

Synopsis and transcript

TREHERBERT 10

INFORMANTS

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| A: Male , 45 years old Welsh: fluent/some/slight/ <u>none</u> Mother's birth: Ystrad Rhondda Father's birth: Somerset | B: Male , 41 years old Welsh: fluent/some/slight/ <u>none</u> Mother's birth: Treherbert Father's birth: Scotland |
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They look through some pictures and comment on them. They describe their knowledge of Welsh and that of their families. [00.00 min - 02.00 min]

They see a picture of Ty Mawr Colliery after its demolition and talk about it. They then look at a picture of the two Houston brothers (locally born actors) and talk about them : [02.00 min - 03.40 min]
(transcript)

A: (laughs) . . the end of Ty Mawr Colliery . now look at this now . what

B: [laughs] [yes]

A: I'd like to say . . now what I'd like to say there was when they took

B: (l a u g h s) [yeah]

A: this away . . . I was a young boy . and I started to help . to rebuild this

A: . . which is now Stelco Hardy's . . Rolo Hardy's up the top end . right

B: aye [oh that's it Clive . aye]

A: . . do you remember Ty Mawr . right

B: you're [you're right there butt] yeah I remember Clive . aye [yeah]

A: . . . and . oh . . . good God . it's a long time ago

B: yeah [butt] yeah . oh you're right

A: it's a few years ago [i n a u d i b l e] . no messing

B: there butt oh yeah . aye . . I don't

A: . . . (laughs) look at this look . .

B: know how long ago that is really yeah

A: the two brothers . the Houston brothers actually . . . my own

B: yeah

A: brother (inaudible) . . . building Spitfires . . in Bristol with . . .

A: erm . Donald . . . erm sorry . . with Glyn . . because

B: . with Glyn yeah

A: Donald . . my own brother as well . . . they tried for the same part . .

B: mm

A: as Donald Houston tried . . for the Blue Lagoon . he was

B: (laughs)

I: oh well well

A: such a good swimmer . . . and the only reason . . . that he lost out

B: . . . yeah

A: . . . to Donald Houston . . . was because he was too sh~short in stature

A: . . . because Jean Simmons was the lady . . . the leading lady

B: . . . mm yeah

A: . . . for Donald Houston . . . but Glyn . . . ah he's a real

I: . . . that's right

A: gentleman . . . I've met that gentleman . . . Donald I haven't met . . .

B: . . . [laughs] . . . yeah

A: but I've met Glyn . . . because . . . my wife is from Clydach Vale where

A: they're from . . . they're from Thomas Street in Clydach Vale . . . and

B: . . . aha

A: . . . I've met Glyn Houston . . . and he's a real gentleman . . . he's a down

B: . . . yeah

A: to earth character . . . honestly . . . there's not many of them left today

B: . . . mm

A: is there . that's the problem . [isn't it] . . . that's the

B: [no] no you're right there Clive

A: way it is isn't it

B: . . yeah

*The talk briefly about their families. [03.40 min – 07.55 min]
Then they look through and comment
on other pictures, including one of
King George VI when he was visiting the
Rhondda.*

*They see a picture of Tommy Farr the [07.55 min – 11.00 min]
Rhondda born boxer and talk about him
and about other boxing memories.
They talk about other pictures, including
one of another colliery and one of
Cliff Morgan, the rugby player.*

*They examine an aerial photo of [11.00 min – 12.40 min]
Rhondda Fach, and identify places in it.*

*They see a picture of the Labour PM [12.40 min – 15.20 min]
Harold Wilson, and try to identify other
people in it. Then they discuss a picture of
Lewis Merthyr Colliery. Finally, they see
a picture of St Mary's Well, Penrhys and
talk a little about it.*

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