

synopsis & transcript

**TREHERBERT 3**

INFORMANTS:

<b>A:</b>	<b>B:</b> (blind)
<b>Male,</b> 74 years old	<b>Male,</b> 67 years old
<b>Welsh:</b> fluent/some/slight/none	<b>Welsh:</b> fluent/some/slight/none
<b>Mother's Birth:</b> Rhondda	<b>Mother's Birth:</b> London
<b>Father's Birth:</b> Rhondda	<b>Father's Birth:</b> Merthyr, Glam

*A sees a picture of the Houston brothers, Glyn and Donald. They talk briefly about these two actors. Next, A sees a picture of Tommy Farr, the Rhondda boxer. They talk about him and his fight with Joe Louis for the Heavyweight Title of the World.* [00.00 min - 02.30 min]

*They continue talking about Tommy Farr and Rhondda sportsmen. Sometimes names are hard to recall. Then, they talk a little about the jobs that they held in their working days:* [02.30 min - 07.10 min]  
(transcript)

B: didn't he fight erm . Haydn Rees . up in the {Brix} . one time  
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A: [ inaudible ] it could very well be erm . if~ if

B: I~ I mean as an amateur now  
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A: Haydn was here Haydn could tell us . . . oh it could very well be that

B: [yes . yes]  
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A: . . but he was a. he was a bit of a lad about town they erm

B: . . yeah  
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A: they used to say . and erm . he used to get around the pubs and the  
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A: institutes . erm . and that kind of thing when he was a young lad . .  
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A: . . but erm . who~who picked him up . it was  
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B: . . erm . were~ he was~  
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A: that's  
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B: wasn't he something to do with that erm garage down there .  
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A: right . [he was from erm] from Penygraig  
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B: . . and~ oh his name's coming to me now . . yeah  
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A: . . . . . he was a garage owner  
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B: yeah and what~ didn't he have one leg  
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A: from Penygraig . erm  
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B: yeah oh his~his name is on the tip of my tongue  
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A: erm ( i n a u d i b l e  
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B: anyway . Joey Churchill Joe Churchill . . erm .  
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C: Joey Churchill  
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A: [inaudible] . you've got it Pete . . that's it  
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B: Churchill . Churchill yeah . . aye  
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A: ( inaudible ) . . . aye

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

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I: [who] were the other famous sportsmen

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A: . . . . well . . we had one

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I: now . produced in~ erm in . . the Rhondda

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A: in Treherbert . . years back . and he fought for the Welsh~ the Welsh

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A: erm . . erm . . . championship . . . . there was erm . . . . . oh . .

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A: dear oh dear . . from Penyreglyn . . . . he fought for two or three

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B: [Tom .

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A: times no

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B: Tom . . Tommy . Tommy Davies is it which one is that you've got

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A: [doesn't . doesn't] doesn't quite get there . no . . . . and I'm not

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B: there ( inaudible ) (sighs)

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A: so sure whether he's still alive now or not

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B: (sighs) well . Joe B. Culverhouse

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A: [Culverhouse] aye [Joe B]

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B: was one . wasn't it you see . . . erm . . I'm trying to remember

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B: the one now from erm . remember his . . two little girls that erm  
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A: . that's the one

B: that one of them had a . bad accident . had her leg off  
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A: I [mean] . . that's the one I'm thinking

B: and the other one was erm . born mute  
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A: [about] (inaudible)

B: yeah yeah . . erm as I said again . his name is on the tip of my  
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A: . . he fought~[he fought]

B: tongue he~he married one of the Culverhouses anyway  
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A: aye . that's right . . yeah

B: didn't he and their mother was a Culverhouse  
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A: . . . oh

B: well there we are . there was my brother Emlyn . he was the  
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A: . . (sighs) . . Williams

B: NCB champion of Great Britain bantamweight  
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A: . Williams . that's it . . . what was his [first name]

B: [yeah] yeah . and he was

I: . . . was he  
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B: erm . Welsh . ABA champion . . . and he fought

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I: . . . oh . there we are

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B: twice for the . . erm~ the ABA title . of the UK

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I: . . . oh there we are

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A: . . oh . . well it was full of boxers at one time . erm . . the Hungry~

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A: the Hungry Thirties . we used to call it wasn't it [ l a u g h s ]

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B: . . yeah . that's right

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A: . . they~they had to fight then to get somewhere wasn't it . . . there

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A: was~ erm in Cwmparc . there were a number of chaps in Cwmparc .

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A: ( coughs ) Moody . Moody from erm

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B: Frank Moody . was one wasn't it .

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A: . . aye oh . . no

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B: . . oh there was some characters ( inaudible ) there . [ yeah ]

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A: doubt about it

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B: . . . . . funny thing . you can get them all on the tip of

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A: I know that

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B: your tongue but erm . look . this pass you like that . isn't

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B: it . Georgie Williams is the one . Georgie Watts as

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C: Georgie Williams [ Georgie Watts]

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A: [Georgie Watts] . . aye . that's him

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B: they say . you've got him Pete that's right . mun

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A: . . . . . he fought erm . . for~ twice I think for~ for the~ for the Welsh

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A: championship . . . I think he fought for the British championship

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A: [inaudible]

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B: . . . . . and then we had Gus Bruton . of course . he was an .

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A: [mm . mm . mm . mm . mm . ah ]

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B: international . locally . wasn't he . . of rugby

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I: . . who was that now

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B: Gus . . Bruton . . . . . a former police sergeant he was

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I: and he was a

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B: . no . no . . rugby . yeah . international . . . . . I

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I: boxer as well rugby

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B: . . . . . believe he's the only one from the very top of the valley here .

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A: . erm . . we did have . . . . we did have an old fellow

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B: boys . isn't he

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A: erm . erm . played against the All Blacks in the~ in the twenties . .

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A: oh aye

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B: . . oh you're going back before my time now . Arthur

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A: [ i n a u d i b l e ] street then . he was living two doors away . it was

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B: ( l a u g h s )

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A: in {Ton~Ton Lantwen . Ton Lantwen} what was

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B: . aye . . aye aye . .

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A: his name . . but he was an old . a very old man then . well he died .

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A: . he died about two years after we got there . . . . but erm . . he~he~

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B: [yeah] [ sighs ]

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A: he~he~he~ he didn't get his cap . I think he was . he was a reserve .

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A: . . . . we~ we had one player from Treorchy

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B: [where ]

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C: Billy . Billy Cleaver

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A: I remember who played on Treorchy Fields [inaudible]

B: [yes ] where was Cliff Morgan

A: . . was he . Cliff Morgan . from Penygraig

B: from . . Penygraig was it

A: . . aye . aye

B: . Duw . Tom Protheroe could

C: Penygraig . aye aye

A: . . oh . . Tom [Protheroe]

B: remember all these if he was here now Tom because he .

A: [aye aye aye aye] aye

B: he was from Pengerenglyn as well you see . aye . his family were

A: [yeah] [yeah]

B: always . erm dabbling with rugby you see . . . aye

I: . . . . . were~

A: . . . I worked in Fernhill for

I: were either of you erm working in the pits

A: thirteen . fourteen years . . and then . . . I got on a government training



A: course and became an electrician . which I carried out for . forty years  
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A: . . . after that . . . most of that time was with the South Wales  
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A: Electricity Board  
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B: . . . I wor~ I worked in the colliery but not as a  
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B: miner . see . I was there as . erm a fitter . . at one time I was learning  
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B: my trade as a plasterer as a young boy like . . but worked with many  
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I: . . . yeah  
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B: contractors . . on all the collieries  
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I: . . . . they're all closed down now  
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B: all gone now . . yeah  
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*They continue talking about their working days*

*[07.10 min – 08.00 min ]*

*TAPE ENDS*