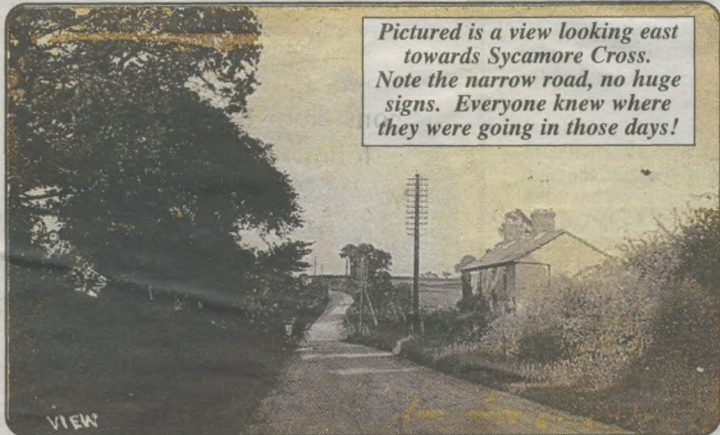


Bonvilston Newsletter

(by Paul Fisher)

Pictured is a view looking east towards Sycamore Cross. Note the narrow road, no huge signs. Everyone knew where they were going in those days!



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Pictures from the past...

THE Bonvilston Local History Group is trying to trace a series of cartoons of characters from the Red Lion drawn by Geoffrey Evans of the Western Mail.

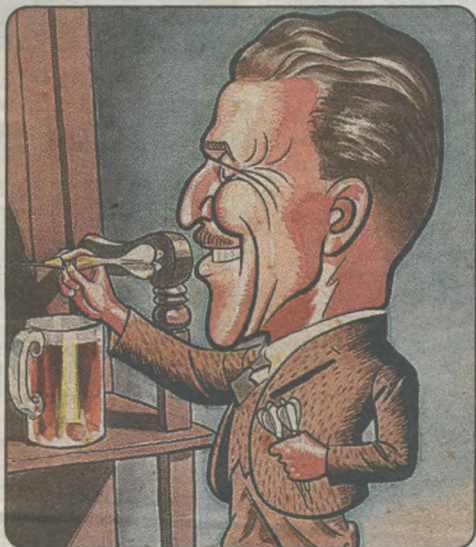
Geoffrey Evans illustrated a comic strip called 'Twm Shon Catti' in the paper during the 1940s and 50s. We believe that there were at least 18 of these caricatures which were drawn in the 1940s and subsequently given to the individual families in the 70s and 80s.

The caricature (above, right) is of Dilwyn Griffiths, a well-known personality from Bonvilston. Born in 1899 and brought up on Pencarreg Farm, Dilwyn was known for his involvement in local affairs and especially his work on the Bonvilston Parish Council and later as a village representative on the Cardiff Rural District Council.

During his time on the council, he was proud of his involvement in the development of the council estate at Maes-y-Ffynon.

It would be fantastic to bring them all together again and recreate bit of the past of the Red Lion

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the other cartoons, email



Dilwyn Griffiths by Geoffrey Evans.

paul.fisher@btinternet.com or phone 01446 781686. You can also follow progress on Twitter @BonvilstonV or join the open day at Bonvilston Reading Room on Saturday April 27 at 10am.

Tell us 'your story'
IT'S great news that the newly-formed Bonvilston Local History Group has been awarded grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Pride in Your Heritage fund.

These will finance a permanent exhibition in St Mary's church and we are planning that this display will be open to the public by the autumn of this year.

However, we need

your help. What stories do you have? Do you remember interesting events or recall some of the interesting characters of the village?

Do you have old photos or memorabilia? If you have family links to the area, we would like to hear from you.

On April 27 we are holding an open day at the Reading Room in Bonvilston from 10am until 2pm. Please come along, we'd love to hear your stories and ideas of what you'd like to see in the exhibition.

There is no charge for this event and refreshments will be available. If you know of people with connections to Bonvilston, who may have moved away, please invite them to join us.

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