

British Legion group – names supplied by Connie Williams, formerly Legge and Thomas.

The Legion had met in the old schoolroom on Cardiff Road, but moved down to the waiting room of the passenger station after the railway closed down. An extension was built at the back by 'Frank S' – “nothing too big, nothing too small, Frank S would build them all”.

The picture showed in the back row : Reuben Owen, Alan Davies and Harry Gibbs. Reuben had been a hairdresser in Llanharry, and also used to cut hair in the back of his house in Borough Close, and would travel to some customers' houses. He was also a postman. Alan Davies worked for Bowyers the pork pie and sausage makers, and was the brother of Teifi and Malcolm (the postman, and former town crier). Harry Gibbs was a baker; he lived in Eastgate, near Wadhams, and had his bakehouse in Town Hall Square where Pebbles is today (formerly Bob Collier's electrical shop).

Seated were (possibly) Mr Wiseman of Ffald Farm just beyond Maendy (his chair in the Legion was sacrosanct), and then Lem John, father of Mrs Elizabeth Austin, and who lived in Verity's Court. Next was Ken Hutchings who worked at Brown's the printers, and who became mayor of Cowbridge; seated in the centre of the front row was Maud Thomas from Aberthin who was stewardess of the club. Tom Bessant ran the market garden where Brookfield Park is today; Mervyn Harkett, father of Steve and Mike, and husband of Rose, was the gentleman who was kind enough to give me the photograph (chs04662) in the first place; next to him was Frank Hess (seated far right).

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