

OPEN PAGE

PILOT ISSUE

April 1995

Welcome to the pilot issue of what we know will become a successful community newspaper for the Tonyrefail area.

The aims of the paper, are:

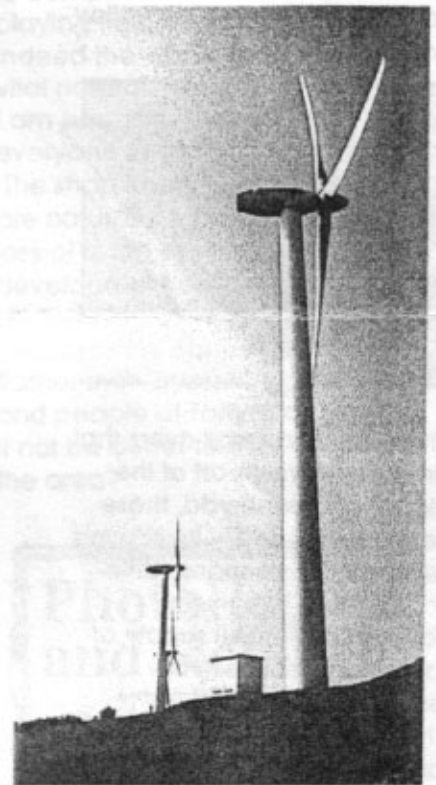
- (a) to provide a notice-board for the community
- (b) to present information on, and publicity for, local events
- (c) to encourage a greater community spirit
- (d) to create an interesting and exciting NEW publication
- (e) to promote the services and highlight the value of local businesses



We would like to introduce ourselves as Gareth Rosser and Estelle Mumby. Within the last year we have both successfully completed a HND course in Design, Communications at Swansea Institute of Higher Education.

We intend to create what the title of this publication suggests:

An "Open Page" for the people, and businesses of the area to announce, and communicate the things that matter to them.



The Wind-Generators:
Are they an eyesore, or a landmark for a greener future?

Estelle Mumby
GRAPHIC DESIGNER
01443 671918

Tickets Posters Leaflets etc.

ADVERTISING

PhotoRepair and Retouch

102 Mill St., Tonyrefail, Mid Glam, CF39 8AF

Tel: 01443 671918

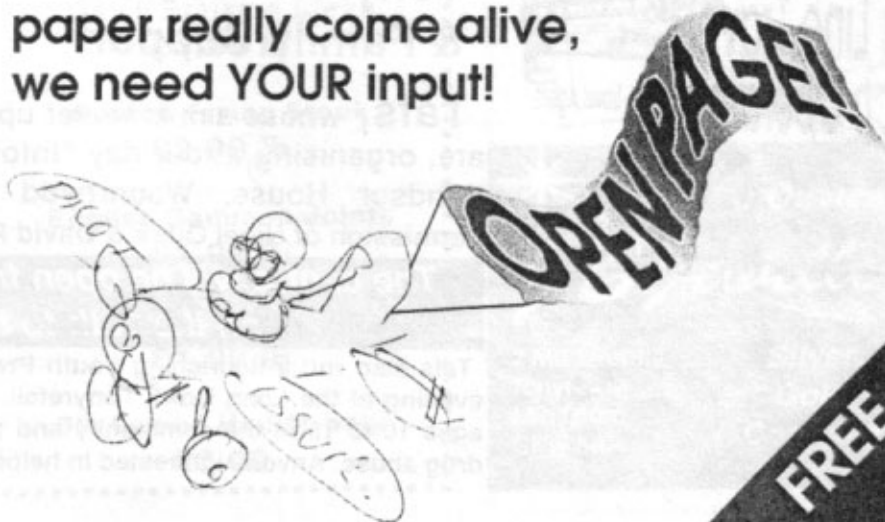
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Gareth Rosser

This is my advertisement, I would however, like to challenge other businesses in the area to decrease my advertising space, by placing their adverts! (For a very small price)

And help to create a valuable resource for local people!

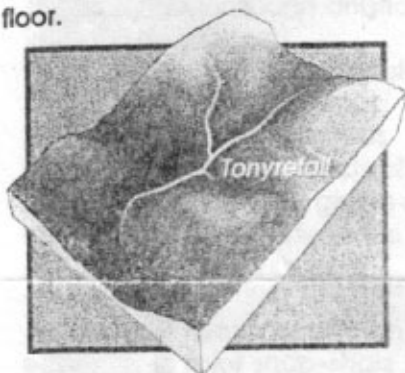
In order to make this paper really come alive, we need YOUR input!



FREE

HISTORY

Tonyrefail lies in the Ely Valley, between the Vale of Glamorgan and the surrounding hills vary between 720 feet and 1248 feet. The sides of the valley are fairly steep and mainly bare of trees, except for a few woods scattered just above the valley floor.



There are two small rivers that join in the lowest part of the village, at Waunrhydd, these are the Afan Lai (Ely River) and the Nantcaergwerales (Little-Brook), these two rivers provided a plentiful supply of water, both for use in the home and in industry.

The name Tonyrefail, when translated means, *Ton*-a raised or sloping field, and *efail*-a smithy. Therefore the meaning is, "The Smithy with the Sloping Fields." The meaning of *Waunrhydd* is a Ford, or Free Meadow. By putting these two meanings together it can be seen that the village was ideally placed as a collecting and shoeing place for the Drovers, and their cattle, on the way to the South Way, and London.

Main Line Travel 
Coach Operators ABTA Travel Agents

Official Disney World® Paris Agents

Short Breaks to Paris, Bruges, Amsterdam and Calais/Boulogne **Hypermarkets**

Luxury & Executive Coaches for hire

Reservations 01443 670095



9 Waunrhydd Road
Tonyrefail

There would have been plenty of fields for grazing the animals, several Blacksmiths, a good supply of water with a ford, or easy crossing, and it was situated where many tracks joined from the Rhondda and the farms to the west.

Bike Tracks
Mountain Bikes
Road Bikes
BMX Bikes
Tel. 672119
20 High Street Tonyrefail



The Blacksmiths would have been kept busy for many months making the shoes, as each animal needed eight, two for each hoof.

They would know when the Drovers were due because they always bought their cattle, or collected them, after the Autumn Sales and Markets. ■

A LOOK'S
44 MILL STREET

TAFS 

Tonyrefail Adults
& Family Support

Tafs, whose aim is to set up a permanent base in Tonyrefail, are, organising a four day "Information & Awareness Centre" at Windsor House, Waunrhydd Rd, Tonyrefail (with the kind permission of Nigel Quirk & David Paigne).

The centre will be open from 10.00am until 10.30pm on the 18th to the 21st of April.

Tafs also run a flourishing Youth Prevention Centre held every Wednesday evening at the Long Bowl, Tonyrefail. Their aim is to involve children of the ages 10 to 15 in the community and deter them from falling into the trap of drug abuse. Anyone interested in helping would be more than welcome!

**Tonyrefail's
Cafe &
Pool Hall**

Tel. **673490**



Sarah Gwylm in her endless efforts to create a unique outlet for all kinds of merchandise is to open a new shop in Treorchy.

The shop will be called:

Fancy Pants

Offering an impressive range of baby wear the shop is sure to be a must for all new arrivals!



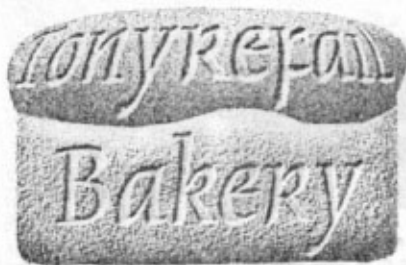
**Tonyrefail
Newsagents**

Waunrhydd Rd
670282
Mill Street
676750

Plus Cards, gifts,
Stationery,
Confectionery,
Your local Newsagent!

Highlighting a current event covering:

**Drug abuse,
Alcohol problems,
Diabetes
Road safety
Fire prevention**



TEL. 01443 670477

There have been rumours recently of plans to 'develop' the piece of land behind the JobCentre. While we do not wish to add weight to these rumours, we after visiting the site would like to bring attention to the great beauty and natural importance of the area.

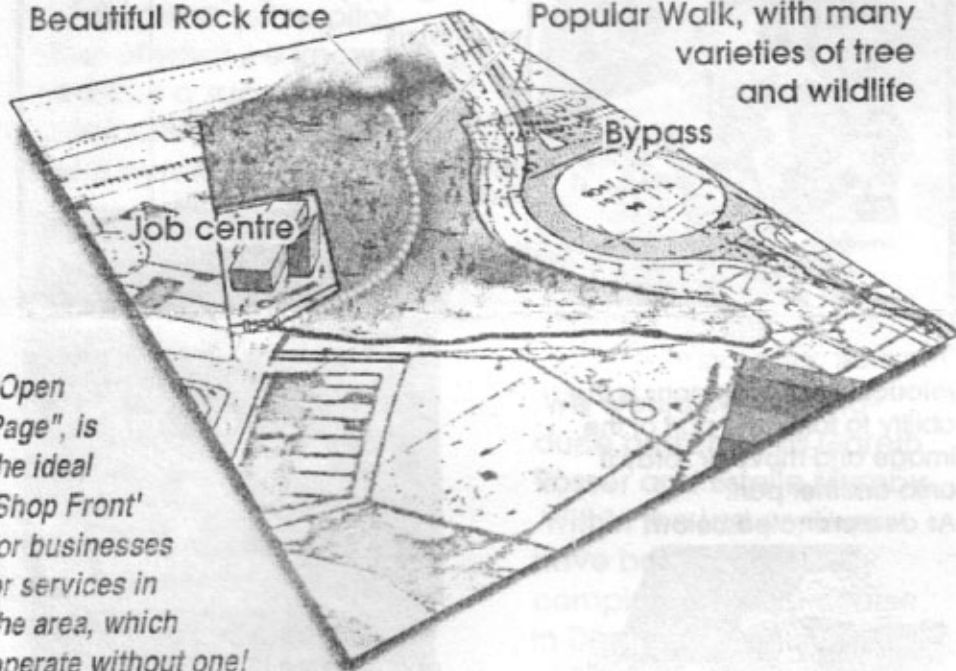
Just standing at the gate to the right of the JobCentre entrance the enormous possibilities for developing the area into a 'natural area' can easily be seen. The natural rock face at the end of the walk is not only beautiful, it could also provide facilities for the local Army Cadets in teaching rock climbing, or abseiling. The area contains much wildlife, and is one of the few truly vibrant nature areas in Tonyrefail. It would not

take much work for the council to compliment the existing playing fields, schools, and indeed the whole area with a vital natural resource area which I am sure would benefit everyone in Tonyrefail.

The shop keepers of Tonyrefail, are naturally concerned about loss of trade due to the development of this area, but after seeing the site I think we should all be concerned. Rather than bypassing the shops and people of Tonyrefail, would it not be better to *truly* develop the area?

Beautiful Rock face

Popular Walk, with many varieties of tree and wildlife



"Open Page", is the ideal 'Shop Front' for businesses or services in the area, which operate without one!

An easy and convenient way for local people to find local services when they need them!

Look through the adverts here... Tonyrefail has many and varied quality businesses. Tonyrefail should be proud of itself, and we hope this publication will demonstrate what Tonyrefail is really made of!

WAYNE & PATS

Flowers for all occasions

For Weddings
The Perfect Gift
And a Funeral



Tonyrefail
Tel: 671432

PhotoRepair and Retouch

Tel: 01443 671918



Restore old or damaged photos



Black & White, Sepia and Colour



Also all kinds of Graphic Design Work including Stationery, posters, cards, leaflets, etc...
By Estelle Mumby.

Thornes

Family Butcher

Tonyrefail

Tel: 01443 671547

Fresh Farm Chicken from
£1.99 each

Welsh Braising Steak
£1.99 lb

Scotch Frying Steak
£2.99 lb

English Gammon Joints
£1.99 lb

New Seasons Lamb Chops
£1.99 lb

3lb Lambs Hearts only
£2.00

Hammond & Co

The Square
Tonyrefail

D.I.Y

Tel: 01443 670254

Hardware
Timber
Garden
Household

Gifts

J. Davies

JB Jewellery

2 Mill Street,
Tonyrefail,
Mid Glam,
CF39 8AA

Silver
Gold
Costume

RESTORING FADING MEMORIES

With the rapid development in computer technology it is now possible to do things with imagery that would never have been dreamt of previously.

I have always been fascinated with the total control that digital technology provides over the detail of precious, and artistic images. The saying, "The camera never lies", could not be further from the truth today. Seemingly disastrous damage, or just the effects of time can be removed giving a whole new lease of life to the memories we hold so dear.

Modern cameras provide an easy way to take snap-shots which we all enjoy, but often the prints we get back are disappointing. Often the expression on someones face is perfect, something that could not be achieved in even a photographic sitting, but something spoils it.

The dreaded red-eye, some other photographic effect, or perhaps the background or overall framing of the image can easily make a well timed shot seem unrepresentable. *These problems are no more!*



Before/After



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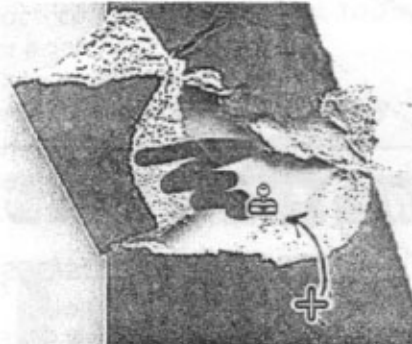
Salvage disappointing photographs







The most useful tool in retouching photographs is the ability to take one part of the image and move or spray it onto another part. As demonstrated below:



Masked areas can be created, and in much the same way, as a blue screen works in the movies, or T.V. a completely new background can be placed behind the subject. *Virtually anything is possible!*
Gareth Rosser 01443 671918

JUST LLOYD

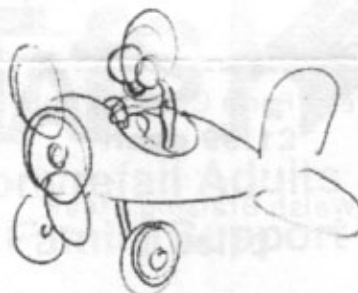
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Tonyrefail

BARE ESSENTIALS

4 Mill Street
Tonyrefail

Tel: 01443 671893

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We hope you have enjoyed 'Open Page'
Without YOUR help we can't get off the ground, so write!



RIVERSIDE GARAGE

B. Williams & Son

Commercial & Motor Car Specialists,
Steam Cleaning & Welding service.

Riddle's Yard,
Mill St, Tonyrefail.
Tel. 672967

Any news, stories, poems, pictures, paintings, achievements, Anything you think would be a positive addition to YOUR free Newspaper, 'Open Page' please contact:

Gareth Rosser or Estelle Mumby at:
102 Mill Street, Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan, CF39 8AF

EDMUNDS Discount Furniture

2/4 High Street
Tonyrefail
Tel: 670181

