

“Merthyr Express” 23 March, 1867

Great Footrace On Rhymney Mountain – Plucky Tailors On Monday, the sporting world in Merthyr, Dowlais, Rhymney, Tredegar and Brynmawr, was all astir in prospect of the race to come off between the two “knights of the board” on Rhymney mountain that day. The patrons of Jim Gethin, a tailor of Merthyr, and friends of Tom Davies, alias Talgarth, for some time had been loud in their praises of the pedestrian capabilities of these men, and the result was that they were backed to run a race for £20. The day fixed for the event was Monday last, the champions having gone into training for the purpose, it was decided, that in spite of wind and weather, the race should not be postponed. Monday, as our readers are aware, was a desparately rough day – the ground was covered with snow, the mountain roads were rendered impassable for the ordinary traffic; but the race, nevertheless, came off. About mid-day, troupes of men wended their several ways from all parts of the district to the rendezvous despite the atrocious conditions. The race was everything to them. The runners left Merthyr in cabs: Gethin, in a four-wheeler, and Talgarth in a hansom. When they got to the top of Dowlais, their difficulties began. They passed through the snow very well until the declivity under the Brecon and Merthyr Railway was reached. There, there was a great drift, and Gethin’s cab came to a stand-still. The driver refused to proceed further, whilst the hansom was making the most tremendous efforts to push on. The backers of Gethin got very excited and seized the horses by the head and implored the driver to make another effort. With the aid of some of the sportsmen around, he drove a little further into the snow. Within a short distance, his vehicle got into a deep lock and the horses had to be taken out. Gethin jumped out of his cab and walked through the snow to the ground. The distance was measured, and the ground was cleared by the partisans of the candidates, the work being equally divided. The distance was 200 yards, and owing to the depth of the snow it took an hour and a half to clear it away. All that time, Gethin stood in the snow with a blanket over him, but he, nevertheless, felt the cold very much, and it, no doubt, had some effect upon his running. Talgarth was all the while snugly ensconced in his hansom, and, until the last few minutes, preferred to keep it for himself, no offer being made to Gethin, whose vehicle was a mile off in the snow, to share its comfort. This absence of generous spirit was a matter of severe comment amongst the friends of Gethin. At length, the course having been cleared, the men stripped and took their places at the starting point, the choice of places having been won by Talgarth. The appearance of the runners suggested that the victory would go with Gethin – although he looked very ill – who was the taller, and apparently, the stronger man; but Talgarth was short, and confident of success. The signal given, they started, and at the first rush, Talgarth shot ahead by four yards. He maintained his advantage, to the delight of his backers who were frantic with joy. The outbursts of Talgarth’s supporters continued till the close of the race. In the last 50 yards, Gethin was seen to lessen the distance between him and his opponent, but the distance was too short for him to enable him to overcome the advantage which Talgarth had gained at the start of the race. Talgarth won by about three yards, amidst the loud cheers of his backers. The little fellow was elated upon his victory, and after jumping into his cab, said that he hadn’t half run, and that he would run Gethin again and give him ten yards.

“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1870

Whit Monday The Rhymney, Deri and Vochriw races will come off on the 27th, when, if the weather is favourable, we anticipate there will be a large gathering of all classes, as the racecourse is in easy access of all places in the neighbourhood, and is announced as the best in Glamorgan.

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1870

Rhymney, Deri and Vochriw Races and Picnic This annual gathering came off on Monday last. There were a goodly number of persons present as the weather proved favourable. The racing commenced at 2.30 with a race for Galloways not exceeding 14 hands, followed by a pony race not exceeding twelve hands. In the hurdle race there was only one entrant, and in the pony race, 13 hands, three raced for a purse of three sovereigns. There followed a footrace of 200 yards, and then one of 300 yards. A variety of sports was provided for visitors, and the Blackwood Artillery Band was in attendance, and the lovers of dancing had an ample

opportunity of indulging in it. Everything passed off tolerably well, but we are sorry to say that a great deal of drunkenness prevailed and several fights took place.

“Merthyr Express” 23 March, 1867

Great Footrace on Rhymney mountain Jim Gethin, a tailor of Merthyr, and Tom Davies (alias Talgarth) over 200 yards. Snow. Davies won by 3 yards.

“Merthyr Express” 15 May 1880

Vochriw Cricket Club The second fortnightly committee meeting of the club was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday the 10th., Mr J. Harris occupying the chair. A vote of thanks was accorded to W. Evans and C. Payne for the trouble they took preparing the field. The following were nominated to the committee - Messrs J. Harris, chairman; J. Wood, vice-chairman; G. Phillips, treasurer; B. Williams, secretary; A. St. C. Kent Jones, captain; T. Greening, W. Evans, M. Pritchard, T. Radley, T. Bird, E. Evans, C. Payne, T. Jones (Cwmbargoed), T. Prosser.

“Merthyr Express” 17 July 1880

Cricket: Merthyr Vale v Vochriw A match was played on Thursday 8th July and resulted in a victory for the home team in the first innings by three runs with one wicket to fall. Both teams played one short. Vochriw scorecard: M. Pritchard 28; H. Rees 0; D. Kent Jones 10; A. Kent Jones 1; T. Jones 0; J. Harvey 5; R. John 0; C. Payne 3; W. Evans 1; G. Phillips 0. Extras 2. Total 50. Merthyr Vale 53.

“Merthyr Express” 4 September 1880

Vochriw v New Tredegar: Cricket The first match between these teams came off on Saturday 28th August on the ground of the former. The weather was perfect and was eagerly witnessed by a large number of spectators from the neighbourhood. Play began at 3 p.m. New Tredegar scored 33 in their first innings and Fochriw 20. In the second innings the visitors scored 18, leaving Vochriw to score 31 to win. Vochriw scored 35 for nine wickets, so were victorious by 4 runs and one wicket. The Vochriw team was R. Rees, S. K. Jones, A. Kent Jones, M. Pritchard, T. Jones, C. Payne, W. Evans, H. John, T. Edwards and J. Bird.

“Merthyr Express” 28 May 1881

Concert On Thursday se'nnight a very successful concert was given under distinguished patronage at the Board schoolroom, for the purposes of augmenting the funds of the Fochriw Cricket Club, when the following well-known artistes took part:- Miss Keturah Evans (Eos Alma), Miss Maggie Davies (Eos Fach), Dowlais, Messrs Tom Williams (Pontypridd), J. Griffiths (Dowlais), Watkin Evans and David Davies (Rhymney), W. T. Morris and B. Angel (Vochriw), W. C. Williams (Merthyr), Mr. D. Bowen, Dowlais, accompanist, and Mr. John Harris, Vochriw, conductor. The programme opened with a pianoforte solo, “Welsh airs,” very skilfully performed by Mr. D. Bowen. Mr. W. T. Morris followed “Land ho!” and then those sweet warblers, Eos Alma and Eos Fach gave a duet. “Over the hawthorn hedge,” that they sang so prettily that an encore was demanded by the audience, and in response they gave “I know a bank.” Mr. Tom Williams followed and sang “John Brown,” which was encored. The trio, “A little farm well tilled,” by Messrs. Evans, Morris and Davies was well received, after which Mr. Berkley Angel sang a song very sweetly. After the duet, “Albion on they fertile plains,” by Messrs. Morris and Evans, Eos Fach followed with “Jeanette and Jeanot,” which was well received. Next came Mr. W. C. Williams the highly talented comic vocalist, sang an excellent ditty called “£ s. d.,” a song marked by common sense and worldly wisdom. In response to an enthusiastic encore, he gave another effusion which pleased immensely. Mr. D. Bowen opened the second part with an overture, after which Mr. Watkin Evans gave “The death of Nelson” fairly well. Eos Alma and Eos Fach followed with “The cousins.” Mr. Tom Williams then sang “The bonny blue jackets,” which was loudly encored. After a catch song called “Call John,” by Messrs. H. M. Williams, Angel and Walters, Eos Alma very tastefully gave “The old love and the new,” which was loudly applauded. Mr. W. C. Williams again came forward with “Still they come” which created roars of laughter. Mr. Williams make-up and acting in this song were something to see, to laugh at, and to be remembered. He was, of course, vociferously encored, when he appeared in a different character, which made the audience fairly scream with delight. The trio “Dame Durden,” by Messrs. W. Evans, Morris and Davies, was followed by “The Midshipmite,” well rendered by Mr. J. Griffiths, after

which Mr. Tom Williams gave a capital Welsh song, which was encored. The next item, "Howel, Howel, why dost though linger," given by Eos Alma and Eos Fach was much appreciated. The usual finale brought to a close one of the most enjoyable concerts ever given at Fochriw.

"Merthyr Express" 13 August 1881

Cricket: Fochriw v Tirphil A cricket match was played on Saturday the 6th.. Pritchard hit freely for Fochriw and Beynon for Tirphil. S. K. Jones and Ben Jones bowled well for the home side, as did Batten and Hammonds for the visitors. The match resulted in a draw in the first innings.

"Merthyr Express" 17 August 1889

Cricket: Dowlais Juniors v Vochriw The match between the above teams was played on the ground of the latter on July 20th., and resulted in an easy win for Dowlais by one run, with five wickets to fall. The scores were: Vochriw 20; Dowlais 21 for 5 wickets.

"Merthyr Express" 25 January 1890

FOOT RACE at Penydarren Park, Merthyr on Monday, February 3rd between D. DAVIES, MERTHYR and D. JONES, VOCHRIW 120 yards level for £10 aside. To be on the mark at 3.00 p.m.

"Merthyr Express" 6 December 1890

"Merthyr Express" 13 December 1890

Dowlais Rangers v Vochriw United The above teams met at Vochriw in cold weather, and a very one-sided game ended in an easy victory for the Rangers by 3 goals and 4 minors to nil. The visitors played with 3 short.

"Merthyr Express" 7 February 1891

Football A match between Pant and Fochriw was played on February 2nd. The match was drawn.

"Merthyr Express" 9 May 1891

The Great Foot-race at Merthyr On Saturday and Monday last, the much-talked of 120 yards handicap for prizes amounting to £100, promoted by Messrs Kendal and Dent, watchmakers, London, came off on the grounds of the Recreation Company at Penydarren Park, Merthyr. The attendance on Saturday was not large, and consisted of a heterogeneous crowd of local athletes, bookmakers, and roulette-table proprietors, very few of the general public being present.

"Merthyr Express" 12 August 1893

Cricket: Fochriw v Pontlottyn The match was played on Saturday in splendid weather on the Gwyrd Ground. The game was very one-sided, Fochriw winning by an innings and 24 runs. The main Fochriw scorers were George James, 35 not out, Job Thomas, 17, and John Evans, 12. D. J. Morgan and W. Lewis bowled extremely well for Fochriw, the former taking 9 wickets for 16 runs, and the latter 10 wickets for 25 runs. D. L. Jones was also very smart behind the stumps. Scores: Fochriw 95. Pontlottyn 26 and 45.

"Merthyr Express" 19 August 1893

Cricket: Fochriw v Pontlottyn The return match was played at Pontlottyn on Saturday last. On this occasion Pontlottyn won an exciting game by 5 runs. Scores: Pontlottyn 29 and 46. Fochriw 19 and 51.

"Merthyr Express" 9 September 1893

The Vochriw Affair Sir, - We, the undersigned members of the Pontlottyn Cricket Club, challenge anyone to prove that we met the Vochriw team on Gwyrd mountain for any other purpose than to play a game of cricket on the day when the now celebrated "black brigade" of Dowlais came with sticks, iron bars, mandrils etc., to drive us away from the ground, and that we had no other object in view. The slander, threats, and abuse of the Rev. J. P. Williams for defending us, we cannot allow to pass without a protest. The rev. gentleman has done more to advise, assist, and guide us as working men than any other gentleman in the district, and he surely deserves better treatment than to be ridiculed and held up to scorn of men by a careless Dowlais journalist, who probably was not near the scene of action until everything was all over. And let there be no mistake about that. We are, yours faithfully, T. B. Fisher, Darwin

Jones, Dan Fisher, Wm. Morris, Alf Jenkins, David Fisher, Thos. Hancock, Ed. Gardner, John Mackey, Noah Rees, Howell Jones. Members of the Pontlottyn Cricket Club.

“Merthyr Express” 16 September 1893

Cricket: Fochriw v 2nd Battalion Bedford Regiment The above match was played at Fochriw on Monday last in splendid weather. The soldiers went in first and scored 87. Fochriw followed and at first wickets fell rapidly until D. L. Jones went in. He made a brilliantly played 63 not out, over half the Vochriw score of 121. The game throughout was of the most pleasant nature, and goes far to show the good feeling that exists between the soldiers and the people.

Fochriw v Lewis’ School Pengam The match was played on the school ground on Saturday last in glorious weather. The school batted first and scored 39. Fochriw then scored 44 to win by 5 runs or 5 wickets ahead.

“Merthyr Express” 30 September 1893

Football: Fochriw Rangers This team wish to arrange matches with any local junior team. Apply to Secretary W. J. Ballard, 7, Dynevor-street.

“Merthyr Express” 10 March 1894

Fochriw Rangers v Llancaiach Harlequins The match was played at Fochriw on Monday last, and ended in victory to the home side by 1 try to three minors. Up to half time play was very even, neither side scoring. On crossing over, Vochriw showed better combination and scored a try, Aneurin Jones the scorer. Fochriw were without three of their regular forwards and two three-quarters. Substitutes had to be picked up on the field. A rather unpleasant incident occurred on account of a free kick. A forward asked for an explanation and was struck by the referee - a man from Bedlinog. Spectators rushed on to the field and the game was stopped a few minutes before time. Fochriw team: Full back, J. Lewis; Three-quarters, Wat Jones (captain), Abram Jones, Evan Jones, M. M’Arthur; Half-backs, Aneurin Jones, D. L. Morgan; Forwards, J. Williams, D. L. Jones, C. Edwards, R. Evans, T. Evans, B. Thomas, D. Griffiths, Job Thomas. The Rangers have March 17th open. Apply to David Jones, 33, Guest-street, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1894

Fochriw Rangers v Merthyr Pupil Teachers F.C. The match was played at Fochriw on Saturday last, and ended in victory for Fochriw by two tries and six minors to one minor. The teachers were a few men short, but picked up good substitutes. The visitors were penned in their half for much of the game.

“Merthyr Express” 21 April 1894

Cricket: Fochriw C.C. A meeting was held on Tuesday evening last at the Rising Sun Inn. The following officers were elected for the season: W. Williams, captain; W. Lewis, vice-captain; J. Thomas, treasurer; David Jones, secretary - 33, Guest-street, Fochriw, who would like to arrange matches with junior teams only.

“Merthyr Express” 28 April 1894

Fochriw Rangers’ Football Club: Supper The annual supper took place at the Rising Sun Inn. A splendid spread was prepared by Mrs. Morgan to which about 20 club members did ample justice. After supper, the record of the team was read: Played 15; won 8; Lost 3; Drawn 4. Points for - 53; points against - 17. Top scorer: D. L. Jones with 5 tries. Vote of thanks to the captain, Walter Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 7 July 1894

Cricket: Pontlottyn v Fochriw The match was played on the Gwyrd Ground last Saturday and ended in victory by 47 runs for Fochriw. Fochriw batted first and scored 80 runs, the chief contributor being W. Williams (captain) 32. Pontlottyn scored 33. The Fochriw team would like to arrange matches with local teams. Saturdays only. Apply to David Jones, 33, Guest-street, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 22 September 1894

Football: Fochriw Stars v Pontlottyn This match was played last Saturday, and ended with a win for Fochriw by one try. The Fochriw Stars would like to arrange matches with neighbouring teams, average age from 12 to 14. Apply to David Jones, 33, Guest-street, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 6 October 1894

Fochriw Stars v Dowlais Stars Played at Fochriw on Monday last. Victory to Fochriw by 2 concerted goals and one try to nil. The Fochriw team was: Back, J. Davies; Three-quarters, E. Jones, Abram Jones, David Jones, J. Lewis; Half-backs, R. Evans, T. Pugh; Forwards, B. Thomas, W. Cole, T. Evans, T. J. Jenkins, T. D. Jones, T. Ballard.

“Merthyr Express” 20 October 1894

Fochriw Stars v Rhymney Roses The match was played at Fochriw on Saturday last. The Rhymneyites were much heavier than their opponents, but, nonetheless, Fochriw were victorious by the only score of the match, a try by T. Ballard.

“Merthyr Express” 31 August 1895

Cricket: Fochriw v Pontlottyn This match was played on the mountain on Saturday last, and ended in a win for Pontlottyn by nine wickets. Fochriw 1st innings 40; 2nd innings 8. Pontlottyn 1st innings 37; 2nd innings 15 for 1 wicket.

Gelligaer School Board The resignation of Miss Phoebe Davies, assistant mistress at Vochriw school, was received and accepted, she having obtained an appointment under the Bedwellty Board. It was decided to appoint Mr. Don Davies, Pontlottyn to the post. Miss Lottie Davies, pupil teacher at Penybank School also sent in her resignation, and the Clerk was directed to ask her for the reasons that prompted her action. The tender of Mr. Robert Davies of £269 10s. for alterations at Pantywaun School was accepted.

“Merthyr Express” 14 September 1895

Cricket: Fochriw v Pontlottyn The return match came off last Saturday in front of a large crowd of spectators. Scores: Pontlottyn 1st innings 19. Fochriw 1st innings 36. When stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock Pontlottyn in their second innings were 17 for six wickets. W. Williams and Evan Jones captured five Pontlottyn wickets each. Evan Jones has only recently made his debut as a bowler: he has bowled in only four matches. His record to date is: 40 overs; 26 runs; 27 wickets. An extraordinary average of less than one run per wicket! For Pontlottyn, the performance of the season was the bowling of W. Lewis, up until last season a Fochriw player.

“Merthyr Express” 8 February 1896

Football: Deri v Fochriw Played at Fochriw on Saturday last in ideal football weather, and ended in a win for Fochriw by 1 converted goal and 4 tries to 1 try (17 points to 3).The tries for the winners were scored by Evan Jones (2), D. Jones, J. D. Williams and Aneurin Jones. The Fochriw team was superior behind the scrum, but at forward Deri had the advantage.

“Merthyr Express” 29 February 1896

Football: Bedlinog v Fochriw The match was played at Fochriw. Fochriw were pinned in their half for long periods. They then began to play very rough. In the second half, Bedlinog had a free kick but failed to convert. Spectators then began hooting the captain because of this failure. Final score: Bedlinog 1 minor, Fochriw 1 minor.

“Merthyr Express” 18 July 1896

Cricket: Fochriw English v Welshmen The game was played on Mabon's Day, and ended with a victory for the Cymry by 35 runs. Scores: Welsh 83, English 48.

Fochriw Married v Single Played on Mabon's Day, and ended in defeat for the fossils by one run. Scores: Singles 31, Married 30. The return match is to be played on Thursday evening next, and we hear that the fathers are confident of turning the tables on their sons. We admire their pluck, and wish them every success in their uphill task.

“Merthyr Express” 29 August 1896

Cricket: Mr Watkin Jones's Team v Fochriw Played at Penydarren Park on Saturday last and ended in a victory for Mr Jones's team by 31 runs. The scores were 30 and 61.

“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1896

Cricket: Bedlinog v Fochriw Played at Bedlinog on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Bedlinog for 2 runs. The scores were 38 and 36.

“Merthyr Express” 10 July 1897

Cricket: Fochriw v Bedlinog The match was played on Saturday, June 26 at Bedlinog. The scores were: Fochriw 39; Bedlinog 33.

Fochriw v Dowlais The match was played at Dowlais on Saturday. Scores: Dowlais 33; Fochriw 34 for 5 wickets.

“Merthyr Express” 17 July 1897

Cricket: Fochriw v Merthyr Played at Fochriw on Saturday. Scores: Fochriw 36; Merthyr 15.

“Merthyr Express” 28 August 1897

Cricket: Fochriw v Bedlinog The match was played at the Gwyrd Ground on Saturday in miserable weather. Fochriw batted first and were dismissed for the small score of 46 runs. Bedlinog, however, were dismissed for eight runs less. The Fochriw bowling was very deadly, and was admirably backed up by the wicket-keeper, D. L. Jones, who stumped one, and had another run-out in clever fashion. The Fochriw team has next Saturday vacant, and would like to arrange a home match with a neighbouring team. Apply to D. Jones, 33, Guest-street.

“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1898

Cricket: Fochriw v Dowlais Played on Saturday at Fochriw. Fochriw 27 runs; Dowlais 38.

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1898

Cricket: Fochriw v Fochriw Brass Band This match was played at Fochriw Cricket Ground on June 25th. The Bandsmen were asked to bat first, and wickets fell rapidly to the bowling of E. Jones and T. J. Thomas. They were dismissed for 17 runs. Fochriw scored 57 in their innings.

“Merthyr Express” 8 October 1898

Bicycle Race A large crowd assembled on Pentwyn, Fochriw-road, to witness the long-looked-for three-quarter mile bicycle race, which took place on Monday between Mr. William Payne, Fochriw, and Mr. Jenkin Roberts, Pontlottyn. The former defeated his opponent by 20 yards. E. Tovey, Pontlottyn, acted as referee, and D. Harris, T. Davies, J. Nairn Jones, D. J. Morgan, Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, kept the road clear.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July 1899

Cricket: Bedlinog v Fochriw The match ended in a victory for Fochriw by 16 runs. Bedlinog scored only 28 runs against the bowling of Evan Jones and T. J. Thomas. Jones took 5 wickets for 15 runs. Fochriw replied with a total of 44.

“Merthyr Express” 20 July 1901

Cricket: Pontlottyn v Fochriw Played on the Gwrhyd on Saturday. Scores: Pontlottyn 33, Fochriw 49.

“Merthyr Express” 25 January 1902

Rugby: Bargoed v Fochriw Fochriw were winners by 3 goals (1 dropped) and 2 tries to nil.

“Merthyr Express” 22 February 1902

Rugby: Fochriw Stars v Bargoed Stars Fochriw lost their unbeaten record by 1 goal to 1 try.

“Merthyr Express” 29 March 1902

Rugby: Rhymney v Fochriw The match ended in a draw each team scoring one try.

Rugby: Fochriw v Pengam The visitors were victorious by one try to nil.

“Merthyr Express” 5 April 1902

Rugby: Fochriw v Cefn The scores were 1 try versus 1 penalty goal.

“Merthyr Express” 3 May 1902

Annual Dinner The Fochriw Football Club held their annual dinner at the Rising Sun Inn on Thursday last.

“Merthyr Express” 28 June 1902

Cricket: Fochriw v Rhymney The Fochriw team was as follows: D. L. Jones, D. Jones, T. J. Thomas, D. Lewis, E. Jones, D. Evans, W. Taswell, J. Williams, F. Wootten, C. Perry, J. M. Jones. Bowler Thomas took four wickets, and E. Jones three wickets. Fochriw won by two runs.

“Merthyr Express” 1 November 1902

Rugby: Fochriw v Dowlais The match ended in a draw, both sides failing to score.

“Merthyr Express” 8 November 1902

Rugby Fochriw - 1 goal and 1 try; Tirphil Grasshoppers - 1 dropped goal and 1 try.

“Merthyr Express” 6 December 1902

Rugby Fochriw nil, Bargoed, 2 tries.

“Merthyr Express” 10 January 1903

Rugby: Bargoed v Fochriw The game was almost entirely in favour of the home team, who were winners by three tries to one.

Fochriw Alex The Fochriw Seconds will in future respond to the cry of "Good old Alex," and will be recognised in print as "The Fochriw Alex." About 200 spectators witnessed an exciting struggle between them and Deri on Saturday. It was a fortunate thing for both teams that the Alex decided to play on the mountain slopes, which turned out fairly dry and spongy, considering the weather. The Primrose field was ankle deep in water, owing to the foolish filling in of a ditch which formerly used to drain the field. The home team had a splendid match, and crossed the visitors line three times during the first half, but were called back for some infringement or other. S. Lewis played a splendid game at full back, only allowing them to pass him once, and then they scored the only point of a hard fought match.

“Merthyr Express” 31 January 1903

Rugby: Fochriw Alex The club would like to arrange new fixtures with fairly good junior teams. Apply Tom Davies, Swinton House, Fochriw, secretary.

Fochriw Alex v Pengam An exciting match was witnessed at Fochriw on Saturday. The last match between the old rivals resulted in a win for Pengam by a goal and a try to nil. This was reversed on Saturday, the homesters winning by a try to nil. Some little disturbance was caused on the field by one of the Pengam players picking up the ball (offside), in the last minute of the game and crossing the line. The referee awarded them a try, contending he had not seen a man off side, and yet he saw all the Fochriw players stopping in their play because of it. There are two more fixtures between these teams, so there will be plenty of opportunity for judging the merits and demerits of both.

“Merthyr Express” 14 February 1903

Rugby: Fochriw Alex v Bargoed Seconds There was almost an absolute lack of brilliance on both sides, owing, no doubt, to the high wind and the sloppy condition of the field. Nonetheless, five tries were scored, three by Fochriw and two by Bargoed.

“Merthyr Express” 28 March 1903

Cricket The first meeting of the Fochriw Cricket Club took place on Thursday evening. The old members turned up in force, whilst a goodly number of "freshers" also put in an appearance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season: chairman, Mr. C. Payne; committee, Messrs. H. Williams, T. Davies, T. Llewelyn, W. Jones, W. Taswell, D. Jenkins, G. Bellamy, E. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. D. Jones; captain, Mr. D. L. Jones; vice-captain, Mr. D. Jones. It was decided to apply for entrance to the Merthyr and District League. The prospects for the coming season are very rosy, and it is to be hoped that the club will succeed in getting the Primrose Field to play on. A subscription list has been drawn out, and by the aid of the leading local townsmen, the club has been placed on a sound financial footing.

“Merthyr Express” 25 April 1903

Football Supper The Fochriw Alex Football Club brought their season to a close in fine style on Thursday evening by having a splendid supper in their club room at the Rising Sun Inn. There was a good attendance, and everyone enjoyed the sumptuous spread, for which great praise is due to Mr. Morgans and family, and for the excellent way in which the tables were laid out. The team has concluded a very successful season, and thanks are due, in particular, to Mr. Tom Davies, secretary, for the services he has rendered the club, and also, to the committee.

“Merthyr Express” 9 May 1903

Dinner The annual dinner of the Stars R.F.C. came off on Thursday se'nnight at the Rising Sun Inn. The room had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a feature was a very cleverly executed design, portraying the crest of the club. Host Morgan had prepared a capital spread, to which the members and Committee did ample justice. Messrs. H. Evans and J. Matthews, in the capacity of stewards, performed their duties in their usual dextrous manner, and were ably supported by Misses Morgan and Whale. The tables having been cleared, a programme of music was submitted, and Messrs. C. Payne (chairman), J. Edwards, T. G. Davies and W. Payne contributed lively songs. During the proceedings, the secretary,

Mr. T. Llewellyn, presented the balance sheet for 1902-1903, and this showed that the club was in a flourishing condition, with a good balance on the right side. A record of the games played was also read. The following officers were elected for the coming season: president – Mr. C. Payne; treasurer – Mr. J. Williams; secretary – Mr. T. Llewellyn; Captain – Mr. J. Edwards; vice-captain – Mr. Wm. Payne.

“Merthyr Express” 10 October 1903

Cricket Club On Friday evening, at the Rising Sun Inn, a smoking concert was held to wind up the very successful season gone through by the Fochriw Cricket Club. The club's president, Mr. Charles Payne, occupied the chair, and remarked upon the able manner in which the team had been captained by Mr. D. L. Jones, who headed the batting averages, with the vice-captain coming second. The bowling had been entrusted throughout the season to Messrs. D. Jones, E. Jones, and D. Evans, and each one had a splendid average. Mr. Job Thomas complimented the team on its good work, and wished them another equally successful season in 1904. A splendid programme was then given. The officers for 1904 were also chosen: president – Mr. C. Payne; treasurer – Mr. J. Williams; secretary – Mr. D. Jones; captain – Mr. D. L. Jones; vice-captain – Mr. W. Taswell; committee – Messrs. W. Jones, Job Thomas, W. S. Williams, T. Davies, along with the above officials.

“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” 25 June 1904

Cricket: Fochriw v Cefn This was the return match. The first encounter had resulted in an easy victory for Cefn, but on this occasion, the home side was victorious. Scores: Cefn - 18 runs; Fochriw - 54 runs. E. Jones took five wickets for Fochriw, and D. Evans three.

“Merthyr Express” 16 July 1904

Cricket: Fochriw v Llanbradach Scores: Fochriw 46 runs (D. L. Jones 17); Llanbradach 28 (Evans six wickets, Jones three).

“Merthyr Express” 20 May

Cricket: Fochriw v Bargoed Seconds Fochriw were winners by 11 runs after batting first and scoring 53. David Evans was top scorer with 12 runs, and was also top wicket taker with 6 for 19. The final Bargoed wicket fell with just three minutes left to play.

“Merthyr Express” 3 June 1905

Cricket: Rhymney v Fochriw Scores: Rhymney 73; Fochriw 34.

“Merthyr Express” 5 August 1905

Cricket: Fochriw v Pontlottyn On Saturday, the return match was played at Fochriw, and as before, Pontlottyn were victors. E. Jones and W. Taswell bowled throughout the Pontlottyn innings, the former taking 3 for 18, and the latter 6 for 24. Pontlottyn totalled 44 runs. Fochriw were dismissed for just 18 runs.

“Merthyr Express” 28 April 1906

Quoit Club On Monday, Penyardren paid a visit to Fochriw for a friendly match with the local boys on the opening of their grounds. Penyardren won by a 112 to 100 points. Next week, Penyardren enter upon the work of the season, and there is now every prospect of a successful period. Collier Bach (Mr. George Uzzell) is president of the club, and the other officers are: captain – Mr. D. Walters; vice-captain – Mr. D. Jones; secretary – Mr. T. J. Morgan; treasurer – Mr. D. Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 6 October 1906

Rhymney Valley Rugby League Notes by "The Old Wag." Although all the clubs in this league were engaged last Saturday, only one match was fought. This took place at Machen, where Fochriw were the visitors. Both of these clubs have been before the public for several years. Fochriw have always moved in junior circles, and have performed very creditably indeed for some seasons past. Now they wish to soar higher and tackle more renowned opponents. With Ianto Jones as captain, Mr. Llewellyn as secretary, and the seasoned advice of David Lewis Jones and a strong committee, the club should not be the lowest in the league this season. If that flying three-quarter, Dai Jones, could be induced to turn out once more, the team would feel confident enough to face any of their more experienced opponents.

"Merthyr Express" 17 November 1906

Rugby Matches October 13: Fochriw 6, Dowlais 0; Oct. 27: Bedwas 1goal, 3 tries, Fochriw 0; Nov. 3: Rhymney 8, Fochriw 0; Nov. 10: Tirphil 26, Fochriw 0.

League Table: 1. Bedwas- Played 4 7Points; Machen P3 5Pts; Masesycymmer P3 5Pts; Rhymney P2 3Pts; Aberbargoed P3 1Pt; Tirphil P2 1Pt; Blackwood P1 0Pt; Fochriw P4 0Pt.

"Merthyr Express" 12 January 1907

Rugby Each week Fochriw come up smiling. In the face of adversity their nil desperandum attitude is to be commended. Without a solitary victory to their account, they journeyed to Blackwood to play a league match, and although defeated once again, they showed great improvement upon their previous disciplines. They lost by two tries and a dropped goal to nil.

"Merthyr Express" 26 January 1907

Fochriw v New Tredegar Grasshoppers In the return match, the ground was heavy but a rattling game was witnessed. True, the homesters were again beaten, but they played with great spirit. Fochriw are gradually improving and may create a surprise before the season ends.

"Merthyr Express" 4 May 1907

Gelligaer Fox-Hounds The season just terminated was a poor one for the sport. Scent was bad to start with, but better in February and March. Mr. David Jones, J. P., Dowlais, the master, had the misfortune to fracture his leg on October 22nd, and was laid up for the remainder of the season. The best run of the season extended over four hours from the find at Bedwellty to the kill at Fochriw. There were also three capital runs from Crickhowell.

28 March 1908 Gymnasium Mr. Harry Condy, Dowlais, visited the Church Institute on Thursday evening, and gave a lesson in gymnastics to the young men of the Guild, many being present.

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6 June 1908 Gymnastic Display On Thursday night, at the Church Institute, under the auspices of St. Mary's Guild, a gymnastic display and miscellaneous concert took place. There was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr. Samuel Thomas, Aelybryn, who referred to the ancient Roman and Grecian games, and the health and strength which accompanied gymnastic training. The programme was as follows: pianoforte overture – Mr. Robert Williams, Pontlottyn; comic song, Mr. John Clifford, Pontlottyn; dumb-bell drill by the gymnastic club; sleight of hand - coins, Professor Edwards, Dowlais; comic song, "I've brought the coal," – Mr. Wat Williams, Pentwyn; wrestling, Mr. Lewis Jenkins and Mr. Arthur Illes, Dowlais; Indian club display, Professor Spear, champion of the army; exhibition on the parallel bars - the gymnastic club; sleight of hand - cards; Welsh songs "Cymro Dewr" – Mr. Sam Llewellyn, Fochriw; boxing sketches – Messrs. Condy and Howells, Dowlais; mouth organ solo, with accompaniment on the bones, Mr. James Gunter and friends; dancing doll display, Mr. James Gunter, Fochriw; illustration of Ju-Jitsu - Professor Spear; display on the rings - the gymnastics club. Praise is due to the committee and Mr. Condy for carrying out all the arrangements. The accompanists were Mr. Robert Williams, Pontlottyn, and Miss E. C. Morgan, School House.

17 April 1909 Foot Race A foot race took place on Easter Monday on the road between Fochriw and Pontlottyn, for £5 aside, the distance run being 120 yards, between John Daniel,

Rhymney, and Reed of Pontlottyn. Daniel was the favourite. He obtained a slight advantage at the start, but Reed soon took the lead and won by the about five yards.

5 June 1909 Foot Race On Monday, on the road between Fochriw and Pontlottyn, a foot race took place between Neade and Butcher, both of Pontlottyn, over a distance of 120 yards. The stakes were £10 aside. Neade won by a yard.

“Merthyr Express” 10 July 1909

Cricket A cricket match was played on the mountain at Fochriw on Thursday evening week between Fochriw and Bedlinog. Fochriw won by eight wickets.

“Merthyr Express” 7 August 1909

Cricket In the match with Pontlottyn played at Fochriw on Saturday, Fochriw scored 117. The main scorers for Fochriw were D. Evans - 31, R. Jones - 21, Dan Evans - 16, and Tom Jenkins - 15.

16 October 1909 Football An interesting football match was played on the Primrose Field on Tuesday by teams captained by William Payne and W. E. Jones. The former team won by three points, after a keenly contested struggle, W. Payne scoring a try just on the call of time. A collection was made for E. Jones, an old footballer, who is indisposed.

30 October 1909 Shooting Match A pigeon shooting match took place at Penybank on Monday between Mr. George Jones, Pontlottyn, and Mr. Samuel, Penybank Hotel, resulting in a win for the latter.

5 March 1910 Football On Saturday, the Fochriw Hotspurs entertained Dowlais Church Lads before a good crowd. The game ended in a draw, 1-1. The scorer for Fochriw was Fred Wright.

23 April 1910 Cricket A Cricket Club has been formed at Fochriw The following are the officials: captain, Mr. David Davies; vice captain, Mr. Evan Jones; chairman, Mr. T. H. Llewellyn; treasurer, Mr. Jesse Williams; secretary, Mr. William Evans. The team will play their first match of the season on Saturday week on their new pitch, which would be laid out with cocoanut matting.

14 May 1910 Cricket: Fochriw v Dowlais Dowlais 51; Fochriw 56 for 3 wickets. E. Jones was top-scorer for Fochriw with 26 not out.

“Merthyr Express” 21 May 1910

Cricket: Fochriw v Bedlinog, played at Bedlinog Fochriw, put into bat, lost their first three wickets for one run. D. L. Jones and D. Evans then made a stand, but the innings ended with the Fochriw score on 45. The Bedlinog innings started equally badly, and continued so, the side being dismissed for 17 runs. D. Davies took 8 wickets for 8 runs.

“Merthyr Express” 28 May 1910

Cricket: Fochriw v Bedlinog As in the previous match, Bedlinog were dismissed for just 17 runs. D. Davies, the Fochriw captain, took 5 wickets for 5 runs, and D. Evans 4 for 10. When Fochriw batted, they soon passed their opponents score.

“Merthyr Express” 4 June 1910

Cricket: Dowlais Works v Fochriw The visitors failed to rise to the occasion, and were trounced by the Works. Powell did the hat-trick, in all taking 6 wickets for 12 runs. The Fochriw total was 26. Dowlais reached the target without the loss of a wicket.

“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1910

Cricket: Bargoed v Fochriw Scores: Bargoed 117; Fochriw 37

“Merthyr Express” 25 June 1910

Cricket: Rhymney Seconds v Fochriw Scores: Rhymney 38; Fochriw 34.

“Merthyr Express” 9 July 1910

Recreation Ground At the meeting of the Gellygaer District Council on Tuesday, a report by Councillors J. Jones and R. Jenkins on the site for a recreation ground at the Fochriw was submitted. The report recommended a site on the other side of the river - about 140 yards long, by 60 to 70 yards in width - which could be obtained at a very small cost, and would be very suitable for the purpose. On the motion of Mr. D. Richards, seconded by his Dr. J. Richards, the matter was referred to the Public Works Committee.

16 July 1910 Cricket: Fochriw v Rhymney Played on Tuesday week at Rhymney. Scores: Fochriw 42; Rhymney 174. The return match was played on Saturday, the homesters turning

the tables on their opponents, winning by a single run. Scores: Rhymney 61; Fochriw 62. Rod Jones played a sound innings of 21 for Fochriw at a critical time.

30 July 1910 Soccer Club for Fochriw A meeting was held at the Conservative Club, when it was unanimously decided to form a club for the forthcoming season, the same to compete in the Glamorgan League. The following officers were appointed: Mr. Edwin Evans - secretary; Mr. T. L. Harris - treasurer; Mr. A. Evans - captain; Mr. W. Wilcox - vice-captain. A strong committee was also elected, and the prospects of the new club seem exceedingly bright.

“Merthyr Express” 3 September 1910

Football A meeting of the Hotspurs A.F.C. was held at the Ambulance ante-room on Tuesday night. Fochriw are amongst the many newcomers to the Third Division. Formerly, the colliery town endeavoured to secure prestige in the Rucker code, but with the advent of Mr. S. E. Phillips, and a few other enthusiasts, this has all been changed. The players signed would not disgrace any Second Division club, and Fochriw should go far.

17 September 1910 Sports Very successful sports were held at Slimmond's Field on Thursday last being promoted by the Association Football Club. Ideal weather prevailed, and a good number attended. The committee worked hard to make the sports a success. The officials were: president, Mr. James Williams; chairman, Mr. F. R. Barker; vice-presidents, Messrs. Wm. Morgan, T. Williams, John Bevan, Thomas Roberts, Wm. Thomas, Harry Evans, T. Prosser, Evans Price Jones, R. Howells (Bedlinog), Morris Davies (Troedrhwiwfuwch), J. E. Jones (Tirphil), Tom Morgan, F. J. Wootten, and Dr. John Jones. The results were as follows: Marathon race - 6 entries - 1st A. Pimm, Caerphilly, £1; 2nd Wm. Thomas, Fochriw, 10s; 80yds boys' race - 1st T. J. Morris, Rhymney, 5s; 2nd H. Rowbottam, Deri, 2s 6d; 120 flat handicap, open - 1st Harry Roberts, Fochriw, £2; 2nd E. T. Jones, Bargoed, £1; 3rd E. W. Price, Bargoed, 5s; 220 yds open handicap - 1st Huw Howells, Bedlinog, £1; 2nd Dai Lewis, Fochriw, 7s 6d; Football kicking - 30 entries - 1st T. Morris, Pontlottyn, silver medal; Timbering - 1st Wm. Lewis & Geo. Dummett £1; 2nd Dd. Lewis & Dd. Harris 7s 6d; Tug of War - 1st Bedlinog 10s; 80 yds over 50 - 1st Wm Evans, Fochriw; 2nd Harry Evans, Fochriw; Sack race - 1st E. W. Price 7s 6d.

1 October 1910 Rugby Football: Fochriw v Sirhowy On Saturday last, the Fochriw R.F.C. opened the season with a match against Sirhowy. The game ended in a pointless draw. The game was watched by a large number of spectators.

“Merthyr Express” 8 October 1910

Rugby Football: Fochriw v Beaufort The teams met in a Second Division match of the Rhymney League. Fochriw were winners by 8pts to nil.

“Merthyr Express” 15 October 1910

Football: Fochriw v Brithdir Played on Saturday last. Score: Fochriw 3; Brithdir 0.

“Merthyr Express” 22 October 1910

Football: Fochriw v Tredegar Hibernian Reserves Score: Fochriw 6pts; Tredegar 0.

5 November 1910 Football The Hotspurs Association team played the Aberbargoed team on Saturday last, on the mountainside, and the homesters were defeated by 3 goals to nil.

“Merthyr Express” 10 November 1910

Football: Fochriw Hotspurs v Abertysswg Fochriw 4; Abertysswg 2.

19 November 1910 Football The Fochriw Rugby team were at home on Saturday, engaged in a league match with Hollybush. Fochriw were winners by two tries to nil. The Hotspurs Soccer team played at Rhymney Crescents, and were defeated by 1 goal to nil.

26 November 1910 Football: Fochriw R.F.C. v Blackwood As the visitors were a few players short, some having missed the train, Fochriw provided good substitutes. Fochriw were winners of a hard-fought game by a dropped goal to nil.

10 December 1910 Football: Fochriw R.F.C. v Bargoed Score: Fochriw 3pts; Bargoed 5 pts.

31 December 1910 Smoker On Wednesday, a very successful smoker was held at the Upland Stores, in connection with the Hotspurs Football Club. The chair was occupied by Mr W. J. Payne with Mr Stephen Ballard as vice-chairman. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. W. H. Davies, W. J. Jones, W. J. Payne, T. Hopkins, Master A. Pritchard. Gramophone selections were given by Mr. D. H. Cheeke.

14 January 1911 Dowlais Juniors Win at Fochriw The two teams met at Fochriw on Saturday. Just one goal was scored, and that by the visitors. The second half was played in semi-darkness.

20 May, 1911 Fochriw R.F.C. Supper The members of the Fochriw Rugby Club, sat down to a supper at their headquarters, Upland Stores, on Thursday evening last, to wind up their season. An excellent spread was provided which took the form of a cold luncheon. All did ample justice to the good things provided. Credit is due to be Mr. & Mrs. Cole for the excellent repast. They were assisted at the tables by Misses A. G. Williams, E A. Parry, and Martha Parry. The tables having been cleared, an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: gramophone selection - Mr. W. H. Jones; recitation - Mr. Arthur Jones; drinks and smokes by the Football Club; solo - Mr. Will Evans; song - Mr. Tom Jenkins; speech - Mr. Albert Whale; speech - Mr. Albert Mantle; song - Mr. Phil Davies; "History of His Trip to Dublin" - Mr. Tom Rees; song - Mr. David Cole; speech - Mr. E. Worman; stump speech - Mr. W. E. Jones; song - Mr. Tom Shankland; speech - Mr. D. H. Evans; song - Mr. W. H. Jones; speech - Mr. Will Witty. Drinks and sweets were passed round and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, Mr. T. H. Llewelyn, Chairman of the Rhymney Valley Rugby League. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

27 May, 1911 Hotspurs A.F.C. Banquet The members of the Hotspurs A.F.C., wound up their season on Thursday evening with a banquet at the headquarters, Upland Stores, when about 30 members sat down to an excellent spread prepared by Mr. & Mrs. Cole. The tables were gaily decorated. Ample justice was done to the good things provided. The tables cleared, an excellent programme was gone through. Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman of the club, presided. Mr. Payne spoke of the rapid strides made by the team during the past season, and expressed the hope that better things were to come. He also expressed his sympathy with one of the members, Mr. W. R. Lewis, who had undergone a serious operation at Porth hospital. He wished him a speedy recovery. Mr. S Ballard, vice-chairman, also spoke in praise of the team. Others who spoke were Messrs. Albert Whale, W. J. Jones, L. Rees, D. Jenkins, P. Mantle, W. Cole, and songs were given by W. H. Davies, H Thomas, W. J. Payne, D. Cole, L. Rees, J. H. Evans, S. Lewis, and R. D. Thomas. In the funny story competition, the prize was divided between Messrs. W. Cole and D Thomas. Gramophone selections were given at intervals. The singing of the Welsh National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

10 June 1911 Cricket Fochriw v Argoed at Fochriw on Saturday. The home team won by 24 runs.

17 June 1911 Cricket: Fochriw v Gilfach Played at Gilfach on Sturday: Fochriw: 52; Gilfach 54

22 July 1911 Cricket Rhymney v Fochriw Played at Rhymney on Monday, the home team winning in the last over sent down, as time was nearly up.

29 July 1911 Cricket: Fochriw v Sirhowy Played at Fochriw. The visitors arrived a little late, but the light did not interfere with the game, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. Sirhowy batted first, and scored 41. D. Evans took six wickets for 11 runs, and J. D. Jones 4 for 22. J. D. Jones and Tim Jones (captain and vice-captain of Fochriw) batted well, scoring 35 between them. Fochriw were winners by 20 runs.

5 August 1911 Cricket Fochriw v Beaufort United: Fochriw 54; Beaufort United 204; Fochriw v Tredegar Lillies: Fochriw 40; Tredegar Lillies 24

9 September 1911 Football On Saturday last, the Fochriw Hotspurs opened their season with a match against Dowlais Top. After a fast and exciting game, the home team won by 4 goals to 2. Dan Jenkins, two goals, Llewelyn Rees and Tom Jenkins, were the Fochriw scorers.

14 October 1911 Football Bargoed Old Boys proved too good Fochriw, winning by two tries, six points to nil. Fochriw arrived late, and it was agreed, owing to dusk setting in, to play only 20 minutes each way. There was no commendable feature in the play, except for the unwavering aggression of the home side. The Old Boys, however, could not display that combination and cleverness of effort which usually distinguishes their play. It was apparent they felt they could win easily and did not lay themselves out as usual.

14 October 1911 Presentation to Mr. W. J. Payne On Thursday evening at the Station Restaurant, the headquarters of the Fochriw Hotspurs Soccer Club, Mr. W. J. Payne was presented with a valuable case of cutlery - 52 pieces in all - which had been subscribed for by the members of the club, of which he is President, to mark the occasion of his recent marriage. The chair was occupied by Mr. William Evans, vice-president. Mr. W. J. Jones, Pentwyn, made the presentation. In responding, Mr. Payne said that the little he had done was for the interest of sport in the place. He was proud of being a member of the Hotspurs, which had a membership of at least 60 and was still growing. He urged upon them always to play clean and honest in sport, and to conduct themselves as gentleman on and off the field of play. Then they would be sportsmen in the true sense of the word. Mr. Llewelyn Rees, captain, then spoke, followed by Messrs. Percy Mantle, secretary, Stephen Ballard, treasurer, Rod Jones, and Tom Jenkins. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: songs - Messrs. W. H. Davies, W. J. Payne, J. H. Evans, A. Prosser, C. Edwards, S. Lewis; impromptu speech competition - subject "Bread" - the winner Mr. Llew Rees; funny story competition - prize divided between Messrs. David Thomas and Albert Prosser; selections on the gramophone.

4 November 1911 Football Five engagements were brought to a definite conclusion in the 5th division. Fochriw met New Tredegar Rovers at home, and succeeded in dividing the points.

18 November 1911 Football The 5th division provided five engagements. Possibly, the victory of Sebastopol Reserves at Fochriw may be described as the chief item on the programme. Fochriw on their own glades are a hard side to beat. Sebastopol succeeded where others have failed.

9 March 1912 Football In the fifth division, Fochriw visited Jubilee Rovers and won by three goals to one.

1 June 1912 Hotspur Football Club A supper in connection with the Club was held at the Station Restaurant on Friday evening, to wind up the season. A large number were present, and they did ample justice to the excellent spread prepared by Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley. After food, Mr. W. J. Payne presided over an excellent concert. First, however, he congratulated the team on an excellent season, and hoped for greater success in the coming year. Speeches were also given by Messrs. Percy Mantle (secretary), Stephen Ballard (treasurer), and Llewellyn Rees (captain). Many members gave songs, and gramophone selections were given by Mr. E. M. Roberts.

22 June 1912 Cricket: Bedlinog v Fochriw Bedlinog beat Fochriw for the first time in 18 years in the match played at Bedlinog last Saturday.

13 July 1912 Cricket: Fochriw v Bedlinog On Monday, Fochriw were at home to Bedlinog, the champions of the Merthyr and District Cricket League. A keen tussle was expected, and the spectators were given plenty of excitement towards the close of the game. Fochriw were the winners by a margin of just seven runs. For Fochriw, Llew Rees batted well for 19 runs, and W. Evans took five wickets for two runs. Scores: Bedlinog 48; Fochriw 55. The Fochriw team was J. D. Jones, D. Jones, E. Jones, T. Rees, D. Evans, R. Jones, L. Rees, D. Davies, J. Griffiths, W. Jones, W. Evans.

14 September 1912 Football In the fifth division match between Fochriw and Rhymney Rovers, the game ended in a draw.

7 June 1913 A. F. C. Supper The annual meeting and supper in connection with the Fochriw Hotspurs A. F. C. was held on Wednesday at the Station Restaurant, the headquarters of the club, where an excellent spread had been provided for the large gathering. Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman of the club, presided, complimenting the team on their good play during the season, and presenting the players with a set of silver medals which had been won in the Bargoed tournament. Speeches were also made by Messrs. S. Ballard, P. Mantle, L. Rees, G. Sibley and A. Harry, and many members gave songs.

12 July 1913 Cricket: Abercanaid Nomads v Fochriw A feature of the game was the fine bowling on both sides. For Fochriw, W. Lewis did the hat-trick, his final figures being 6 wickets for 10 runs. Also, T. Rees took 7 wickets for 21 runs. For the Nomads, Williams took 4 wickets for 15 runs. Fochriw won the match, breaking the home team's record.

13 September 1913 Soccer Fochriw crowned their first appearance of the new season with a well-deserved victory over Llanbradach Rangers. The game was of an unusual, clean character, not a solitary foul marring the proceedings. The Rangers compared very favourably with the winners, but lack of finish led to their undoing. T. Walters and Wm. Davies were the goal scorers for Fochriw.

20 September 1913 Merthyr United v Fochriw The teams met on Saturday at Penydarren Park in a friendly encounter. The Fochriw team was: Whitby; D. Rogers and R. Jenkins; E. Cooke, T. J. Lewis, and F. Wright; D. Thomas, A. Harry, A. Rees, W. H. Jones and J. Francis. The first half was one of missed chances for both sides, and ended with no score. Fochriw showed improved form in the second half, and after 10 minutes play, Harry opened the scores, after Evans, in the Merthyr goal, had stopped some good attempts. Fochriw pressed but shot wretchedly, but in this respect, Merthyr were worse. Thomas added the second Fochriw goal from a penalty, and Pickett scored for Merthyr. Final score: Merthyr 1; Fochriw 2.

4 October 1913 Presentation On Monday evening, a presentation was made at the Station Restaurant to Mr. Daniel Jones, on his leaving for Exeter College. The room was crowded. His loss, both to football and cricket, will be keenly felt in the district. The presentation took the form of a beautiful watch and chain and medal which had been subscribed for by the Fochriw Hotspurs A.F.C., of which he had been a member and captain for some years. The current captain, Mr. Edgar Cooke made the presentation. Speeches were made by Messrs. W. J. Payne, P. Mantle, H. C. Seaborne, G. Sibley and others. An excellent programme of music was also enjoyed with Mr. W. J. Payne presiding.

18 October 1913 Fochriw v Lower Rhymney Fochriw played splendidly throughout despite the excellent defence of the visitors. Ben Jones, at centre forward, who scored three goals, and Tuswell, inside left, W. J. Davies, right half, and Morgan Davies, captain and full back, were all in great form for the home team.

25 October 1913 Brithdir v Fochriw Fresh from their brilliant win over Lower Rhymney, Fochriw visited Brithdir. Hitherto, all league matches have been played on Saturday mornings, but tempted by a share of the 'filthy lucre' Fochriw agreed to play in the afternoon, with a disastrous result. A good crowd witnessed the game, and this had a discouraging effect on the Fochriw boys, who with one or two exceptions, failed to give of their best. A fairly even first half resulted in a two goals to one lead for Brithdir, but in the second half, Brithdir added five more. For Fochriw, J. Davies and Morgan Davies alone played up to form. Final Score: Brithdir 7; Fochirw 1.

8 November 1913 Upper Rhymney Valley Schools League: Fochriw v Pontlloftyn The return match took place at Fochriw, the home side being very keen to reverse the previous result, when Pontlloftyn won by three goals to one. Pontlloftyn were at full strength, but Fochriw had two or three of their best players away. With the wind at their backs in the first half, Ponty pressed hard, but their reward was just a single goal. The second half was much more even, both sides scoring a single goal. Final score: Fochriw 1, Pontlloftyn 2.

20 December 1913 Fochriw v Dukestown In the first half, the Crusaders held the upper hand, scoring after 20 minutes. Later, the visitors improved and equalized. In the gloaming, Dukestown tried hard to secure the winning goal, but the Fochriw defence proved sound.

3 January 1914 Smoker A 'smoker' in connection with the Hotspurs A.F.C. was held in the Station Restaurant, the team's headquarters, on Christmas Eve. Mr. W. J. Payne, president, presided. During the evening, the Chairman presented Mr. Richard Jones, a committee-man, with a beautiful case of cutlery, subscribed by members of the team, to mark his recent marriage. This was followed by speeches from Messrs. Percy Mantle, W. H. Davies, H. Jones, G. Sibley, E. M. Roberts, W. A. Jones and P. Davies, and a reply from Mr. Richard Jones. Songs were rendered by the following: W. H. Davies, Phil Davies, P. Mantle, M. Thomas, H. Jones, J. Davies, G. Sibley, W. Davies. There was an impromptu speech competition, the prize being secured by Mr. A. Jones. The winner of the reading competition was Mr. W. A. Jones. During the evening, a male voice competition took place, two parties putting in an appearance - the Philharmonic Music Lovers, conducted by Mr. Albion Jones,

and the Touring Club Minstrels, conductor Mr. Phil Davies. The latter were adjudicated winners.

31 January 1914 Upper Rhymney Valley Schools League: Fochriw 0; Brithdir 2

14 March 1914 Football: Pontlloftyn Reserves v Fochriw Just prior to half time, Way, one of the Ponty players, was given marching orders for some offence he committed. He refused to go, and the presiding official decided to bring the game to a conclusion.

2 May 1914 Football Results: Division Three Fochriw 2, Pontlloftyn Reserves 0; Fochriw 1, Rhymney Crescents 0.

23 May 1914 Cricket Fochriw v Abercanaid Lilies Played on Saturday at the Lilies ground. The visitors were the only team to defeat the Lilies last season, so great interest was taken in the match.

30 May 1914 Sports Sports were held in Slimmon's Field on Monday evening last, promoted by the Fochriw Workmen's Club. The event of the evening was the 100 yards handicap. The following were the heat winners: T. Davies, E. J. Williams, Albion Jones, W. H. Jones, J. Francis, F. Wright, and D. Lewis; semi-final heat winners - T. Davies, E. J. Williams and D. Lewis. The final was won by E. J. Williams by about six inches, he thus claiming the championship of Fochriw, for which he received a gold medal. The starter and handicapper was Mr. Wat. Williams, and the judges Messrs. S. E. Phillips and B. Slimmons. The secretary was Mr. Tom Davies.

17 February 1917 Football The Juniors journeyed to Gilfach last Saturday and a fast game was witnessed by a large crowd. The home team at first gain superiority and scored from a penalty. Fochriw pressed hard, their defence being great, and as a result of a corner, E. Evans equalised. Fochriw added two more goals.

5 May 1917 Presentation Meeting A very pleasant evening was spent at the Rising Sun Inn on Friday week, when the members of the Fochriw Hotspurs A.F.C., were presented with the medals won by them at the Rhymney Tournament. The chairman was Mr. H. C. Seaborne. The following contributed to a fine programme: Messrs. H. Thomas, W. H. Davies, Trevor Lewis, S. Lewis, D. Thomas, W. Powell, A. Mantle, Miss M. Kendrick. Mr. D. C. Jones presided at the piano.

3 November 1917 Football The final in connection with the Junior Tournament was played at the Primrose Field on Monday, the teams being the Fochriw Juniors and Pontlloftyn Juniors. The score was one goal each.

10 November 1917 Football The final in connection with the senior tournament was played at the Primrose Field on Monday, the opposing teams being Pontlloftyn and Fochriw Bluebirds. As darkness set in, Pontlloftyn netted a few goals very smartly, the referee bringing the game to a close about 20 minutes before time. Final score: Pontlloftyn 4, Fochriw 1. Mr. Harry Williams, Brithdir, was the referee.

24 November 1917 Football The replay in connection with the final of the Junior Tournament, between Fochriw and Pontlloftyn, took place on Thursday, before large crowd at their Primrose Field. Again the game ended in a draw, two goals each. The referee was Mr. J. Reed, New Tredegar.

26 January 1918 Football The Fochriw Juniors Football Club played Bedlinog at Fochriw on Monday. Some very keen play was witnessed, Fochriw doing most of the pressing throughout. However, the game ended in a draw, with no score. Fochriw was assisted by their old captain, Private T. H. Jones, who is home on leave.

2 March 1918 Concert A pleasant evening was spent at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday, when a concert was held in aid of the United Football Club. The room was well filled. The artistes included the well-known Merthyr comedian, Mr. Fred Richards, who delighted the audience with his performances. Other singers were Messrs. H. Wilcox, Tom Jones, Tom Rees, & W. Weale. The accompanist was Mr. Weale of Dowlais.

16 March 1918 Football A Rugby football match was held at Fochriw on Saturday, when Fochriw and Rhymney met in aid of funds for the National Institute for the Blind. A grand game was witnessed, Fochriw winning by six points. The collection was afterwards sent to the above Fund.

10 May 1919 Football Fochriw played their last match of the season on Saturday, the visitors being Brithdir, who arrived short, and were assisted by some of the home players. Play was not up to the usual standard, and Brithdir were the winners by one goal to nil.

20 December 1919 Football Fochriw Schoolboys maintained their invincible record against very stiff opposition on Saturday last. The visitors were Bargoed Higher Elementary School. They were going to try hard to take the local boys' record. Fochriw ran out victorious by two goals to nil. The scorers were Noah Way and Willie Roberts. All the players gave an excellent account of themselves. A word of praise is due to Mr. Tom Jones for his untiring efforts.

22 May 1920 Football On Wednesday afternoon, the Fochriw Schoolboys, winners of the Rhymney Valley Schools League Shield, for season 1919-1920, played the Rest of the League on their home ground, before a record crowd, thus completing a most successful season. The game was very interesting to watch, some of the boys playing brilliant football, considering the heavy state of the ground. Fochriw, the better team, won by two goals to one. The scorers for Fochriw were Johnny and Willie Roberts. The referee was Mr. John Francis. Great praise is due to Mr. Tom Jones, certificated teacher at Fochriw School, for his untiring efforts with the boys to build up such a fine team.

22 May 1920 Presentation: Rhymney Valley League Schools Shield, 1919-1920 to Fochriw School A.F.C. On Wednesday evening at the Council Schools, a very interesting presentation meeting was held to present the Rhymney Valley Schools League Shield to Fochriw School A.F.C., the winners for season 1919-1920. They have a splendid record for the season: they have lost only two matches out of 20 played, drawn two, and scored 68 goals against 16. A very able address was given by the chairman, Mr. J. R. Williams, Pontlottyn, chairman of the Rhymney Valley Schools League. Councillor Tudor Davies, agent of Messrs G.K.N. Ltd. made the presentation. In the course of an interesting address, Mr. Davies referred to the Welfare Scheme adopted by the company, and suggested that with the active co-operation of the townspeople, a Recreation ground and Pavilion were possible to Fochriw in the near future. Votes of thanks brought to a close a very happy evening.

19 June 1920 Sports Scheme Mr. Edward Lewis presided at a meeting held at the Church Hall, Fochriw, when Councillor Tudor Davies, and Mr. W. Rees, Dowlais, outlined the sports scheme for the village. An enthusiastic committee has been formed, and the scheme is to include cricket and football grounds, bowls and tennis courts, and an open-air swimming baths. An institute is also to be built by the Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Company, containing reading room, billiards, gymnasium and dressing rooms.

28 August 1920 A Fine Sprint Mr. W. A. Jones, son of M. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Guest-street, accomplished a fine feat on Monday last at the Cardiff Stadium Sports, by winning the 100 yards handicap. The win was a very popular one, the large crowd cheering to the echo.

2 October 1920 Football On Monday last, at Fochriw, under the auspices of the Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Welfare League, an interesting match was played, the visitors being Bedlinog, who are going strong in the League, but who found Fochriw a team to be reckoned with. Fochriw won by four goals to nil. On Tuesday at Fochriw, another Bedlinog team were the visitors to play the firsts. After a very stubborn game, the final whistle sounded with the score 1-1.

9 October 1920 Football A very interesting football match was played on Tuesday at Fochriw in connection with the Welfare League. The visitors were Pantywaun. Fochriw, who are going strong this season, won 6 - 1.

30 October 1920 Football A very interesting football match was played on Saturday last in connection with the Glamorgan League, the visitors being Fair View, Pengam. The visitors won 2 - 1.

20 November 1920 Football On Monday last, before a large crowd, Fochriw entertained Pantywaun in the Welfare League Under 18s. Fochriw, who are going great guns this season, soon asserted their powers. Goals were scored by Thomas John Morgan - 3, and Edward John Morgan - 3, leaving Fochriw winners by six goals to nil. A word of praise is due to Bertie Way for his excellent display.

27 November 1920 Football On Saturday, Fochriw played Hengoed in a Glamorgan League match. The game was evenly contested throughout. Score: Hengoed 2, Fochriw 1.

18 December 1920 Football Fochriw entertained Cyfarthfa in a Welfare League match on Saturday last and after a good game run out winners by three goals to one. The outstanding player on the field was the home centre-forward, T Jones, who gave as usual, a brilliant display.

25 December 1920 Billiard Handicap The billiard handicap in connection with the Fochriw Reading Room created great enthusiasm, some very close finishes being witnessed every evening during the week. The final was a very close finish between Messrs. Tom I. Evans and Brinley Sibley. Sibley, who received 25 start, won a very exciting finish.

8 January 1921 Football Fochriw entertained Cyfarthfa in a Welfare League match on Saturday last, and after a keen game, a draw - three goals each - was the result. We would just like to appeal to the rowdy element along the touchline to conduct themselves as sportsmen as there are so many young people present. They should be careful of the language they use, always remembering that the home team have to play away when they remain at home. Fochriw in the good old days was noted for its sporting qualities on the football field. Let the unsporting element take the hint.

5 February 1921 Football Fochriw entertained Penpedairheol in a league match on Saturday last, and gave an excellent account of themselves, winning by six goals to nil.

5 March 1921 Football: Fochriw v Aberbargoed An interesting match was witnessed on Saturday last at Fochriw when the home team received a visit from Aberbargoed in a Glamorgan League fixture before a large crowd. Every praise is due to the Fochriw boys for the exceptionally fine game they played, especially the centre forward, Tom Jones, who scored five goals in great style. Aberbargoed, although defeated by 9 clear goals, were not disgraced, and played gamely to the end.

5 March 1921 Abercynon v Fochriw On Monday, the team journey by charabanc to Abercynon to meet the home team in the Hospital Junior Shield and received a good reception from the large crowd present. Fochriw put up a very good show before their heavier opponents. Abercynon, playing a fine game, won by five goals to one.

5 March 1921 St. Illtyd's Dowlais v Fochriw In the next round of the Howell Jones Cup, Fochriw will play St. Illtyd's, Dowlais, at Dowlais, when a great game is anticipated.

19 March 1921 Football: Fochriw v Dowlais Fochriw entertained Dowlais in a Welfare League match for boys under 21 years on Thursday last, before a fair crowd. Fochriw opened in promising style and seemed the probable winners until the second half, when they fell to pieces with the exception of a few players. Dowlais were winners by four goals to two. A finer, smarter lot of young men one could not wish to find than the Fochriw boys, but if they want to win matches, they must train hard and keep themselves in condition. It is in their own hands to make football a spectacle fit for people to watch.

Fochriw Schoolboys entertained Pantywaun on Thursday last and won by four goals to two.

2 April 1921 Football Fochriw entertained Penybryn on Saturday in a Glamorgan League match, and one of the pleasantest games played for some time was witnessed, ending in a draw one goal each.

On Friday, Fochriw played Troedrhiwfuwch away, and a very fast game was seen. One of the features of the game was the stylish exhibition given by Willie A. Jones of Fochriw. The game ended in a 1-all draw.

16 April 1921 Football Fochriw v St Illtyd's, Dowlais; Fochriw v Nelson Fochriw met St. Illtyd's, Dowlais, on Wednesday. The match attracted a deal of interest, the visitors bringing a large crowd of followers. Fochriw, who were by far the better team, won by five goals to one. On Friday, Nelson were the visitors, and found Fochriw on top of their form. Although there was a high wind blowing, there was some pretty football witnessed. Fochriw won by seven goals to one.

7 May 1921 Cricket A very interesting cricket match was played at Fochriw on Wednesday between a side of old players and new players. The old players won by 30 runs.

14 May 1921 Football Fochriw wound up the season on Friday last by playing Troedrhiwfuwch in a league game at home, before a very large crowd. The game, which was strenuously contested, ended in a goalless draw.

11 June 1921 Cricket Fochriw entertained Bedlinog on Tuesday last in ideal weather, and a very pleasant game was witnessed. Fochriw were winners by 34 runs. On Wednesday, Fochriw entertained of the Blue Birds, and great excitement was witnessed. The merit of the two teams was the chief topic of the day. A great fight was put up by the Blue Birds, who knocked up a nice score of 72 runs, but Fochriw just managed to beat them with their last wicket.

25 June 1921 Cricket: Bargoed v Fochriw This Rhymney Valley League game resulted in a victory for Fochriw. Bargoed scored 36, and Fochriw were 43 for 7 when stumps were drawn. C. Thomas took six wickets for Fochriw, and D. Jones was their top-scorer with 17.

25 June 1921 Football Fochriw Ladies' Football team entertained Pontlottyn on Thursday afternoon. The teams were well matched. The final score was Pontlottyn 2, Fochriw 1.

25 June 1921 Cricket Fochriw entertained Pontlottyn on Thursday last, in glorious weather and before a good crowd. A very keen game was witnessed, Fochriw winning by one run: Fochriw 50, Pontlottyn 49.

2 July 1921 Cricket Fochriw entertained Cwmsyfiog at Fochriw on a very fine wicket. The home team were in fine trim, scoring 124 runs. Dan Jones, the home captain, was not out for 68. The visitors were dismissed for a small score - 7 runs, the bowling of Crad Thomas being unplayable. He captured 8 wickets for 2 runs, and Evan Jones, 2 wickets for 5 runs. The Fochriw team is chiefly composed of young players this season, and many have the making of good cricketers if properly trained.

9 July 1921 Cricket Fochriw entertained Twynyrodyn on Saturday last and again played good cricket, winning with five wickets to fall.

23 July 1921 Cricket Fochriw entertained Rhymney in a league match on Monday last, before a good crowd, and under ideal weather conditions. Both teams played very good cricket. Dan Jones, the home skipper, again compiled a useful score of 38 runs. Fochriw were winners by 101 runs to 66.

13 August 1921 Cricket Quite a large crowd gathered on cricket ground to see the old rivals play on Tuesday afternoon. Fochriw scored 61 all out, and Pontlottyn 62 for seven wickets.

10 September 1921 Football Fochriw opened the season in promising style on Friday last, when they entertained Aberfan in a league match before a fairly large crowd. Fochriw were the better team throughout winning 4 - 0. Pentwyn Football Team played their first home match of the season on Saturday last on the new ground, the visitors being Aberbargoed. The home team put up a good fight, but were beaten 3 - 0.

24 September 1921 Football Fochriw journey to Aberfan on Monday last by charabanc, for a league match. The game ended in a one all draw. Pentwyn also journeyed by charabanc to Aberfan, this time on Friday, but were beaten 4 - 2 in a hard contested game.

8 October 1921 Football Fochriw entertained Bedlinog in a league match on Friday last and rose to the top of their form. Some of the home players gave an excellent display. Albion Jones at back showed some of the old Hotspur touches which made the team so famous. Another player who caught the eye was Cyril Cook. The final score was Fochriw 8, Bedlinog 1. T. H. Jones scored four goals.

Pentwyn were at home to Cadoxton, Barry, on Saturday, in a 1st Glamorgan League match. Although beaten 2 - 1, they gave a good account of themselves. On Monday, they played Rhymney in a league encounter, and were winners 3 - 2.

8 October 1921 Flag Day Tomorrow is the Flag Day in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Give as much as you can.

15 October 1921 Flag Day Flag-Day in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital was observed at Fochriw on Saturday. The arrangements were carefully prepared by Mrs. John Bevan and Nurse Thomas. They were assisted by a willing band of lady sellers. A sum of over £10 was realised.

15 October 1921 Football Fochriw away at Tir-y-berth, Pengam, and although the field was very difficult to play on, Fochriw scored four goals. The outstanding player on the field was Ernie Prosser. Fochriw Under 19 team were home to Tredegar Shamrocks and they were also successful. They have the makings of a good team if they keep to their proper positions

on the field. Pentwyn were at home to Abervan and a very pleasant game was witnessed, the visitors winning 2 - 1.

22 October 1921 Football Fochriw boys under 16, entertained Deri boys, on the home pitch, on Saturday, and gave a good display of football, winning 6 - 1. Noah Way scored three goals for Fochriw.

29 October 1921 Football A well attended general meeting of the members and supporters of the Hotspurs Football team was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Monday evening last. Mr. W. H. Davies occupied the chair and gave a very encouraging opening speech on the success of the team this season. They occupy the top position in the league table, so far with an unbeaten record, and with very bright prospects of maintaining that happy position. Mr. Jones, president of the team, was also present, and gave an able address and some very sane advice to the players. He also handed them a cheque to swell the funds of the team. A word of praise is due to the energetic secretary, Mr. Thomas Howel Jones, for his efforts on behalf of the club, both as secretary and player.

On Saturday last, the Hotspurs entertained Nelson in a league encounter, and a fine match was witnessed. Fochriw were winners by two goals to nil.

5 November 1921 Football A battle royal was witnessed at Fochriw on Saturday, the visitors being Hengoed, who are second in the league table, with Fochriw on top. The visitors brought a crowd of spectators with them, who soon made their presence felt on the field, especially when some of the decisions of the referee were not suitable. The game on Saturday was brought to an end before time owing to darkness setting in. The score was Hengoed 3, Fochriw 2. At a league meeting on Tuesday evening, it was decided that the match should be replayed.

3 December 1921 Football On Wednesday, 23rd November, the Welfare Team were engaged in the return fixture with Pentwyn. It was a close encounter, Fochriw winning by three goals to two. On Saturday last, the Hotspurs were engaged in a match against Dowlais Corries at Dowlais. Both teams were undefeated up to then, and a keen game of was anticipated. Goals from Fred Wright and Prosser gave of Fochriw victory by two goals to nil. The Hotspurs were also winners the previous Saturday at Tir-y-berth, again by 2 goals to nil.

19 November 1921 Football The Welfare team visited Pentwyn on Wednesday last. After a poor game, Fochriw were winners by the only goal of the match. The Hotspurs visited Hengoed Athletic on Saturday last in a Glamorgan League, Division 2, encounter. Both teams were undefeated up to Saturday. At half-time Fochriw were two goals ahead, and in the second half, they added a third. No one could mistake the visitors superiority, and they fully deserved their victory. Praise is due to Gomer Williams for his brilliant kicking powers on Saturday.

11 February 1922 Hotspurs A.F.C. After an interval of 7 or 8 weeks, the Hotspurs resumed their fixtures. They journeyed to Brithdir last Saturday for the first round of the Knockout Cup Competition of the Glamorgan League. It was a keen game as the Brithdir boys hold second place in the first division. There was no score in the first half, but in the second Fochriw scored three times. Final score: Fochriw 3 Brithdir 0. Great praise is due to Gomer Williams who time after time kicked well and played a grand defensive game.

4 March 1922 Hotspurs A.F.C. : Fochriw v Gelligaer Fochriw journeyed to Gelligaer last Saturday to play in the second round of the Knock-out Competition (Glamorgan League). Keen interest was taken in the match as the Spurs had managed only a draw with the Gelligaer Reserves the previous Saturday. The match result was however a win for Fochriw by 2 goals to 1.

4 March 1922 Fochriw v Pengam: Fochriw 15 Pengam 1. The Spurs have an unbeaten record with a goal average of 45 goals for and 10 against in twelve matches.

18 March 1922 Fochriw Football Notes The Spurs were the visitors at Garden Village, Pengam, on Saturday last. The homesters, it seemed, were out to wipe out the heavy defeat sustained the previous Saturday. Ideal weather conditions prevailed, but there was a poor crowd present. Football was not of a very high standard, and a rather uninteresting game resulted in Fochriw winning by 3-0. Howell Jones scored the three goals. On Monday last, the Juniors (under 18) were engaged in a replay of the 1st Round "Football Favourite"

Competition, their opponents being Dowlais Stars. The previous game had been drawn. Goals were scored by Thomas John Morgan, T.H. Morgan and E. White. Result: Fochriw 5, Dowlais Stars 1. On Tuesday last, the Spurs journeyed to Nelson being engaged in a Glamorgan League encounter. Keen interest was evinced in this match, and a good crowd assembled on the lines. Fochriw fielded their best eleven. It seemed as if Nelson were all out to break the Spurs unbeaten record. Play was not of the best during the game, and Nelson indulged in very bustling tactics. The conduct of some of the players was greatly resented by the crowd. The game was fast and furious, and rather exciting from a spectator's point of view. Nelson were early rewarded with a goal. From a lovely corner, one of their inside men snapped up the opportunity and netted. Half time arrived with Nelson one up. The second half was marked by continual infringements and fouls. Play was full of thrills, however, each goal being visited in turn, but Walters was sound. Nelson were unlucky not to register a second point, but the ball hit the post with the goalie well beaten. Fochriw's forwards now began to make headway, and gave the defence a hard time, and as a result of the visiting forwards efforts Willie Cook scored a pretty goal. Thus the game ended in a draw of one goal each. Still the Spurs have once again managed to maintain their record. P. Clifford and Wright continue to figure prominently for the Spurs.

1 April 1922 Football: Fochriw Juniors v Aberbargoed The Juniors journeyed to Aberbargoed with a depleted team and were trounced.

1 April 1922 Fochriw Spurs v Dowlais Corries (Glamorgan League) Result: Fochriw 1 Dowlais 0.

1 April 1922 The Spurs v Treharris (Glamorgan League Knockout Cup) Result: Fochriw 3 Treharris 0.

29 April 1922 Football Notes Last week, the Hotspurs played at home and away to Trelewis. At home Fochriw were victors by 3 goals to nil, the goal scorers being D.J. Davies and W. Cook. The return match was played at Trelewis on Saturday last in brilliant weather. A fairly large crowd assembled, and a keen and thrilling game was witnessed. Will Cook scored from a long drive just after the start. A little later, D.J. Davies met a centre from Thomas and scored a pretty goal. A peculiar incident happened at this juncture. The two available balls burst, and as a result, the game was delayed for some time until another ball was produced from the village. It was clearly noticeable that Fochriw's forwards controlled the ball with greater accuracy and precision than the homesters, but they failed to add to their two goals before half time. On resuming, Trelewis attacked hotly, Fochriw facing a hot, glaring sun. During this half, Trelewis did all the attacking. They might have scored, but their forwards shot too weakly. Ill-luck seemed to dominate their efforts. Praise is due to Jack Walters in goal, who time after time, saved wonderfully from difficult shots, and always clearing well. Trelewis were later rewarded with a goal, which was well deserved. The game from now until the end was extremely keen, exciting and full of thrills. Prosser was rather unfortunate in not scoring on one or two occasions, but when in the act of shooting a practically certain goal, was brought down by the back. Fochriw's defence was superb, and they kept their goal intact. The game ended with the score, Fochriw 2, Trelewis 1. The Hotspurs now hold the cherished position of League leaders, having played 18, won 14, drawn 4; goals for 33, goals against 11, with 32 points to their credit.

20 May 1922 Cricket: Fochriw v Argoed In a Rhymney Valley League match, Fochriw entertained Argoed on Saturday. The visitors batted first and compiled a splendid score of 75. Fochriw then batted and scored 80 for the loss of 6 wickets. The features of the match was the batting of D.J. Thomas for Argoed, and Dan Jones and George Evans for Fochriw, and also the bowling of F. Dummett, Fochriw, who took 5 wickets for 4 runs.

16 September 1922 Fochriw Football Notes Pentwyn played their first home match of the season on Saturday before a good crowd of men and girls. The visitors were Merthyr Vale who decided to defend the Fochriw end in the first half. T. H. Jones set the ball rolling for the homesters and some very pretty play was seen. The game was played in a good spirit throughout. T. H. Jones led the line well, while Crad Thomas, J. A. Garrett and T. J. Morgan contributed some nice movements. Vale scored first but Pentwyn equalised with a fine goal

from W. T. Morgan. Pentwyn were penalised but Vale failed to score. Goals from both sides then followed. The game ended as a draw, two goals each.

18 November 1922 Smoker A very pleasant smoking concert was held at the White Horse Hotel on Saturday evening last in connection with the Penybank A.F.C. The entertainment included club swinging. Mr. W. Price presided.

16 December 1922 Football Penybank School Boys and Deri Boys met at Penybank on Saturday morning before a good crowd. Both teams are at the bottom of the league table. Penybank were forced to play many reserves through illness etc., but nonetheless, were victors by two goals to one. The Penybank team was I. Morgan, A. Llewellyn, Walter Williams, W. James, D. J. Williams, John P. Llewellyn, Lewis, Evans, Small (captain), R. Jones and Tyler.

23 June 1923 Cricket: Fochriw v Abertysswg Fochriw entertained Abertysswg on Saturday last in a Rhymney Valley League fixture. There was added interest in the fixture since these were the only undefeated teams in the League. Fochriw won the toss and elected to bat. Steadily, they reached a total of 90. Abertysswg also opened steadily, but were dismissed for the meagre total of 32. For Fochriw Crad Thomas took 7 wickets for 19 runs, and W. A. Jones 2 for 12. For Abertysswg, G. Lodwick took 6 for 20, and Hallett, 4 for 38. Topscorer for Fochriw was T. I. Davies with 22 not out. Totals: Fochriw 90; Abertysswg 32.

12 April 1924 Whist Drive Held at the Library Hut on Friday last under the auspices of the Fochriw Cricket Club. There was a large attendance. The M.C. was Mr. Caradoc Thomas.

26 April 1924 Cricket A Cricket Club has been started once again in the village. Mr. S. Jenkins has been appointed honorary secretary and a selection committee has been formed. It is hoped that the club will be represented in at least two divisions of the Rhymney Valley League during the season.

6 December 1924 Personal Bryn Sibley was made captain of the Aberystwyth University Soccer team. He is the top scorer for the season.

20 December 1924 Billiards At the annual tournament, the finalists were Thomas J. Morgan and E. Thomas. The latter was the winner.

13 June 1925 Cricket Both the First and Second Elevens are doing well this season. Both teams are composed of enthusiastic young men, and high positions in the League are likely on present form. The great drawback is the lack of a good playing field. When is cricket etc. to benefit from the Welfare State in the form of recreation grounds etc.?

27 June 1925 Cricket: Fochriw v New Tredegar The Rhymney Valley League match was played at Fochriw on Saturday. The teams were not at full strength, but gave a fairly decent display. Fochriw scored 46, and New Tredegar 45. For Fochriw, Harris took 6 wickets for 13 runs, and J. Davies 3 for 21. For New Tredegar, F. Orchard took 3 for 3, and L. Shutt 2 for 3.

15 August 1925 Cricket: Fochriw v Twyn (Rhymney) At Fochriw on Thursday, Fochriw winning by 30 runs. Scores: Fochriw 75, Twyn 35. J. O. Roberts took 8 for 12 for Fochriw. J. Davies with 22, and A. Jones with 23 were top scorers for Fochriw.

15 August 1925 Fochriw Seconds v Jerusalem (Rhymney) At Fochriw on Saturday under the auspices of the Rhymney Valley League Division 2, Fochriw beat the visitors by 76 runs. Scores: Fochriw 87, Jerusalem 11. E. Evans took 5 for 4 runs; J. Davies 4 for 6 runs; I. Evans 1 for 1 run. W. Morgan with 22 runs and L. Angell with 31 runs top scored for Fochriw. Fochriw have won 14 of their 17 matches and are well in the running for championship honours.

22 August 1925 "Ye Old Rustic Sports" A wave of enthusiasm prevails over the district in connection with the above sports, to be held at Pentwyn on August 27. The object is a deserving one - the beautifying of the Pentwyn Churchyard - and deserves widespread support.

20 March 1926 Cricket Club The Cricket Club is already getting prepared for the cricket season. Excellent fixtures have been arranged. The chairman for the coming season is Mr. D. I. Evans, and he will be assisted by a strong committee.

24 April 1926 Cricket Lovers of the popular summer game are promised another excellent seasons of cricket. Last season, a set of League medals were won, and this year it is hoped to do better.

24 April 1926 Cricket Club The cricketers of Fochriw are looking forward eagerly to the season. The annual meeting took place on Monday evening when the following officers were elected: president, Mr. John Bevan; chairman, Mr. D. Isaac Evans; vice chairman, Mr. W. Adams-Jones; honorary treasurer, Mr. D. T. Evans; Captain, Mr. T. I. Morgan Evans; vice-captain, Mr. C. Thomas, captain seconds, Mr. Iorwerth Evans; vice captain, Mr. H. Bernard Harris; selection committee: Messrs. D. I. Evans, I. Evans, D. Davies, J. Williams, and the honorary secretary. Several attractive friendly matches have been arranged. The honorary secretary is Mr. H. David Evans, Ivy Cottage, to whom all applications for fixtures should be addressed.

24 April 1926 "Bat and Ball" Concert The committee of the above wish to apologise to the public of Fochriw for the postponement of the concert. The committee were unable to accept one condition for the hire of the hall. The concert will now be held next week.

8 May 1926 Concert A Bat and Ball concert took place at Noddfa vestry on Thursday and Friday last, and was attended by very large and appreciative audiences. The event had been organised under the auspices of the cricket club, and an excellent programme was produced. Both musical artistes and the actors in the sketches acquitted themselves well. Among the artistes were Mr. Claerwyn Davies; Mr. J. Cymro Thomas; Miss Flossie Jones, elocutionist, New Tredegar; Mr. Snellwood, Bedlinog; Mr. Harold Harris, Fochriw; Mr. Evans, Dowlais. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. Two very laughable sketches were played each evening entitled "Military Mad" and "The Vicar's Daughter," the following taking the parts very effectively: Messrs. Harold Harris, John Lloyd Jones, Thomas John Morgan, William Morgan, Horace Evans, Claerwyn Davies, Jack Davies, Iorwerth Evans. The chairman on Thursday evening was Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins.

29 May 1926 Cricket: St. Gwladys, Bargoed v Fochriw II Played at Fochriw on Saturday, the umpires being Messrs. Emrys Davies and J. Davies. Scores: Fochriw 21; St Gwladys 23. For Fochriw, I. Evans took 7 wickets for 9 runs.

29 May 1926 Bedlinog II v Fochriw II Played on Wednesday last. Scores: Bedlinog 69; Fochriw 39.

5 June 1926 Cricket: Nelson Welfare v Fochriw The match was played at Llancaiach Fields on Saturday in fine weather. Scores: Nelson, 29; Fochriw, 112. D. Jenkins scored 42 for Fochriw.

5 June 1926 Fochriw Cricket Notes: Brecon Sports Club v Fochriw Fochriw First Eleven opening their season by journeying to Brecon to play the notable Sports' Club. This was the first meeting of the two clubs. Fochriw batted first, and Dan Jones scored 45, and T. Howell Jones, the ninth man, scored 25. Fochriw were bowled out for 111. After tea, Fochriw had just one hour and twenty minutes to skittle the Sports Club, before 7pm, the arranged time to draw stumps. Very little resistance was provided, and the home side was dismissed for 36 runs. W. Rosser took 5 wickets for 9 runs, S. Jenkins 3-24, and T. J. Jones 2-3.

19 June 1926 Cricket: Fochriw v Abertysswg The First Eleven journeyed to Abertysswg on Saturday. On a very difficult wicket, which was drying after the morning rain, Fochriw opened the batting. Scoring was difficult, but a total of 44 was achieved. The homesters were soon skittled for a total of 18, seven of their players failing to score. Silvanus Jenkions took 3 wickets for 8 runs, and Caradog Thomas 7 wickets for 9 runs.

19 June 1926 Bargoed Albion v Fochriw The result of the Rhymney Valley League (Division 2) game was as follows: Fochriw 23; Bargoed 29 for 8 wickets.

19 June 1926 Billiards A billiards match was played at the library hut on Monday, the visitors being Pontlottyn. The Pontlottyn total was 1,493 points, and the Fochriw total 1375 points.

26 June 1926 Success Mr. John O. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, who is a pupil at Lewis' School, Pengam, won first prize in the 100 yards, long jump, throwing the cricket ball competitions, second prize in the high jump, and was a member of the winning team in the relay race. He was Victor Ludorum.

26 June 1926 Penybank Sports Interesting sports were held on the Penybank grounds on Monday. The Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, played selections of music.

6 November 1926 Billiards A match was played at the Library Hut in connection with the Rhymney Valley League on Thursday, between Fochriw and Bargoed, the latter winning by 77. The highest break, 41, was made by T.I. Evans of Fochriw. Fochriw scorers were: W.A. Jones (capt) 177; T.I. Evans 181; S. Jenkins, 143; J. Jones 200; T. Jones 200; L. Angell 200; total 1,413.

1 January 1927 Billiards The Christmas Handicap produced some very exciting finishes at the Institute during Christmas week. The final was played between Mr. James Jones and Mr. Tudor Jones, and after a very exciting game the former won by 13.

5 February 1927 Billiards: Fochriw v Blackwood Scores: Fochriw 1,561 [T. Angell 200, T. J. Evans 188, J. Jones 155, L. Angell 196, W. A. Jones 99, T. Jones 200, B. Davies 163, S. Jenkins 121]; Blackwood 1,553.

10 December 1927 Billiards The Christmas Handicap at the Library Hut was brought to a close on Tuesday evening before a crowded house of enthusiastic spectators. The first prize was a turkey, and the second a duck. Eighty entries were received, and some very interesting contests were witnessed. The finalists were Messrs. Tudor Jones and Emrys Thomas. Playing in fine sporting spirit, Jones won by 29. Thomas was the back-marker in a handicap.

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

7 July 1928 Sports Amongst the winners at the Gellygaer Area School Sports held at Pontlloftyn on Saturday were the following: girls: Hilda Drage, Megan Morris, Phyllis Davies, Wynda Edwards, Irfona Thomas, Jane A.. Thomas, Pearl White, Mavis Pritchard; relay: 1st, the Fochriw team; boys: L. Small, Ralph Cogan and F. Thomas.

8 September 1928 Cricket Fochriw, who were making a great effort to secure the league championship of the Rhymney Valley, entertained Rhymney on Saturday, and after a fine game ran out winners by 66-51. Mr. John O. Roberts, for the homesters, battled well before being run out the 23.

29 September 1928 Cricket: Fochriw Champions Enthusiasm prevailed in Fochriw and Deri on Saturday, when a battle royal was expected to decide who should be champions of the Rhymney Valley Cricket League, Fochriw and Deri being the two top teams. The deciding match was played on neutral ground, Rhymney being the venue. Both teams' supporters went over in their hundreds to cheer their pets. Batting first, Fochriw put up a very stern defence. The batting of Iorwerth Evans, Willie Morgan, John O. Roberts, and Harold Harris caused the Fochriw total to be brought up to 66 before the team was dismissed. Deri followed, but the bowling of Jack Davies and John O. Roberts, coupled with the smart fielding, played havoc with Deri, who were all out for 19. Fochriw thus became champions amidst scenes of great excitement.

27 October 1928 Presentation of Medals On Monday evening at the library, a whist drive was followed by the presentation of medals to the winners of the Rhymney and District Cricket League. Fochriw proved worthy champions, despite the handicap of the lack of a good pitch. Sergeant Howells presented the medals. The winners at the whist were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. G. Jones, 2. Mr. W. Price; Gents: 1. Mr. Tudor Jones, 2. Mr. Crad Thomas.

24 November 1928 Pontlloftyn Thursdays v Fochriw Score: Pontlloftyn 2: Fochriw 0.

23 February 1929 Snooker An interesting snooker handicap was carried out during the last few weeks at the Institute. About one hundred took part. Very keen finishes were witnessed. The finalists were Levi Pritchard and Gordon Lawrence. After a very fine game, Mr. Pritchard was the winner.

11 May 1929 Cricket Fochriw, last year's champions of the Rhymney Valley League, have commenced the season in good style. On Saturday, they entertained the Ogilvie Officials, when a very interesting game was spoiled by rain. The visitors were all out for 32, the bowling of Evans and Davies being deadly. Fochriw had scored 21 for the loss of one wicket when rain stopped play. The Fochriw captain is Mr. T. Evans.

1 June 1929 Cricket The annual fixture between Fochriw and Brecon Barracks was played in glorious weather at Brecon on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Fochriw. The players

were entertained to tea by their soldier friends. Brecon batted first and were dismissed for 76 runs. Fochriw followed and made a score of 105.

20 July 1929 Cricket The Fochriw Cricket Club are bidding well to become champions again this season. Last Saturday they defeated Bargoed.

3 August 1929 Cricket: Fochriw v Deri Played at Fochriw on Saturday in the Rhymney and District League. As the visitors were the only team to have defeated Fochriw this season, the game attracted a large crowd. Fochriw batted first and scored 69, J. O. Roberts contributing 38 runs. In reply, Deri scored 52, leaving Fochriw victors by 17 runs.

3 August 1929 Cricket Following their defeat of Deri before a record crowd, Fochriw defeated Rhymney on Monday by a big score.

10 August 1929 Bon Voyage On Monday, a hearty send-off was accorded to Mr. John O. Roberts, who has joined the Metropolitan Police. He is a brilliant athlete, being the star performer at the Fochriw Cricket Club, both with bat and ball, and is also a well-known footballer. He has also had a successful career on the running track. He is an old pupil of Lewis School, Pengam. His host of friends wish him good luck in his new sphere of life.

17 August 1929 Cricket: Fochriw v Rhymney Albions Scores: Rhymney 25; Fochriw 62 for six. Fochriw v Abertysswg Scores: Fochriw 126 for 8; Abertysswg 42. William Morgan scored 56 for Fochriw, and Enoch Lewis 37.

7 September 1929 Football The many friends of Mr. Clifford Lewis, son of Mr. William Lewis, and the late Mrs. E. A. Lewis, will be pleased to know of his progress in the football world. This year he has signed on for Southend, and he is playing brilliant football. He has played for Aberdare, Lovell's and Portsmouth Reserves. His host of admirers wish him the best of luck.

14 September 1929 Cricket Fochriw cricket team were again in fine form during the weekend. On Saturday, they defeated Rhymney St. Matthews. The scores were: Fochriw 47; St Matthews 27. On Monday, they defeated Rhymney Juniors, the scores being: Juniors, 3 all-out; Fochriw, 33 for 8. Fochriw are holding a leading position in the League.

28 September 1929 Cricket Fochriw were again in fine form on Saturday last, defeating Abertysswg in fine style in a league match, thus qualifying them for to enter the final for championship honours.

5 October 1929 Cricket: Fochriw Champions Fochriw scored a brilliant success on Saturday at Rhymney, where they were engaged in a battle royal with New Tredegar to decide who should be champions of the Rhymney Valley Cricket League. Fochriw batted first and scored 51 runs, J. O. Roberts scoring 19. New Tredegar followed, but the bowling of J. Davies and J. O. Roberts proved most destructive, and New Tredegar were all out for 26. Thus, Fochriw become champions for the second season in succession.

19 October 1929 Football The soccer code is booming in the village, and quite a decent team has been got together. On Saturday, they played Bargoed Stars, Fochriw winning by two goals to one. The scorers for Fochriw were H. Ballard and W. J. Jones. The captain of the Fochriw team is Mr. Bedford Edwards.

26 October 1929 Football Fochriw were defeated at home on Saturday by Dowlais by 3 goals to 1.

2 November 1929 Billiards The heats of the Christmas billiards handicap are being played at the Library Hut, and excitement is running very high. Some thrilling finishes are witnessed. Some of the champions have already been defeated, and some surprises are sure to be seen in the final ties.

7 December 1929 Billiards At the Library Hut on Wednesday, the final of the billiards handicap took place. The finalists were Messrs. Bryn Rees and Gomer Davies, and the winner was Mr. Rees, who won by 17.

7 December 1929 Victory Supper On Saturday at Noddfa Vestry, a supper and entertainment took place in connection with the Fochriw Cricket Club, to celebrate their fourth victorious season, and as champions of the league. The following ladies were at the tables: Mrs. W. Walters, Mrs. D. James, Mrs. T.J. Evans, Messrs. M. Pugh, E. Lawrence, A. Lawrence, M. Davies, G. Thomas. A splendid programme of music was contributed by the following: overture, Mr. T. Walters; violin selections, Miss Mary Morgan and Mr. T. Walters;

humorous items, Mr. H.B. Harris; solos, Messrs. D. James and B. Davies. The Cricket Club Glee Party conducted by Mr. Willie Morgan, redereed some very fine selections. Speeches were given by Messrs. J. Jones, league secretary; H. Williams, league treasurer; W. Williams, Deri. In the absence of Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, club chairman, Mr. Dan Jones presided. The energetic secretary is Mr. Harold B. Harris.

4 January 1930 Billiards The finalists of the young men's Christmas handicap at the Library Hut were Messrs. E. G. Price and Gomer Davies. After a very exciting final, the former was the winner.

5 July 1930 Cricket Fochriw Cricket Club travelled to Brecon by train on Saturday to fulfil their fixture with the Brecon Sports Club Second Eleven. Fochriw batted first, and compiled the splendid score of 162 for six. Brecon replied with 99 for 9 wickets.

12 July 1930 Cricket Fochriw entertained New Tredegar on Saturday last, and a very interesting and keen match resulted in a win for Fochriw.

12 July 1930 Billiards The many friends of Mr. Tudor Jones, one of the late members of the local billiards team, and now engaged at the Valley of Rocks Hotel, Lynton, North Devon, will be pleased to know that he is still in brilliant form with the cue. At a recent billiards exhibition, his opponent was Mr. A. C. Williams, ex-champion of Birmingham and the Western Counties. Mr. Jones showed great form and won easily.

2 August 1930 Presentation A very interesting presentation meeting was held at the Old Reading Room on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Cricket Club, when Mr. Harold Harris, the former secretary of the club, was presented with a set of hair brushes in recognition of his faithful services. Mr. John Lloyd Jones presented the gift. P.C. Sanson was appointed chairman in succession to Mr. S. Jenkins who is leaving the district.

16 August 1930 Cricket A local derby took place on Saturday at Fochriw when Jubilee (New Tredegar) where entertained by the home team in a league match. Both teams hold a high position in the league table. After a game of thrills, the visitors won by three runs. Scores: Fochriw 74; Jubilee 77.

23 August 1930 Cricket The team journey down to Crickhowell on Saturday, where they were engaged in a friendly encounter, and a very pleasant game was played. Scores: Crickhowell 96; Fochriw 70.

20 December 1930 Billiards Excitement was displayed at the Institute on Saturday, when the final of the Christmas handicap was played between Messrs. Enoch Lewis and Thomas J. Morgan, and a dour struggle was witnessed. Lewis received 13 start in a game of 200. It was a ding-dong struggle to the end, Lewis winning by 30.

18 April 1931 Personal The wide circle of friends of Bombardier William Roberts, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, will be delighted to hear of his rise to fame in the football world. He is a regular player in the Army Soccer Team, and as a full-back his displays week after week have won much praise from the football fans. He has signed amateur forms for the Arsenal.

9 May 1931 Junior Cricket Deri Juniors met Fochriw Juniors on Thursday in a friendly match. Scores: Deri 28 for 8 wkts: Fochriw 22.

11 July 1931 Cricket The Fochriw Cricket Club visited Brecon on Saturday to fulfil their annual fixture with the Brecon Sports Club. Brecon batted first and scored 91. Fochriw then batted and scored 94 for three wickets. Fochriw will play Jubilee in the semi-final of the Rhymney Valley Cup on Friday at New Tredegar.

8 August 1931 Cricket Another honour has been conferred on the members of the Fochriw Cricket Club. Five have been chosen to represent the Rhymney District League to play the Newport District League on Bank Holiday. They are Messrs. Willie Morgan, John Roberts, Jack Davies, Iorwerth Evans, Emrys Davies

29 August 1931 Football A well-attended meeting was held at the Rising Sun Inn in connection with the new football team. The chairman was Mr. R. Clarke. It was decided that application be made to join the Glamorgan League, with the prospects of a football ground under the Welfare Scheme. The following officials were appointed: chairman, Mr. R. Clark; secretary, Mr. Berkley Angell; treasurer, Mr. Jenkin Williams; committee, Messrs. W. M. Davies, D. M. Thomas, T. Davies, G. Jones, E. Hiscox, John Lewis.

5 September 1931 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Old Reading Room on Thursday under the auspices of the Fochriw Hotspurs' Football Club. The M.C. was Mr. Stanley Williams. Prize winners: gentleman: Mr. H Ballard; ladies: Mr. T. H. Morgan.

5 September 1931 First League Game The local football team journeyed to Senghenydd on Saturday to fulfil their first League fixture of the season. A very enjoyable game resulted in the home team being winners by five goals.

5 September 1931 Cricket A cricket match was played between Fochriw and Jubilee on Saturday last. Fochriw batted first and were dismissed for the low score of 26, but Jubilee were dismissed for the even lower total of 19. By winning on Saturday, Fochriw stand an excellent chance of being champions of the league for this season

12 September 1931 Football The Fochriw Hotspurs played the first home league match on Saturday last, when they entertained Senghenydd. A large crowd attended and Fochriw one won by 5 goals to 4.

19 September 1931 Football Both teams were engaged in a search for points on Saturday. The Seniors played Penallta away, and the Juniors were at home to Bargoed. Both teams played good football, but were defeated.

19 September 1931 Whist Drive On Monday evening, at the Old Library, a very pleasant whist drive was held under the auspices of the Hotspurs' A.F.C. Mr. Stanley Williams was the M.C. Prize winners: ladies: 1. Mrs. W. Thomas; 2. Mr. T. Sullivan; gents: 1. Mr. Bert Cumpstone, 2. Mr. Dan James.

17 October 1931 Football In their game with Fleur-de-lis on Saturday last, the Fochriw Hotspurs' run out victors by three goals to one. The scorers were E. W. Jones, B. Edwards, and W. Evans.

14 November 1931 Football A local derby was witnessed on the home ground on Saturday last, when Bedlinog were the visitors. A record crowd assembled, each team having a large number of supporters, who made their presence felt by cheering. The final score was: Fochriw 2; Bedlinog 1.

21 November 1931 Football Fochriw entertained Trelewis in a League match on Saturday. The ground was sodden making football very difficult. Trelewis were winners by the only goal scored.

19 December 1931 Football The local team journeyed to Pontlottyn on Saturday and were defeated by two goals.

26 December 1931 Football Fochriw entertained Pontlottyn in a League match on Saturday, and won by the only goal of the match.

2 January 1932 Football Fochriw entertained Deri in a league match on Boxing Day, and a keen game ended with Deri winning by one goal to nil.

2 January 1932 Billiards The final of the Christmas Handicap was played last week between Mr. Tom Idris Evans and Mr. Windsor Rees. After a keen game, Evans proved the winner, securing the first prize of a turkey.

13 February 1932 Football Fochriw Hotspur's entertained Cwm Toffs on Saturday in a league match, the result being a draw, four goals each.

5 March 1932 Football The large circle of friends of Bombardier Willie Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Roberts, Glyn-terrace, were delighted to see the Fochriw boy obtain his Welsh international cap against England at Swansea on Saturday, playing in the amateur international match. The critics gave him an excellent report.

26 March 1932 Football A very exciting league match was played at Fochriw on Saturday when the home team beat Penallta by 3 goals to 1.

30 April 1932 Football Much interest centred on the match between Fochriw and Aberbargoed on Monday, when the latter won by 4 goals to 2.

14 May 1932 Cricket Fochriw Cricket Club, by a well-earned victory over St. Matthew's Church, Rhymney, on Saturday last, was successful in winning both the League Championship and Knock-Out Cup for the season 1931. The club has a remarkable record of success to its credit since joining league cricket as the following table will show: 1925 - third; 1926 - first; 1927 - second; 1928 - first; 1929 - first; 1930 - second; 1931 - first and knock-out Cup winners. At a successful meeting, it was decided to enter the Rhymney League again this

year. The following have been elected to the Committee for the coming season: Messrs. Con Edwards, Sid Lewis, Ab. Ballard, and Will Rees; Captain, Jack Davies; treasurer, Ivor Evans; secretary, Jack Davies, Rock Cottage, Fochriw.

11 June 1932 Cricket Fochriw entertained Rhymney in the Cup round on Saturday and were defeated by 9 wickets. Several substitutes had to be found to make an eleven.

18 June 1932 Congratulations Master Vernon Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davies, Brynteg, a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School, gave a fine display as an all-round athlete at the recent school sports, gaining the highest number of points, and was awarded the Victor Ludorum Shield.

25 June 1932 Cricket Fochriw displayed their prowess as a cricket team on Saturday when they entertained St. Matthew's, Rhymney, and scored a decisive victory.

9 July 1932 Cricket On Tuesday, Master William J. Jones of the Fochriw Mixed Council School, was presented with a cricket bat, by the headmaster, amidst the cheers of his schoolmates, for making a brilliant 54 not out in a cricket match last Saturday.

16 July 1932 Cricket Messrs. J. O. Roberts and Iorwerth Evans, playing for the Rhymney Valley League against Newport District on Saturday, gave a splendid display with both bat and ball.

30 July 1932 Cricket The local club spent a very happy weekend gathering league points at the expense of Deri, Rhymney and Abertysswg. They beat Deri at Deri on Wednesday by five wickets; Rhymney at Rhymney by two runs, and Abertysswg by eight wickets. All members of the team wore black rosettes on Saturday in sympathy with two very popular members of the club, Messrs. T. J. and W. Morgan, in their recent sad bereavement.

20 August 1932 Cricket The local "Derby" took place at Fochriw on Saturday, when Deri and Fochriw met, and excitement was at fever pitch. Deri batted first and were dismissed for 59. Fochriw scored 62 for nine wickets, thus winning by one wicket.

17 September 1932 Football The Fochriw Hotspurs played the first home league match on Saturday against Brithdir and won by five goals to two.

8 October 1932 Football Fochriw entertained Penallta on Saturday in a league match before a good crowd. The game was one of the best played on the home ground this season. Fochriw were winners by the only goal scored.

15 October 1932 Football Fochriw played at Penallta on Saturday in a league game. It ended in a draw two goals each.

22 October 1932 Supper At the club-room of the Rising Sun on Saturday, the members of the Fochriw football team sat down to an excellent supper. The meal was followed by a concert.

29 October 1932 Football Fochriw entertained Ystrad Mynach in a league game on Saturday. Result: 4 - 4.

5 November 1932 Football Fochriw were away to Derwendeg in a league encounter on Saturday, and after a hard game, under distressing weather conditions, won by two goals to nil.

24 December 1932 Billiards The final of the Christmas Handicap in connection with the Fochriw Institute was played last weekend. The first prize was won by Mr. G. Davies and the second by Mr. R. Jones. Semi-final prizes went to Miss C. Shankland and Mr. G. Morris.

31 December 1932 Football On Boxing Day, Fochriw played Penrhiwceiber at home in a friendly match. It was drawn.

4 March 1933 Cricket The revival of interest in the cricket of the village was amply revealed by the attendance at the last meeting, when it was decided to enter the Merthyr and District Cricket League. The past record of the club is one to be proud of. The annual meeting will be held on Friday.

11 March 1933 Cricket The annual meeting of Cricket Club was held at the Old Reading room on Friday last, Mr. Idris Williams in the chair. The auditor's report was read and accepted, and the auditors, Mr. S. Williams and Mr. Clifford Davies, were thanked for their services. The following officers were elected for the coming season: chairman - Mr. Idris Williams; treasurer - Mr. Iorwerth Evans; secretary - Mr. Clifford Davies. The following

committee was elected; Mr. Con Edwards; Mr. D. Martin Thomas; Mr. Hartwell Wood; Mr. H. Ballard; Mr. Walter Jones. P.C. Sanson was elected vice-chairman.

8 April 1933 Football Fochriw Hotspurs entertained Hengoed Athletic in a Rhymney Valley League match on Monday. Fochriw won by four goals to nil.

22 April 1933 Football Fochriw were at home on Monday to Llanbradach in a league match, and lost 3 goals to 1.

8 July 1933 Schoolboy Athlete Master W. John Jones of the Council Schools, who has the promise of a first-class cricketer, received a splendid prize last week for an excellent supporting effort in the match against Tirphil, when he scored 54 not out. Not long ago, he was presented with another cricket bat for his fine play.

22 July 1933 Congratulations Cricket enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that Mr. Iorwerth Evans has been elected captain of the team chosen by the Rhymney Valley Cricket League to meet the Bargoed League at Aberbargoed on July 22nd. The Fochriw Club appreciates the honour conferred upon one of its members.

5 August 1933 Victor Ludorum Congratulations told Mr. Vernon Davies who won the Victor Ludorum Shield at the recent Bargoed Secondary School Sports.

12 August 1933 Cricket Fochriw entertained Bargoed in the league match on Saturday. Bargoed scored the 101. Fochriw were dismissed for 37.

26 August 1933 Football Mr. William Roberts has been given a month's trial with Bristol City. Roberts, during his army career, proved a brilliant footballer, and gained an international cap for Wales. His host of friends wish him good luck.

4 November 1933 Pentwyn A.F.C. After 12 years, Pentwyn has once again got a team, and praise is due to the following for forming a club: Messrs. T. Jones (chairman), P. Keen (secretary), L. D. Jones, A. Mantle, D. Evans, S. Lewis, D. Davies, W. S. Llewellyn and W. Watkins (captain), committee men. The team opened their season at Deri in a friendly game, and were winners by eight goals to three. In the return match on Saturday, the Deri boys turned the tables on the home side and were winners by four goals to three. On Monday the team visited Bedlinog, the home team winning 6-1.

11 November 1933 Football The Pentwyn Stars played at home to Bedlinog on Saturday and lost by five goals to four. An enjoyable evening was spent at a concert given by the club at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday evening. The chairman was Mr. Albert Mantle.

18 November 1933 Football On Saturday, Pentwyn Stars visited Rhymney, and surprised the home team by forcing a draw.

20 January 1934 Football The many friends of Mr. Willie Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, were delighted with his display at back for Bristol City. He is playing excellent games for the City each week and all join in wishing him the best of luck.

3 February 1934 Football Fochriw Schoolboys visited the Pentwyn Boys on Saturday, and won by seven goals to two.

3 February 1934 Netball Keen interest was taken in the schoolgirl's netball match on Saturday on the Welfare Ground, when the Fochriw defeated Aberbargoed 9 - 3.

3 March 1934 Football At Fochriw Ground on Saturday, the local schoolboys played Bedlinog, Fochriw won 6 - 1.

10 March 1934 Netball An interesting game was played on Saturday last at the Welfare Ground between the Fochriw Schoolgirls and Bedlinog Schoolgirls, which ended in a victory for Fochriw by 18 goals to one.

17 March 1934 Netball Fochriw Schoolgirls met Gilfach School on of the Welfare Ground on Saturday and lost 13-3.

17 March 1934 Football Smoker A smoking concert was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday under the auspices of the Pentwyn Football Club. Mr. C. R. Mills presided. Among those who took part were: Messrs. George Williams, G. Tyler, D. Tyler, C. Tyler (Pentwyn); Eddie Thomas (Penybank); M. Slimmons, Master R. Price, Messrs. D. D. Jones (Fochriw), J. R. Davies, D. O. Thomas, W. Jones (Bedlinog). Mr. Gilbert Harris was the pianist.

24 March 1934 Netball At the Welfare Ground on Saturday Fochriw schoolgirls defeated Deri by 13 - 5.

5 May 1934 Smoking Concert A "smoker" was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday last, under the auspices of the members of the Football Club. The chairman was Mr. Albert Mantle, and the following artistes contributed to the programme: elocutionist, Mr. D. Jones, Bedlinog; solos, Messrs. Wilfred Jones, Ken Osborne, Eddie Thomas, David Tyler; whistling solos, Mr. Iorwerth Williams.

16 June 1934 Cricket Fochriw Schoolboy's beat Deri Schoolboy's on Monday, the scores being 24 and 17.

7 July 1934 Cricket Fochriw and Deri Schoolboys met at Fochriw on Thursday before a large crowd. Deri were dismissed for eight runs. Fochriw knocked up a total of 67.

21 July 1934 Cricket Match The Divisional Police cricket team visited Fochriw on Monday to play the home cricket team in a match to aid the funds of the Merthyr General Hospital. The game proved to be very entertaining. The police total was 48, and the Fochriw total 91. The chief for Fochriw were Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. I. Evans, both of whom scored 25.

15 September 1934 Weight-lifting At the New Hall on Monday, members of the Merthyr Ex-Servicemen's Club gave demonstrations of weightlifting, posing, and boxing.

20 April 1935 Boys' Football Fochriw and Deri Schoolboys played a game of rugby at Fochriw on Saturday, when Fochriw won by six pts to five pts.

4 January 1936 Ex-Schoolboys Football On Boxing Day, a match was played at Fochriw between Fochriw and Tirphil ex-schoolboys. The visitors won by six goals to two. The proceeds were for Merthyr General Hospital.

9 May 1936 Schoolboy Football A match was played on Tuesday between Fochriw Schoolboys and Ystrad Mynach Schoolboys (winners of the Caerphilly and District Schools League), in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The visiting team was accompanied by Mr. David Jones, headmaster, an old Fochriw boy. Mr. T. J. Jones as referee. The visitors were winners 4-0.

16 January 1937 Billiards and Snooker The handicaps under the auspices of the Library and Institute produced some very exciting finishes. The winners were: billiards: 1. Mr. Bryn Reece, 2. Mr. J. R. Thomas; Snooker: 1. Mr. Tom Powell, 2. Mr. W. Walters.

20 February 1937 Billiards Miss Ruth Harrison, the women's Billiards and Snooker Champion of Great Britain, delighted a large audience on Tuesday by giving an exhibition. She played billiards against Mr. Bryn Rees and the scores were Miss Harrison 427, Mr. Rees 217. In her games of snooker, she was beaten by Mr. Tom Idris Evans by 93 - 46, but defeated Mr. Cliff Davies 75 - 5.

19 June 1937 Cricket Fochriw cricket club met Pontlottyn Juniors at Fochriw on Saturday. Scores: Fochriw, 66; Pontlottyn 50.

1 January 1938 Billiards Handicap The finalists in the Christmas Handicap in connection with the Library and Institute were Messrs. Tom Idris Evans and Bryn Rees. After a fine game, the winner was Mr. Evans.

12 February 1938 Billiards Success Mr. Tudor Jones, in a match at the Lynton Institute, won outright the Jones Cup, a gift of the late president, Mr. Tom Jones. The cup had been up for competition for 12 years. Mr. Jones is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn. He was a member of the Fochriw billiards team before going to Lynton.

12 March 1938 Footballer's Progress Mr. W. J. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, 4, Glyn-terrace, who is now employed at Kidderminster, and is only 17 years the age, attracted the attention of football fans on Saturday. It is understood that Aston Villa scouts were represented at the match between Tomkinson's and a Minor League Eleven at Oaklands. A trial was offered to Jones, a well-built half-back from Cookley St. Peter's. Jones is understood to have signed forms for Harriers this week. Before leaving, Jones played for Fochriw Schoolboys.

23 April 1938 Football Fochriw Boys were entertained by Pontlottyn Thursdays on Thursday. Pontlottyn scored two goals, before Fochriw replied. Fochriw scored the winner with the last kick of the match.

7 May 1938 Football Tournament In aid of the old age pensioners outing fund, a football tournament was held on the Welfare ground on Monday, and attracted 14 teams. Keen games

were witnessed, and clever football was shown by a number of the teams. The finalists were Fochriw Boys' Club and Dowlais Boys' Club. The final will be played on Saturday 7th May. On Saturday next at the New Hall a concert will be held in aid of the fund by the Dowlais Male Voice Party.

17 September 1938 Cycling Feat Two Fochriw boys, D. Lyn Jones and W. Walters have cycled from Fochriw to Glasgow where they visited the Exhibition. The two left Fochriw on Sunday, August 7th, and, on the Rhymney road, met a Cyfarthfa schoolboy, Rees Williams, and another lad named Donald Bencough, who attends Lewis' School Pengam. The four reached Glasgow on Friday, August 12th, and the return journey commenced on Sunday, 14th August.

22 October 1938 Football Fochriw Boys' Club defeated Deri at Deri on Saturday by three goals to two. In a fortnight's time, the Fochriw team commence League fixtures. The Fochriw team was: T. Davies, A. & E. Jones, S. Jones, D. R. Jones, C. Cumpstone, D. C. Jones, Alan Davies, G. Jones, A. Davies, C. Llewelyn.

25 February 1939 Football The Fochriw Boys' Club entertained Bedling in a home match on Saturday, in a Cup game in the Rhymney Valley League. The visitors won 3-1.

25 February 1939 Darts Match Bargoed Works and the Rising Sun, Fochriw, met under the auspices of the Bargoed and District League, when Fochriw won by two legs to one. The Fochriw team was: G. R. Dorsan, H. Rogers, R. Beigatt, D. Williams, H. G. Barber, T. Mantle (capt), T. Braddon and D. Gay.

4 March 1939 Football Chief interest in the Rhymney Valley League matches at the weekend was centred on cup ties. Newport County Colts - the heavier side - defeated Fochriw Boys' Club in a cup game by five goals to two.

24 June 1939 Sports Successes Evan M. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, Brynteg, carried off the honours at the Lewis' School sports last week. Gethin Jones, son of Mrs. E. Jones and the late Mr. Evan Jones, won Victor Ludorum honours at Bargoed Secondary school sports. Both are good athletes. Gethin Jones will soon be leaving to take up his studies at Carmarthen College, together with Tudor Rowlands, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rowlands, Glyn-terrace.

8 July 1939 Urdd Sports At the Urdd Sports at Neath, Evan M. Lewis won the 100 yards race and the hop, step and jump.

16 September 1939 Football At the Welfare ground on Saturday, Fochriw Boys' Club, last season's league champions, played Pontlottyn, the Rhymney Valley League champions. The match ended in a draw, 1-1.

23 September 1939 Football In the Rhymney Valley Boys' Club League, Fochriw opened the season with a match against Ystrad Mynach. The game was keenly contested, but Fochriw ran out winners by five goals to one. The referee was Mr. Porter, an ex-Southampton and Portsmouth footballer, and Hampshire cricketer, who is now resident in the village. Mr. Porter has undertaken to coach the Boys' Club team - which could take them far this season.

30 September 1939 Football Fochriw Boys' Club played Ystrad Mynach away on Saturday, and won 3-2.

21 October 1939 Boys' Club Football Fochriw played Gilfach Y.M.C.A. on Saturday last at Gilfach, and won 4-3.

7 October 1939 Billiards The first of a series of billiards matches was played at the Institute on Monday evening between the teams of the Institute and the Fochriw Boys' Club, and after a keen game the honours went to the Institute team. The following represented the Institute: Richard Jones, Gomer Davies, E. W. Jones, J. E. Edwards, B. Rees, Terence Kelly, Reg Gittoes, Willie Williams. The Boys' Club representatives were: Jack Fisher, Bryn Davies, Les Harris, Jackie Davies, E. M. Davies, Willie Williams, Willie Walters, George Evans.

21 October 1939 Billiards Another billiards match was played at the Institute on Monday between the Institute and the Boys' Club, which was won by the Institute. On the previous Thursday, the Boys' Club were the winners.

28 October 1939 Football Fochriw Boys' Club played Bargoed Y.M.C.A. at Fochriw on Saturday, and won by 2 goals to nil. Mr. Bryn Davies was the referee.

4 November 1939 Billiards A billiards' match was played at the Institute on Tuesday by teams representing the the Fochriw Institute and the Fochriw Shopkeepers. The shopkeepers one by 1,078 points to 912.

25 November 1939 Football The Boys' Club played on Saturday against Tiryberth, and a good game resulted in a draw, 2-2. Jackie Davies scored the goals. The referee was Mr. Rod Jones.

23 December 1939 Billiards The final of the Christmas Handicap was held at the Fochriw Library and Institute, and was played between Mr. J. E. Edwards and Mr. Windsor Rees. Mr. Edwards was the winner scoring 150 to 112.

20 January 1940 Billiards A billiards match was played at Fochriw Institute on Wednesday between Fochriw Institute and Pontlottyn Institute. Fochriw were winners by 74 points: scores - 1,039 - 965.

24 February 1940 Football Fochriw Boys' Club played Dowlais at Dowlais on Tuesday and won by 8 goals to 2.

4 May 1940 Football Trials Edryd Jones, E. M. Lewis and T. Dredge, members of the Fochriw Boys' Football Club, were given a further trial with the Cardiff City Reserves on Saturday, and each gave a fine display.

4 May 1940 Football Fochriw played Cardiff City on Saturday last, and although beaten 6-1, put up a great fight against a first-class team.

25 May 1940 Boys' Club Football Fochriw played Ystrad Mynach last Sturday, and a good game resulted in a 3-3 draw.

1 June 1940 Snooker Fochriw played Rhymney last week. Rhymney won by 19 points. The scores were: 571 - 592.

28 September 1940 Local Footballer Mr. Edryd Jones played for Cardiff City against Birmingham on Saturday last. He is the son of Mrs. Jones and the late Mr. Evan Jones, who in his young days was a brilliant rugby player and cricketer.

12 October 1940 Snooker A snooker match was played at Fochriw Institute on Thursday between the Institute and Rhymney. Rhymney won by 40 points. Scores: Fochriw 557; Rhymney 597.

15 February 1941 Snooker The final of the handicap organised by the Fochriw Library was held last week. The finalists were Gomer Davies and Edryd Jones, with the former winning by 100 to 94.

26 April 1941 Local Footballers Three local boys had a trial with Cardiff City at Ninian Park on Tuesday. They were Jack Davies, Alan Davies and Ivor Davies. On Saturday, Evan M. Lewis played centre in the rugby match at Penydarren Park, for East Glamorgan against the Anglo-Welsh.

7 June 1941 Cup Final Fochriw played Cardiff Corries in the cup final of the Cardiff Nursery Clubs at the Welfare Ground, Pontlottyn. Fochriw were winners 4-0. The Fochriw scorers were Ivor Davies (3), and J. Dadge. The Fochriw team was: M. Ford, Edryd Jones, Ewart Davies, E.M. Lewis, R. White, W. Jonathan, D. Pickwick, J. Dadge, Jack Davies, Ivor Davies, Alan Davies.

2 August 1941 Snooker Match At the Institute on Thursday evening, an interesting match was played between the Institute team and members of H.M. Forces. The Forces were given a splendid reception but were defeated 967-562.

15 November 1941 Snooker Match Fochriw Institute entertained Aberbargoed in a match under the auspices of the Upper Rhymney Valley League on Thursday. Fochriw won 7-5. The Fochriw team was Owen Jones (capt.), Clifford Davies, Gomer Davies, Rufus Dummett, Reg Gittoes, and Richard Jones.

29 November 1941 Snooker The Fochriw Institute entertained Bargoed Institute on Thursday, the visitors winning 7-5. Fochriw: O. Jones, Clifford, Gomer & Jack Davies, Rufus Dunnett, and Reg Gittoes.

13 December 1941 Snooker Fochriw Institute team entertained Abertyswg in an Upper Rhymney Valley League match last Thursday, and won a good match by 7 frames to 5. Fochriw were represented by Messrs. Gomer Davies, R. Jones, R. Gittoes, L. Pritchard, J. Davies and A.H. Dummett.

20 December 1941 Snooker A match was played at the Institute on Tuesday between a military unit and the Institute team, resulting in a win for the Institute by 8 frames to 4. Fochriw: Gomer Davies 1; R. Gittoes 1; C. Lewis 1; O. Jones 1; R. Dummett 2; E. Jones 2.

27 December 1941 Snooker Handicap The final of the Christmas Handicap was played at the Institute on Monday when the finalists were Mr. Leighton Millward and Mr. G. Dummett. The scores were: Millward 75; Dummett 60. Other winners were Edryd Jones and Gomer Davies.

27 December 1941 Snooker Match On Thursday, Fochriw entertained St. Gwladys, Bargoed in a League match. The visitors were winners 9-3.

17 January 1942 Snooker The Fochriw Institute team played Brithdir away on Thursday and lost 8-4. Fochriw: Messrs.. Clifford Davies, Rufus Demmett, Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes, R. Jones and Bryn Rees.

7 February 1942 Snooker The Fochriw Institute team journeyed to Brithdir on Thursday and won by seven games to five. Team: Gomer Evans, Owen Jones, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Leighton Millward.

14 February 1942 Snooker The Institute team entertained New Tredegar B on Thursday in an Upper Rhymney Valley League game. Fochriw won by eight games to four, and were represented by G. Davies, R. Gittoes, O. Jones, B. Rees, R. Dummett, & L. Millward.

21 February 1942 League Snooker Fochriw Institute team visited Bargoed on Thursday in the Upper Rhymney Valley League, and lost by 7 matches to 5. Fochriw team: G. Davies, R. Gittoes, R. Dummett, O. Jones, L. Millward, C. Davies.

14 March 1942 Snooker Fochriw entertained St.. Dingat's (New Tredegar) in a Rhymney Valley League match on Thursday, the visitors winning by 7-5. Representing Fochriw were: G. Davies, R. Dummett, Cliff Davies, Reg Gittoes, Edryd Jones, L. Millward.

21 March 1942 Snooker Matches Fochriw played a home match against St. Gwladys' Bargoed in the Rhymney Valley League on Thursday. Fochriw won by 10 games to 2. The Fochriw team was: Rufus Dummett, L. Millward, Reg Gittoes, Clifford Davies, Jack Davies, Cyril Lewis. On Thursday, members of H.M. Forces played a team from the Fochriw Institute, and the match ended in a draw, 6-6. the Fochriw team was: Levi Pritchard, Claude Smith, Douglas Clark, C. Cumpstone, D. Pritchard, A.H. Dummett. The local juniors entertained Rhymney Guild on Monday, the visitors winning 8-4. The Fochriw team was: Tom Watkins, Glanmor Dummett, M. Davies, Stan Watkins, D.A. Evans, Desmond Kelly.

28 March 1942 Snooker Matches Fochriw played Pontlottyn away on Thursday last in the Rhymney Valley League. Fochriw won 7-5, and were represented by: Gomer Davies, R. Dummett, C. Davies, Reg Gittoes, Edryd Jones, Cyril Lewis. The Fochriw Juniors played Rhymney Guild on Tuesday at Rhymney, Rhymney winning 7-5. The Fochriw team was: Tom Watkins, G. Dummett, Garnant Jones, D. Clark, E.M. Jones, D. Pritchard.

4 April 1942 Snooker Fochriw entertained Rhymney on Thursday last in a Rhymney Valley League match, the visitors winning 8-4. The Fochriw team was: G. Davies, R. Dummett, Cliff Davies, Edryd Jones, R. Gittoes, Cyril Lewis.

11 April 1942 Snooker Fochriw entertained Pontlottyn in a Rhymney Valley League match on Thursday at the Institute. Fochriw won 7-5, and were represented by Gomer Davies, Rufus Dummett, Cliff Davies, Edryd Jones, Reg Gittoes and Cyril Lewis.

25 April 1942 Snooker Fochriw played Pontlottyn at home in the Institute on Thursday, the match ending in a draw, 6-6. The return game was played at Pontlottyn on Monday, Fochriw losing 10-2.

17 October 1942 Snooker Fochriw entertained Gilfach on Thursday evening at the Institute in a Rhymney Valley League competition. Gilfach won 7-5. The Fochriw team was: Edryd Jones, Bryn Davies, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Gomer Davies and Bryn Rees.

7 November 1942 Snooker Match Fochriw entertained Aberbargoed in a League match on Thursday at the Institute. The match ended in a draw, six frames each. Fochriw team: Messrs. Gomer, Davies, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Cliff Davies, Owen Jones, Norman Mills.

14 November 1942 Snooker In a Junior Rhymney Valley League match, Fochriw entertained Rhymney on Wednesday, and won by 7 frames to 5. They were represented by Messrs. G. Dummett, T. Watkins, L. Millward, D.A. Evans, L. Kelly and S. Watkins.

5 December 1942 Snooker Fochriw entertained New Tredegar in a Rhymney Valley League game on Thursday at the Institute, and won by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was Edryd Jones, Bryn Rees, Norman Mills, Reg Gittoes, Owen Jones, Rufus Dummett.

19 December 1942 Snooker Fochriw entertained Deri on Thursday in a Rhymney Valley League match. Deri won 7 – 5. Fochriw were represented by Owen Jones, Edryd Jones, Rufus Dummett, Cliff Davies, Bryn Rees and Jack Davies. Fochriw Juniors entertained Deri Juniors on Monday in a league game and won 9 – 3. Fochriw team: Idris Shankland, T. Watkins, G. Dummett, L. Millward, D. Kelly and S. Watkins. G. Dummett made a break of 29.

26 December 1942 Snooker Handicap In the final of the Christmas handicap at the Institute, Edryd Jones beat H. Morgan.

23 January 1943 Snooker Fochriw entertained New Tredegar in a Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute on Thursday. Fochriw won by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was Messrs. Reg Gittoes, Owen Jones, Rufus Dummett, Bryn Rees, Edryd Jones and Terance Kelly.

13 February 1943 Snooker Fochriw entertained Rhymney at the Institute on Thursday, the visitors winning by 7 frames to 5. Fochriw: Messrs. Edryd Jones, Owen Jones, Bryn Rees, Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes and Rufus Dummett.

27 February 1943 Snooker Match Fochriw entertained Abertysswg on Thursday in a Rhymney Valley League match, and won by 8 frames to 4. They were represented by Messrs. Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett and Edryd Jones.

6 March 1943 Snooker The Fochriw record in the Upper Rhymney Valley Snooker League is as follows: Played 21; Won 6; Lost 11; Drawn 4; Points 115. They are 8th in a league of eleven teams.

13 March 1943 Snooker Fochriw entertained St. Dingat's, New Tredegar, in a Rhymney Valley League match on Thursday. The visitors were winners 8 frames to 4. The Fochriw team was: Messrs. Bryn Rees, Owen Jones, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Gomer Davies and Edryd Jones.

17 April 1943 Snooker A match was played at the Institute on Thursday between Fochriw and Dowlais. It resulted in a draw. The Fochriw team was Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Edryd Jones, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes and Rufus Dummett.

8 May 1943 Snooker Handicap A successful handicap in aid of the Red Cross is taking place at the Institute. Several exciting games are being played. The entries are numerous and it is hoped the Red Cross funds will benefit substantially.

10 July 1943 Cricket Matches A cricket match was played at Fochriw last week between the Fochriw Parish Church Club and the Deri Church Club. Fochriw won by an innings and 32 runs, and also won the return match at Deri. Fochriw were represented by: J. Palmer (capt), C. & G. Llewellyn, G. Parry, C. & C. Tyler, D. Evans, H. Thomas, H. Grist, J. Daig and G. Cox. Deri: H. Tams (capt), W. Bowen, G. Haines, D. Tams, T. Connell, R. Beddoe, W. & D. Richards, L. & D. Edwards, and L. Davies. Rev. S.J. Beynon and Mr. A. Palmer were the umpires. The Fochriw secretary is Mr. J. Palmer and the treasurer is Mr. Huw B. Thomas.

17 July 1943 Snooker Handicap The Snooker Handicap in aid of the Red Cross, which was organised by the Welfare Committee, provided some exciting games. Mr. Norman Mills was the winner, and Mr. Gomer Davies the runner-up. Other prize winners were Mr. J.H. Evans and Mr. C. Edwards.

16 October 1943 Snooker Defeat In the Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute, Fochriw entertained Rhymney, who won by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was Owen Jones, Rufus Dummett, Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes, Edryd Jones and Tom Watkins. A new lighting system has been fixed over each table which is a great advantage.

30 October 1943 Snooker Match Under the auspices of the Rhymney Valley League, Fochriw entertained Gilfach Y.M.C.A. on Thursday, the visitors winning by 7 frames to 5. Messrs. Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Rufus Dummett, Edryd Jones, Reg Gittoes and Tom Watkins represented Fochriw.

6 November 1943 Football Fochriw L.E.A. Club entertained Blackwood in a league match on Saturday, the visitors winning 6-0. Fochriw, who are a young side, played well, and should improve with a little more experience. They were represented by H. Price, D. Mantle, G. Jones, E. Jenkins, L. Millward, S. Watkins, P. Mantle, T. Williams, D. Clark, and D.A. & H. Evans.

13 November 1943 Snooker Match Fochriw entertained Abertysswg in a Rhymney League match at the Institute on Thursday, and won by eight frames to four. The Fochriw team was Edryd Jones, Gomer Davies, Owen Jones, Rufus Dummett and Reg Gittoes.

20 November 1943 Football Fochriw L.E.A. played Aberbargoed Buds in a League match on Saturday at Fochriw. Owing to the weather, the match had to be abandoned when Fochriw were leading by a goal scored by C. Hollister.

27 November 1943 Snooker Fochriw entertained Bargoed in a Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute. The game ended in a draw, six frames each. The Fochriw team was: Messrs. Gomer Davies, Owen Jones, Bryn Rees, Edryd Jones, Reg Gittoes and Rufus Dummett.

4 December 1943 Snooker Fochriw entertained Tredegar in the Rhymney Valley League at the Institute on Thursday, and won 7 frames to 5. Fochriw were represented by Edryd Jones, Gomer Davies, R. Dummett, R. Gittoes, B. Rees and T. Watkins.

11 December 1943 Football Fochriw L.E.A. entertained Blackwood in a first round replay in the Rhymney Valley knock out competition on Saturday, the game ending in a draw one goal each. The Fochriw team was: Stuart Davies, David Mantle, Harry Grist, Edward Jenkins, Leighton Millward, Garnant Jones (capt.), D.A. Evans, C. Hollister, Phillip Mantle, Stan Watkins, Vincent Hollister.

18 December 1943 Snooker Match A snooker match was played at the Institute on Wednesday between the Institute team and a team from the Forces. Fochriw Institute won by 11 frames to 1. The teams were: Fochriw - Tom Watkins, Glanmor Dummett, Garnant Jones, Desmond Kelly, Levi Pritchard & A.H. Dummett; H.M. Forces - Pte. Thomas, Cpl. Grant, Cpl. French, L/Cpl. Timlin, Pte. Browning & S/Sgt. Downey.

25 December 1943 Snooker Handicap The final of Fochriw Institute Christmas snooker handicap was played on Friday at the Institute, when the finalists were Mr. Gomer Davies and Mr. Tom Watkins. Mr. Watkins won, the scores being 75 to 45. The other semi-finalists were Mr. Bryn Rees and Mr. Desmond Pritchard.

8 January 1944 Snooker Match Fochriw played St. Dingat's in a Rhymney Valley League match on Thursday, and the result was a draw, 6 frames each. The Fochriw team was Messrs. Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Edryd Jones, Bryn Rees, R. Dummett, Reg Gittoes.

22 January 1944 Football Fochriw L.E.A. met Tirphil in a League match on Saturday, when Tirphil won 4 - 2.

5 February 1944 Snooker Defeat Fochriw entertained Deri at the Institute on Thursday in a Rhymney Valley league match. The visitors were winners by 7 frames to 5. Fochriw team: Messrs. G. Davies, H. Jones, R. Dummett, R. Gittoes, G. Dummett, Bryn Davies.

19 February 1944 Snooker In connection with the Rhymney Valley individual championship, Mr. Edryd Jones, Fochriw, and Mr. T. Moulson, Rhymney, played their round at Fochriw Institute on Monday. Moulson won by two frames.

26 February 1944 Snooker Win Fochriw entertained New Tredegar at the Institute on Thursday in Rhymney Valley League match. Fochriw won by nine frames to three. On Monday, Fochriw played Pontlottyn in a knock-out competition, when Pontlottyn won by eight frames to four. The Fochriw team comprised Messrs. O. Jones, G. Davies, B. Rees, R. Gittoes, E. Jones, G. Dummett.

25 March 1944 Snooker Win Fochriw played Pontlottyn at home in a Rhymney Valley League game on Thursday, Pontlottyn winning 9 frames to 3. Fochriw were represented by Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes, T. Kelly and T. Shankland.

8 April 1944 Snooker Fochriw entertained Alex Hall in a Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute on Thursday, the visitors winning by 7 frames to 5. Fochriw team: G. Davies, B. Rees, E. Jones, R. Gittoes, T. Shankland, C. Thomas.

22 April 1944 Football Matches Fochriw played Gilfach in a Rhymney Valley League match on Monday, and Fochriw won by 4 goals to 3. Scorers for Fochriw were: P. Mantle (2), G. Dummett (2). On Saturday, they defeated Gilfach at Gilfach 4-2.

6 May 1944 Soccer Games Fochriw boys team, after a goalless draw against Jubilee Thistle at Fochriw on Wednesday, played Deri Buds at Fochriw on Friday. This was another league match, and Deri were keen to win, having lost at home to Fochriw earlier in the season by four goals to one. However, Fochriw were winners by 5 goals to 2. Stan Watkins was the outstanding player. Fochriw played Ystrad Mynach on Saturday and the score was 2 -2.

23 September 1944 Football Match In a league match at Fochriw on Saturday, Fochriw beat Abertysswg by two goals to nil. Scorers: G. Dummett and E. Jenkins.

21 October 1944 Football Match Fochriw played Rhymney Juniors at Rhymney on Saturday and won 9 – 2. Scorers for Fochriw were: Len Brookes (5), Mel Neade (2), G. Jones, G. Dummett. Last week, Fochriw defeated Abertysswg in the first round of the S.W. & Mon. Cup by 5 – 1.

21 October 1944 Snooker League Fochriw entertained Phillipstown in a Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute, and the game ended in a draw, 6 – 6. Fochriw were represented by O. Jones, B. Rees, R. Gittoes, R. Dummett, T. Watkins and Glanmor Dummett.

7 October 1944 Soccer Win Fochriw entertained Gellygaer in a league match on Saturday and won by six goals to one. Scorers for Fochriw were: G. Dummett (2); M. Neade (2); G. Jones; V. Hollister.

28 October 1944 Football Fochriw entertained Blackwood in a League match on Saturday, and were winners by 6 goals to 2.

28 October 1944 Snooker Match Fochriw played Tirphil on Thursday in the Rhymney Valley League, and won by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was: Messrs. Owen Jones, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Tom Watkins and G. Dummett.

4 November 1944 Soccer News Fochriw met Deri on Saturday last, Deri winning 2-1. In last week's result of the Blackwood v Fochriw game, the result should have read: Blackwood 6, Fochriw 2.

25 November 1944 Fochriw v Rhymney Fochriw played at Rhymney in a cup round on Saturday and won 8 – 0. Scorers were G. Jones (5), G. Dummett (2), V. Hollister.

16 December 1944 Snooker Match Fochriw played Alex Hall, Aberbargoed, in a League match at the Institute on Thursday, and won by 8 frames to 4. Fochriw were represented by O. Jones, G. Davies, B. Rees, T. Watkins, G. Dummett and D. Way.

17 February 1945 Snooker Defeat Fochriw played Brithdir in a knock-out competition at Fochriw on Tuesday, Brithddir winning by 7 frames to 5. Fochriw team: Messrs. Owen Jones, Gomer Evans, Rufus Dummett, Bryn Rees, Geg Gittoes and Tom Watkins.

17 March 1945 Snooker The Rhymney Valley Snooker League semi-final of the individual championship took place at Fochriw Hall. The players were D. Jones, Phillipstown, and Ivor Tuck, Pontlottyn. D. Jones was the winner. The other semi-finalists were L. Griffin and M. Davies, Bargoed, Griffin being the winner. The players were introduced by Mr. J.H. Evans and the Vicar. The referees and scorers were Messrs. A. Palmer and G. Davies, Fochriw; J. Shorey, New Tredegar, and R. Hughes, Brithdir. The final will be played at Abertysswg

17 March 1945 Football Fochriw played Blackwood at Trelyn Park on Saturday in a Rhymney Valley Boys' Club semi-final. Blackwood won by two goals to nil.

31 March 1945 Snooker Match Fochriw played New Tredegar "A" away on Thursday last in a Rhymney Valley League match, Fochriw winning by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Tom Watkins, Glanmor Dummett and D. Way.

13 October 1945 Billiards Win A billiards match was played at Fochriw on Thursday between teams representing Fochriw and Pontlottyn, under the auspices of the Miners' Welfare Association. Fochriw won a keen match. The Fochriw team was Arthur Palmer, Bryn Rees, Gomer Davies and Rufus Dummett.

27 October 1945 Good Snooker At the Billiards Hall on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Rhymney Valley League, Fochriw entertained Rhymney. The visitors won by 7 frames to 5.

29 December 1945 Snooker Fochriw entertained St. Dingat's in a Rhymey Valley League match on Thursday, and the result was a draw, 6 frames each. The Fochriw team was Messrs. Gomer Davies, Bryn Rees, Arthur Palmer, Rufus Dummett, Reg Gittoes and Tom Watkins.

2 March 1946 Snooker Match Fochriw played Pontlottyn in a League game at the Billiard Room on Thursday, and the result was a draw, 6 frames each. Fochriw team: Messrs. Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes, R. Dummett, B. Rees, B. Davies, A.H. Dummett.

23 March 1946 Billiards Fochriw entertained Deri in a friendly match at the Institute on Monday, Deri winning by 7.

Snooker Match Fochriw played New Tredegar in a League match on Thursday at the Institute, the visitors winning by 10 frames to 2. Fochriw team: G. Davies, B. Rees, R. Dummett, R. Gittoes and A.H. Dummett.

30 March 1946 Professional's Visit On Thursday at the Billiard Hall of the Welfare Association, a visit was paid by Mr. Sydney Smith, a professional billiard and snooker player. The M.C. was the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mr. Smith's opponent in billiards was Mr. Arthur Palmer, who played a very fine game. Final scores: Smith 654; Palmer 111. Smith made breaks of over 150. In snooker, his opponents were Messrs. G. Jones, R. Dummett and G. Davies. Smith conceded four blacks start to each, and R. Dummett won his game. A vote of thanks to Mr. Smith was proposed by Coun. W.J. Payne, chairman of the Institute, and seconded by Mr. Cliff Edwards, Bargoed. The scorer was Mr. J.H. Evans.

17 May 1947 Race Winner A miners' road race was held during the parade and May Day celebrations at Bargoed on Saturday. The winner of the race from Pontlottyn to Bargoed was Mr. David Mantle, Fochirw, and third was Mr. Howell Lewis, Fochriw.

18 October 1947 Football Fochriw entertained Brithdir in a League match at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. This was the first match on the new playing field. Fochriw is fortunate to possess such a fine ground that also includes a pavilion. A fine game resulted in eight goals being shared.

20 December 1947 Soccer Win Fochirw Church Schoolboys entertained Deri Church Schoolboys at the Welfare Ground on Saturday, and were winners by 4 goals to 1.

24 April 1948 Runaway Victory Fochriw entertained Caerphilly on Saturday at the Welfare Ground in a Rhymney Valley Junior League game, and were winners by 7 goals to 1, so strengthening their position at the top of the League. Scorers: M. Edwards (3), E. Shankland (2), S. Watkins, J. Ballard.

22 May 1948 Soccer Club Meeting Mr. W.A. Davies, chairman of the Fochriw A.F.C., presided at a meeting on Tuesday, when the balance sheet was presented, which showed a profit of £35. Income was £80 2s 6d, whilst expenditure was £45 2s 6d. It was decided to apply for membership of the Rhymney Valley Senior League next season, and a welcome was extended to all who wish to become members. Election of officers: president, Mr. Pritchard; vice-president, Mr. Farley; chairman, Mr. W.A. Davies; treasurer, Mr. C. Edwards; secretary, Mr. L.G. Jones, 29, Martin-street; committee, Messrs. Rufus Dummett, J.E. Edwards, H. Woods, W. Williams, G. Taylor, Ivor Morgan and Cadfan Cumpstone.

17 July 1948 London Ahead The football season is keenly anticipated in the village. Teams have been entered in the Rhymney Valley League, and some fine games are looked forward too on the new Welfare Ground.

28 August 1948 First Game Fochriw played their first League game on Saturday, when they were away to Phillipstown. What promised to be a good game was abandoned after each side had scored a goal. Fochriw have the making of a splendid team.

11 September 1948 Keen Game Fochriw entertained Jubilee in a league match at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. Jubilee were winners 1 – 0.

18 September 1948 Ten Goal Win Fochriw entertained Brithdir in a league match at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. They were in brilliant form, winning 10 – 0.

2 October 1948 Football Fochriw were away on Saturday to Penallta in a League match and won 5 – 1. Scorers: D. Dummett (2); B. Griffiths (2), R. Morgan.

9 October 1948 Football Fochriw Seniors met Abertridwr at Aber in the S.W. and Mon. Cup first round on Saturday, and the result was a draw, 3 – 3. Fochriw scorers: G. Dummett (2), Roy Morgan. The Juniors met Troedrihwgair in their first league game at Fochriw, and won by 5 goals to 2. Fochriw scorers: Gwyn Davies (2), Emrys Shankland (2), M. Edwards.

23 October 1948 School Hockey Following a recent trial match of the East Glamorgan Secondary Schools, Miss Enid Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Idris Cumpstone, Glyn-terace, and a pupil of Bargoed Grammar School, has been chosen to represent East v West at Bridgend today.

23 October 1948 Junior Football The Fochriw Juniors were at home to Cascade, Pengam, on the Welfare Ground, in a league game. The result was a draw, 3 – 3.

13 November 1948 Soccer Win Fochriw met Aberbargoed on Saturday in a South Wales and Monmouthshire Cup round, and were winners by 3 goals to 2. Fochriw scorers: G. Dummett, Roy Morgan, Jack Davies. Fochriw now meet a Cardiff team.

20 November 1948 Soccer Wins Fochriw's Senior team played Hendre Boys' Club at Caerphilly on Saturday in the Rhymney Valley Senior Cup. Fochriw won 6 – 2. Scorers for Fochriw were: W. Grist (2); R. Dummett (2); B. Griffiths, J. Davies. The Juniors were at home to Troedrihwgair in the Rhymney Valley League. Fochriw were winners 7 – 0. Scorers: J. Morgan (3); D. Hollifield (3); G. Davies.

27 November 1948 Soccer: A Dozen Fochriw were at home to Caerphilly at the Welfare Ground on Saturday, and were again in scoring mood, winning 12 – 1.

15 January 1949 Week-end Sport The Fochriw Senior team entertained Abertyswg in a Rhymney Valley League game on the Welfare Ground on Saturday. Fochriw were winners 8-0. Scorers were: David Evans 5, Berkley Griffiths 2, Glanmor Dummett 1. The junior team was away to Cascade in the Rhymney Valley Cup, Fochriw winning 4-1. Fochriw scorers: John Ballard 2, Melville Edwards and Deraint Hollifield.

22 January 1949 Soccer Teams: Both On Top Both Senior and Junior teams are going great guns. Both are top of the various leagues in the Rhymney Valley, Div. I & II. There is splendid harmony amongst the players, officials and committee, and favoured with a fine football field and splendid gates, football has reached a high standard. On Saturday, the Seniors were away to Gilfach Y.M.C.A. in a League match, Fochriw winning 3-0. David Evans scored two, and there was a Gilfach own goal. The juniors were at home to Abertyswg in a Rhymney Valley league first round Cup game, and won 4-0. Scorers: Melville Edwards 2, Gwyn Davies & John Ballard.

29 January 1949 Week-end Sport The Senior team were at home to Pontlottyn on Saturday, winning 4-2. Fochriw scorers: G. Dummett 2, J. Davies & Edryd Jones. The Juniors were away to Fleur-de-Lis in a League game and won 7-2. Scorers: D. Hollifield 3, J. Ballard 3, M. Edwards.

19 February 1949 Football The Juniors were at home to Cascade in a cup competition of Saturday, winning 4-1.

5 March 1949 Champions' Medals A pleasant evening was spent at the New Hall on Wednesday, on the occasion of the presentation of the cup and medals to the Fochriw team for winning the Rhymney Valley Div. 2, 1947-48 season championship. Music for dancing was supplied by the Rhymney Dance Band with Mr. J. Lewis as M.C. The presentations were made to the players by Mr. E.T. Pritchard, president, and Coun. W.J. Payne. Mr. H. Wood, vice-president, thanked Mr. Pritchard and Coun. Payne. Mr. A. Davies, secretary, and Mr. C. Edwards, treasurer, also spoke. The following received medals: Ron Morris (captain), Mel Edwards (vice-captain), Gwyn Davies, John Ballard, Ellis Davies, John Morgan, Elwyn Davies, Ieuan Morgan, Maurice Welsh, Derrant Hollifield, Noel Williams, Haydn Watkins, Leslie Hollister, John Evans, Billy Cumpstone, Emrys Shankland, Tudor Powell and George Williams. The cup was handed to the captain, who thanked all for the good wishes expressed. One of the players, Elwyn Davies, has been given a trial for the schoolboy international.

7 May 1949 Football Fochriw Juniors were away to Abercanaid on Saturday and won 8-1. Scorers: J. Bradley 4; Mel Edwards 2; D. Hollifield; I. Morgan.

23 July 1949 A Fine Start The Fochriw football teams met last week, and much enthusiasm was shown for the coming season. They closed their first season in a blaze of glory. The first

team won the Victoria Cup, finished third in the league, and also, were runners-up in the Senior Cup. The Juniors were champions of their league, and were undefeated throughout the season. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W.A. Davies, supported by vice-chairman, Mr. A.H. Wood. The auditors' report was given by Mr. Desmond Kelly, and showed a splendid year's working, with a good balance in hand. An earnest appeal is made for support is made to build up funds, as commitments are heavy. The teams will be playing in the South Wales Amateur and Rhymney Valley Leagues. All the old players remain, but new players are welcomed. A Women's Supporters' Club has been formed which will function independently, and the first meeting will be on July 25. All interested should attend. Officers elected were: president, Mr. E.T. Pritchard; vice presidents, Mr. Farley, Coun. Payne, Rev. Adams Evans, Mr. Dan Jenkins; chairman, Mr. W.A. Davies, vice chairman, Mr. A.H. Wood; secretary, Mr. Alfred Evans; treasurer, Mr. Glyn Thomas; committee, Messrs. B. Angell, H. Ballard, J.E. Edwards, Ivor Morgan, John Morgan, Bryn Rees, Crad Thomas, W. Williams, Gomer Williams. The first trial match will take place on Saturday, July 23.

27 August 1949 Football Everything points to a successful football season. Teams will be run in the S.W. Amateur League and the Rhymney Valley League. There is a good selection of players available.

24 September 1949 Two Draws, One Defeat Fochriw were away to Abercwmboi on Wednesday in a South Wales Amateur League game. The game ended in a draw, 2 goals each. Burkley Griffiths and Allen Davies scored for Fochriw. On Saturday, Fochriw visited Wattstown. They travelled with six reserve players. They lost 3 – 1. On Monday, Fochriw were at home to Trelewis in a Rhymney Valley League game. The result was a draw 1 – 1.

8 October 1949 Football Fochriw entertained St.. Athan in a South Wales Amateur League match at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. An excellent game was witnessed, with football of a high standard. Fochriw were winners 5-1. Scorers: G. Dummett 3; G. Matthews 2.

15 October 1949 Football On Saturday at the Welfare Ground, Fochriw beat Gelli Hibernians 2-1 in a S.W. League match.

29 October 1949 Football Fochriw were at home to Caerphilly Athletic in a Rhymney Valley League game on Saturday, winning 7-3. In a S.W. Amateur League game, Fochriw were away to Gwynfi, also winning 2-0.

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5 November 1949 Winners and Losers Fochriw were away to Pontlottyn in a Rhymney Valley League match on Saturday and were winners 5-1. Another Fochriw team was away to Cardiff in a cup round, losing 2-1.

12 November 1949 Football The Juniors beat Cascade 1-0 in a League match at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. The Seniors were away to Pengam Pals in a cup round, and drew 1-1.

19 November 1949 Cup Win The Seniors were in fine form at the Welfare Ground on Saturday, when they entertained Pengam Pals in a cup round, winning 2-0. Scorers: John Evans & Ivor Davies. Fochriw now play St.. Athan or Pontyclun in the next round. The Juniors played Cefn Hengoed away in a League match, and drew 3-3.

26 November 1949 Football Both teams were away at Caerphilly on Saturday. Both lost: Seniors 3-1; Juniors 2-1.

3 December 1949 Football Fochriw were at home on Saturday to Newport in the S.W. Amateur League, and were in fine form, winning 6-0. Scorers: G. Matthews 4; Jack Davies & Roy Morgan.

31 December 1949 Holiday Football In the Amateur League, Fochriw played Aberbargoed at home on Saturday and lost 4-2. On Boxing Day, they played Aberbargoed away and won 4-1. The Rhymney Valley League team played Gilfach way on Saturday and lost 3-1, and on Boxing Day played Pengam at home and won 3-1.

7 January 1950 Fochriw's Two Wins Fochriw were at home in a South Wales Amateur League game on Saturday at the Welfare Ground. Nelson were the visitors. Fochriw served up some excellent football, and were winners 9-1. Scorers: Ivor Davies 6, D. Evans, J.

Evans, W. Owen. The Fochriw Rhymney Valley team were away at Pengam, and were winners 2-1, D. Hollyfield scoring both Fochriw goals.

14 January 1950 Soccer: Winners and Losers The Fochriw Juniors were at home on Saturday to Caerphilly in a R.V. League game, and were winners 8-1. The Seniors played Ynyshir away in a cup round and were beaten 5-2.

14 January 1950 Selected For Team Mr. Burkley Griffiths, son of the late Mr. John Griffiths and Mrs. M.J. Griffiths, Aelybryn, has been selected for the international Welsh Amateur team to meet England at Bangor on Saturday, Jan. 21. Burkley was one of the star players in the local team before joining Lovell's.

4 February 1950 Football The Seniors were at home to Ferndale in a S.W. League match on Saturday. The visitors won 2-1. The Juniors were away to Cascade in a Rhymney Valley League match, the game ending in a 1-1 draw.

25 February 1950 Soccer The Senior team were away at St.. Athans on Saturday and were winners 3-0. The scorers were: Gwyn Davies, Ivor Davies and George Matthews.

4 March 1950 Two Games Fochriw were at home to Aberdare in a S.W. League game on Saturday and won 4-2. Scorers: G. Matthew 2; J. Davies and I. Davies. The Juniors were away to Jubilee in a league game and lost 4-2.

11 March 1950 Soccer Fochriw entertained Abercwnboi in a League game on the Welfare Ground on Saturday before a good crowd. The game ended in a draw, 3-3.

1 April 1950 Football Fochriw were at home to Gilfach in a R.V. League game on Saturday, and won 3-1. Allen Davies, Jackie Davies and George Matthews were the goal scorers.

8 April 1950 Football Fochriw were at home to Gwynfi in the S.W. Amateur League on Saturday, and were winners by 5 goals to 1. Allen Davies, Ivor Davies, Gwyn Davies, G. Matthews and D. Hollifield were the scorers.

3 June 1950 Guest Organist At the North Riding Festival of Music at Thirsk, Yorkshire, last Sunday, the guest organist was Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas of Ampleforth College, Yorks, only son of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Thomas, "Bryn Gwyn," Fochriw. The main works were sung by massed choirs from all over the North Riding, and included works by Bach, Holst and Vaughan Williams. Mr. Ballard Thomas was accompanied to the festival by the Earl of Dumfries.

22 July 1950 Football the prospects of football are again very rosy in the village for next season. Preparations are well in hand, and a good selection of players is available.

9 September 1950 Football Fochriw were away on Saturday to Ferndale in an Amateur League game. A very good game ended in a draw, two goals each.

16 September 1950 Football Fochriw were at home to Abercynon in a cup round on Saturday, and lost 4-0.

16 September 1950 Library and Institute Mr. Horace Lindrum, the Australian snooker and billiards champion, has accepted an invitation to give an exhibition on Monday, Sept. 18 at 6.30p.m.

23 September 1950 Champion's Visit The billiards and snooker champion, and five times runner-up for the world championship, Mr. Horace Lindrum, paid a visit to the billiard hall at the invitation of the officers and committee of the Library and Institute. The chairman, Coun. W. J. Payne welcomed the champion. Mr. Owen Jones was selected as Mr. Lindrum's opponent at billiards, and at snooker, the opponent was Mr. Arthur Palmer, vice-chairman of the Institute. Both players put up an excellent show. Mr. Lindrum gave a display of trick shots at the close. He was thanked by the Vicar and Mr. Lindrum thanked all for the great welcome.

30 September 1950 Football Fochriw were away at St. Athan on Saturday in a League game. The game ended in a draw, 2-2.

30 September 1950 Football Fochriw were at home to Garw in a South Wales Amateur League game on Saturday, winning 3-2.

11 November 1950 Football Fochriw played Ystrad Mynach Old Boys in a League match at home on Saturday. Fochriw were in great form, winning 11-1.

18 November 1950 Football Fochriw were at home on Saturday to Wattstown, and won by 2 goals to 1.

25 November 1950 Still Winning Fochriw entertained Treharris on Saturday and maintained their winning form, winning by 5 goals to nil. The football on both sides was of a high standard, and matters were even until the home side settled down. At half time, Fochriw led 2 – 0. On resuming, Fochriw quickly added to their score. Unfortunately, injuries depleted both sides, but the enthusiasm and spirit still prevailed. It was again proved that Fochriw are a side to be reckoned with. Scorers: Glyn Jones 2, Doug Jones, D. Hollifield, J. Evans (penalty).

13 January 1951 Football Fochriw entertained Aberfan in the fourth round of the S.W. and Mon. Amateur Cup on Saturday. The conditions were most adverse, the ground being very muddy. However, a thrilling game was played, Fochriw winning 2-1.

5 May 1951 Football: Fochriw are Div. II Champions By virtue of their 4-0 victory at Treharris, Fochriw are assured of the championship of Division II of the S.W. Amateur League, and as a result will play in Division I next season. Although they finished with two players injured - J. Evans twisted knee, & E. Jones fractured collar-bone - Fochriw played well. The scorers were G. Matthews 2, W. Chapman and J. Davies.

5 May 1951 Football Pontlottyn Youth Club Seniors were victors over Fochriw Y.C. Seniors by 5 goals to 2 in the match played last Thursday.

26 May 1951 Blaze of Glory Fochriw finished their season in a blaze of glory by winning the Second Division of the Amateur League. On Saturday, a Cardiff City XI was defeated 3-2 by Fochriw. After the match the visitors were entertained to tea at the New Hall, which had been prepared by the Ladies' Supporters' Club. Speakers from Cardiff City spoke well of the standard of play of the Fochriw team.

16 June 1951 A.F.C. Supper On Saturday at the New Hall, Fochriw A.F.C. celebrated their winning of the 2nd Division Championship for Season 1950-51 with a supper, which was provided by the Ladies' Supporters' Club. The guest of the evening was Mr. A.J. Thomas, Cardiff, who presented the shield and medals. He said it was a great achievement to win the league in only their second season after admission. He also congratulated the ladies for the excellent fare. Other speakers were: Mr. E. Pritchard, president; Coun. Payne, Rev. E. Adams Evans, vice-presidents; Mr. W.A. Davies, chairman; Mr. A.H. Wood, vice-chairman; Mr. D. Kelly, secretary; Mr. F.G. Jenkins, treasurer. Miss Eliza Evans, secretary of the Ladies' Supporters' Club, also spoke, and presented the club with a cheque for £20 on behalf of the ladies.

23 June 1951 Fochriw A.F.C. Get Their Shield: A.F.C. Supper On Saturday at the New Hall, Fochriw A.F.C. celebrated winning the 2nd Division Championship of the South Wales Amateur League with a supper which was provided by the Ladies' Supporters' Club. The guest for the evening was Mr. A. J. Thomas of Cardiff, secretary of the League, who, in presenting the shield and medals to the players, spoke highly of the club, saying it was a great achievement to win the honours in only the second season after being admitted to the League. A photograph was taken of the presentation of the Shield to the team captain, W. Chapman. Mr. Thomas also congratulated the ladies for the excellent fare they had prepared. Also present was the chairman of the Gellygaer Urban District Council, Coun. W. J. Payne, J.P., who is a vice-president of the club. Speakers were: Coun. Payne; Mr. E. Pritchard (president); Rev. E. Adams Evans (vice-president); Mr. W. A. Davies (chairman); Mr. A. H. Wood (vice-chairman); Mr. D. Kelly (secretary); Mr. F. G. Jenkins (treasurer). Miss Eliza Evans, secretary of the Ladies' Supporters' Club, also spoke, and presented the Club with a cheque of £20 on behalf of the ladies.

25 August 1951 Well Balanced Fochriw, who won promotion to the First Division Amateur League last season, played their opening match at home last Saturday before a good crowd. The visitors were Guest, Keen and Baldwin, Cardiff, and the result was a draw, 1 – 1.

15 September 1951 Football A good crowd witnesses the home fixture with Hirwaun Welfare on Saturday, the home side winning 3-0. Scorers: Don White 2, Glyn Jones.

13 October 1951 Settling Down Mr. & Mrs. Evan Morgan Lewis, who with their family recently left for Swinton, have now settled down in their new home. Mr. Lewis is the son of

Mr. & Mrs. W. Lewis, Brynteg-street. He is an excellent all-round athlete, and has now joined Swinton Rugby League Club. Both Mr. & Mrs. Lewis are school teachers and have appointments in Swinton.

23 August 1952 Getting Ready Fochriw A.F.C. are preparing for a successful season. Several of the old players are again anxious to don the famous jerseys, and an array of new players will fight hard for a place in the first team. The supporters are assured of good football.

6 September 1952 Football Fochriw entertained Newbridge at the Welfare Ground on Saturday in an Amateur League game, and won 5-0.

20 September 1952 Football Fochriw entertained Gilfach Goch on Saturday at the Welfare Ground in a League match, and lost 1-0.

5 September 1953 Football The Fochriw team opened their Amateur League fixtures for the new season on Saturday at the Welfare Ground. Despite very bad weather, a good match was played, Hirwaun winning 3-1. The secretary is Mr. W. Pearce, Brook-row.

12 September 1953 Football A keen Amateur League match was played on Saturday at the Welfare Ground between Fochriw and Cardiff City. Cardiff won 1-0 in a game in which both teams gave a fine exhibition of football.

17 October 1953 Snooker The Institute snooker team made an excellent start in their Rhymney Valley League match. The visitors were Deri. Before a good crowd Fochriw won by three points to nil. Fochriw team: Leighton Millward (capt), Haydn Watkins, Mel Edwards, Tommy Watkins, John Ballard, Desmond Evans.

24 October 1953 Snooker On Thursday, the Fochriw Seniors played Pengam away in the Rhymney Valley Snooker League losing by three points to nil. Fochriw team: L. Millward, M. Edwards, Tom & Haysn Watkins, John Ballard, Len Davies.

7 November 1953 Snooker Fochriw Junior team were at home to Aberbargoed on Wednesday in a Rhymney Valley League game and won by three points. Team: John Williams, Roy Shankland, Delfryn Jones, Gwyn Morgan, Brian Pearce, Brian Jones.

27 March 1954 Snooker The Institute Senior team won the semi-final of the Rumney Valley knock-out competition by defeating Nelson 7-5. They will meet in the final, the winners of the Tredegar Cental v Deri match. Mel Edwards of Fochriw also reached the semi-final of the individual knock-out competition by defeating R. Hunt (Cefn Forest) in the fourth round by two frames to nil. The Seniors drew six frames each at Tredegar North End on March 18, losing the aggregate by 24.

10 April 1954 Snooker Nelson were the visitors to Fochriw in a Rhymney Valley League game on Thursday and won by 9 frames to three.

25 September 1954 Soccer Fochriw were at home on the Welfare Ground on Saturday, in a Rhymney Valley League fixture against Tiryberth. Fochriw were again in excellent form winning by 8 goals to 2. Out of 7 games played, they have lost only 1. This Saturday, they play a cup round at home to Caerphilly Y.M.C.A. The secretary is Mr. A. Stevenson, 27, Glanynant, Fochriw.

30 October 1954 Football Fochriw were at home at the Welfare Ground in a League match on Saturday. The visitors were Abertysswg. Fochriw were winners 6-3.

5 March 1955 Snooker In an exhibition match at the Billiard Hall on Thursday night, between Cliff Wilson and Ray Reardon, both of Tredegar, Ray Reardon made a break of 101. It was excellent entertainment from both players.

28 July 1956 Athletic Success The many friends of Mr. Alan Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Thomas, Williams Row, were pleased with his success at Swansea, when he won the 'putting the shot' event with a throw of 42ft 10ins. He is a pupil of Bargoed Technical School, and represented Glamorgan, helping the team win the 10th Anniversary Welsh Competitions. He is a brilliant all-round athlete.

18 August 1956 Football Fochriw can look forward again to football in the village this season. A good team has been formed and has joined the Rhymney Valley League.

18 August 1956 Successful Sports A successful sports was held at the Welfare Ground in aid of the Fochriw and District O.A.P. The Women's Supporters Committee thanks Mr.

Delfryn Jones and Mr. Howell Owen for organising the sports, and all who helped to make it a success. The sum of £4 1s 6d was handed to the committee.

15 September 1956 Football Fochriw entertained Gilfach Y.M.C.A. at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. A first class game resulted in a win for the visitors by 2 goals to 1.

20 October 1956 Football Fochriw were at home to McLarens in a cup round on Saturday, and won by 2 goals to 1. Fochriw are making good progress in their first year, and have the makings of a good team.

24 November 1956 Football Fochriw were at home to Bryncoch at the Welfare Ground on Saturday in a Rhymney Valley League match, and won 2-1.

5 January 1957 Football Cup round: Fochriw at home to Pontlottyn Buds. Score: Fochriw 10, Pontlottyn 0.

30 March 1957 Football Fochriw were away on Saturday to Fairview in a League game. The keenly contested game ended in a 3-3 draw. Fochriw scorers: H. Wood, S. Phillips, B. Jones,

6 April 1957 Football Fochriw were away to Pontlottyn in a Rhymney Valley League game on Saturday, and won 5 goals to 2.

4 May 1957 Rhymney Valley Football League (Table to April 27 - leading teams as follows) Bargoed Y.M.C.A. Played 27 Points 37; Fochriw United P 26 Pts 34; Penydre P 22 Pts 34; Jubilee P 24 Pts 33; Fair View P 20 Pts 31; Trelewis P 24 Pts 28; Bargoed Un. P 26 Pts 24.

17 August 1957 Football Members of the Fochriw team have commenced their training and are looking forward to another successful season in the Rhymney Valley League.

1 March 1958 Football Fochriw lost their Rhymney Valley Senior League game to Fairview Rangers 5-0.

6 September 1958 Football Fochriw have opened the season in good style in the Rhymney Valley League. They have played three, won two and drawn one. They have the making of a good team. Their home match with Jubilee on Saturday was a treat to watch, the final score being 4-4.

22 August 1959 Football All sportsmen in the village are anxiously waiting for the reforming of the soccer team in the village. If no soccer, why not the game that was famous in the village many years ago - rugby?

30 July 1960 Chairman The new chairman of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association is a Fochriw man, Mr. John Llewellyn of Glen View, Pentwyn.

6 May 1961 Football Presentation At the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters on Thursday, a presentation of certificates was made to the under 16 football team, the runners-up to Bargoed Y.M.C.A. in the recent cup final at St. Athan. The presentation was made to each player by Coun. W.J. Payne. Also present was the club leader, Mr. Glyn Jenkins. The players were: R. Dummett, D. Chapman, C. Gittoes, D. Pearce, N. Jones, R. Williams, R. Morgan, R. Brown, H. Watkins, L. Morgan, S. Perkins. The two reserves were P. Gittings and B. Williams.

12 August 1961 Soccer Trial The Fochriw Y.M.C.A. held their first trial on Saturday. There was a good muster, and the boys played well. The Y.M.C.A. are also hoping to join the under 16 table tennis league.

4 August 1962 Fochriw Man Re-Elected Boxing Association Chairman Mr. John P. Llewellyn was re-elected chairman of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association for another two years, at the annual meeting on Saturday. Since 1960, Mr. Llewellyn has represented the W.A.B.A. in Belgrade, Copenhagen, Holland, Germany, Ireland and France. Despite opposition to boxing, Mr. Llewellyn states that without boxing there would be a larger number of delinquents in our society. [with photograph]

26 October 1963 In County Team Miss Rosemary Jones, 1 Aelybryn, a student at Trinity College, Carmarthen, has been chosen to play hockey for Carmarthen County Team. She is a former pupil of Bargoed Grammar Technical School, and was captain of the school team. She also played for South Wales Ladies and Glamorgan County Teams.

16 November 1963 Fochriw Girl In County Team Margaret Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. Jones, Guest Street, has been selected to play left inner for the County of Glamorgan ladies hockey team, First XI.

16 November 1963 One of the Victors Alun Thomas, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Thomas, 8, Williams Row, was one of the Newport Rugby players who beat the All Blacks. He was described by one of the commentators as having played a "fireball" of a game. He has already played for the Welsh XV under 23s.

18 January 1964 Alan Thomas - First 'Cap' For Fochriw It was a night to remember at Fochriw on Thursday last, when nearly 300 people packed the concert hall of the new Fochriw Labour Club in Glyn Terrace to pay tribute to Alan Thomas, the village's first Welsh rugby 'cap.' Alan is 23, and plays open side wing forward for Newport. After receiving three gifts from local organisations, he told the audience, "I never realised how proud Fochriw would be of me. Standing on the Arms Park in a Welsh jersey is a moment I shall never forget. And this is another." The main presentation of an engraved wrist-watch was made on behalf of the Labour Club by Mr. John Llewellyn, J.P., who referred to the achievement of other local men - Brian Price and John Uzzell, both of Deri. Coun. Frank Jenkins presented a bowl on behalf of the 'Y.M.' A third gift, a coloured photograph of Alan in his Welsh kit, was presented by Mr. Tom Powell, on behalf of the Welfare and Institute. Rev. Evan Sedgemore said that there were 4,150 people living in the area, and it was remarkable that four internationals should come from the district - Billy Thomas of Deri was capped last year. Other speakers were Mr. N. Withers, chairman of the Y.M.C.A., and Mr. Ellis Davies, secretary of the Fochriw Labour Club. A belated, surprise visitor was Clive Rowlands, skipper of Pontypool and Wales. The chairman was Mr. Jack Davies, chairman of the Fochriw Labour Club, and a fine evening's entertainment was provided by Leyton Weekes, Jeff Crocker and Ron Gibbs.

15 February 1964 Hockey Trialist Miss Margaret Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan William Jones, 14, Guest Street, has been selected to play hockey for the Wales "B" team. A student at Barry Training College, she has played for Glamorgan County team, and whilst a pupil at Bargoed Grammar Technical School was captain of the school hockey team.

18 July 1964 Fochriw Man Will Lead Olympic Boxers Mr. J.P. Llewellyn, J.P., has been appointed team manager of the British Olympic boxing team to travel to Tokyo in September. Mr. Llewellyn, who lives at Pentwyn, has been chairman of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association for the past four years, and chairman of the British Amateur Boxing Committee for two years. One of the most experienced boxing administrators in the country, he was manager of the Welsh boxing team that took part in the 1958 Empire Games in Cardiff, when they obtained one gold, two silver, and three bronze medals. Mr. Llewellyn was recently manager of the British side that met the Rest of Europe, and has been in charge of the Welsh team at home and abroad on many occasions. He took the first Welsh team behind the Iron Curtain, and has been an observer at the European Championships in Belgrade and Moscow. Mr. Llewellyn leaves for Tokyo on September 26, and returns on October 27. While there, he will also attend a congress of the International Boxing Association. [with photograph]

7 November 1964 Hockey Trials Miss Margaret Jones, 14, Guest Street, a student at Glamorgan Training College, Barry, and Miss Rosemary Jones, 1, Aelybryn, a student at Trinity College, Carmarthen, were selected to play in the Welsh College Trials at Ely, Cardiff, on Saturday last. Both are ex-students of Bargoed Grammar Technical School.