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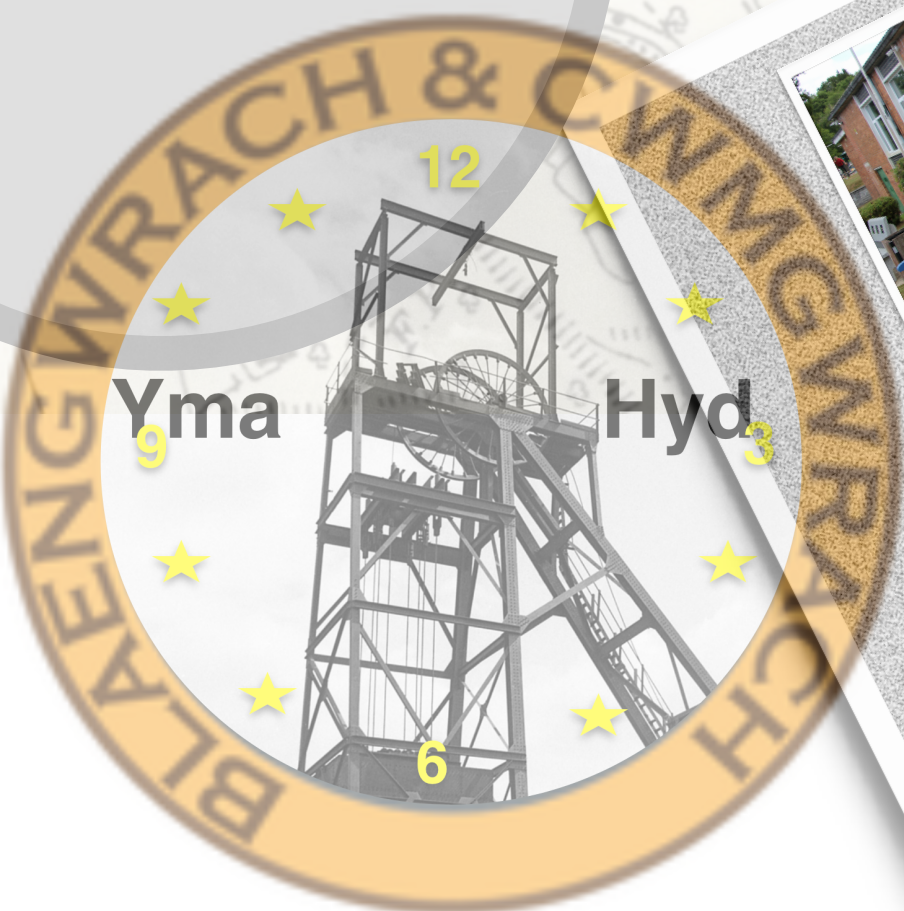
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Blaengwrach and Cwmgwrach Timeline Project



**WATCH
THIS!
SPACE!**



How can you help!

We are looking for people to get involved with the project by providing:

- * Old photographs of the village.
- * Their memories of the village.
- * War records of their relatives.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2916966968347470>

The Gwrachtimeline Team take a Sabbatical rest:

Towards the end of 2025 in the monthly team meeting we agreed that as there were no projects on the horizon we would postpone the monthly meeting until we had something concrete to work on.

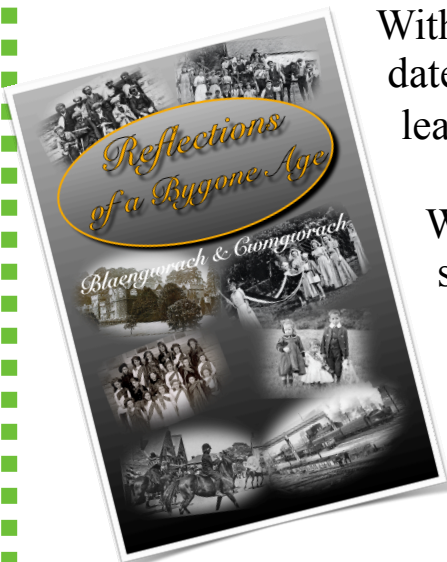
Over the course of the last three years we have achieved quite a lot, we have:

- ~ Organised two highly successful Historical showcases in 2023 and 2024.
- ~ Organised along with the Cwmgwrach Village Community Team the VE Day celebrations in 2025.
- ~ Alongside these events we also found the time to write and publish the latest history book for the village, **“Reflections of a Bygone Age, with over 250 books sold to date.**

Alongside this a History website and Timeline was created which now includes over 80 articles on the history of the village and over the course of the last 5 years there has been 26 Newsletters published.

I think we can all agree this has been quite a success story for the Gwrachtimeline team, later in the newsletter we will look at what could be the next steps.

Sale of “Reflections of a Bygone Age” book:



With over 250 “Reflections of a Bygone Age” books sold to date, we are now looking to put a big push on sales in the lead up to Christmas.

We would like to thank everyone who has bought a book so far and would encourage others to buy what is an excellent book on the history of the village at the “value for money” price of £10.

The book would make ideal Christmas present for
Friends and Family.

Party in the Park, August 2026:

Yet again another hugely successful event organised by the **Cwmgwrach Village Community Team**, a massive well done to everyone involved. The weather held, the music was fantastic, the food tasted brilliant and the artifacts on sale were of the highest quality.

Looking forward to the next event later in the year.

Below are some of the nick nacks the Gwrachtimeline Team has for sale:



Hanging Wall Plaques



Coasters



Gwrachtimeline stall



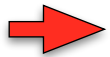
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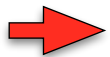
Fingers crossed, hopefully there is some exciting news we will be able to share with you shortly regarding celebrating the life and achievements of Eileen Egan. Eileen lived for a number of years at No 4 Miner Row, now Heol y Graig, she also attended Blaengwrach Primary school before moving to America.

She is best known for being an activist and co-founder of the Catholic Peace group American PAX Association.

Her achievements whilst living in America are really impressive, I have listed some of them below:



In 1965 Eileen marched at Selma with Martin Luther King, Jr. on the protest march for equal voting rights.



She was a close friend of Mother Teresa and wrote her biography: *Such a Vision: Mother Teresa the Spirit and the Work*.



In 1987 the following declaration was placed on the UN statue book: *'Conscientious Objection to military service should be considered a legitimate exercise of right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, recognised in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights.'*

Eileen was instrumental, over 17 years of campaigning, to bring this about.



In 1989 Eileen received the Pacem in Terris and Freedom Award for achievements in peace and justice. She was in illustrious company as John F Kennedy, The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have also received this award.

Website articles written in 2026:

So far in 2026 six articles have been written for the GwrachTimeline Website, they include a 4 part series of articles on the Vale of Neath railway line, which includes:

- 1, The development of the rail network in Britain.
- 2, Timeline of the Vale of Neath railway (VoNR).
- 3, Accidents on the vale of Neath railway line.
- 4, Memories of the Vale of Neath railway line.

This has been by far the most ambitious series of articles I have written to date and took about 5 months to complete.

The other two articles uploaded onto the website were weather related and were:

- 1, The Big Snow of 1982.
- 2, The Big Freeze of 2010.

I have included a few pictures of the weather related articles below.



What's next for the Gwrach Timeline History Team:

As it stands at the moment, the team is trying to set up presentation evenings. We have bought a projector screen and I have borrowed my sons projector, so sometime in the not too distant future I will let you know when we will have our first presentation.

We will continue to write articles for the website and I would encourage people to let us know your memories of the village. If you would like to write something let us know and perhaps we can help.

I have a number of articles half written, so I will look to finish these articles over the next 3 months. There are articles on Pigeon Racing, Fishing and the Virtual Museum that need to be completed.

We have no plans at the moment for any events for the rest of 2026 but we will definitely be supporting the ***Cwmgwrach Village Community Events*** in anything they plan to do.

CALL TO ARMS

We have created a huge list of potential ideas we can work on, far too many for our small band of three people to work on, so if you would like to get involved please let us know.