

Aberdare Leader Extracts

WON MILITARY CROSS.

Paymaster Sergeant D. D. Jones, a native of Penderyn, and a resident of Aberdare for many years, has won the Military Cross for gallantry in France. This brave officer was for many years librarian of the Aberdare Liberal Club, and was attached to Calfaria Baptist Church during his stay in Aberdare. Several interesting letters by him from the front have appeared in Y Darian recently.

13 January 1917

FOOTBALL match was played on Trebanog Field, on Saturday between Penderyn United and Hirwain. E. Price and D. Price scored for Hirwain in the first half. Fred Ansford scored in the second half for the home team, after a fine pass by S. Jones. Fred Collins played well at back. Mr. Jenkins acted as referee

9th December 1916

LEWSYN ON TOUR

Penderyn Players are to perform Lewsyn and the Magic Drawers at Ystradfellte Community Hall on Thursday 29th January 2015
Admission £2.50

If anyone would like to contribute to the newsletter let any committee member know. It could be anything, a story to tell, information on anything in Penderyn, photographs, etc.
or email: chair@penderynhistoricalsociety.org.uk

2015 PROGRAMME

January 21st	Jeff Evans	War Memorials of the Cynon Valley
February 18th	Brian Davies	John Nixon & Welsh Coal to France
March 18th	Gwyneth Evans	Drowning of Cwm Taf

The Committee reserves the right to change the programme without prior notice

Penderyn Carnivals

Here's hoping you can help. Do you remember the Penderyn Carnivals? Many years ago Penderyn was well known for its carnivals, we are looking for any information, stories, photographs or anything related to the carnival era. If you think you can help, or know of anyone who



may be able to help and are willing to share with the society, please contact Celia, or any committee member.

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WINTER 2014

October

October saw a change to our advertised programme, Unfortunately our speaker Mr. Brian Davies could not be with us so Celia stepped in to fill the gap. The topic for the evening was "Some of Penderyn's Notable People", which covered Ty Newydd and W.M. Llewellyn, Lletty Rhys and Dr. Alice Evans, Gwilym Harris, Geoffrey Jones and the Nantyderri Murder. Thanks go to Joyce for reading out the story of the murder at Nantyderri.

Place names can change – the name you see today may not be the name that was used a hundred or two hundred years ago and he explained how they link to the past via landscapes, language and culture, also traditions and occupations of our ancestors. We as historians should preserve all of our place names as these are all signposts to our past. Deric has written a book called "Cynon Valley Place Names".



seen from the photographs. Again we must thank our hosts, Keith, Beryl and Natalie for a fantastic Buffet and making us most welcome. We would also like to give a big thank you to everyone

December

There was no meeting in December, but we held our annual Christmas Buffett

November

Our Speaker in November was Mr Deric John and he gave us an interesting and informative talk on the



who donated prizes towards the raffle held on the night.



meaning of Penderyn Place names. We were told that

at the Red Lion which was very well attended. The evening as always proved a huge success, as can be

Thanks also go to all our members and visitors for their continuous support throughout the year.

PENDERYN CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL PLAQUE

As 2014 marks one hundred years since the start of World War I, it seems fitting that we remember the residents of Penderyn who lost their lives in both World Wars. Inside St Cynog's Church Penderyn there is a Memorial plaque which commemorates the six local men who lost their lives, three during World War I and three during World War II.

Lance Corporal Edward Watkin Price South Wales Borders 11BN

Born on 24th June, 1893 and christened at St. Cynog's Church, Penderyn on 20th July, 1893, he was the son of George and Hannah Price of Pontprenllwyd, Penderyn. He was one of a family of 7 brothers and sisters. His occupation before he went to war was that of a coal miner helper. Edward was killed in action on 7th July, 1916 in France at Flanders, Western European Theatre of War, aged 23. He is buried in Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval. There is still family in the village, related to Edward Watkin Price.



Private David Price Welch Regiment 15th BN

David Price was born in 1898 the son of William and Elizabeth Price who lived at Tirgwynbach Cottage, Hirwaun. He was one of six children and his brother Howell also served in the war. David Price joined up on 26th April, 1918 and he died of wounds on 13th October, 1918 in France at Flanders, Western European Theatre of War, aged 20 years. He is buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen.

Private John Jones South Lancashire Regiment

Private John Jones was born in 1896, in Rhayader, the son of Hugh and Jane Jones of Caerllwyn. John died on 9th April, 1918, aged 22. He is buried at Lillers Communal Cemetery, Lille, France. Family members still live in the village today.

Private David John Price: Sapper, 9 Field Squ,

Died 20th July 1942 aged 25 years. He was the son of Gwilym and Cecelia Price of Chapel Road, Penderyn. He is buried Tel El Kebir.

2nd Lieutenant Morgan Jenkins Welch Regiment and No. 2 Commando's.

He was reported missing presumed dead on 28th March, 1942. He is recorded on the Memorial Plaque at Brookwood, Surry.

Corporal John Hughes Army Catering Co.

He died on 13th September, 1944 aged 25. Buried Corinano Ridge Cemetery. (Living in London at time of death)

In addition to the men detailed on the plaque inside the church, there are others mentioned on some of the gravestones in the churchyard.

Private Ithel Jones Royal Fusiliers 10th BN.

Born in 1893. He died at Beaufort War Hospital, Stapleton, Bristol of wounds on 24th May, 1918, aged 25 and was buried here at St. Cynog's on 28th May, 1918.

Lieutenant D.M.W. Evans Monmouthshire Regiment

Born in 1897. David Morton Wayne Evans died on 10th April 1919 at 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, aged 22years. He was buried here at

Penderyn on 15th April 1919 aged 22.

The men, who gave their lives in these wars, will never be forgotten.

BOYHOOD MEMORIES

These are a extracts written by a man back in the 1960's of his memories as a young boy living in Penderyn.

'We now come to Williams Charabanc as we called him. He came from Aberdare and introduced the first 'public transport' to the village of Penderyn. Two smashing charabancs with black canvas tents over the top of them, these would slide back on the hot summer days when the village Sunday School trips would go to Barry, Swansea or Porthcawl. The entire village full of excitement getting up early to go on our Sunday School trip. These occasions gave me a feeling that life was wonderful, singing hymns all the way to the seaside, coming back with our buckets and spades, balloons, fancy hats and of course the rock from the seaside. Arriving back at 10pm having a feeling that it was the early hours of the morning. During the summer months and

especially August holidays, thousands of people (we the village children felt) coming up from that big city of Aberdare in Williams's charabancs to visit the village, go to the waterfalls or walk up towards the fields around the church and no doubt the young people to do a bit of courting around the Voel Mountain. Then the charabancs would run until two in the morning to take the people back to that big city of Aberdare. While they waited patiently to go back home they sang their hearts away. At times like these our parents in the village just could not get us to bed, I felt as if I was experiencing something unusual and delightful. Surely, no carnival could be greater than this. On occasions we village boys would catch the back end of the charabanc and have a little ride as it left the Square until on one occasion when I let go I could not get away from the charabanc my jersey had caught in the number plate and it dragged me for about twenty yards before I could free myself. After that I wasn't so keen.'

If you have any memories of growing up in Penderyn, please get in touch.