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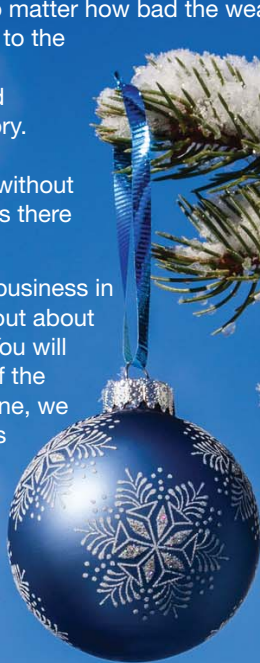
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# Twmbarlwm devastated – but hey! – every cloud...

***Have the fires done us a great favour and revealed some vital clues to the archaeological history of the iconic mountain?***

**You probably do not need reminding of the terrible wildfires that affected Twmbarlwm mountain in the summer of 2018 when much of the grass, heather and whim covering the scheduled monument was burnt away to quite a depth.**

Cymdeithas Twmbarlwm Society, like everyone else, were very concerned about the devastation and within days of the fire, after sending a series of photos showing the damage, CTS were guiding officers from Cadw around the site.

Together with the ecologist from Caerphilly CBC they were shocked to see the extent of the damage. Although it was a very sad sight, we were able to see that without the cover of the undergrowth, there appeared to be some archaeological features that we and Cadw were not previously aware of.

Not being slow on the uptake CTS saw an opportunity developing. We had already had dealings with Cadw and knew how difficult it can be to get permission to stick a spade in a scheduled monument without their say-so.

After all, Twmbarlwm and its supposed hill-fort has had very little serious research done on it and certainly no official archaeological excavations – indeed there are many conflicting opinions on its history and possible origins, so wouldn't it be a great idea to try to get some answers.

As it turned out, our friends from Cadw were way ahead of us, and were thinking of ways they could persuade their bosses that a serious archaeological investigation of Twmbarlwm was long overdue and this window of opportunity provided by the fires was too good to miss.

So a team from CTS worked with Cadw to explore the possibility of an archaeological dig and after many months of planning and negotiations the Society managed to get the go ahead for an in-depth archaeological investigation of the ancient monument at the summit of Twmbarlwm.

Cadw provided the funding with which CTS engaged the professional services of Clwyd-Powys

Archaeological Trust to perform the investigation. Lead archaeologist, Richard Hankinson, from CPAT was shown around the site by CTS members for an initial assessment and designed a schedule for the project's four to five week duration.

Preliminary work started early October, so much of it will be complete by the time this article hits the press. The investigation kicked off with various surveys including magnetometry geo-physics, auger and borehole sampling.

Using the data supplied by those surveys a series of trenches were dug to help uncover some clues to the origins and nature of some of the features this fascinating area.

Results of the surveys and trench work are all available in the public domain and can be accessed through the Twmbarlwm website.

CTS gathered a list of volunteers who were invited to a briefing meeting with Richard and Cadw officers – nearly 30 people turned up for the meeting at Risca Museum and many more applied via email.

Without volunteers and the support of the community an operation like this would be unviable, we are therefore very grateful to all those who help out.

The end of the dig is not the end of the project, our research into the history of Twmbarlwm goes on and there will be other opportunities to get involved – so please keep visiting our website for news.

At the end of the excavation period there will be an open day on the mountain to show people the work done, there will eventually be a printed report published and an audio visual talk on our findings.

*Terry C. Evans, Chairman CTS*

**CTS meet at the car park** below Twmbarlwm's summit for a litter pick and volunteer workday on the last Sunday of every month to which everyone is invited, it's not all hard work and it's a great opportunity to find your way around up there. We organise walks and other events up the mountain and at Crosskeys RFC throughout the year so watch our website and Facebook page for details.

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Officers from Cadw and the Caerphilly CBC ecologist examine the devastation on Twmbarlwm.  
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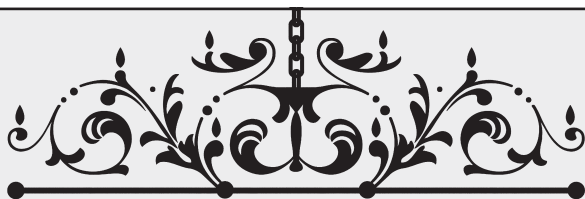
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## Open Doors Review

For the fifth year running, the Museum opened on a Saturday & Sunday from 10am to 4pm as part of the Wales Open Doors event. This year it took place on September 28th & 29th and, although not blessed with the best of weather, after a quiet first 30 minutes a constant stream of visitors passed through the doors.

Several visitors came specifically to see the Western Valley Model Railway Club's tracks operating on the first floor of the building. Whilst these visitors found the Museum displays to be an unexpected bonus, for those attracted to the Museum, the railway displays came as a surprise extra attraction. Visitors came from near and far, with one couple from Grove Road making their first visit and an American couple who travelled from Oxford being particularly interested in our Columbia printing press (patented in London by an American) & associated printing-related items.

An additional attraction on the Saturday was St. Mary's Church whose parish records were available for inspection and where delicious refreshments were available. Also, Risca Male Choir opened the old Risca Urban District Council offices for inspection; they were especially pleased to talk to the son of the caretaker of the building, who grew up in the house next door (which no longer exists) and was able to describe the use of each room in UDC days.



### FRIENDS OF RISCA MUSEUM

In 2017, following the disposal of the old Miners Institute building by Caerphilly County Borough Council, the charge for the use of the ground floor of the building by the Risca Museum increased from £500 a year to £3,500 a year.

Among several ideas to raise money to meet this huge extra burden, it was decided to launch Friends of Risca Museum based on an annual contribution of £10 from those who wish to ensure that the Museum continues to exist.

Many people signed up to become Friends although others preferred to just give a monetary donation. However, even with donations from

increased numbers visiting the Museum on Saturday mornings and other money-raising by the volunteers that run the Museum, total income is still considerably short of requirement. The Museum has continued by dipping into its reserves which can only be a short term measure.

Therefore, whilst continuing to investigate any possible source of income, the Museum has decided to relaunch the Friends of Risca Museum. Enough people pledging £10 a year will make the difference between the Museum continuing to function and having to close in a few years time.



For details see our Facebook page, our website [www.riscamuseum.org.uk](http://www.riscamuseum.org.uk) or call in to the Museum any Saturday between 10.00am and 12.30pm.



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# THE FORGOTTEN FIVE

By Bernard Osment

**On Monday the 14th March 1950, the headline on the back page of the Western Mail read – ‘Triple Crown comes back to Wales’ – At long last the 30 years’ quest has ended, and the ‘bogy’ of continual failure, finished. On the front page the headline read – ‘80 DIE IN WELSH AIR CRASH.’**

**O**n the 13th March 1950, in what was described at the time as the world’s worst air disaster, eighty people were killed, eight of them from Risca.

On the 11th March 1950, after victories over England and Scotland, Wales was on the brink of winning the Triple Crown. Thousands of Welsh supporters had made their way across the sea to Ireland. While most had travelled the usual way, by boat from Holyhead or Fishguard, a party of 78 from South Wales, including our eight from Risca, had each paid £10 - 5s for a chartered flight from Llandow to Dublin.

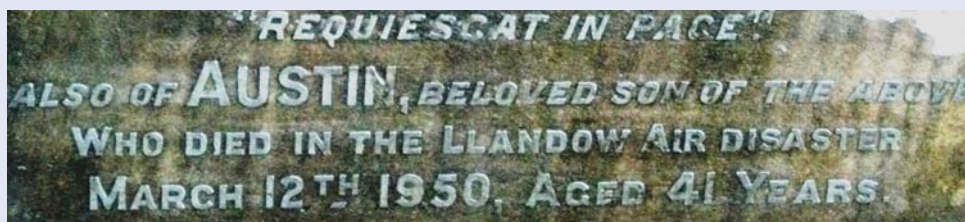
When they took off from Llandow at 10.30am Friday, they made history; they were the largest party (78 and a crew of 5) ever to fly in a single plane from Wales. Their plane, one of the largest civil aircraft in service at that time and normally carried 72 passengers, had been fitted with an extra six seats. Named the ‘Star Girl’, it was a four engine Avro Tudor V aircraft. Built in 1947, it held the record for flying more hours than any other aircraft, British or American, on the Berlin air-lift.

On Saturday, Wales beat Ireland 6 points to 3. On Sunday the jubilant party started their journey home. At 2.10pm the

Star Girl took off from Dublin airport, scheduled to arrive back at Llandow at 3.03pm.

At just before 3 o’clock, as the Star Girl approached the runway at Llandow, it was seen to climb, turn over, and nose-dive into the ground. 75 of the passengers, eight of them from Risca, and all five of the crew were killed. 73 were killed instantaneously when the plane hit the ground, 10 were brought out alive, but of these, all except three died later.

Two of the survivors were sitting next to each other in the back seats of the plane, and only received minor injuries. The third was in the toilet at the rear of



the plane; he was seriously injured but recovered after four months in hospital. All 34 of the passengers from Monmouthshire died.

Three of those who died played rugby for Risca and are remembered on a memorial plaque in the Club House, Ivor Guy, Noel Goodwin and Alan Blizzard.

Ivor Guy aged 21, of Grove Road. After leaving the R.A.F. some 12 months earlier, Ivor had been working at the local brick works.

Noel Goodwin aged 21, of 23 Brookland Road, worked as a fireman on the railway at Risca.

Alan Blizzard aged 20, of 15 Brookland Road, worked as a porter at Risca Station.

Although his step-father, Mr Frank Morgan, had tried to persuade him not to travel by air, Alan had looked forward to his first plane trip. Noel and Alan had been friends from boyhood and had decided to go on the plane trip to Ireland together.

The five others from Risca, who died that day, were friends and rugby supporters – Austin Morrissey, Dr Alexander Patterson, Peter Blunt, Percy Jerman and Reginald Beavis.

Austin Morrissey was the Vice-President of Risca Rugby Club. A single man aged 41, the licensee of the Railway Tavern. It was the first time he had flown.

It was also the first time in an aeroplane for Dr Alexander Paterson, aged 57 of Forglan House. Born in Scotland, he had been practising in Risca since 1932. A widower with a son and daughter.

Peter Blunt, aged 37 of 72 Tredegar Street. A Haulage Contractor, married with children.



Percy Jerman J.P., aged 53 of Bridge Street. A Master Builder in partnership with his four brothers, he made a habit of seeing as many International Rugby matches as possible.

Reginald Beavis, aged 34 of Sunny-bank, Danygraig. A Haulage Contractor was not really a rugby fan, but he only went along with his friends for the experience of flying.

Mrs Beavis drove down to Llandow to meet her husband. She arrived just in time to see the plane crash and the passengers perish.

Other than Mr Percy Jerman, whose body was taken to Pontypridd for cremation, the seven others are buried at Danygraig Cemetery.

Risca Rugby Club - The walls of the entrance hall and the bar room are covered in 'Risca

Rugby' memorabilia, photos and lists of teams, captains, past players, chairmen etc.

On a wall in the lounge there are two memorial plaques. One remembers the three Risca rugby players killed in the Llandow Disaster on Sunday the 13th March 1950. A. Blizzard, I. Guy and N. Goodwin, but not the five others from Risca who also died that day. A. Morrissey, A. Patterson, P. Blunt, P. Jerman and R. Beavis.

The other plaque remembers the six former Risca players who lost their lives in the Second World War.

Elijah Cheshire, age 32, of the Pontymister Inn. A Corporal in the Royal Engineers, died between the 26th and 27th of May 1940.

Frederick Hopkin Smith Evans, age 38, of Risca. A Leading Aircraftman in the RAF, died in Egypt on the 4th February 1945.

Wilfred Redwood, age 33, of Wesley Place, Risca. A Marine taking part in the Operation Jubilee, the disastrous raid on Dieppe, was killed in action on the 19th August 1942.

Howard Tucker of Risca, age 21, a Sergeant Wireless Operator/Air Gunner of 115 Squadron, died on 21st July 1941.

The two others remembered were brothers, the sons of Ernest and Mary Taylor of Cwmcarn. Ernest Lyndon Taylor, age 22, was reported lost at sea, presumed killed, on 23rd November 1941, when the Destroyer HMS Cossack was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U563. His brother, Flight Sergeant Cyril Taylor, age 29, of 14 Squadron, was killed in plane crash in Southern Italy on the 21st September 1944.



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# **Lest we forget**

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### Newsletter

#### It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

Robb Dee, Chair of RECC will be hosting the official switch-on of the Christmas lights on Elm Drive followed by free refreshments at St David's Church hall on Friday, 29th November, 5.00pm until 7.00pm. Father Christmas will be making an appearance as will members of the Salvation Army Band who will be accompanying the carol singing. All are welcome to attend to join in the fun, so keep an eye out for further information on our Facebook page and on Risca East Community Council noticeboards: one outside St David's Church, one near the 'Top Shops' on Elm Drive leading to Holly Road, another at the junction of Channel View and Manor Road and one by the bus stop at the bottom of Herbert Avenue.



**Don't forget that the New Year is just around the corner and if you wish to appeal for financial support for your local club, society or charity, etc. please email our Clerk, Mr Gwyn James on [riscaeastcommunitycouncil@outlook.com](mailto:riscaeastcommunitycouncil@outlook.com) or write to him at 13, Cherry Tree Road, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood, NP12 2PY. All enquiries and applications are welcome and we look forward to hearing from you.**



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# Christmas Traditions

Ever wondered how we came to kiss underneath the mistletoe, deck the halls with tinsel and wear paper crowns around the dinner table?

## CRACKERS

In 1847, the confectioners Tom Smith started wrapping sweets in a twist of paper. Over the years, he added new elements, first inserting a love motto into the wrapper, and then – inspired by a crackling fire – a ‘crack’ when the wrapping was broken. Tom then replaced the sweets with trinkets and wrapped paper around a cardboard tube. When his sons took over the business, they introduced crowns.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Sending Christmas cards can be time-consuming, but they were actually invented to save time! In

1843 Sir Henry Cole commissioned an artist to create a festive illustration alongside a Christmas greeting. He then printed 1,000 of these cards to send to friends, then sold the rest to charity. Today, around 900 million Christmas

cards are sent in Britain every year. In 2001, one of Cole's 12 surviving original Christmas cards sold at auction for £22,500.

## TINSEL

Tinsel was designed to

replicate icicles, and was initially made from strips of real silver! However, this became tarnished by smoke from candles, so lead foil was used instead. In the 1960s, worries about lead poisoning saw a switch to plastic materials, which are still used today.

## MISTLETOE

Pagans believed mistletoe had a mystical life force of fertility. Kissing under the mistletoe became a popular Victorian parlour game: each white berry represented a kiss, and for each kiss given a berry was removed, until none were left and the kissing had to stop.



## Festive Music Facts

James Pierpont's 1857 song Jingle Bells was first called One Horse Open Sleigh and was written for Thanksgiving.

**We Wish You A Merry Christmas** is one of the oldest secular Christmas songs, originating in 16th century England.

**White Christmas** by Bing Crosby is the best selling single of all

time. It's sold over 50 million copies.

In Britain, the best-selling festive single is Band Aid's 1984 track, **Do They Know It's Christmas?**, which sold 3.5million copies. Wham is next in the same year with Last Christmas, selling 1.4million.

**The Beatles** hold the record for most Christmas number 1

singles, topping the charts in 1963, 65 and 67.

**Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen** is the only record to get the UK Christmas Singles Chart Number One twice, once in 1975 and again in 1991. Do They Know It's Christmas was number 1 three times (1984, 1989 and 2004), but technically it was by different groups, so doesn't count.



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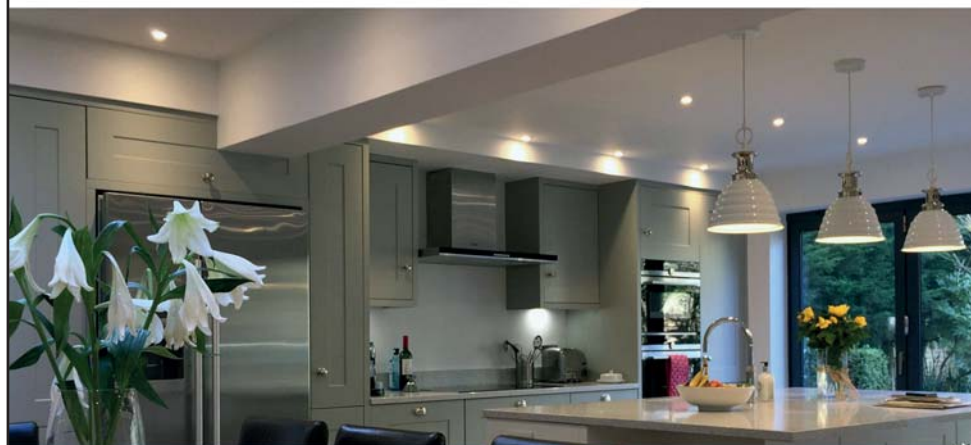
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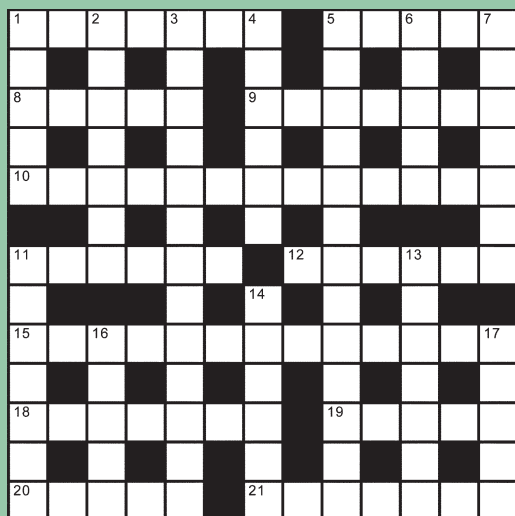
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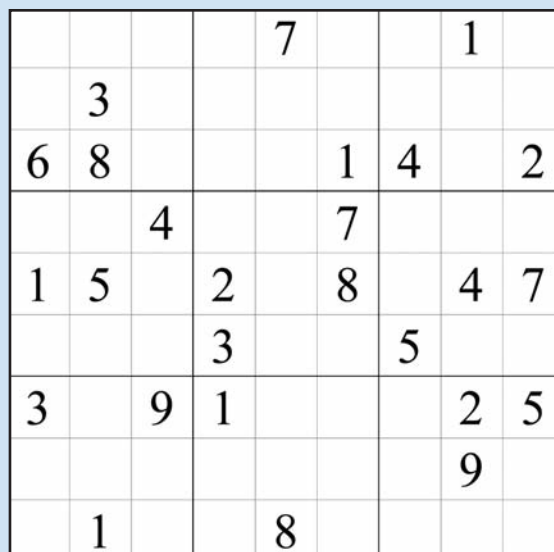
## Across

- 1 Cooked in hot water vapour (7)
- 5 Older member (5)
- 8 Floating platforms (5)
- 9 Persons deliberately injured (7)
- 10 Upright (13)
- 11 Smoothly (6)
- 12 Spring back (6)
- 15 Display (13)
- 18 Saving of money (7)
- 19 Take in liquid (5)
- 20 Plant propagators (5)
- 21 Pulled or towed slowly (7)

## Down

- 1 Thick sweet liquid (5)
- 2 Impose strongly (7)
- 3 Sundry items (13)
- 4 Split (6)
- 5 Book of facts (13)
- 6 Boring tool (5)
- 7 Extra player (7)
- 11 Everlasting (7)
- 13 Securing with metal pins (7)
- 14 Remained (6)
- 16 Elk (5)
- 17 Undressed (5)

# Sudoku



The object of sudoku is to insert the missing numbers in the boxes to satisfy just one condition: each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 through to 9 exactly once. This can be done by applying logic – you do not have to guess.

Solution on page 32

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# Gwerinwyr Gwent Diary

Flushed with success after dancing for Prince Charles on 4th July, our busy month continued on Sat 13th at an old favourite – the Caerleon festival. Lovely weather drew out the crowds and we danced twice, once in the garden of The Bell and then in front of the main stage at the Hanbury Arms. So many people were sitting enjoying the sunshine, I should imagine the bar takings were through the roof!

Monday 15th saw us in Monmouth giving our Welsh culture evening to the ladies of Agincourt WI. They joined in enthusiastically with the participation dances (which makes our job much easier) and we had some very nice comments afterwards. Saturday 20th took us to Blaenavon and the 'Dance on the Mountain' day of dance. The event has been growing over several years, but it was the first appearance for GG. Again we had two spots, one in the Heritage Centre and the second in the marquee in Market Square. There were plenty of people watching the varied styles of dance, which included local youngsters with street dancing through to strictly ballroom, flamenco, rapper and folk. We were lucky to have the support of the Lloyd family as our



musicians, as we also did on the last weekend of July when we travelled to Dorset to take part in the Bridport Folk Festival. All the dancing takes place in street settings, so thank goodness the weather was lovely (although there was a plan B if it was wet). Lots of people around watching the mainly Morris dance sides, so I think we made a nice contrast and of course the Lloyd children's clogging routines always go down a storm with the audiences. The festival is only in its second year of revival after being defunct for several years. We danced both Saturday and Sunday and really enjoyed it. What a lovely town Bridport is, so many old buildings and a nice atmosphere. Also it is only a mile from West

Bay, where the TV series Broadchurch was filmed. August was quiet and we have our annual break from practicing then, but started back a week early as we had been invited to dance at the Rogerstone festival on Sunday 1st September. It was

another beautiful day with lots going on and huge crowds at the Welfare Grounds. Sadly not that many were watching our performance and even fewer agreeing to join us in a simple ceilidh dance, so thank you to those who did and thanks also to the organisers for inviting us.

Gwerinwyr Gwent is

always seeking new members, and beginners or experienced dancers/musicians are very welcome. Practice night is Thursday 8-10pm at the Graig Community Hall (opposite the Ruperra PH).

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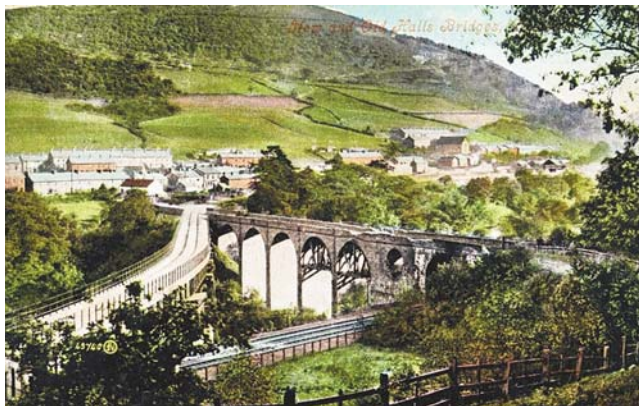
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# Pont Hall (Hall's Bridge) by Geoff Smith

**Travelling up the A467, between the roundabouts at Cross Keys and Cwmcarn you pass under a viaduct passing across the valley. This is Pont Hall.**

So, who was Hall? Mention 'Big Ben' and the iconic clock tower at Westminster comes to mind, but Big Ben was the nickname of Sir Benjamin Hall, who was the Clerk of Works for the building of the clock tower, and at 6ft 2inches tall was very tall for a Victorian gentleman. This story is more concerned with his father, also Sir Benjamin Hall. He married the daughter of the ironmaster Richard Crawshaw of Cyfartha, and after Crawshaw had bought the Abercarn estate for some £50,000 in 1808, he sold it to his son-in-law for 5 shillings! Hall owned collieries in the Sirhowy Valley, and to get his

*Sir Benjamin Hall*



coal to Newport for shipping built a tramroad which via a tunnel at Pentwyn Mawr and Newbridge reached a basin which had been built alongside the Crumlin Branch of the Monmouthshire Canal at Abercarn. This was not altogether satisfactory, as despite the climate the canal was short of water and delays resulted. Sir Benjamin decided to extend his tramroad further down the Western Valley to eventually join the Monmouthshire Canal tramroad near Cross Keys. Hall's tramroad ran down the Western side of the valley until near Pontywaun, where a stone arched viaduct was built across the valley. This was Pont Hall. Later, the tramroad was upgraded to a railway, which was eventually leased by the Great Western Railway in the 1870s. As often happened, the later railway could not accommodate the sharp curves of the horse worked tramroad and as Pont Hall was subsiding a new bridge was built which gave an easier route for the railway. The picture shows both

the old and new 'Pont Hall'.

The industrialists of the early years of the 19th century were a crafty and ruthless lot. Sir Benjamin Hall had a rival coal owner in Sir Henry Protheroe, who intended to build his own tramroad through a tunnel between the Sirhowy and Western Valleys, to eventually reach the Canal at Pontywaun. Because the Valley is narrow and steep sided the choice of routes for a tramroad were very limited. To thwart Sir Henry, Sir Benjamin built a row of eight cottages directly up the hillside near West End, Abercarn, which effectively blocked the only available route down the valley. Sir Henry waited until the row was nearly completed, then one night his men demolished the buildings and carried away the doors and window frames. It was all to no avail, Sir Benjamin completed the cottages, thereby scuppering Sir Henry's plans. The cottages were known as 'Spiteful Row'. When Hall's Tramroad arrived the front and Back doors of cottage No.5 were enlarged, and the rails ran straight through!

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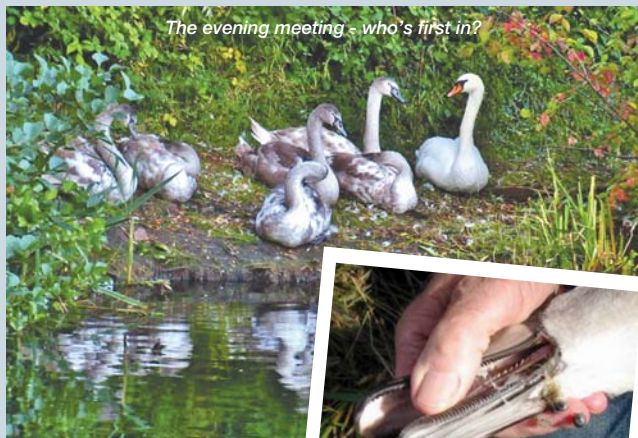
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# Cygnets, More Cygnets and Still They Come

Never can we remember transgressing the print deadline date as badly as this, but as this article unfolds it may become apparent how it has happened this way! In terms of subject matter, we were spoiled for choice; it might have been to do with the problems we encounter caused by cats to swathes of our wildlife, horrendous injuries to small birds and bats, that's on the periphery of our self imposed remit – swans, or, not for the first time the problems which result from some irresponsible dog owners who refuse to accept their animals must be on a lead when they are sufficiently close to swans that an attack is possible. We have had to deal with examples of both of these within the last month, in addition to a veritable spate of cygnets getting into trouble as they start to disperse.

A start point is difficult to define, so for convenience, let's begin with a call from Gwent Police at 7.47am on 25th September about a cygnet grounded on the westbound Heads of the Valleys road between Ebbw Vale and Tredegar, not a good time of day to be crossing the county at high speed! Clearly this was the first of eight cygnets leaving Bryn Bach Country Park. In the event the police did pick up the swan and transport it to Tredegar Police Station in their van from where we recovered it. Within the hour, there was a further call from Porthcawl about a cygnet which had landed on the roof of a semi-detached house, had slid off, and had landed in the garden, mercifully uninjured. Later the same day, Gary, our man in Port Talbot recovered another one in



roughly the same area. At 8.53pm that same evening, a further call from Gwent Police advised us of another cygnet 'down' in Tredegar town centre; this was collected eventually following a hiatus resulting from having been given the wrong post code! Don't know how we would manage these days, especially in the dark, without satnav, provided of course we are given the correct post code.

The next day started in much the same way; a call from the owner of a property barely half a mile from Bryn Bach with a cygnet 'down' in the back garden; sorted in the customary way, relocated. To return a cygnet to its 'home' at this time of year is pointless. Inevitably, either the same thing will happen again, or it will come under attack particularly from the adult male, with, ultimately far more serious consequences.

In the following days we continued to deal with more of the same; again three further visits to Tredegar, an actual attack by the adults on a cygnet at Duffryn, in Newport and an



example of a young bird with a wing defect at Llanrhidian in Gower. In the case of the last bird, transportation to The Swan Sanctuary at Shepperton was necessary. We do not expect this to be the end of 'dispersion' for this year, we know of lots more cygnets still at home! However an underlying theme every year is the effect of lost or carelessly discarded fishing tackle on waterfowl. An example of this took us to Cleghonger, a village to the south west of Hereford, mentioned in the Doomsday Book. Here we had one of three cygnets with a wodge of line and weights around its tongue and lower beak impeding its ability to feed freely. Caught, freed and released; all in yet another days work. Business as usual.

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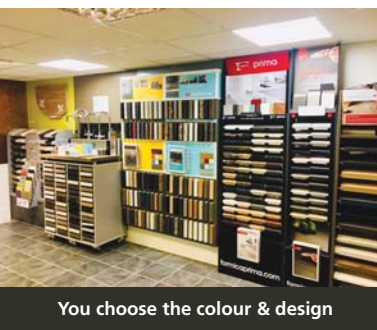
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# David Brimble

## 1860 Black Vein Disaster Survivor

**This is the grave of David Brimble in Cromwell Road Cemetery, Risca. David, a native of High Littleton in Somerset, was a survivor of the Black Vein Colliery disaster of December 1860.**

David was badly burned in the explosion and was expected to die. Two of his sons, Joseph (17) and William (13), were killed in the mine. His wife was infirm, and his four remaining children were all under the age of 11 at the time of the disaster. A further child was born in 1861.

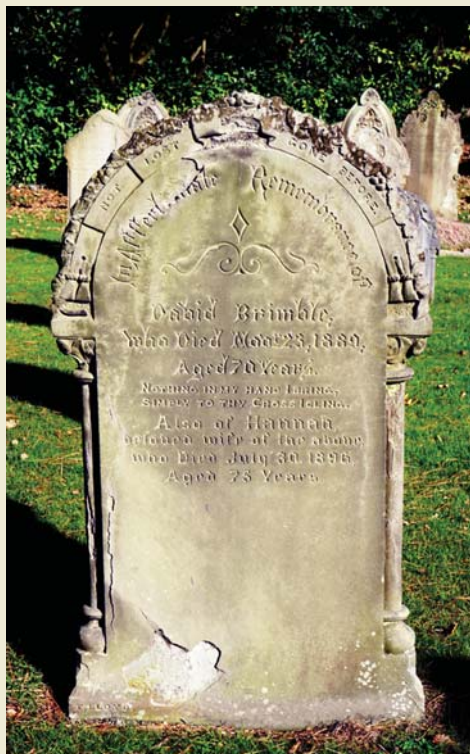
A coffin was made and placed in David's bedroom in readiness for his passing. However, he was cared for by a kindly local woman and, against the odds, survived. He slept with that coffin under his bed for the rest of his life.

Earlier in 1860, for a six-week period of work, David's earnings had been £13 3s 6d. He had paid 15 shillings rent, 4 shillings for coal and 6 shillings and 6d for Club Membership and Doctor. His two boys who were lost would have added to the family's income. David was deemed to be permanently disabled a result of his burns and, in 1862, his family was receiving 7 shillings a week Poor Relief at Risca. Sadly, less than a fifth of his former income.

The Act of Settlement and Removal (1662) had established who should have responsibility for the care of paupers and people like David, who were no longer able to earn a living and were dependant on the parish. Sadly, David fitted none of the criteria for a Certificate of Legal Settlement in Risca and the local authority had provision under the Act to apply for the removal of his family back to High Littleton, where he and his father were born.

In February 1862, in order to reduce Risca's poor relief payments, the authorities brought a case to do just this. David was examined and William Edmunds, Relieving Officer of the Newport Union, travelled to High Littleton to find David's Birth record and his father.

*"I produce a certificate of Baptism of the pauper in High Littleton Parish Church on the 4th June 1820, which I saw compared with the original entry in the Register Book. It is a true extract. I*



*saw James Brimble, an infirm old man, the pauper's father, who pointed out a house at Hallow Brow in which he said he was born.*

*It is in High Littleton parish. I saw the assistant overseer, Isaac Cowen and he told me he knew the house in which James Brimble was born and believed he was a parishioner of High Littleton."*

We don't know by what means David and his family were able to avoid that immediate threat of removal back to Somerset, but they never left Risca. Cruelly and out of necessity, nine years later David was a collier again and his three daughters were all working and his son was a collier. Ten years later again David was working as a Colliery Lampman. May he rest in peace for his trouble.

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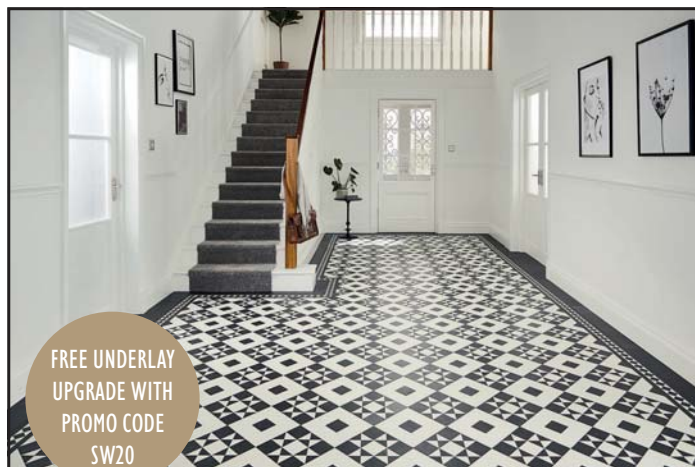


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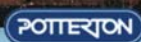
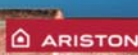
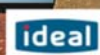
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