did justice to the good things provided.

“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1910

Tea and Sports St. Mary's and Pentwyn Churches held their annual tea, demonstration and sports on Thursday last. The demonstration was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, and after parading the streets, they returned to St. Mary's Institute, where a splendid tea was provided. The sports was held at Pentwyn, and owing to the bad weather, some of the events were postponed.

“Merthyr Express” 31 December 1910

Christmas Tree The children of Carmel were given a large number of Christmas presents on Saturday afternoon from a Christmas tree. Miss Lizzie Jones deserves much praise for the manner in which she carried out the programme.

Noddfa Chapel The children of Noddfa Chapel were the recipients of many presents and sweets etc., on Christmas Eve. A Christmas tree had been tastefully decorated by Rev. M. S. Young, Miss L. Williams and Miss G. Williams, and many others helped to ensure that the children spent a very happy time.

Infants' School The children of the Infants' school were provided with a Christmas tree on Friday afternoon. After the distribution of toys, etc., a miscellaneous programme was gone through. Master Harold Harris took the part of Santa Claus admirably. Mr. Chas. Payne addressed the children. Coun. Rees Jones was also present.

Social A social was held at Carmel Vestry in connection with the Mutual Improvement Society. There was a fine spread prepared, and the following ladies presided: Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. W. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Griffiths, Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. J. Turner, Mrs. H. Jones, Miss R. Walters. The programme was contributed to by the following: duett, Miss E Jones and Miss J. A. Jenkins; recitations, Messrs. James Williams, Harry Hughes, Miss Jennie Ross. In an impromptu speech competition, Mr. D. J., Thomas was the winner. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

St. Mary's Church At St. Mary's Institute on Christmas Eve, a Christmas tree was provided for the children. It was loaded with books and toys, which were handed to the children by the Rev. R. Jones, assisted by Messrs. Charles Payne and Wm. Lewis. Mr. William Thomas took his part as Santa Claus exceedingly well. Credit is due to Mr.

William Williams, superintendent of the Sunday school, who was instrumental in securing the prizes for the children. An address on Santa Clause was given by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to be programme: songs, Miss Maggie Gough, Miss G. Williams, Master O. Richards; recitations, Masters S. Llewellyn, Willie Jones, Willie Evans, Miss M. James; song, Gilbert Harris. In an impromptu speech competition, the winner was Master Eddie Jones.

Pentwyn Church A very successful Christmas tree and entertainment were provided at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Friday evening, Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, presiding. An excellent programme of music etc. was contributed to by the following: solo, Miss Blodwen Watkins recitation, Miss M. S. Martin; solo, Miss Mary Tyler; comic song, Mr. Ernest Jones; duett, Mr. Payne and Mrs. Lewis; solo, Mrs. Coggin; comic song, Mr. Albert Tyler; solo, Mr. Tom Jones. Several choruses were given by the Misses Mary Tyler, Ceredwen Davies, Mary Lewis, Irene Garrett, Mary Watkins, S. J. Williams, Blodwen Williams, Maggie Morgan, Mary Morgan, and Catherine Watkins. Mr. Payne then thanked all who had taken an interest in the Sunday School, especially the teachers who worked so hard. The school was in a flourishing state, and he appealed for additional teachers to help in the coming year. He paid high tribute to Mr. Tom Baldwin, the school secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Sparks (Brecon and Merthyr Railway Inspector) for the gift of the tree. The room was gaily decorated, and the tree was loaded with presents. Books were presented to the scholars, and a large quantity of toys and oranges were also given.

"Merthyr Express" 7 January 1911

New Year's Tree The children of Nazareth C.M. had their New Year's Tree on Monday evening, when all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The tree was beautifully decorated with handsome toys and other precious gifts, which were presented to the children at the close of the meeting. The Rev. Isaac Roderick, in speaking to the children about the New Year's Tree, made some touching references to the 'Tree of Life.' Mrs. Capt. Jones gave an instructive address to the children. Credit is due to the following ladies for their labour of love: Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Maggie Davies, and to Mrs. J. Jones, Central Stores, for supplying the children with oranges.

"Merthyr Express" 13 May 1911

Banquet On Thursday evening, a banquet was held at the Fochriw Council School by the teachers and scholars of the technical classes in the following subjects: practical mathematics, mining, and art-needlework. All the classes joined together for the purpose of winding up the session. The tables were laid out in artistic fashion, and were filled with plenty of varieties of the best kind. Mrs. I. Roderick superintended the banquet, and she was assisted by Miss Annie Davies, secretary, and Miss Rolands, treasurer. The following ladies served at the tables: Mrs. Samuel Evans, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Alfred Evans, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. Williams, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Mary Ann Walters. After the banquet, a competitive concert was held, with Councillor Rhys D. Jenkins in the chair. The adjudicators were: Music – Mr. David John Thomas; Literature - Rev. Isaac Roderick. The first item was a drawing competition, every competitor being blindfolded before starting. The results were most amusing, and created roars of laughter. In the sight singing competition, the prize was divided between Mary Ann Walters and T. Walters. There was an impromptu speech, the subject being "The New Woman". The prize was divided between James Williams and Mary Ann

Walters. There was also an un-punctuated reading competition. Councillor John Jones spoke on the advantages of the technical classes for the rising generation. The meeting concluded with the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.

“Merthyr Express” 8 July, 1911

I.O.G.T. Outing The members of the lodge had their annual outing in Saturday last to Tintern. The party left Rhymney station with the 7:45a.m. train. About two hours were spent at Newport. They took the train from there to Tintern. The Abbey was visited, and the afternoon was spent in walking and driving to various places of interest. On the return journey, Chepstow was visited. The party returned to Fochriw with the 10p.m. train from Newport.

“Merthyr Express” 12 August, 1911

Outing The children of the 'Morning Star' Lodge had their annual outing to Brecon on Wednesday. The party, which numbered nearly 200, left Fochriw by the 9.40a.m. train. Brother Thomas Lewis was in charge, assisted by the Bros. William Griffiths, Thomas Thomas, James Healy and Charles Payne. Several places of interest in and about Brecon were visited. The party left Brecon for home by the 7:30 p.m. train, arriving at Fochriw about 9:30p.m.

“Merthyr Express” 30 September, 1911

Clothing Club Supper The annual Clothing Club Supper held by Mrs. Lewis Davies, tailor, Bedlinog, was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, on Tuesday. After the meal, the members and friends enjoyed themselves with a concert. Mr. A. F. Evans, Fochriw, presided. The programme was as follows: gramophone solo – Mr. Wm. Morgan Davies, Fochriw; songs, Mr. Truran and Mr. Morgan Jones, painters, Merthyr; song, Mr. Morgan Jones; solo, Mr. Wm. Jones; gramophone solo; piano overture, Mr. Edward Protheroe; comic, Mr. Truran; song, Mr. Morgan Jones; solo, “The Farmer’s Boy,” Mr. Slimmons, Song, Wm. Jones; song, David Prosser; imitated soprano solo, “Marguerite,” Mr. Tom Jones; comic, Mr. Truran; gramophone solo, “Treorchy Fair.” Mr. Protheroe, Bedlinog, was the accompanist.

“Merthyr Express” 6 July 1912

Sunday School Treats The Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth Sunday School Treats took place on Monday last. The weather was very favourable. The scholars met at their chapels before the parade. The Carmel scholars marched to the Station gate. Here they were joined by the Nazareth scholars. Proceeding on their march, they were joined on the top of Aelybryn by the Noddfa scholars. They then paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn, singing appropriate hymn tunes en route. The parade over, the scholars returned to their chapels, a sumptuous spread having been prepared at each. After tea, the scholars resorted to the mountain for games.

“Merthyr Express” 17 August 1912

Outing The members of the Morning Star Juvenile Temple had their annual outing on Wednesday. About 300 members and friends left the station at 8.30 a.m. for Barry Island. The weather was excellent. The party returned by the 7.30 train from Barry after a most enjoyable day.

“Merthyr Express” 21 June 1913

Independent Order of Good Templars: Outing A large number of the members of the lodge went to Hereford for their annual outing on Saturday. They walked across to

Pontlottyn, leaving by the 9 a.m. train, and returning to Pontlottyn by the 10.30 p.m. train after visiting many places of interest.

“Merthyr Express” 9 August 1913

Juvenile Temple Outing On Tuesday, there was quite an exodus from the village when the Juvenile Temple Lodge had their outing to Penarth. A train from Pontlottyn carried the 400 trippers, starting at 9.30 a.m. The weather was good, and everyone enjoyed themselves on the sands.

“Merthyr Express” 30 August 1913

Ambulance About 20 members of the Fochriw Division of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, went under canvas at Porthcawl on Saturday. The men presented quite a smart appearance in their uniforms on the march to Pontlottyn station, from whence they entrained to Porthcawl. They are spending a week at the camp.

“Merthyr Express” 6 September 1913

Ambulance Twenty men of the Fochriw Ambulance Division returned from Porthcawl on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired. This was the first camp organised by the eleventh district, under the command of deputy commissioner, Herbert Lewis. It proved a huge success, all men reporting that they enjoyed themselves immensely.

“Merthyr Express” 20 September 1913

Picnic The annual picnic in connection with St. Andrew’s Sunday School, took place last Thursday at Cwnllwydrew Farm Fields, kindly lent by Mr. & Mrs. James Davies. The scholars were met by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, at Penybank, who marched them to the fields, where an excellent tea had been prepared. There were about 130 present. The adults were invited into the farm by Mr. & Mrs. Davies where a sumptuous repast was much enjoyed. Sports and games followed in ideal conditions, which contributed greatly to the success of the day. Thanks to all who so kindly assisted in the success of the day, especially our hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 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 11.15 p.m.. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. H. Edgar, secretary, with Mr. T. Carter acting as treasurer.

Treat The Sunday School scholars of the Baptist Church had their annual outing to Brecon on Tuesday last, leaving Fochriw by special train in the morning. A very large number accompanied the scholars, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

“Merthyr Express” 4 July 1914

I.O.G.T. Outing The annual outing of the I.O.G.T. took place on Saturday, when about 70 journeyed to Weston. The day was beautiful. The train left Pontlottyn at 7.45 a.m. for Cardiff, and thence by boat to Weston. Some of the party went to Cheddar, others for drives, and others different amusements in Weston. They returned home about midnight after a most enjoyable day. Thanks are due to Bro. T. Lewis for making the day such a success.

“Merthyr Express” 11 July 1914

Outings Members and children of Carmel and Nazareth, held their annual teas on Monday last. Both chapels left by special train to spend the day at Llangorse and Brecon. The weather turned out satisfactory. The party returned home about 8.30 p.m..

Tea St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, held their annual tea and sports on Thursday last, when a very large number were present, especially considering the weather. The scholars assembled in the church and were addressed by the Vicar. The procession then formed, headed by the Deri Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Wm. Powell, and paraded the streets of the village. The little ones looked well with their flags and banners etc. They then returned to the church where tea was served. Afterwards, sports were held. Thanks are due to all who worked so ably in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Payne through illness.

“Merthyr Express” 25 July 1914

Outing On Saturday, about 70 members of St. Andrews Church journeyed to Weston, leaving Fochriw station by special train at 7.30 a.m., the boat leaving Newport at 9.15 and arriving in Weston at 10.50. They arrived home at 11.50 p.m. The weather was lovely, and the trip much enjoyed. Thanks to the secretary and treasurer, Messrs. Wm. Jones and Thomas Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 8 August 1914

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge On Wednesday, the Juvenile Temple and parents intended going by special train from Fochriw via Dowlais Top to Abergavenny for their annual outing. On Monday night, however, Bro. Thomas Lewis was informed by the railway authorities that the excursion would have to be cancelled, owing we presume to the difficulties created by the present crisis. An attempt will be made to do something for the children at a later date.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

White Horse Outing Club On Monday, the members of the White Horse Outing Club, Pentwyn, held their annual outing. The party, numbering about 20, proceeded 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.

“Merthyr Express” 7 July 1917

Annual Treats The annual tea parties in connection with Carmel Chapel, and Nazareth, and Noddfa were held on Monday in beautiful weather. The children

attended in large numbers and were well cared for by the older members of the congregations.

“Merthyr Express” 21 July 1917

Tea Party The annual tea party in connection with St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday. The Sunday school scholars and others met at the Church, and headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, they paraded the streets of the village. The procession was a large one and the children looked a pleasing spectacle in their various holiday attire. On returning to the Church Hall, an excellent tea was provided, to which all did justice. After tea, sports and games were indulged in on the mountain. The vicar and others had arranged a fine programme. The band played appropriate music throughout the evening.

“Merthyr Express” 12 July 1919

Church Outings On Tuesday last, Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth held their Sunday school treats at Barry Island. The weather was ideal, and a glorious day was spent.

25 September 1920 Outing A charabanc outing to Cheltenham, organised by the Independent Labour Party, took place on Saturday, September 18th. The party, numbering 29, left Fochriw at 8a.m., arriving at Cheltenham at 1p.m. The party returned from Cheltenham at 5p.m. Arrangements were in the capable hands of Comrades Simmonds and Jenkins, who are to be highly commended for the way everything was carried out.

“Merthyr Express” 8 July 1922

Childrens' Annual Treats These were held here last Monday in connection with the various denominations. The children of Carmel and Noddfa, with the Sunday School adults, made a demonstration through the village singing en route. Before parting to their respective churches, appropriate songs were sung whilst waiting near the Post Office. Messrs. Thomas Evans, Noddfa, and David Davies, Carmel, jointly conducted the singing. After tea, the usual sports were held.

“Merthyr Express” 28 October 1922

A Cardiff Journey 40 to 50 members of the Mothers' Union visited the Cory Hall, Cardiff, to hear an address by Mrs. Hubert Barclay. A special train, arriving back at 8.45p.m., and with a special fare, was made available through Mr. Lewis, stationmaster.

“Merthyr Express” 1 September 1923

St. Mary's Mothers' Union On Wednesday, about 40 members journeyed to Caerphilly. They were entertained to an excellent tea by Mrs. Wadley Underwood, after which several places of interest were visited including the castle. Mrs. Evans, the Vicarage, arranged the visit. The members returned with the 9 p.m. train.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 12 July 1924

Sunday School Treats The treat for Carmel Congregational and Nazareth C. M. Chapels was held on Monday. The treat for Noddfa Sunday School was on Wednesday. The weather at Barry was ideal for the treat.

“Merthyr Express” 26 July 1924

Mothers' Union About 30 members of the St. Mary's Branch journeyed to Llandaff on Monday to join in the special service at the Cathedral. Mrs. S. Evans, the enrolling member, led the party. The party were entertained to an excellent tea at the home of Nurse Thomas, Brynmorlais, Cardiff, one of the late members of the branch, where an excellent spread had been prepared, to which all did justice.

“Merthyr Express” 20 September 1924

Sunday School Treat The annual Sunday School tea party in connection with St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday last, and proved a great success. The weather was very favourable, and the little ones enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. They assembled at the Hall at 2 o'clock, where prayers and a short address were given by the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans. Afterwards, the children were marshalled up outside the Hall, and looked a pleasing sight in their dresses of various colours. Headed by the Vicar, the curate, Rev. R.C. Evans, and the churchwardens, the children paraded the streets of the village with their banners proudly floating in the breezes. After the parade, they returned to the Hall where the tables were laden with all good things that go to gladden the hearts of the little ones. After tea, sports and games were indulged in, and a happy time was spent. Great credit is due to all who worked so hard to make the treat such a success.

“Merthyr Express” 17 January 1925

Choir Outing The members of St. Mary's Surplice Choir spent a very happy time on Saturday last at Newport (Mon).

“Merthyr Express” 13 June 1925

Outing The children of Noddfa Baptist and Nazareth C.M. Churches, accompanied by a large number of adults, went on an outing to Barry Island last Wednesday.

“Merthyr Express” 27 June 1925

Mothers' Union On Monday, the Mothers' Union branch of St. Mary's Church, with friends, journeyed by charabanc to Penarth to attend the festival at All Saints' Church.

“Merthyr Express” 26 June 1926

Mothers' Union A large number of the St. Mary's branch journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral on Thursday last to join in the jubilee services at the cathedral. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. S. Evans, The Vicarage. On Sunday, at St. Mary's, the jubilee year was observed. A large number attended the early celebration. The Vicar read the faculty for the stained window which it is proposed to unveil in July. On a brass tablet will be engraved, "To the glory of God and in sweet memory of the sons of our mothers. This window was erected by the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union." The services were continued on Tuesday, the special preacher being the Vicar of Pontlottyn, Rev. A. Lloyd Jones. Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 18 June 1927

Mothers' Union A large number of the members of St. Mary's Church Branch of the Mothers' Union, journeyed to London on Tuesday morning. They visited the Mary Sumner House, and a service at St. John's Church, Westminster. Several places of interest were also visited.

“Merthyr Express” 2 June 1928

Outing On Tuesday, the members of Noddfa Chapel journeyed to Penarth for their annual Sunday school outing. On Wednesday, the members of Carmel Congregational Chapel and Sunday school journeyed to Barry Island.

“Merthyr Express” 9 June 1928

Mothers' Union On Tuesday, several members of the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union journeyed to Llandaff to take part in the dedication service. A very enjoyable day was spent.

“Merthyr Express” 23 June 1928

Outing Members of the Fochriw section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade and friends journeyed to Barry Island on Saturday last and spent a very happy time.

“Merthyr Express” 7 July 1928

Outing The members of the Noddfa Chapel Young People's Guild spent a very happy time at Weston on Saturday.

“Merthyr Express” 25 August 1928

Outing On Saturday last, the Sunday school members and friends of St. Mary's Church and Nazareth Chapel journeyed to Barry Island. Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, was responsible for the excellent train arrangements.

“Merthyr Express” 26 January 1929

School Childrens' Treat Through the kindness of Mr. Richard Bell, J.P., London, the school children of the various schools will be entertained to a first class tea on Friday next, in their respective schools. Mr. Bell's name will live long in the minds of the people of Fochriw and Pontlottyn because of his untiring efforts for the relief of distress. His present illness is deeply regretted, and it is the wish of his many admirers that he will soon be restored to health to carry on his good work.

“Merthyr Express” 2 February 1929

Children Tea The crowning point of Mr. Richard Bell's magnificent efforts for the relief of distress in the village were reached on Friday last, when close on 500 school children were entertained to a sumptuous tea at their respective schools - Fochriw, Penybank, and Pantywaun. Not only has Mr. Bell been anxious for the adults, but the children have also had his careful consideration. Thanks to the efforts of the secretary of the Distress Committee, Mrs. S. J. Jones, no stone has been left unturned to make this a red letter day in the life of the little ones, and with the hearty co-operation of the head teachers and their staffs, success attended their efforts. The school rooms had been gaily decorated with bunting, and the children were given a holiday. After tea, toys were given to each child. Mrs. Jones, secretary, visited the various schools in the area, and distributed the gifts at Penybank School. Mr. Bell has been cordially thanked for his generosity. Splendid service was rendered by Mr. Sam Lewis, chairman of the managers.

“Merthyr Express” 25 May 1929

Outing All the chapels in the village took the children of their respective Sunday Sunday schools to Barry Island on Tuesday.

“Merthyr Express” 29 June 1929

Mothers' Union A number of the members of the branch spent a delightful day at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday. Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, made special train arrangements, and the trip across the Channel was much enjoyed.

[All entries below are from the ‘Merthyr Express’]

13 July 1929 Outing On Saturday, a large number left Pentwyn by charabanc for Porthcawl. Members of the Gospel Hall journeyed by train to Barry Island.

10 August 1929 Outing On Tuesday, the annual outing of the St. Mary's Sunday School took place to Barry Island, when a large number of children and adults were travelled in the charge of the vicar and teachers. A very happy time was spent by all.

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.

30 May 1931 Outings All the churches in village had their annual outing to Barry Island on Tuesday, when close on 900 were conveyed by special trains. The weather was ideal.

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26 July 1930 Mother's Union On Thursday morning last, members of the Mothers' Union and friends, journeyed to London, to the pageant at the Albert Hall. The early part of the day was given to sight seeing. All visited the pageant in the evening. Praise is due to Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, who made such excellent train arrangements. The party arrived home about 7:30a.m. on Friday.

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.

Tea Party On Thursday, the St. David's Church annual party was held at Pantywaun. The tables were nicely arranged and a large numbers sat down to the good for things provided by the members of the Mission Church. A number of friends from St. Mary's were present. It is the intention to carry out very necessary repairs in the near future.

27 June 1931 Cardiff Pageant Quite a number of children journeyed to Cardiff to witness the pageant. They were in the charge of their respective teachers and returned at 9.45 after a good outing.

18 July 1931 Mothers' Union A few members of the Fochriw branch made the journey to a Llandaff Cathedral in connection with Festival.

8 August 1931 Male Voice Party The members of the Party spent in a most enjoyable day singing at Builth on Monday.

15 August 1931 Pals' Outing Club The members of the Pals' Outing Club, numbering 32, spent a most enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend at Blackpool. Mr. Tom Idris Evans is the secretary, and Mr. Willie Davies the treasurer.

19 September 1931 I.O.G.T. Outing On Saturday the members of the Fochriw branch of the I.O.G.T. and friends, journeyed by charabanc to Hereford, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The cathedral and other places of interest were visited, and all returned in the best of spirits.

21 May 1932 Outing All the Sunday schools in the village journeyed to Barry Island on Tuesday, when about 700 took advantage of the fine weather. The train arrangements were made by stationmaster, Mr. Walter Davies.

2 July 1932 School Outing The schools of Fochriw and Penybank held their annual outing on Friday last, when a large number of children, accompanied by their Headmasters, Mr. Tom Walters and Mr. Arthur Ballard, and teachers and parents, left Fochriw Station for Bristol, where many wonderful sights were seen.

16 July 1932 Mothers' Union On Thursday last, about 14 members of the branch journeyed to Llanishen by charabanc and took part in the rally. A most enjoyable day was spent.

23 July 1932 Outing On Saturday last, the members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge journeyed to Swansea for their annual outing. Excellent arrangements had been made, and all enjoyed a perfect day.

6 August 1932 Pals' Outing Club The 24 members of the Pals' Outing Club journeyed to Blackpool on Friday. The secretary is Mr. T. I. Evans, and Mr. Davies is the treasurer.

27 August 1932 Outing On Saturday, the children of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B., visited Abergavenny, where they spent a very happy day. The secretary was Mr. C. R. Mills.

17 September 1932 Outing On Saturday last, the young people of Noddfa Sunday school journeyed to Tenby by charabanc and a happy time was spent.

24 September 1932 Outing On Saturday, about 100 children of members of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, accompanied by a number of adults, journeyed to Barry Island. This was at the first outing organised by the Legion Welfare Fund, and was a decided success. The committee wish to thank all for their splendid help and donations.

10 June 1933 Outing On Tuesday, the annual outing of the churches in the village took place to Barry Island. Mr. W. Davies, stationmaster, made the train arrangements.

17 June 1933 Mothers' Union Members of the Fochriw branch journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday, and took part in the festival.

8 July 1933 Educational Trip On Friday last, a large number from the Council Schools, with Mr. Tom Jones and other members of staff, left for an educational trip to London. On arrival at Paddington, conveyances were waiting to take the party for a trip through the city. Afterwards, the Zoo was visited, where a delightful time was spent. The happy party arrived home about 12:30a.m. after a perfect day. Penybank Council School, with Mr. Arthur Ballard and staff, were also in London with a number of scholars.

22 July 1933 I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. Sister Jones was responsible for the programme, and was assisted by friends. The programme consisted of mouth organ solos by Mr. Hopkins, solos by Sister Jones, recitations by Master Hopkins, and a short biography of Sarah Martin, the prison reformer, by Sister Jones. Brother Lewis, Sister Lewis and Sister Beryl Ballard commented on the programme. Brother B. Rees proposed, and Brother D. James seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who contributed. On Saturday last, the adult and juvenile lodges held their annual outing to Porthcawl, and a very enjoyable day was spent, the weather being ideal.

26 August 1933 Off To Camp A number of Fochriw children proceeded to camp at Wenvoe last week under the auspices of the British Legion (Women's Section) Children's Country Holiday Scheme. They will be away for two weeks. They were taken to Cardiff by Mrs. S. Jones, secretary.

23 September 1933 Outing Over 50 persons journeyed from the village on Friday night to Blackpool. They were conveyed by buses to Dowlais, and then by train to Blackpool, where a happy time was spent.

26 May 1934 Annual Outing The annual Sunday School outing took place to Barry Island on Whit Tuesday, when several hundred scholars made the journey. Mr. W. Davies, stationmaster, made the train arrangements, which were splendid. The train left at 8am, and returned from Barry at 8pm. A large number also journeyed to the Merthyr hospital fete.

7 July 1934 N.S.P.C.C. Outings The committee and friends of the local branch journeyed by charabanc to Cheltenham on Saturday. Also, the members of the Nursing Class visited Abergavenny and Gilwern. An enjoyable day was spent in each case.

18 August 1934 Annual Outing The Fochriw Pals Outing Club visited Blackpool during the past week. The club secretary is Mr. T. Idris Evans, and Mr. W. Way is treasurer.

22 September 1934 British Legion Outing On Saturday, an outing was organised by the Children's Welfare Fund Committee when 159 children accompanied by adults, journeyed to Abergavenny. The children were afterwards treated to a matinee performance at the Colosseum Cinema, where Mr. Walters, the manager, had arranged a special programme. Mr. Graham, secretary of the Abergavenny Branch of the British Legion, said that fruit would be distributed to the youngsters. Games were afterwards played at the Castle grounds. The transport arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Red and White Services Ltd, Chepstow. Mr. Sydney Phillips, branch chairman, accompanied the party, and was supported by Mrs. Wood, vice-chairman women's section, Mrs. M. H. Jones, treasurer, and several members of the branch committee. The stewards were: Mr. A. H. Plaine, Pantywaun; Messrs. Phillips and Prowse, Pentwyn and Penybanc; Messrs. J. Lloyd Jones and E. J. Williams, Fochriw. Messrs. R. G. Wood, E. Davies and W. T. Pegg rendered valuable service in marshalling the children. The Welfare Committee wish to express their appreciation to all subscribers - a sum of £18 19s 11d was collected. Mr. B. Freedman, Dowlais, sent a cheering message to the party, and also a donation.

29 September 1934 Blackpool Trip A special train was run from Fochriw on Friday night in connection with the Blackpool illuminations. Forty one made the journey, the return train arriving on Sunday afternoon. Arrangements were made by Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster.

15 June 1935 Sunday School Outings The Sunday Schools made their annual trip on Tuesday to Barry. The arrangements were made by Mr. Lugg, stationmaster.

29 June 1935 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Outing The committee and friends journeyed to Aberystwyth on Saturday last by charabanc, and spent a most enjoyable day. Mrs. M. Jenkins is the secretary of the local branch.

7 September 1935 Choir Outing On Saturday last, a very happy time was spent by members of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, on the occasion of their annual outing. They journeyed to Weston-super-Mare by train and boat.

21 September 1935 R.A.O. B. Outing The annual outing of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge took place on Saturday to Abergavenny. The party numbered 93 in all, and each child was given 9p. At Abergavenny, the children were entertained in the grounds of Neville Hall. Mr. Stephens catered, assisted by Messrs. C. R. Mills (secretary), William

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4 July 1936 Meeting A meeting was held at the committee room Rising Sun Inn on Thursday to promote a fund to give all old age pensioners in the village an outing. After discussion, it was decided to organize the event about the end of August. The following officers were appointed: President, Dr. Monnelly; vice-presidents, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. E. Cumpstone, Coun. Sam Lewis, Mr. E. Pritchard; chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Clark; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Evans; secretary, Mr. D. J. Davies.

25 July 1936 School Outing A number of children from the Fochriw Council Schools, accompanied by the head teacher, Mr. T. J. Jones and other members of staff, journeyed on Friday last to Whipsnade Zoological Park. The party arrived home at 1:15am after an enjoyable day.

8 August 1936 R.A.O.B. Outing The members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. organised a trip to Hereford on Tuesday, taking a large number of children. The party numbered about 60. Dinner and tea were taken at the Garrick Hotel, the party returning home via Monmouth. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. R. Mills, secretary.

5 September 1936 Pensioners Outing The outing took place on Wednesday to Barry Island. The winner of the stopwatch competition was Mr. E. Davies, Cwmbargoed. Mr. Gus Jones, jeweller, presented the committee with a watch.

12 September 1936 Choir Outing Fochriw Ladies' Choir held an outing to Swansea and Mumbles on Saturday, the trip being made by motor-coach. Mrs. T. Evans was the secretary, and the treasurer was Mrs. O. Davies.

19 September 1936 Legion Outing On Saturday, the Women's Section journeyed to Hereford, via Abergavenny. The secretary was Mrs. S. Jones, and the treasurer Mrs. T. Jones.

22 May 1937 Sunday School Outing Members of Carmel and Nazareth chapels held their annual outing to Barry Island on Tuesday. The members of Noddfa Sunday school journeyed by charabanc to Porthcawl on Tuesday.

22 May 1937 London Trip About 50 residents visited London on Saturday to view the Coronation decorations. The trip was organised by members of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir.

3 July 1937 Pensioners' Outing The final arrangements for the trip to Porthcawl were made on Tuesday at a meeting at the New Hall. About 100 old age pensioners will travel. They will leave Fochriw at 9:30am.

3 July 1937 N.S.P.C.C. The officers and committee and others visited Cheddar and Wells last week. The arrangements were made by Mrs. M. Jenkins, secretary.

10 July 1937 Needlework Class On Saturday, members and friends of the Fochriw Needlework Class journey through the Vale of Glamorgan. They were accompanied by their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri.

10 July 1937 Pensioners' Outing The annual outing took place on Tuesday, when 171 pensioners and friends visited Porthcawl. They were accompanied by Messrs. W. J. Payne (chairman, outing committee), J. H. Evans (treasurer), D. J. Davies (secretary), and the following vice-presidents: Messrs. Edgar Pritchard, Emrys Lewis, Wm. Price, W. Watkins, R. Evans, Evan Jones and Sergt. Mourton. At the luncheon, Mr. Rees Thomas thanked the committee on behalf of the pensioners, and Mr. Joseph Shankland seconded. On the return journey each pensioner was given a little gift.

17 July 1937 School Outing The children of Fochriw and Penybank Council Schools, under the supervision of their headmasters and staff, visited London on Friday last, and saw various places of interest, including the Tower of London.

7 August 1937 Annual Outings The annual outing of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. took place on Monday to Swansea by charabanc, when 55 adults and 27 children enjoyed the day at the seaside. Dinner and tea was served. The secretary was Mr. C. R. Mills. The members of St. Mary's Church Sunday school had a trip to Barry Island on Tuesday. Carmel chapel Sunday school had a trip on Tuesday evening around the Gower Coast with their superintendent Mr. David Lewis. The secretary and treasurer are Messrs. Wm. Griffiths and John Davies.

4 September 1937 Children's Outing The children of members of the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. were conveyed by charabanc on Tuesday to Gilwern. They were accompanied by Messrs. D. J. Davies and E. Puddle, as well as a number of parents. The children were provided with dinner, tea and one shilling each. The secretary is Mr. Seaborne Williams.

18 September 1937 Annual Outings The members of the Women's Section of the British Legion held their outing at Swansea on Saturday. A class of Sunday School scholars from St. Mary's also visited Swansea on the same day.

16 October 1937 Blackpool Outing The Pals' Outing Club, numbering 26, journeyed to Blackpool on Friday, returning on Sunday night. The arrangements were carried out by the organiser, Mr. D. John Davies.

2 July 1938 School Outing The school children of Fochriw journeyed by train to Windsor on Monday, and returned home about midnight.

2 July 1938 Pensioners' Outing Arrangements are now complete for the pensioners' trip to Porthcawl on 12th July.

9 July 1938 Outing To wind up the sewing class, the members, with their instructress Mrs. Florrie Evans, Deri, made a tour of the Vale of Glamorgan on Saturday.

16 July 1938 Pensioners' Outing The third annual outing took place on Tuesday when about 130 old age pensioners and friends visited Porthcawl. The party was accompanied by Mr. D. J. Davies (secretary), Mr. J. H. Evans, (treasurer), and the following stewards: Sergeant Mourton, Messrs. F. T. Pritchard, W. Watkins and C. Edwards. The party included pensioners from Pantywaun, Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybank.

3 September 1938 R.A.O.B. Children's Trip On Saturday last, the children of the members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes were taken by motor coach to the Brecon show.

3 June 1939 Annual Outings On Monday, the members of Noddfa Baptist Chapel Sunday school journeyed to Barry Island, and on Tuesday, Carmel and Nazareth Sunday schools also visited Barry. On Saturday, the members of St. Mary Church Mothers' Union spent a happy day at Swansea and Mumbles, while on Monday, a party of Sunday school children and their teachers, attached to Carmel Sunday School, visited Aberystwyth.

1 July 1939 N.S.P.C.C. Outing On Saturday, the officers, committee and friends of the Fochriw branch, journeyed to Worcester for their annual outing. Excellent arrangements had been made for the trip. The President is Mrs. T. Matthews; the secretary, Mrs. D. Jenkins; and the treasurer, Mrs. J. Lawrence. Mrs. Tom Evans was treasurer for the outing.

29 July 1939 School Outing The scholars of Fochriw and Penybank Council Schools, accompanied by their headmasters and teachers, took part in an outing to Portsmouth on Friday. They left of Fochriw at 7am and reached Portsmouth about 12:45pm. They visited Nelson's flagship "The Victory" and the museum. Afterwards, they were conveyed by bus to Southsea for tea.

22 July 1939 British Legion The Women's Section journey to Birmingham on Saturday for their annual outing, and spent a happy day they were accompanied by Mrs. S Jones, secretary; Mrs. Phillips, chairman and Mrs. Morgan, treasurer.

12 August 1939 Sunday School Outing The annual outing of the Parish Church took place on Tuesday, when members visited Barry Island.

6 July 1940 Pensioners' Outing On Tuesday, the old age pensioners of Fochriw and District had their annual outing. The party numbered about 100 and left by motor coaches for Abergavenny. Dinner and tea were taken in the Castle grounds and later in the day the party visited Gilwern. The party arrived home at 9:00pm.

23 August 1941 Sunday School Outing On Tuesday, the children of St.. Mary's Sunday School visited Brecon for their annual outing.

30 August 1941 Carmel and Nazareth Outing On Tuesday, the Sunday School members journeyed to Brecon by train for their annual outing. An enjoyable day was spent.

18 July 1942 Children's Outings The various churches in the village took their Sunday School scholars for a day's outing to Brecon on Saturday. The churches taking part were Gospel Hall, Noddfa Baptist, Carmel Congregational, Nazareth C.M, and the Parish Church. The journey was made by train and the children had a happy time.

17 July 1943 Outing The Sunday School children of the Full Gospel Hall held their annual outing to Brecon on Tuesday.

14 August 1943 Sunday School Outings The Sunday School scholars of the Parish Church and Noddfa Chapel had their annual outings to Brecon on Tuesday.

4 September 1943 Sunday Schools Outing The Sunday School children of Carmel and Nazareth Chapels held their annual outing on Thursday, accompanied by a number of adults.

4 September 1943 Mothers' Union On Saturday, the members of the Mothers' Union, with their enrolling member, Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, held their annual outing to Swansea.

26 August 1944 Annual Outings Last week, the scholars and teachers, with a number of adults of the Parish Church, held their annual outing, the venue this year being Brecon.

On Tuesday, the members of the Fochriw Old Age Pensioners' Association held their annual day's outing, they too visiting Brecon.

28 July 1945 Sunday School Outings Carmel held their annual outing to Barry Island on Saturday. Nazareth Sunday School visited Swansea.

4 August 1945 Sunday School Outings On Saturday, the following Sunday Schools had their annual outing: St. Mary's, Noddfa and the Gospel Hall. The place this year was Barry Island and the trip was made by train from Fochriw Station. The weather was excellent. On Tuesday, the old age pensioners journeyed to Abergavenny by charabanc and enjoyed a splendid day with weather very fine.

13 July 1946 Sewers' Outing On Saturday, the members of the Fochriw Sewing Class, teacher Mrs. F. Evans, journeyed to Gloucester by motor coach. The weather was fine. The secretary is Mrs. M. Evans, and the treasurer Mrs. James.

3 August 1946 Sunday School Outings The various Sunday Schools held their annual outings on Saturday. The Full Gospel Hal went to Swansea, Carmel to Porthcawl, the Church, Noddfa and Nazareth to Barry Island. The journeys were made by charabanc.

10 August 1946 Outing Members of the Fochriw Outing Club journeyed to Blackpool on Friday for a week's holiday.

7 September 1946 Annual Outing The Fochriw Branch of the British Legion, Women's Section, visited the Vale of Glamorgan by motor coach last week.

14 September 1946 Pensioners' Outing On Monday, the O.A.P. held their annual outing to Barry Island. All sat down to lunch, after which they enjoyed themselves in various ways. They were accompanied by Messrs. T. Ballard and J.J. Lewis, secretaries, and J. Davies, treasurer.

23 August 1947 Veterans' Outing The O.A.P. annual trip took place on Tuesday, when a large number journeyed by buses to Porthcawl in glorious weather.

30 August 1947 Sunday School Outings The annual outing of Noddfa Welsh Baptist Sunday School took place on Thursday, when a large number journeyed to Barry Island. The Parish Church Sunday School had their annual outing to Barry Island, and the Full Gospel Hall to Porthcawl.

4 October 1947 Legion Outing The Women's Section held their annual outing on Saturday to Birmingham. They travelled by motor coach. The officers were: president, Mrs. Farley; secretary, Mrs. Harding; treasurer, Mrs. Edwards.

3 July 1948 Annual Outings Members and friends of Nazareth Sisterhood held their annual outing on Saturday, when they travelled by bus to Aberystwyth. Carmel Sewing Class members and friends travelled to Tenby on Saturday.

17 July 1948 To Cheddar The Sewing Class journeyed to Cheddar on Saturday last.

24 July 1948 Sunday School Outings On Saturday last, the Sunday Schools of Carmel, St. Mary's, Noddfa and Nazareth journeyed to Barry Island.

31 July 1948 Gospel Hall Outing The members and scholars of the Gospel Hall travelled to Barry by motor car on Saturday for their outing.

31 July 1948 Mothers' Union Members journeyed to Swansea on Saturday for their outing.

2 July 1949 Sunday School Outings The scholars of the various Churches joined forces for their annual outing to Barry Island. The weather was ideal and the journey was made by rail.

9 July 1949 Sewing Class Outings On Saturday, the members of the Evening Sewing Class held their annual outing to close a successful season. They journeyed to Weston-super-Mare by motor coach with their tutor, Mrs. F. Evans. Carmel Sewing Class journeyed by coach to Carmarthen and Llanstephan.

9 July 1949 O.A.P. Outing Fund A film show was given at the New Hall on Wednesday under the auspices of the N.C.B. A splendid number of films were shown. The proceeds of the show are a donation to the O.A.P. outing fund. Mrs. Farley thanked all who had helped. On Friday, a mile of pennies was organised at the village in aid of the outing fund. An excellent sum was realised.

10 September 1949 Veterans' Outing The O.A.P. annual outing took place on Tuesday to Porthcawl. The journey was made by motor coaches and a large number of friends accompanied the old folk.

8 July 1950 Sunday Schools' Trip On Saturday last, the Sunday Schools of Carmel, Nazareth, Noddfa and St. Mary's journeyed to Barry Island for their annual outing. The arrangements were made by Mr. Boobyer, stationmaster.

22 July 1950 Sewing Class Outlook The Fochriw Sewing Class with their teacher Mrs. F. Evans of Deri, held their annual outing on Saturday, visiting Stratford-on-Avon.

22 July 1950 Schools Outing On Friday, the Primary Schools of Fochriw and Penybank journeyed to Bristol, and visited the Zoo and Gardens. The pupils were in the charge of their headteachers, Messrs. D. Jenkins and T. Lawrence and staff.

14 June 1952 Outings On Monday, the scholars of Noddfa Sunday School, accompanied by their teachers and parents, visited Porthcawl. On Saturday, members of the Sewing Class, accompanied by their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, visited Barmouth.

28 June 1952 Sewing Class Outing The members and friends of Carmel Sewing Class journeyed to Aberystwyth on Saturday for their annual outing.

12 July 1952 Miners' Holiday Week Large numbers took advantage of the Miners' Holiday Week by organising various motor coach outings to the seaside.

26 July 1952 Pensioners' Outing The Fochriw old age pensioners had their annual outing on Tuesday. They travelled by motor coaches to Porthcawl in glorious sunshine.

2 August 1952 Sunday School Outing On Sunday, the scholars of St. Mary's Sunday School journeyed to Barry Island by motor coach, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

9 August 1952 Beside the Sea On Saturday, the Sunday School scholars of Carmel journeyed to Barry Island by motor coaches.

23 August 1952 By The Sea On Saturday, the Sunday School and other members of the Mission Hall, journeyed to Porthcawl for their annual outing, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The previous Saturday, the scholars of Nazareth Sunday School and members, journeyed to Barry Island by motor coach.

20 June 1953 Outing to Barry Island Members of all Churches held their annual outing on Saturday last when they visited Barry Island.

4 July 1953 Carmel Guild The members held their annual outing on Saturday and travelled by coach to Bourton-on-the-Water.

4 July 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood The members went on their annual outing on Saturday to the Elan Valley. Arrangements were made by Mrs. G. Pearce and Mrs. E. Lewis.

1 August 1953 O.A.P. Outing On Tuesday, the pensioners journeyed to Swansea by motor coaches. Arrangements were made by the ladies committee - secretary, Mrs. J.

Owen, treasurer, Mrs. M. Shankland, chairman, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, president, Mrs. H. L. Farley.

12 September 1953 Sewing Club Outing The annual outing of the Fochriw Sewing Club took place on Saturday by motor coach. This year the group paid a visit to the Golden Valley. They were accompanied by Mrs. F. Evans, instructress, Mrs. Shankland, secretary, and Mrs. T. Rowlands, treasurer.

5 June 1954 Annual Outing The annual outing of the Settlement Centre took place on Tuesday. Members journeyed to Lynmouth where they were met by coaches and conveyed to several places of geographical and historical interest. The secretary is Mr. T. Evans, Glyn Terrace, and the treasurer, Mrs. G. Williams, Aelybryn.

12 June 1954 Outing to Barry The Sunday Schools of the village, numbering about 500 children and adults, had their annual outing to Barry on Saturday. They travelled by train.

19 June 1954 Sewing Class Outing The Sewing Class held their annual outing on Saturday, visiting Gloucester and Cheltenham. Mrs. E. Shankland, Guest Street, secretary, and Mrs. Rowlands, Glyn Terrace, treasurer, were the organisers. They were accompanied by their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri.

10 July 1954 O.A.P. Annual Outing On Tuesday, the Fochriw Pensioners had their outing to Porthcawl, by road. Mrs. O. Shankland, secretary, and Mrs. J. Owen, treasurer, organised the trip assisted by a hard working committee.

18 June 1955 Sewing Class Outing The Fochriw Evening Sewing Class went to Gloucester on Saturday, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Davies, Butetown. Mrs. E. Shankland is the secretary, and Mrs. G. Yeoman the treasurer.

23 July 1955 Sunday School Outings The Sunday Schools had their annual outing to Barry Island on Saturday. The weather was glorious and a delightful day by the sea was spent. The journey was made by rail from Fochriw Station.

22 June 1957 Trip The Embroidery and Quilting Class went on a coach tour to Symonds Yat on Saturday, when a very enjoyable day was spent. The organisers were Mrs. M. Pritchard and Mrs. F. Lewis. Both classes are taught by Mrs. F. Evans.

22 June 1957 Pensioners Outing Fund A "mile of pennies" was organised at Fochriw and Pentwyn on Friday, June 14, for the Outing Fund. £28 13s 9d. was collected. The Supporters Committee wish to thank all who helped.

1 June 1957 Needlework Class Trip On Saturday, the Penybank Embroidery and Needlework class, with their teacher, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, journeyed to Gloucester by motor coach. Several places of interest were visited.

6 July 1957 Outing Fund Benefit On Thursday evening, a benefit was held at the Fair Ground in aid of the old age pensioners' outing fund. The result of the dodgems realised £4 10s 6d. The outing is to Porthcawl on July 9.

13 July 1957 Pensioners' Outing On Tuesday, the Fochriw O.A.P. had their annual outing. They travelled by motor coach to Porthcawl.

13 July 1957 School Outing Fochriw Primary School had a most enjoyable educational trip to Windsor and London Airport, in splendid weather, on Tuesday last week. Accompanying the scholars were Mr. Bryn Davies, headteacher, Messrs. W. Davies and A. Fisher, Misses Edna Evans, Myra Jones and Mrs.

27 July 1957 Holidays Whole families have gone to the seaside resorts of Porthcawl, Barry, and others.

12 July 1958 School Outing The pupils of Fochriw Primary School, accompanied by the headmaster, Mr. Bryn Davies and staff, had a most enjoyable day in fine weather on Friday last, when they toured the Wye Valley by motor coach.

20 June 1959 Sunday School Outing The annual Sunday School outings took place on Saturday, when the children and parents of the various churches went to Barry Island.

9 July 1960 Miners' Holiday Many miners have taken advantage of the holidays to go away for a few weeks.

10 June 1961 Outing The combined churches off the village had their outing to Barry Island on Saturday.

24 June 1961 Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild Trip The above journeyed by coach to Evesham, Broadway and Elmley Castle on Saturday.

1 July 1961 Sewing Class Outing The Sewing Class with their instructor, Mrs. Florrie Evans, had their annual outing by motor coach to Evesham and Worcester. In glorious weather, and enjoyable time was spent.

13 January 1962 Panto Visit Members of the Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild with friends of the Parish Church journeyed by motor coach to Swansea on Saturday and spent a happy time at the pantomime, "Babes in the Wood."

19 May 1962 Trip To Bristol Members of the Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild went to Bristol on Saturday, accompanied by the Vicar and Mrs. Sedgemore. Fine weather helped to make the day an enjoyable one.

7 July 1962 Sewing Class Outing The Ladies' Sewing Class, with their instructress, Mrs. Sylvia Davies, had a very pleasant motor coach trip on Saturday, visiting Hereford, Worcester and Evesham.

15 June 1963 Outing The St. Mary's Sunday School held their annual outing on Saturday last, and journeyed to Barry Island. They were accompanied by the Vicar, and Miss Loran Rees and Miss E. Fox, Sunday School teachers.

22 June 1963 Outings The Ladies' Sewing Class journeyed by bus to Oxford on Saturday for their annual outing. After lunch, Abingdon was visited. The outing of the Gospel Hall was to Barry Island. The Pentecostal Hall, Penybank went to Aberavon.

27 July 1963 R.A.O.B. Outing The annual outing was held on Saturday, when a party journeyed to Aberavon Beach.

27 July 1963 Annual Outings Carmel Sunday School journeyed from Pontlloftyn to Barry Island for their annual outing.

27 July 1963 Pensioners' Outing The O.A.P. held their annual outing on Tuesday, when they journeyed to Aberavon Beach and Porthcawl.

3 August 1963 Outing The Sunday schools of Noddfa and Nazareth journeyed by bus on Saturday to Barry Island for their annual outing.

13 June 1964 Outings The Sunday Schools of Nazareth and Noddfa held their annual coach outing to Aberavon. Weather was poor, but everyone had an enjoyable time. The Fochriw Sewing Class went to Bath and Wells for their outing.

20 June 1964 To Barry Mission Hall Sunday School pupils with Pastor Dd. Thomas journeyed to Barry for their outing.

27 June 1964 School Excursion Pupils of the Junior school accompanied by the staff travelled to Symonds Yat on Thursday.

27 June 1964 Annual Outing The Handicraft Class went to Bristol and Cheddar Caves last Saturday. The orgaiser was Miss Cassie Shankland. The Elim Assemblies of God, Penybank, held their annual Sunday School outing to Barry Island.

4 July 1964 Outing The Sisterhood went to Bourton-on-the-Water, and St. Mary's Sunday School to Barry Island.

4 July 1964 Pensioners' Outing Members of the O.A.P. Association journeyed to Aberavon and Porthcawl by bus for their annual outing. Each member was presented with a small gift before departure. Any pensioner who wishes to join should contact Mrs. Joan Owen, 17, Guest Street.

18 July 1964 To Porthcawl Two buses left the village on Saturday taking holiday-makers to Trecco Bay, Porthcawl. Several other holiday-makers are at resorts in this country and abroad.

29 August 1964 Outings The Sunday School teachers and pupils of Carmel Chapel held their annual outing last Saturday, and journeyed to Barry Island by motor coach. Recently, the sports section of the Fochriw Labour Club journeyed by bus to Wolverhampton for their annual outing.