

LOG BOOK OF BURRY PORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
(now GLAN Y MOR)

May 29th 1925 - Wilfrid Taylor (3A) read a paper to whole school on the League of Nations and a resolution was passed greeting with good will the children of all nations under the sun. The message has been sent to the Rev, Gwilym Davies, M.A. 10 Richmond Terrace, Cardiff to be broadcasted on Sunday.

19th June 1925 - Mr Miles absent today at Goodwick Pembrey.

16th July 1925 - Friday's timetable was used today instead of Thursday's to enable the girls to complete needlework for the exhibition

8th September 1925 - School was closed this afternoon to enable the staff to attend a meeting at the Athenaeum hall, Llanelly, where an address was given by Mr Glyndwr Jones, O.B.E, Commissioner for Wales on National Savings as a factor in Education.

26th October 1925 - Mr R.G. Thomas, M.E one of our School managers delivered a lecture to the whole school this afternoon upon local History from earliest times to the advent of industrialisation in the neighbourhood.

11th November 1925 - Armistice day. At 11 o'clock school was assembled. A hymn "O God, our help

in ages past" was sung. Followed by 2 mins silence and then grace was said after a short prayer.

21st November 1925 - Saturday, a ramble was made by the children attending this school under the direction of the Head master. The school assembled at 9.15, walked to the Tumulus NE of Cwmfirman via Achddu Graig and Carmel and returned via Sarn + Lletymachen where the glacial remains were inspected and then to the Gar north of Colby Road.

1926

12th January 1926 - School has been closed for this afternoon as instructed by Mr JW Nicholas to enable teachers to attend a meeting held under the auspices of the League of Nations Union. A lecture will be delivered by Prof CK Webster M.A. of the Department of International Politics Aberystwyth.

Feb 11 - A snow blizzard spread across the country today. The attendance was 83 during the morning and afternoon

Feb 12 - Weather still very severe. Attendance 73%

Feb 13 - Temperature read 23 degrees F this morning and 30 F in school. The attendance was 62%.

May 14th 1926 - Edwina Jones was bitten by a dog during playtime this afternoon. She was sent to see a Doctor but owing to the fact that the Doctor was not in, the wound was bathed with boracic lotion and lukewarm water. Mr Phillips Burnham Villa was sent for to witness the wound while Edwina saw Doctor Cook in the evening.

July 1st 1926 - Owing to the oppressive heat, L Glyndwr George and Winnie Short Form 1 were feeling so bad that they were sent home.

July 2nd - Mary Margaret Morgan Form 1 was taken ill this afternoon. Her nose was bleeding so badly while she also threw up a thick clot of blood through her mouth that Dr Williams was sent for. Her nose was treated with a cold bandage. Dr Williams' assistant Dr Cahill arrived and examined her and after finding that there was no danger, Mary was taken to her aunt's house in Mansel Street.

1927

March 21 - Two of the senior girls were discovered copying out a piece of immoral literature sent them by an outsider. Their parents have been sent for. The matter has been carefully investigated and followed up. The Ministers of the Gospel here also have been informed in order

to do all possible to stamp out the immoral tendencies of young people.

May 24 1927 - Mr David John, Regional Secretary of the National Federation of Building Trades operatives called this morning to protest against the matchboard lining of the Hall being done by the School Boys when there are so many unemployed joiners in Burry Port.

The protest is noted and the matter is being reported to the Education Committee, who decided that it be done, at their May meeting.

20th October 1927 - The Headteacher left school this am at 10.30 to attend conferences in London at 5pm and on Friday on the Carmarthenshire Teachers' salaries dispute.

Nov 25th 1927 - AC and RC, two young boys living in the neighbourhood of the school, trespassed upon the school premises last night. Disturbed the evening classes by shouting, tapping on the windows and door. They also defaced the chapel north wall and front railings by scribbling chalk. A note of warning has been sent to the parents asking them to see that their sons do not trespass or deface the property again.

13th January 1928 - 2.15pm Miss Edith Rowlands of the King Edward VII Memorial Association

addressed the school on the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Miss Rowlands also addressed the girls on Child Welfare afterwards.

22nd Feb 1928 - Mr Bassett was urgently called away from school this morning. News has come to school that 4 of his sister's children were burned to death at their home in Felinfoel.

27th April 1928 - Dr A E Gravell MOH sent his maid to school to ascertain the school accommodation.

May 3rd 1928 - The Burry Port Central School Sub Committee of the Carmarthenshire Education Committee Met at the Burry Port Central School today at 10.45 to consider the question of the purchase of a site for the permanent Buildings. Those present were County Councillor David John Phillips Glanamman, Councillor Thomas Brown Chairman BPO DU, Mr Vincent Morgan County Architect, Mr Gerald Clark and the head master. The following sites were visited and considered. Pemberton Avenue, site of Goodwins Town site, Gorse Farm, Newfoundland and Cae Watch House. The Committee will report to the County Ed committee on Thursday 11th inst.

June 18 1928

The First Woman to fly across the Atlantic arrived in Burry Port today in the seaplane "friendship". Miss Earhart as assistant Pilot was accompanied

by Mr Wilmer Stultz (Pilot) Mr Tom Gordon
) (Mechanic) and Mr Lincoln B Ellsworthy, a
passenger. The seaplane left Trespassey,
Newfoundland at 3.51pm (British Summer Time)
Sunday 17th June and arrived in Burry Port
about 12.40 noon on Monday 18th, thus taking 20
hours 50 minutes to accomplish the flight. The
Seaplane was moored at No 9 Buoy and at 7pm
taxied into Burry Port Harbour where she
remained for the night. The occupants spent the
night at the Ashburnham Hotel.

June 19

This morning, preparations were made for the
final overland flight to Southampton. The Sea
monoplane "Friendship" left the harbour at 11.15
this morning. Very few children came to school
and consequently the registers were not marked.

June 20th

This afternoon, Mr Bassett, who had served
during the war as an officer in the Air Force gave
an address to the whole school upon the
development of an aeroplane, its flight and
control.

June 22

Atlantic Flight. Miss Earhart who was the first woman to fly the Atlantic forwarded a note to the School "deeply appreciate your interest in the Fight of the Friendship" 18/6/28

July 5th 1928 - At 3.30 this afternoon Miss Eleanor C Price organiser under the St David's temperance and Purity Committee addressed the whole school on "Purity - Truthfulness, Unselfishness and self control" Mr King, HMI, who called at school at 3.00 pm was also present.

1928

Oct 3 1928 - During Organised games with the senior boys on Newfoundland site under the supervision of Mr Basset, Cyril Hugh met with an accident. In tackling another boy he fell awkwardly on his shoulder causing a simple fracture of the clavicle. His family doctor Dr WD Williams was immediately sent for and in the meantime Cyril was conveyed to his home in Pencoed Road and made as comfortable as possible. The accident took place about 3.20. Dr Williams was in attendance at 3.35 pm.

14th November 1928 - Capt. Cecil Lewis of the National Savings Movement addressed the school this afternoon on Thrift and the NSA Association.

16th Nov 1928 - This afternoon storm did much damage to the roof of the Chapel and broke two windows.

18th Dec 1928 - This afternoon an Open day was held at school when the parents, rate payers and anybody interested were invited to inspect the working of the school. The Senior Girls had a splendid display of Christmas cakes and needlework. The boys displayed their models and woodwork. The cakes were adjudicated by Mrs ERR Lewis. The following were awarded prizes. First prize Madeira cake, Rhiannon Jones, Second Phyllis Davies, Third Doris Williams. Christmas Cake First Prize Annie Davies, Second prize Phyllis Davies Third prize Peggy Davies. Mince Pies Annie Davies, Phyllis Davies, Annie Owen.

1929

Oct 28 1929 - The giving of a cup of Horlicks milk at 10.40am was commenced today. 120 children were supplied.

1930

Jan 21 1930 - School assembled in the Chapel to "listen in" to the opening session of the Naval Disarmament Conference relayed from the House of Lords. His Majesty the King opened the

Conference followed by the Rt Hon J Ramsay McDonald the Prime Minister.

March 11 1930 - The headmaster supervised the senior pupils on a visit to the Burry Port Tinplate Works this afternoon.

1931

June 30 1931 - The Annual School Educational excursion took place today. 4 members of staff and 72 pupils visited "Fry's Cocoa Works at Somerdale and the Zoo at Clifton Downs. The Excursionists left Burry Port by the Express at 10.10 for Somerdale and returned from Staletton Rd at 7.32 and by Cork Express to Llanelli at 10.10 arriving in Burry Port at 10.45.

July 22 1931 - On Wednesday on account of the visit of HRH The Prince of Wales to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Show at Llanelli no school was held. The prince motored from Llanelli and left the Pembrey Sands by aeroplane at 3.30.

26th October 1931 - All the boys of the school under the charge of the Masters visited the Llanelli Corporation Pumping Water works at Pembrey. The Chief Engineer Mr Spencer delivered a lecture upon the whole scheme. Eric Davies proposed and Melville Jones seconded a

unanimous vote of thanks to Mr Spencer for his kindness.

24 Nov 1931 - half day holiday on account of the South Africa Rugby Football team playing Llanelly at Stradey.

August 31st - Gwilym Lloyd Roberts, form 3, won first prize at the Welsh National Eisteddfod held at Swansea for recitation for Children under 16. Gwilym was 13 years of age. Gwilym Idris Roberts has been awarded the Boy Scouts Medal of Merit for quieting a restless horse and so saving a young boy Eric Bevan from being crushed between the wheel and a wall. Gwilym is in Form 2 and 13 years of age.

Sept 23 - This afternoon Mr R G Thomas ME addressed the school on Pembrey Parish during the industrial revolution. Mr Thomas used ample illustrations.

24th Sept - This afternoon Miss Eliz. Morgan, a member of the staff, bid farewell to the School. She was presented with a writing case by the scholars and a handbag by the staff.

1932

20th Sept - This afternoon Dr William King, HMI, C. Clr John Phillips JP Vice Chairman of the County Education Committee together with the Secretary Mr Ernest Gaunt + Mr Leyshon, the Clerk to the Local Group of School Managers visited the School to consider the requirement to relieve the overcrowded state of the school + the lack of accommodation.

Mr W R Leyshon called this morning to report that the Trustees of the Chapel refused to sanction the holding of Evening Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Huts.

October 10th - The senior girls were playing basketball this afternoon when Olive McGrath was standing behind the strikes ready to take up the bat. Dilys Evans (age 12) when striking, swung around striking Olive senseless by a violent blow to the Bridge of the nose. Dr D W Williams, who attended to Olive reported that she had sustained a fractured nose.

Nov 7th - Miss M H Rowlands was absent from school today on account of the C.O. stomach poisoning contracting by pursuing her work in the Domestic Room during the last 8 years. The Gas oven and Iron Heater are not ventilated to the outside of the Hut and the burnt gas fumes

escape and remain within the room. The matter was reported by Dr W D Williams, MOH to the BP DU.

Nov 9th - Miss D Banner of the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association addressed the girls this afternoon on "Infant Care".

Nov 11th - Mrs B M Pickrell of the SW temperance and band of Hope Union delivered a lecture to the school this afternoon on Alcohol and Efficiency.

Nov 28th - Miss Labbett who has been suffering from chronic C.O. poisoning resumed duties today.

Dec 21st - The Annual School Paper Chase took place this afternoon. Route - furnace, Rockhouse, Court Td, Pentwyn, Trimsaran, penymynydd, Lletyrychen, Chivers, Colby Rd, Pencoed Rd. Distance 7 miles.

1933

Feb 15th - School assembled this afternoon and 1 o'clock and was dismissed at 3.5 pm to suit the convenience of the Chapel Authorities who desired to bring the corpse of one of their members into the Chapel before interment in the Public cemetery.

Feb 24th - Attendance was very poor today after a terrific blizzard last night. Electric standards + trees had been blown down. 28 boys and 20 girls presented themselves at School this morning and all were quite wet after wading through the sloppy snow. School was dismissed at 10 o'clock.

28th Feb - The Annual School Eisteddfod was held today. The results were as follows: Llewelyn 52, Buddug 103, Owen 96, Glyndwr 103. The Eisteddfod cup was presented by the Headmaster to Buddug and Glyndwr. Ald Edward James wrote regretting on account of the snow blizzard he was not able to be present to present the Cup to the winning house.

April 3 - School was closed today on account of the B Port Urban Dist Council Elections

May 10 - Mr John Phillips, JP Vice Chairman of the Ed. Com'tee together with Mr Gaunt (Secretary) + Mr V Morgan (architect) visited School + new site today.

June 26 - School commenced this afternoon at 1 o'clock to enable the large number of boys to see the County Cricket match at Llanelly. School was dismissed at 3pm.

July 4 - Temperature in Huts today was 97 and pupils were taken out to the fields for lessons.

Sept 6 - Dr Wm King HMI visited school today. Miss Phyllis Withey attended school on Tuesday + Wednesday to observe methods of teaching in the Domestic Science Room.

27th Sept - Half Holiday this afternoon to enable pupils to attend Bertram Mills Circus

24 October - Caretaker Mr Collins appeared before the School managers today to answer questions + to make a statement over the uncleanness of the Huts. Consideration was deferred for 3 months to see if there will be an improvement.

Nov 3 - This afternoon the senior Class held a mock Disarmament Conference in the main building and the rest of the School formed the public. Countries represented: Britain, France, Germany, Japan, China, Russia, Poland, S America, S Africa, Canada, Holland, Belgium

1934

Jan 15 - Miss Phyllis Withey gave a Criticism lesson to form 1 in Cookery this afternoon.

Feb 7 - Miss James is absent this afternoon removing her furniture to "Bodowen". Links Pembrey.

Feb 21 - Dr W King HMI + Mr JW Lewis HMI called at School at 12.30 today to inspect accommodation of School Buildings

Sept 18th - School assembled in the Chapel at 2.45 to listen to the Launching of the Cunard Liner 543 + the King's Speech

Nov 21 - Dr Herbert, Mr Griffiths School Dentist + Nurse Williams were at school today administering "gas" general anaesthetic for extraction of teeth.

Nov 29 - Holiday on account of the wedding of Duke of Kent + Princess Marina

Nov 30 - A mock Parliamentary Election took place this afternoon. Candidates representing each party addressed the school + voting under proper conditions by ballot was held in the Science room.

1935

29 Jan - Tuesday and Wednesday Timetables changed to accommodate a Rugby Match against the Burry Port Shoppers + School this afternoon. School won 15 points to 3.

Feb 14 - Mr J Peirse of The North of England School Furnishing Co Ltd called this afternoon to

draw up estimates for the furnishing of the new central School.

19 + 20 - The Chapel was used by the Wesleyan Chapel Authorities for a Concert during the evenings. The furniture was badly stained with tea + many of the seats scratched by people standing.

March 22 - Whole school visited The Regal talking Theatre to see "Treasure island". Permission was given by HMI thro' the County Sec to Ed last July.

May 1st - Time Table suspended this afternoon to make arrangements for Jubilee Celebrations on Friday + Monday May 3 and 6th. Miss White HMI called at school this afternoon + inspected pupils work for international Meeting of Education Authorities Exhibition August 1935.

1935 Jubilee - The whole school held a Jubilee Social at the Parish hall from 4pm to 11pm to celebrate the King's Jubilee.

May 6 - The Public, Councillors, officials, Staffs + Pupils of the Schools assembled at the Memorial Square + headed by the Burry Port Prize Silver band proceeded in formation through Burry Port to the Central School for School Sports and a Jubilee Bonfire.

May 8 - The Erection of the New Central School was commenced today

June 3 - School ended this morning at noon + dismissed at 3pm to enable the large majority of boys to see the second day's cricket game between Glamorgan v Northamptonshire at Stradey.

July 30 - School closed this afternoon on account of an United Interdenominational Sunday School demonstration being held in Burry Port for Pembrey and BPort.

Oct 11 - 149 pupils together with staff visited the Hippodrome Cinema Llanelly this afternoon to see the Screen Film David Copperfield.

Miss A white HMI visited School this morning to inspect the new buildings + made suggestions regarding furnishing + supplying electric power for Domestic Room.

Oct 22 - School did not assemble this afternoon on account of the New Zealand Rugby Football Touring Team playing Llanelly at Stradey.

Nov 1 - Miss White HMI called at School today to discuss Electrical fitting of new Domestic Room

Nov 4 - School will be closed on 4th 5th and 6th for Mid term holiday and by Royal Decree for the wedding of prince.

Dec 4 = While unpacking the goods received from EJ Arnold this morning Mr B W Edwards accidentally received a bad cut on the knee and was obliged to receive attention. Mr Edwards was away from school about 1 hour.

Dec 10 - Representative of N of English Furnishing Coy called today

Dec 11 - Mr Gibbs of the North of England Furnishing Coy called at School today

Dec 12 - Mr Wakes of Wake and Dean Ltd called at School today. Furnishing of school.

1936

Jan 15 - Mr Gibbs Representative of the N of England furnishing Coy visited School today to discuss the furnishing of the new premises

Jan 17 - The whole school visited the Regal Cinema this afternoon to see "Scrooge" being exhibited. The journey was made by train.

Jan 21st - A memorial Service was held at School to the memory of the late King George.

Jan 22 - The School listened to a Wireless Broadcast of the proclamation Ceremony of King Edward VIII this morning. The Proclamation

Ceremony was conducted by the Head master during the morning service.

Jan 27 - A funeral Service to the late King George was held at School this morning at 9am

Jan 28 - School will be close today on account of the funeral of the Late King George

Feb 25 0 The GWR Stream Line Train passed through Burry Port his afternoon at 2 o'clock + the pupils were allowed to go to see the train pass.

April 3 - It was necessary to send for the Caretaker to clean up the Science Room at 10am this morning. The premises are kept in a filthy state.

April 6 - School commenced earlier this afternoon to enable pupils to leave at 3 o'clock to take part in the local Elections.

April 21 - Mr M H Davies HMI called at School this afternoon to discuss the staff of the New School.

School Managers approved the draft of Adverts for caretaker, Cleaner + Groundsman of New School Premises.

May 23 - The official Opening Ceremony of the new premises of the Burry Port Central School took place today when Mr Henry Davies presided.

The Rev D Harford Evans led the gathering in prayer at 3pm. This was followed by the singing of New Jerusalem Blake 1757 - 1827; CH Parry 1848 - 1918. Alfred Stephens Esq JP accorded a Civic welcome to the large gathering of visitors. County Councillor Wilfred Howells spoke followed by the Chief Guests Lady Howard Stepney JP, John Phillips Esq JP Chairman of the Carm'shire Education Committee, WJ Williams Esq Chief HMI and James Griffiths MP. The Contractor Mr J M Evans of Carmarthen presented a golden key to Mr Gomer Williams CC who opened the door. This was followed by a prayer and lessons by the vicar of the Parish Rev D J Morgan MA.

Hen wlad Fy n'hadaw: The King. Tea prepared by Miss Rowlands - the senior girls was provided for 250 guests in the Science and Woodwork Rooms. The ceremony terminated at 4.15 and tea at 5.45. Prior to the Ceremony the school engaged in the Official Opening of the new School Road leading from Elkington Road. Councillor Alfred Stephens Esq JP performed the Opening Ceremony - the whole school followed the Burry Port Urban District Committee in marching formation of "Houses" from the temporary premises (The English Baptist Church) to the New Premises.

May 25 - Monday 25th was used in transporting school furniture and books to the new school

May 26 - the School vacated the English Baptist Chapel and commenced at the New Premises in the afternoon. A Committee Meeting of the Carm'shire Ed Committee was held at the Chapel this afternoon to consider the offer of the Chapel Authority for the retention of the Hut. This request was conceded to on the understanding that the Ed centre may use the Hut if required during the daytime for an unlimited period.

May 26 - The pupils and staff of the Burry Port Central School marched from the temporary premises (The English Baptist Church) over to the New Buildings this afternoon and vacated the "old" premises.

Nov 30 - Mr Dd Roderick Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures Dept visited School today + took away a specimen milk bottle.

1938

Oct 21 - A "wire" from the County Schools Medical Officer was received this afternoon. "Close School until further notice. School Medical Officer." The epidemic of Infantile Paralysis is prevalent in the area covered by the school.

Nov 7 - School reassembled today after the closure due to epidemic.

1939

Feb 3 - School was closed this afternoon to commemorate + celebrate the selection of one of our "old" boys to play as fullback for Wales against Scotland at Cardiff tomorrow - Howard Davies (36')

March 27 - On account of the prevalence of influenza there were 111 children absent out of 245.

March 31 - A concert was held at school this morning during which a presentation of a silver cigarette case was made to Mr Howard Davies by Mr CRR Lewis from the headmaster and Staff. This was to commemorate Mr Davies' election to play Rugby for Wales.

April 5 - Attendance was below 60% for the week. It was reported to the Medical Officer.

July 17 - On Friday afternoon July 14th a number of BBC officials came to try out an experimental lesson in Science and in Welsh. Y Nerfan was the lesson chosen. The party included Dr DM Williams HMI, Mrs M Howell and Messrs Oldfield Davies and W Roberts.

July 17th - Cecil Davies had 2 cuts on the back of his foot whilst gardening. George Musselwhite accidentally put the fork into his foot. He was treated by Miss Gravelle and Mr Richards and proceeded to go home without help.

July 18th 1939

Today is a sad one in the history of this school. It is the end of a wonderful period in its life. Our beloved and so much respected headmaster passed away after a long and trying illness. He was to all members of staff a true friend, loyal and courteous in his dealings with us and a truly great characteristic of his was his never failing faith in each and all of us. No higher tribute can be paid to him than to say he was a very fine headmaster possessing all the fine qualities so necessary in one called to lead and guide the future citizens of tomorrow.

Towards the children his attitude was always a fatherly one, full of kindness. At all times the scale would balance on the side of the child as with his staff he had an implicit trust in the children placed under his care. Teachers and children today lose a friend upon whom they could always rely in need. "Gwisys gelli ysgrifennu, Yr hyn a allodd hwn efe n'I gwnaeth"

July 22nd 1939

Mr Erle RR Lewis our late headmaster was laid to rest in Pembrey Parish Church. The members of staff acted as bearers. The children assembled at school and marched to the Church then lined the pathway from the church gates to the Church Entrance. Rest in peace.

Sept 4th - School remained closed because of the outbreak of war and some alterations that are being made to the school premises for an ARP First Aid Post.

Dec 21 - A silver metal portrait of the late Mr ERR Lewis was unveiled by Councillor W Dunn Jenkins. Revs D Harford Evans, D Morgan a Berllanydd Owen took part in the service. The children contributed to the service of dedication by singing hymns.

1940

Jan 8 - WG Thomas late Head Teacher of Tumble C School takes charge of this school.

May 14th - Owing to the seriousness of the international situation the school reopened today

June 24 - Miss White HMI met the two head teachers of the evacuated LCC schools at the school today.

26th June - Seven official evacuees were admitted today

18th July - Notified the Education Offices that in the event of an Air Raid warning after 8pm it was proposed to open School the following morning at 10.30 am

Sept 3 - HT absent in morning - interviewing the Director of Education with CC Dunn Jenkins MJJ Poulter. Caretakers are instructed to turn off all gas and electricity at the school meters immediately on receipt of warning of an impending air attack in accordance with Circular 7071.

Oct 2 - Miss Rowlands absent in afternoon - demonstration in wartime cookery at Pembrey.

Nov 4th - Sgt Davies Burry Port delivered two "Safety First" lectures this morning. Boys 70 and girls 88 - Total 158.

28th Nov - Alert signal 12.58 - 1.25 pm

Dec 2nd 5th, 11th and 12th - Alert signal

Dec 9th - Mr JG Richards left today to join the RAF.

1941

May 29 - A special sub-committee consisting of CCW David Jenkins of the Director of Education met in the school today at 11 am with the purpose of considering an application of the Burry Port Urban District Council for the use of the playing field for allotment purposes.

1942

Nov 9th - Mr Gwynlais John Davies, Bryn Elvet, Ponthenry CA at Gwendraeth C School commenced duties temporarily today. Salary £174.

GENERAL

Dentists and nurses regularly visited school to carry out examination, treatment including tooth extractions under general anaesthetic.

Closures of school for events such as cinema visits, Fair and sporting and national events

Training for teachers

Absence of staff and turnover

Inspection of registers

HMI visits