

Synopsis and transcript

TREHERBERT 5

INFORMANTS

A: Male , 81 years old Welsh: fluent/ <u>some</u> /slight/none Mother's birth: Rhondda Father's birth: Rhondda	B: Male , 78 years old Welsh: fluent/ <u>some</u> /slight/none Mother's birth: Rhondda Father's birth: Rhondda
(A & B are brothers)	

They look through a number of pictures, and find pictures of boxer Tommy Farr and rugby star Cliff Morgan. They talk a little about the former, then about the latter and rugby. [00.00 min - 1.40 min]

They talk about local rugby teams and players and they describe how it was that their father got them to work down a coal-pit : (transcript) [01.40 min - 04.00 min]

B: . . . oh well and how many

I: can you remember that international

B: years ago was that . . I was I~I was young . very very young

A . Duw we could go . back . further

B: anyway . . . aye

C: . no . that was

I: yeah

A: . aye . [nineteen] fifty . . but I do [erm] . when we was

B: was it

C: nineteen fifty oh yes

A: kids we used to . . Treherbert or Treorchy used to play . . . where

B: [aye]

A: erm (inaudible) aye . by the station by there . .

B: . . in the Brewery Field [yeah]

A: they used to play old {Grouton} and all them and

B: [I re~] . I remember

B: Cardiff . they had {Derlay} of Cardiff was playing a~against .

A: yeah . aye . aye . . . aye .

B: T~Treherbert oh wonderful game it was

A: (inaudible) they had

B: [inaudible] [oh] they'd a [good side]

I. Treherbert had a good side did they

A: talent around here/then . in those days

B: [yes] . . Nick Col . Nick Colville was

A: . . and Staley up here . . Frank

B: a . . full~ full back there . aye . aye

A: Staley . Tom

B: . . and the Parry brothers . remember them Tom and . .

A: mm . . what was that little

B: Glyn Parry . . . (inaudible) erm three quarters

A: fellow after . erm . . . from erm . Blaina Terrace . .

B: . . . Jack Nash

A: no . that little full back mun . Colville

B: . but I just told you Nick

A: . aye . . . don't remember him . erm~erm Pete . do you

B: Colville

C: . . I

A: [aye]

B: . . the old man . aye

C: don't recall {him} but I remember the old man

A: . aye well he's . . . no

B: no no .

C: and that's not playing football obviously

A: (inaudible) . . he was a member of the Con

B: a Con . a Con member he

A: . . . aye .

B: was . . he was a he was a . . . big member of the Con

A: them were the days

B: {aye} . . aye

I: . did you use to work down the

A: . . yes [inaudible]

B: . . yes {sir} . . erm I spent my birthday in

I: mines . both of you

B: Fernhill Colliery . . . on Monday {four erm} . . when I was fourteen

A: . aye aye . . . and erm . when I was four-teen . . . my father . .

A: went up to school . . to see old Prosser the head-master . . . and

A: said erm . . I want Emlyn to finish now to go down the pits . . .

A: and he said . . old Prosser{oh} trainee . . sorry cause I was

A: pretty good like isn't it see I'm not erm . . hinting . but I was

A: always up in the one two three area you know he was the same

A: . . . you know in the examinations like

B: [i n a u d i b l e] I was in the~ had to do the

A: [aye]

B: eleven plus . you know . . the schol~ I was in the scholarship class

B: you know . . and the teacher Tom Price . . . he comes to

B: my father about four or five times over that asking to let me

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A: [aye]

B: try but he wouldn't you see . . it's down the pits he's going and

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A: . . well we were hard up . hard up in them days

B: that's it he said

I: [i n a u d i b l e]

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A: see . . we were hard up in them days see

B: [aye] . hard up aye

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They talk about the 1926 coal-strike, about black-legs, and about strikes in the twenties. A narrates stealing a lump of coal and avoiding detection by the police.

[04.00 min - 07.30 min]

They say in which collieries they worked and describe a tunnel that used to connect the Upper Rhondda with Blaengwynfi.

[07.30 min - 09.10 min]

They describe a trip by train to London in Oct 1940 and the three-day week which had given them the free time to go. They say a little about their life and work as coal-miners.

[09.10 min - 11.15 min]

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