

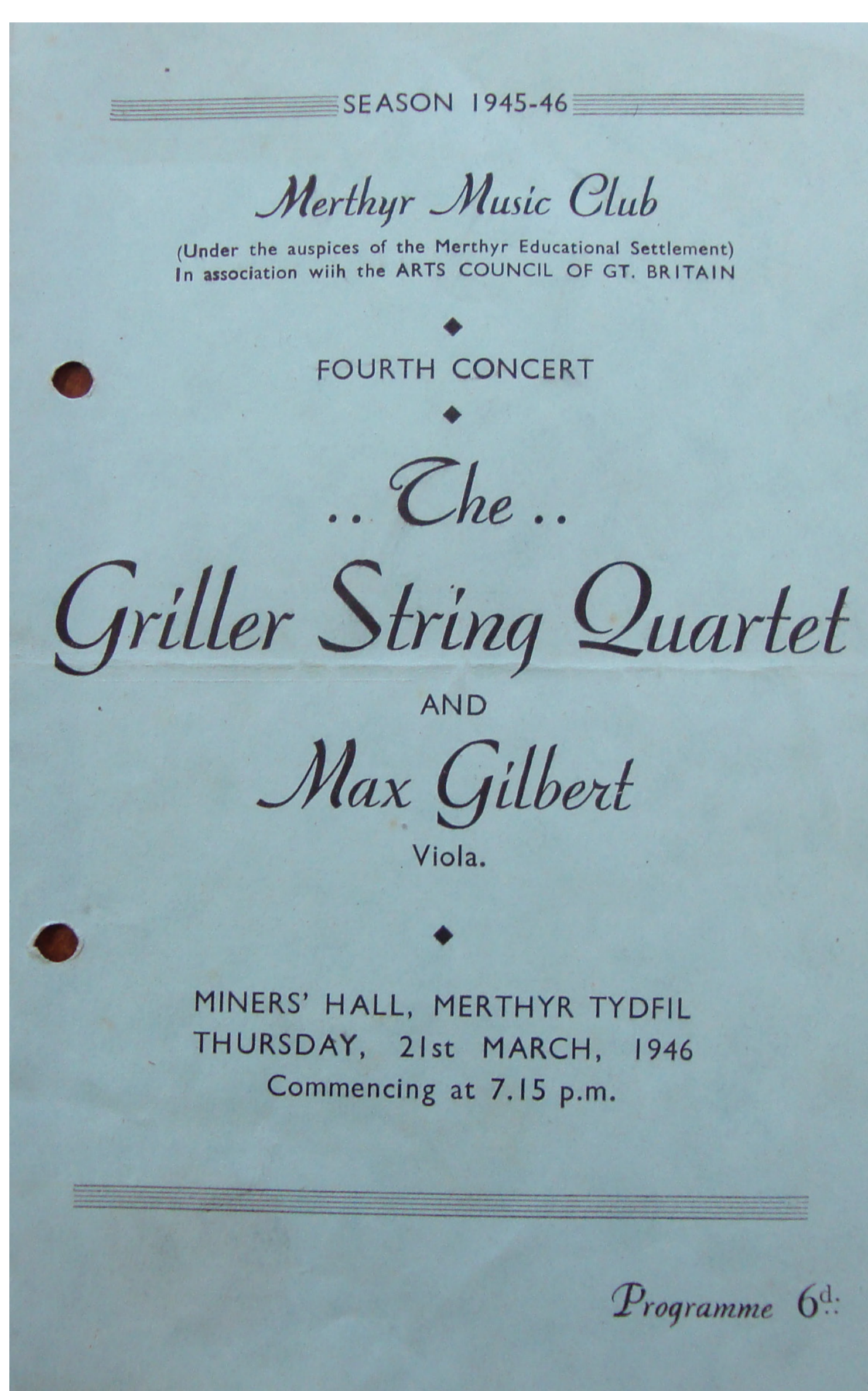
MERTHYR TYDFIL 1955-75

MEMORIES OF POPULAR MUSIC
ATGOFION O GERDDORIAETH BOBLOGAIDD

MERTHYR VENUES

The Miners Hall

The Miners' Hall, dating from 1921, was originally Shiloh chapel, supposedly designed by Brunel in 1847. It was popular for public dancing but converted to night club use as 'Charbonniers' in 1987. This listed building was badly damaged by fire in the 1990s and only the public bar remained open.



Two Posters from the 1940s. (Courtesy Old Merthyr Tydfil)



Fashion Week in the 60s. (Courtesy Old Merthyr Tydfil)



The Minors Hall in Recent Times. (Courtesy Old Merthyr Tydfil)

Tiffany's

Tiffany's, was an integral part of the new St. Tydfil Shopping Centre which opened in October 1970. As a modern venue, it was once the 'in' place for dancing for all age ranges and also for factory staff 'dos'. Despite its popularity this venue declined in the 1980s and was closed by the end of the decade.

"Tiffany's in the early seventies had some great bands. I saw Thin Lizzy, Trapeze (with Glenn Hughes) Medicine Head, Man and Welsh bands like Sassafras and Budgie. Great times. I also saw the Glitter Band... without Gary!!!"

"Most of the music life at the time, for young people anyway, revolved around Tiffany's nightclub. Monday nights were the best."

"I don't remember many local bands playing during the seventies. The Sands of Thyme were the resident band at Tiffany's back then. Although, there might well have been local bands playing at the social clubs, I didn't tend to go to those at that time."

The Catholic Hall

The Catholic Hall, dating from the 1920s, was well known for its dance bands. There was public outcry when the building and land was sold for redevelopment in the 1970s. Today on the former site are the Daffodils and Glan-Yr-Afon nursing homes.



Advert from The Catholic Hall from 1966. (Courtesy The Merthyr Express)