



THE ILLUSTRATED HANES (Twentieth Anniversary Edition).

EDITORIAL

The first edition of Hanes was published in July 1984 under the editorship of David Leslie Davies; this issue is the 27th since that first Newsletter. In an opening Editorial under the banner headline "A Voice For Local History" the objects of Hanes were determined as being the means of an exchange of news, views and information between members...and as a means to project the Society outward in the direction of the local public and organisations in order to show that the history of this district is interesting and valuable; and that the Society, as one of the main "custodians" of that history, is worthy of widespread local support.

Hanes has, we would like to think, lived up to these ideals especially in the sphere of information. A glance through past copies will show the diversity and value of the articles, which have appeared since its inception. These have informed, and remain a valuable source of reference to many aspects of local history. The diversity of the material range from the details of a Yeoman's Will of 1546 to the use of the famous London Red Bus on the streets of Aberdare in 1942. It should be remembered however that it is the Society's Newsletter and that the Editor would welcome comments, queries, letters and short articles (of say 500 words.) from members.

THE ANNALS OF ABERDARE

(Twenty key dates to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Hanes)

1189	Foundation of the Ancient Chapelry of St.John the Baptist.
1751	Establishment of the first Non-Conformist chapel (Hen-dy-Cwrdd.)
1757	Opening of the Hirwaun Iron Works (John Maybery)
1812 (May)	Opening of the Aberdare Canal.
1824	National (Church) Schools opened.
1837 (June)	Sinking of the first sale coal pit at Abernant-y-Groes, Cw:nbach.
1846 (July)	Opening of the Aberdare Railway.
1848	Provision of Gas supply (First street lighting in November 1855. Twenty one lamps.)
1851	Vale of Neath Railway (The High Level) reaches Aberdare.
1852.	Dedication and opening ceremony of St.Elvan's Church.
1852-1853	Opening of the Aberdare Market complex.
1853.	First written history of Aberdare. ("Gardd Aberdar" In Welsh.)
1854 (31 st July)	Setting up of the Board of Health (First elections 24/9/1854)
1859	Formation of Aberdare Water Works Co. (Water supplies)
1861	Publication of The Aberdare Times (To 1902)
1881	Opening of the Cottage Hospital, Cwmbach Road, Aberdare.
1894	Formation of Aberdare Urban District Council (First elections 19/12/1894)
1913	Introduction of Tram Cars.
1917 (July)	Opening of Aberdare and District General Hospital.
1971	Cynon Valley History Society founded.

Footnote The Tram Wagon

This year marks the 200th anniversary of rail locomotion. In November 1804 a Cornish Engineer, Richard Trevithick, successfully hauled a train of wagons containing 10 tons of iron and 70 men from Merthyr Tydfil to Abercynon. The journey of 9 ¼ miles took 4 hours 5 minutes. The steam engine "Penydarren" travelled at 5m.p.h. The trials of this engine are said to have taken place at Hirwaun (Gardd Aberdar: 1853.)

"I'LL HAVE....."

Anniversaries suggest celebrations, and celebrations suggest formal dinners. Formal dinners were a delight of the town's Victorian dignitaries.

For your delight we set out below the menu placed before the elite of the town at a formal banquet held at the Boot Hotel, Aberdare on Wednesday, October 31st 1894, (All Hallows' Eve) to celebrate the Investiture of the High Constable's Badge.

MENU.

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OYSTERS SOUPS

HARE

JULIENNE

FISH

TURBOT AND LOBSTER SAUCE
STEWED EELS

ENTREES

STEWED KIDNEYS AND MUSHROOMS
BRAISED SWEETBREADS

JOINTS

ROAST AND BOILED LEGS OF MUTTON
ROAST BEEF
BOILED TURKEY AND CELERY SAUCE
TONGUES
MICHAELMAS GEESE AND APPLE SAUCE

GAME

PHEASANTS

PARTRIDGES

SWEETS

HIGH CONSTABLE PUDDING
PLUM PUDDING MINCE PIES
FRENCH PASTRY
CUSTARD AND BLANCMANGE
STEWED FRUIT AND CLOTTED CREAM

SAVOURIES

ANCHOVIES ON TOAST CHEESE AND SALAD

DESSERT

PINEAPPLES GRAPES FILBERTS WALNUTS &c.

WORKING CLASS CELEBRATIONS

Continuing this Special Edition's theme of Anniversary and Celebration the following accounts of "happenings" At Aberdare and Hirwaun indicates that a few former inhabitants of the locality required no excuse whatsoever to celebrate, or at least indulge in debauchery!

April 1833. Early on Tuesday morning April 2nd, two men, William Williams and David Morgan, both in the employ of the Aberdare Iron Company, went out to fight from the beer house kept by Thomas Richard Williams, at Heol-y-Felin, Aberdare, both "perfectly drunk"

They had scarcely grappled together when Williams fell down dead. He was the son of Evan Williams, a respectable farmer, of Llwydcoed.

Morgan was immediately taken into custody. But as the Coroner was in Ireland at the time, the body of the deceased by direction of a jury of the most respectable inhabitants has been inspected by Mr. Forrest and Mr. Evans, two local surgeons.

Both these gentlemen pronounced that Williams certainly died of apoplexy, and Morgan has therefore been released on bail.

It was stated at the inquest that his mother had been at the beer house at *five o'clock in the morning*, urging her son to come away from that sink of perdition.

More supervision of these beer houses is certainly required. Any "rated inhabitant" on paying his two guineas, can now demand to be licensed.

Hirwaun Common- A correspondent says, "This place is becoming a resort of the drunkard and gambler on the Sabbath day. The hours allowed the licensed victuallers for drawing beer on the Lord's day are now less in number, and of the good results many can bear testimony, but as long as beer is still sold at all hours in the mud, and other cottages around Hirwaun, it will be impossible for the inhabitants to have the full advantage of the late Act. It is a sad spectacle to see some drunk, and others playing "pitch and toss", on the Common surrounding this village nearly on every Sunday throughout the year. The attention of the County Police is earnestly called to put down the growing evil, and to do all in their power to suppress what are termed as "Cwrw bachs", that is the selling of beer on Saturday nights in the cottages without licenses."

(The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 19th May 1855.)

If all these celebrations proved too expensive, the people of Aberdare were always able to contact **SAMUEL FREEDMAN & SON** who advertised that:

"They wished to inform the Public that they had moved to a more commodious shop where they would continue to LEND MONEY upon all kinds of watches, wearing apparel and miscellaneous articles in the same honest and reasonable terms that they had always adopted." This advert carried the following discreet footnote.

NOTE: *There is a back entrance through Merchant Street opposite the T.V.R. Station.*

(The Aberdare Times 1861.)

The adverts reproduced in this issue date from 1874 to 1930, and provide a small window on different aspects of the trade of this town during the period. The editor's grateful thanks to Eric Rose for his assistance in the preparation of illustrations for use in this special edition of 'Hanes'.

KEY TO SOURCES.

A.A. - Aberdare Almanac. **A.T.** Aberdare Times. **T.D.** Trade Directory.

A.B.W. Aberdare's Big Week Souvenir Programme 1930.

U.B.W. Undeb Bedyddwr Cymru. Handbook 1915.

GADLYS COAL & IRON CO. LIMITED,
 Aberdare, South Wales,
 Manufacturers of
FOUNDRY & FORGE PIG IRON,
CHARCOAL & COKE TIN PLATE BARS,
BAR IRON AND RAILS.

PROPRIETORS OF
Magne's Merthyr and Aberdare
SMOKELESS STEAM COAL COLLIERIES,
 ON THE ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH & ITALIAN GOVERNMENT LIST.

GADLYS COAL & IRON CO. LIMITED,
 ABERDARE, SOUTH WALES,
 FABRICANTS DE
FONTE EN GUEUSES, BARRES POUR FERS BLANCS
 AU CHARBON DE BOIS ET AU COKE,
FERS EN BARRES ET RAILS.
 PROPRIETAIRES DES
MINES WAYNE'S MERTHYR,
CHARBON A VAPEUR SANS FUMEE,
 ADRESSE DANS LES CARTES DE CHARGES POUR LA PROPRIETAIRES DES GOVERNEMENTS
 ANGLAIS, FRANCAIS, ESPAGNOL ET ITALIEN.
 ADRESSE—
 Messieurs **GADLYS COAL & IRON CO., ABERDARE,**
 GLAMORGANSHIRE.

T.D. 1874

LLOYD GEORGE

Says we want more

MUNITIONS

To carry on the

WAR!

To a successful issue.

We also want Groceries and Provisions
 of the Highest Quality at very
 Lowest Prices.

GET THEM AT...

Fletcher's Formerly
 R. L. Mathias
COMMERCIAL STREET,
ABERDARE.

U.B.C. 1915

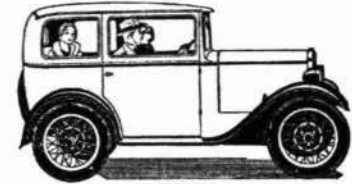


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as Dealers and Authorized Service Agents—
 MOTOR EXPERTS.
AUSTIN, FORD, HUMBER, RILEY, SWIFT, SINGER,
JOWETT, MORRIS, ROVER, STANDARD, and TRIUMPH
 Cash or Deferred Payments.

Get your Repairs and Overhauls done by the Firm of 25 years
 Motor Experience. Only Acetylene Welding,
 Motor Cycles and Cycles. Accessories and Tyres.

PARKER BROS. :: Aberdare
 TELEPHONE 178.

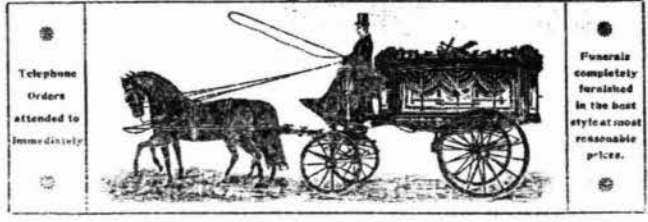


A.B.W. 1930

Coffee Tavern for Aberdare.
ABEL DANCE,
 2, CARDIFF STREET,
 Begs to announce that he has OPENED a
COFFEE TAVERN
 In connection with his Old-Established
CONFECTIONERY BUSINESS,
 Hoping, by paying strict attention to the wants
 of his Customers, to secure the patronage of the
 Public.

A.T. 1881

Telephone: 117.
F. D. E. GEORGE



Personal Attention given to all Orders.
Undertaker and Complete Funeral Furnisher
 24 SEYMOUR STREET, ABERDARE.

U.B.C. 1915

KEEP YOUR

ON
The EMPIRE

Always a Good Programme
 at Popular Prices.

The Cream of Star Artistes and
 the Pick of the Picture World.

The Most **COZY**
CLASSY and
COMFORTABLE

Place of Amusement in the District

Managing Director - VICTOR W. ROWE.
 Resident Manager - ARTHUR NORTON.

A.A. 1916

GEORGE'S
PILE and GRAVEL
PILLS

These Pills have stood the test of 60 years.
 Experience has shown that they are a certain
 cure for **PILES** and **GRAVEL**, and all the
 common disorders of the **Bowels, Stomach,**
Liver and Kidneys.

The Proprietor has in his possession THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS
 from all parts of the world.

An eminent JUDGE OF THE PEACE writes—
 "I have healed over hundreds of Obsolete Testimonials received by
 Mr. J. E. George, Hirwaun, bearing upon cures effected by his 'Pile and
 Gravel Pills.' The writers in these letters are unanimous in their testimony
 to the MARVELLOUS REMEDIAL POWERS of Mr. George's Remedies. I
 look upon the bundle of testimonials placed before me as a SATISFACTORY
 Proof that he has by his discovery been the means of alleviating the pains
 of a multitude of sufferers."

(Signed) D. E. WILLIAMS, J.P.
 For the County of Brecon & Glamorgan.

The Remedy is sold in 3 forms—
 No. 1 ... **GEORGE'S PILE AND GRAVEL PILLS** (WHITE LABEL)
 No. 2 ... **GEORGE'S GRAVEL PILLS** (BLUE LABEL)
 No. 3 ... **GEORGE'S PILLS FOR THE PILES** (RED LABEL)

13 & 3/- a box of all Chemists, or 1/8 & 3/6 by post from the Proprietor
J. E. GEORGE, Successor to
J. E. GEORGE, M.R.P.S., HIRWAUN, S. WALES

NOTE.—The great success of George's Pills has led to the marketing of
 spurious imitations. Ask especially for GEORGE'S, and see that the
 trade mark (an eagle on a globe) is on each box.

AB.W. 1930

Aberdare & Aberaman Consumers'
Gas Company.

THE OLD WAY

Of cooking and getting a (more or less)
 constant hot water supply—i.e. by using
 the coal range—always results in:
CHIMNEYS TO SWEEP,
FLUES TO CLEAN,
COALS TO CARRY,
ASHES TO RAKE,
CINDERS TO SIFT,

and often in:
FLUSHED FACES,
SPOILT TEMPER,
BURNT DINNERS,
DISCONTENTED SERVANTS,
DISTRESSED MISTRESSES,
ANGRY MASTERS.

THE NEW WAY

i.e. of using a **GAS COOKER** and a
GAS-HEATED HOT WATER CIR-
CULATOR that can easily be connected
 to the existing system, **avoids all these**
troubles and saves money as well.

Please write for particulars to...
Gas Offices, Whitcombe Street, Aberdare.

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Carpenter's Arms

(Near New Public Hall and Theatre).

CANON STREET, ABERDARE

WORTHINGTON'S ALES IN DRAUGHT AND BOTTLES.

WINES and CIGARS of the Finest Quality.

COMFORTABLE SMOKE ROOM NOW OPEN.

The "Stage" and "Era" taken weekly.

PROPRIETOR - DAN JONES.

JOSEPH THOMAS, *

GENERAL

Post Office, Mill Street, Aberdare. **DRAPER**

A Large Assortment of **BOOTS and SHOES** always in Stock.

POTTERGILL'S ARMS.

- ABERDARE -

Proprietor - JOHN THOMAS.

Ales, Beers, and Spirits of the Finest Qualities.

Nothing but Allsopp's Burton and Otter Beer Driven.

BE GUARDE OF THE BEST BRANDS. WELL AHEAD BEER. W

A.A. 1896

WEDDING RINGS

We stock ALL Prices, but only ONE Quality—
22 CARAT.

KEEPER • ENGAGEMENT RINGS

The newest designs in 9 Carat, 15 Carat and 18 Carat
RINGS at Prices to suit all pockets.

Private Fitting Room and Side Door Entrance.

THE WORKMAN'S WATCH

5/-

This is by far the BEST WATCH made at the price.
Keyless Action. Guaranteed to give entire satisfac-
tion. Every Watch tested before being sold. Try one.

PRESENTATION WALKING STICKS

The finest selection in the valley.
Inscriptions engraved.

ROYAL WORCESTER CHINA

Tea Sets, Morning Sets, Coffee Sets, and a variety
of Fancy Articles. Always something new.

Thomas & Co.

Jewellers and Ring Dealers,

Commercial Street, Aberdare.

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The South Wales Accessories Co.

Market Street, Aberdare

FOR

EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL!

The Oldest, Best and Cheapest
Electrical Establishment in
the District.

The Largest (Wholesale and Retail) Pocket-Lamp House in Wales.

Absolutely NO Connection with any other Local Firm.

Telephone 77.

A.A. 1914

Try D. JAMES,

68, Ynyslwyd Street, Aberdare,
FOR HAND-SEWN BESPOKE
BOOTS & SHOES.

Best Materials used. Prices Moderate. All
measures kept. Repairs promptly attended to.
Patronised by most of the Gentry in town and
neighbourhood. Our Shooting Boots a speciality.
Established 1876.

A.A. 1888

Mrs. TWISSELL'S AGENCY FOR SERVANTS

38 Commercial Street,
ABERDARE.

Office Hours: 10 to 5.

Thursdays and Saturdays: 10 to 1.

A.A. 1914

Wedding Parties . . .
Suppers and Dances

Catered for :: Estimates Free

When in Town call at the



also at . . .

CARMARTHEN DAIRY, Seymour Street

PENCOED DAIRY FARM
Llwydcoed, Aberdare

Own Cows kept. Grade A Milk Specialists.
Deliveries in Sealed Bottles.

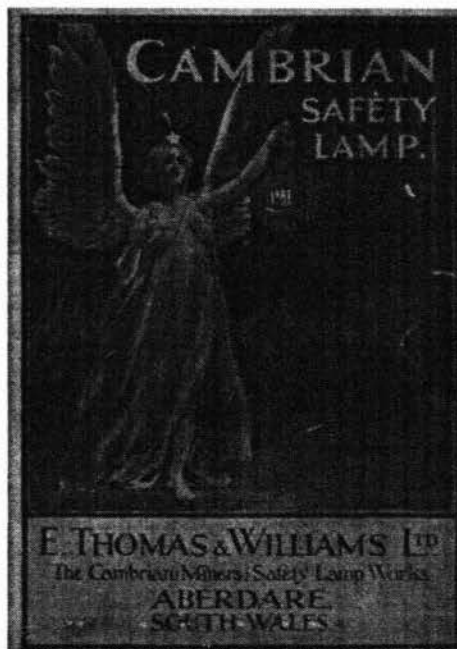


Noted Bread Bakers

Agents for Hovis & Dr. Allinsons Wholemeal Bread.

Proprietors: D. REES JONES & SON

AB.W. 1930



"GREEN CATALOGUE" 1885

X STOP ONE MOMENT! X
Oh! Dear Doctor, must my Darling die?

There is very little hope, but try

TUDOR WILLIAMS' PATENT BALSAM OF HONEY

WHAT IT IS!

Tudor Williams' Patent Balsam of Honey is an essence of the purest and most efficacious Herbs gathered on the Welsh hills and valleys in the proper season when their virtues are in full perfection, and combined with Pure Welsh Honey. All the ingredients are perfectly pure.

WHAT IT DOES!

Tudor Williams' Patent Balsam of Honey cures Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup, and all Disorders of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Wonderful Cure for Children's Coughs after Measles. It is invaluable to weak-chested men, delicate women and children. It succeeds where all other remedies fail. Sold by all Chemists and Stores in 1/-, 2/6 and 4/6 bottles.

WHAT IT HAS DONE FOR OTHERS!

What the Editor of the *Contemporary* *East Journal* says—"Sir, The result of the bottle of your splendid Tudor Williams' Balsam of Honey is simply marvellous. My mother, who is over seventy, although very active, every winter has a bronchial cough which is not only distressing but puts her down a lot. It is gone now. With best wishes for your extraordinary preparation."—W. BRUNSWICK HERBERT.

YOU NEED NOT SUFFER! Disease is a sin, inasmuch that if you act rightly, at the right time, it can to a great extent be avoided. Here is the preventative: The first moment you start with Sore Throat, take a dose of

Tudor Williams' Patent Balsam of Honey.

It has saved thousands! It will save you! It is prepared by a fully qualified chemist, and is, by virtue of its composition, eminently adapted for all cases of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, etc. It exercises a distinct influence upon the mucous lining of the Throat, windpipe, and small air vessels, so that nothing but warmed pure air passes into the lungs. It is the product of the Honeycomb chemically treated to get the best results. For sale by all chemists and druggists. It has no equal, it makes the cure of any cough.

MANUFACTURED BY

Tudor Williams, Medical Hall, Aberdare.

U.B.C. 1915

1873 - A COMING OF AGE

In August of this year, young Captain R Fothergill, only son and heir to Mr. R Fothergill, M.P., of Abernant House, attained his majority...Rustic sports were held in the Ynys meadows and in the evening grand displays of fireworks were given, while at Abernant House a grand ball was held. On the 20th of October, the various Sunday schools in the district presented the heir with an address and a bible in honour of the event. On that occasion a procession numbering 10,000 persons proceeded to Abernant Park to make the presentation. (*The High Constables of Aberdare, 1894.*)

ABERDARE THE COMING OF AGE OF RICHARD FOTHERGILL, Jun., Esq.,

PUBLIC FESTIVITIES AND SPORTS To commemorate the above event a series of amusements, consisting of **ATHLETIC SPORTS GYMNASTIC FEATS, GREASY POLES, FIREWORKS &c.**

Will be given on **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd 1873** at 2.p.m.,
ON THE YNIS MEADOWS.

PROGRAMME OF THE ATHLETIC SPORTS;

1. 100 yards Race for boys under 10. First prize £ 1; second do, 10s.
2. Half-Mile Race. First Prize £3; second do £1. 10d.
3. 150 yards race for boys under 16. First prize £2 second do £1.
4. Quarter mile Race. First prize a silver Watch value £5.5s second do £2.
5. 220 yards hurdle race (10 flights of hurdles). First prize £2 second do £1.
6. One-mile race. First prize the Fothergill Silver Cup and £5 second do £2 third do £1.
7. Half-mile race for boys under 16. First prize £2 second do £1.
8. Three legged race 100 yards. First prize £1 second do 10s.
9. 100 yards Race. First prize £2 second do £1.
10. Long Jump. First prize £1 second do 10s.
11. High Jump. First prize £1 second do 10s.
12. Consolation Stakes 300 yards (for losers) First Prize £1.10s second do 15s

PROFESSOR MORISCO and COMPANY

Have been engaged and will perform their interesting and unrivalled Feats on the Trapeze - Transformation Balancing Act on the Swing Bar - and other Gymnastics.

CLIMBING GREASED POLES FOR GEESE, MUTTON &c.

Turn-abouts and Swing-boats have been engaged for the amusement of the young people.

A CELEBRATED BRASS BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

The whole to conclude with a Grand and Brilliant display of **FIREWORKS**, under the superintendence of the Crystal Palace Pyrotechnists. Admission to the Ground - Free.

CONDITIONS. Entrance fee. Competitors to be residents within a radius of 8 miles of Aberdare. Any man entering under a false name or address will not be allowed to compete. Any runner willfully jostling or hitting another during a race will be debarred from running or again competing. Competitors must contest in loose trousers, reaching below the knee and complete clothing from head to foot (This rule to be strictly enforced)

BOOK REVIEWS.

CYNON COAL HAILED AS "BLACK DIAMONDS"

The following review of Cynon Coal has appeared in **Welsh History Review** (Vol.21 No.4 December 2003). We are pleased to re-print its salient points here "*The Cynon Valley History Society has been amongst the most lively of the local history societies located in the South Wales coalfield: It has established a formidable record in local history publishing....The verdict (On Cynon Coal) is emphatically a positive one, and the Society is to be congratulated on a book which should be bought by all interested in the history of the South Wales coalfield*" (Dr.Chris Williams)

Morgannwg (The Journal of the Glamorgan History Society) was equally enthusiastic recording "*The story is told admirably and its elements are vivid and strongly interwoven- A book of high quality, fully in keeping with the traditions and high standards we have come to expect from this Society. Indeed it is one which all students of the coal industry will profit from and of which the people of the Cynon Valley can be justifiably proud...a veritable gem of a book. A treasure trove of detail and analysis*". Special praise is given to the depth of research, attention to detail, its comprehensiveness and the superb quality of the illustrations.

MEMBERS PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS

"Moving swiftly on", as the saying goes, the Society's next publication "**Chapels of the Cynon Valley**", written by our chairman, Alan V. Jones, is well on the way to completion. The first half of the text and Alan's fine collection of photographs were handed over to Gomer Press some time ago (see photo). The final chapters have now been proof-read and are ready to follow, at which point the only remaining task will be to write captions for all the illustrations and to complete the index etc.

The book will be of similar style to "Cynon Coal", but will be considerably thicker, probably in excess of 400 pages, with four or five sections of colour photographs. The launch of the book will be at the Cynon Valley Museum at 7pm. on the 12th. November next.



Alan presenting the first half of the book to Mr. Jonathan Lewis, M.D. of Gomer Press.

“RING OUT WILD BELLS...”

The theme of this special edition of Hanes is celebration. The ringing of Church bells has long been associated with joyous occasions and our own splendid town bells have, since 1858, played their part in celebrating important national and local events. The inauguration of those very bells was itself a matter of celebration and the story of this event taken from The Aberdare Parish Magazine of March 1980 is set out below;

It was clearly a matter of great joy in Aberdare when, on July 31st 1858, the bells were “inaugurated” for a contemporary report claims this to have been “perhaps the greatest event that has taken place in the town.”

It would, however appear that a bell was hung when the church was first built, for a report of the funeral of George Rowland Morgan of Gadlys House, refers to the “tolling of the great bell of St. Elvan's.” That was in 1856.

In 1857, Mr. Sherbourne- a local jeweller, who was then the church organist - was responsible for suggesting and organising a subscription list for the purchase of a ring of bells and a public clock.

It had been reported that the Dedication of the Church had been a formal and solemn occasion, but the “opening” of the bells was a festal occasion enjoyed by all the people for the bells were Parish bells and not exclusive to members of the church.

It was a beautiful July morning. All business had been suspended, and every kind of vehicle had been chartered to bring the curious from Treforest and Mountain Ash to see the village brilliantly decorated with flags, banners, festoons, flowers and bunting.

A procession formed at 11 a.m. headed by Crawshay Bailey's Band, followed by the police; a Company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers; The Royal Artillery, the Churchwardens and clergy in full canonicals, the Bells Committee and the children of the parish “perambulated the principal streets for nearly an hour.” The various bodies then proceeded to the Temperance Hall for refreshments, and the 891 children were encouraged by the Vicar (The Rev. John Griffith) to “spare no exertion in the disposal of the tea and cakes. The Aberdare Band joined Aberaman Ironworks' Band and selections were played during the proceedings.

Games followed on a field called Graig-y-Mynach (loaned by Thomas Wayne) and donkey racing, jumping in sacks, football etc. were the order of the day. Competitors climbed a pole in an attempt to reach a leg of mutton “but up to six o'clock it remained in its pride alone.”

The bells were rung for the first time, and throughout the day, by ringers from Painswick in Gloucestershire. They were celebrated for their virtuosity.

The cost of the bells was £435.7.2p. They consist of a ring of eight and were cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The bells vary in weight from 5 cwts. to 17 cwts.

The bells are inscribed with the names of the Vicar and Churchwardens and the inscription “Rhodd y plwyfolion er clod I Dduw (A gift to this Parish in Praise of God). As “Pen Dar” once wrote “The bells will always speak in Welsh!”

(Abridged. A copy of the full text is available on request.)

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