

In Memorial to the Miners of Trimsaran who lost their lives.

1832	Heol Trimsaran	John Morris	?
	Cae'r Drysi Brynlas	Unknown	Boy
1881	Trimsaran	Joseph Lewis	19
1884	Unknown	John Griffiths	24
1886	Unknown	David John	26
		Thomas Jones	36
		William Daniels	19
1890	Unknown	Thomas (Twm) Howells	?
1896	Waunhir	William Lawrence	39
1901	Unknown	William J John	36
1904	Waunhir	Hannah Jane Griffiths	16
1907	Waunhir Slant	Benjamin Davies	34
		David Davies	23
		Albert Liley	19
		Arthur Llewellyn Price	16
		David Lodwig	24
		John Rees	19
1909	Caeduan	Edward Andrew Dark	33
		David Sparry	16
		Owen Thomas	30
		John Williams	16
1910	Bryndlas	Willie Jones	16
		Thomas Davies	?
1913	Caeduan	David Morris	48
1914	Caeduan	Richard Jones	58
		Johnny Gale	19
1916	Trimsaran	David Daniels	36
	Caeduan	Charles William Howe	29
1917	Trimsaran	Thomas Rees	17
	Trimsaran	Sydney Charles Lloyd	17
1918	Waunhir	John Gravelle	?
1919	Waunhir	Henry Thomas	24
	Trimsaran	John Williams	48
	Trimsaran	Charles Lloyd	59
1923	Caeduan	David Tom Davies	19
		Morgan W Davies	35
		Thomas John	70
		William Jenkins	44
		H. H. Harry	24
		Harold Probert	15
		William John Rees	28
		Thomas Rogers	20
		Sidney Williams	25
		Thomas Williams	47
1927	Trimsaran	William Ford	14

1929	Trimsaran	George Latimer Evans	?
1931	Caeduan	Arthur Horace Manning	?
1932	Trimsaran	William David Williams	25
1933		Thomas Williams	?
		John Edward Clarke	23
1934	Upper Colliery	William John Thomas	19
		Ernest George Probert	32
1935	Trimsaran	Fredrick Green	33
1940	Trimsaran	Tom Davies Carpenter	?
		Harry Howells	?
1941	Trimsaran	Dan Morgan	?
1949	Trimsaran	James Bowen	25
1951	Trimsaran	Thomas Williams	32
1957	Sir John Jackson	Oswyn James Owen	?
1960	Sir John Jackson	Michael O'Neill	?
1963	Sir John Jackson	Peter Desmond Daniels	19

Losses at other Works

1908	Carway	Archibald Jenkins	?
1933	Carway Gower Slant	Thomas Williams	64
1935	Ponthenry	Roydon Beynon	16
1938	Carway	Gwyn Davies	28
1944	Carway	James Owen	?
1955	Pentremawr	David Morgan	35
1958	Carway	Royston Pierce Jenkins	29
1964	Penygroes Site	Joseph Pritchard	64
1973	Cynheidre	Frank Evans	?

In Memoriam: Trimsaran Colliery Mining Disasters 1832 - 1973

In Tribute to the Courageous Souls above and to Hannah Jane Griffiths

Trimsaran, a village etched with remarkable character and resilience, bears the indelible marks of its industrial heritage. Among the echoes of its past, a poignant chapter unfolds – the tragic events of April 26, 1923, at Trimsaran Colliery Caeduan. On this fateful day, the mining community faced an unimaginable catastrophe, as a lift cage plummeted, claiming ten lives, and leaving half a hundred injured.

As the men were returning from their toil beneath the earth's surface, the shackles broke, and the 'spake' (the lift cage) descended uncontrollably, resulting in a devastating loss. In the mere seconds that followed, ten lives were tragically cut short, and scores were left grappling with injuries.

The heart-wrenching incident of April 26, 1923, left an enduring scar on the community of Trimsaran. The events of that day, as chronicled in *The Daily Mail*, tell a harrowing tale of courage and tragedy in the pursuit of livelihoods.

The Daily Mail - April 27, 1923:

RUNAWAY TRUCKS IN MINE: TRAGIC ACCIDENT CLAIMS NINE LIVES

A devastating incident unfolded at Trimsaran Colliery, near Llanelly, shrouding the village in sorrow. The morning shift concluded, and a string of trains ascended the 1,400-yard-deep drift. Suddenly, a link in a shackle snapped, triggering a catastrophic descent of five trains down the drift.

Seven miners lost their lives instantly, and two succumbed to their injuries enroute to the hospital. The scene, chaotic and tragic, saw approximately five miners with severe injuries and around 20 others less seriously hurt.

The cries of the injured and the deafening crash echoed through the mine, drawing the attention of awaiting miners. Rushing to the scene, they initiated rescue efforts, though disentangling everyone from the wreckage took hours. The injured were promptly transported to Llanelly Hospital for treatment.

The Victims of this Tragic Incident:

1. David Tom Davies, 19 - Single
2. Morgan W Davies, 35
3. Thomas John, 70 – Married with grown-up family.
4. William Jenkins, 44 - Married with four children, an under Manager.
5. Harold Herbert Parry, 24 - Single
6. Harold Probert, 15 - Teenager
7. William John Rees, 28 - Single
8. Thomas Rogers, 20 – Single
9. Sidney Williams, 25 – Married with one child.
10. Thomas Williams, 47 – Married with grown-up family.

As we pay tribute to these courageous souls who met an untimely end in the pursuit of their livelihoods, let us remember the enduring spirit of Trimsaran. This village, with its rich history, stands as a testament to the strength, adaptability, and shared heritage of its people. The legacy of Trimsaran lives on in the hearts of those fortunate to be part of its narrative, echoing the stories of hard work, unity, and an enduring spirit that transcends time.

To the Brave Men and Hannah Jane Griffiths Above:

In honour and remembrance of all the brave men who faced the perils of the Trimsaran Colliery Mining Disasters, we pay our respects. Amidst the trials and tribulations of mining life, their courage and sacrifice are eternally etched in our hearts.

Additionally, we remember Hannah Jane Griffiths 16, who contributed her strength and resilience to the enduring spirit of Trimsaran. Her unwavering support and courage in the face of adversity are acknowledged and honoured.

May the memory of these brave souls and Hannah Jane Griffiths inspire us to uphold the values of strength, unity, and resilience that define the spirit of Trimsaran.

Trimsaran, a village distinguished by its remarkable character and resilience, has intricately woven an extraordinary tapestry of history. From the resounding echoes of its industrial past to the enduring imprints left by generations of inhabitants, this community stands as a living testament to strength, adaptability, and a shared heritage.

The legacy of Trimsaran, deeply etched in the hearts of those who call it home, resonates with narratives of hard work, unity, and an enduring spirit that has profoundly shaped the lives of its people. As we embark on a journey to explore the rich tapestry of this village's history, let us collectively celebrate the enduring legacy it has bestowed upon all who have had the privilege of being part of its narrative.