

Synopsis and transcript

TREHERBERT 9

INFORMANTS

<p>A: Male, 45 years old Welsh: fluent/some/slight/<u>none</u> Mother's birth: Llwynypia Father's birth: Llwynypia</p>	<p>B: Male, 45 years old Welsh: fluent/some/slight/<u>none</u> Mother's birth: Gelli Father's birth: Rhondda</p>
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They look through a succession of pictures, and talk about each briefly. [00.00 min - 02.40 min]

They discuss Ty Mawr and Lewis Merthyr Collieries and say something about their work in them. [02.40 min – 04.50 min]

They look at a picture of St Mary's Well, Penrhys and talk about the statue and nearby housing estate. They then look through and comment on further pictures. [04.50 min – 07.15 min]

They talk a little about their own work. Taking the Penrhys picture again, they recall playing and camping up the mountain when they were children. [07.15 min – 09.00 min]

They see a picture of Harold Wilson and discuss him and local politicians. Then, they find an aerial photo and try to identify places on it. [09.00 min – 11.30 min]

They compare the two Valleys with regard to the hard times both are experiencing, and talk about the pit closures : [11.30 min - 13.00 min]
(transcript)

A: I know that's the valley . . the other valley isn't it . [inaudible]

B: the other valley

B: yeah

I: . . . are the people the same you know . . in~ in the different

A: well they~ they seem the same like well in

B: valleys

A: Penrhys you got all sorts . they're from all the parts of the valleys

A: isn't they . . the housing estate we're talking about now . .

B: [all] over boy

I: I was up at Maer~ . . I was up at Maerdy you see . and they said that

A: . . (laughs)

B: [laughs]

I: you~ you're much better off down here than they are up there

A: aye . that's because of the pit closed anyway . when Maerdy pit

A: closed . . because there is a lot of unemployment in the valleys itself

I: [yes]

A: isn't it . but it's more over there than it is over here

I: . . yes . they said

A: . yeah

B: and it's only recently that was closed

I: it's far worse up there

A: . yeah well . you've still got . . the only one

B: mind wasn't it

A: left now is over the mountain isn't it . . the Tower Colliery .

B: [the] Tower

A: and that's not really in . in this valley is it

B: . . no erm not exact~ it's not

A: . . no . . in the Cynon Valley

B: really safe is it [you don't] know . you don't know

B: what's going to happen to it like isn't it . . what the boys done . they~

A: . . but

B: they shut it . . and they put their own money into it like

I: . . yes [inaudible]

A: their . . their future is not so sure now so . . . they're on about turning

A: it over to this erm

B: . Pembroke . see . they don't want their coal now .

B: they're turning over to oil like

I: . . what kind of . coal is it there then

A: anthracite there now see but they . . they were taking

B: . . anth[racite isn't it]

A: . . part of Maerdy isn't it . . they're still working Maerdy pit isn't they

A: . . . Tower isn't they and they got all the open-cast there isn't

A: they

I: mm . . what kind of coal was it . where~ where you

A: it weren't anthracite was it . just ordinary coal was it

I: worked

A: . . aye well I was up with you

B: . . number two seam wasn't it

A: . but you worked on the levels a lot . didn't you

B: (inaudible) binding

A: . aye

B: coal I was

I: do you think the coal . erm the mines . will

A: in time I think

B: . . I think so in time . I won't see it

I: ever open again

A: . not in . like I was saying our time but erm . .

B: mind you . but erm

A: my children might see it [and] you know . . . because

B: yeah . . they will . .

A: it's power . there's oil . unless they find . something else . . of course

A: . . oil and erm . gas . is going to run out isn't it . . it's got to run out

They discuss the possible new pit at Margam. They look at more pictures, then they talk about the soccer teams that they follow.

[13.00 min – 15.20 min]

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