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## hairman's Address

This is a very proud occasion for us at Llandovery — a time when we officially open our new Clubhouse facilities and who better to celebrate this occasion with us than the now famous 'GOLDEN OLDIES'.

Reading the team sheet brings back fond memories of the glorious years of Welsh rugby. Carwyn James has described 1971 as the year that British Rugby came of age because it was the first time that the Lions won a series in New Zealand (the Test series was won 2 -1) and all the provincial games were also won. It was also, according to Carwyn James, a game based on Brilliant passing and running by the backs.

carried over into the '80's. which resulted in the fanatical support of the Welsh Nation and Slam three times. This was however success with flair and style Wales, too, in the 1970's achieved success not equalled since then — the Triple Crown was won on five occasions and the Grand

Tonights guests are household names — not just with us who remember the 70's and those pilgrimages to Cardiff but also immortalised in the present generation of Welsh rugby players. It is therefore a pleasure for us to invite them to play at Llandovery.

this evenings entertainment. My contribution would not be complete without thanking our Sponsors and Supporters for their contributions — I am sure you will all share the success of the Club with us. But tonight let us pay highest level in its long history, and, I am sure, will contribute fully to tribute to our own players who have raised Llandovery rugby to its

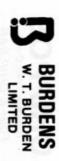
The official opening of the new Clubhouse facilities will be performed by Mr. Hermas Evans who is a Past President of the W.R.U., Mr. Evans is a rugby enthusiast recognised on the World stage as an administrator and particularly where the laws of rugby are discussed. We remember him in Llandovery however primarily as a friend of

the Club when over ten years ago we were purchasing our present fields. His help as our District Representative was invaluable in the nise his contribution. ate 70's, and in inviting him to officially open our facilities we recog-

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TOWARDS THE SECOND CENTENARY

gressed through important milestones. celebrated its centenary. During those first hundred years we pro-Ten years ago (Season 1980/81) Llandovery Rugby Football Club

Rugby Union being one of its eleven founder members. In 1894 we were one of ten affiliated to the Welsh Rugby Union, a status lost in 1910 due to strong puritanical religious revival in the town, but regained in 1956 when we were re-admitted as full members of the W.R.U. We were there at the beginning of the formation of the Welsh

thus playing in its regular league matches. In 1965 we were admitted to the West Wales Rugby Union and

Western Hotel, albeit under lease. In 1974 we acquired our own Club House in the old Great North

very accommodating playing fields. the end of these first hundred years when we purchased our present Perhaps the greatest milestone in the club's history was towards

Now only, only ten years in to the second centenary the club has developed at a tremendous pace. The playing fields have been developed in to a complex with excellent facilities, with four pitches. achievement from concept to completion within twelve months. ample car parking, full flood lights, changing rooms and culminating in the building this year of our super new club house, — a tremendous

adventure. all clubs in this league, new opponents, a new experience and an under sixteen, youth, second fifteen and in particular the first fifteen to maintain good position in Section A of the West Wales League. Rugby Leagues, and we welcome and look forward to host and play This was our ticket to Division 3 of the Heineken Welsh National On the field our players have achieved the best results ever, at

In the Heineken League I am confident that Llandovery will reach parts that "Junior" and "single" clubs cannot reach. Yes only, only ten years in to the second centenary and all this achievement already. Congratulations Llandovery R.F.C. from who has contributed to its tremendous success. chairman to supporters from players to sponsors, and everybody

Ymlaen Llanymddyfri.

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ing interesting opponents from all parts of Wales. Senior teams - in the case of the third team a very senior team (Sorry Allan). The first team playing in the Heineken League providfor young and old to enjoy rugby at Llandovery. The Club has three Now that the Rugby season is here again there is an opportunity

The Club also supports junior sides at Youth, under 16's and

available in the Club. Entertainment is a feature of the Club - information and tickets

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The two rugby balls for tonights game have been donated by RHINO RUGBY

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# THE GOLDEN OLDIES

Contrary to popular belief the Golden Oldies movement in Wales was not launched by the Old Wales v Old England match at Llandaff in 1983. The Welsh selectors began it all when they picked Tony Faulkner for his first cap in 1975!

What Tony did was prove that age is no barrier when it comes to playing at the highest level. Arguments still rage as to how old Tony actually was when he won the first of his 19 caps, but I can confirm he was the only Over 50 at the recent Golden Oldies Festival in Belgium.

What I'm trying to say and show is that age is no reason to halt a rugby career. Not that that held him back in anyway . . . not even the considerable presence of the French front row montain, Gerard Cholley, could do that.

That is one of the big attractions at the moment. As well as playing in reland and Belgium this year, the Welsh team are currently preparing for the It's not a time for settling old scores, but for renewing friendships and seeing the world."

"Too many players hang up their boots far too early," said Welsh Oldies Mr. Fixit, Allan Martin, "As you get older the game becomes fun once again.

annual trip to Bermuda.

That is easily the highlight of the year and provides ample incentive for even the worst of trainers to put in the odd training run. It has to be done, because not only is Golden Oldies rugby of a high standard, but the trip to sermuda also includes a trip for the wife!

"We were in on the ground floor of the Bermuda expedition and this will be our fourth year. In the first we played a Bermuda XV, the next we beat England 28 - 16 in the final and last winter we went out to the All Blacks in the semi-final," said Martin.

"That game characterised everything that's good about the game for the Over35's — there was plenty of good rugby, total commitment, yet no pressure We also had a laugh at the first line-out when Andy Haden led his fellow forwards in a team dive to recall the incident of 1979. The only thing that hurt bout that was they beat us to it."

"But they do show us a thing or two when it comes to fitness. They don't stop when their rugby days are over, they get involved in other sports or touch and pass rugby." "The New Zealanders are very keen on Oldies rugby, but they don't go overboard in the way they play the game. There is a lot more sympathy and empathy that goes into an international in our age group."

"That's the next stage in our development. We want to ensure we can keep on playing, and perhaps going to Bermuda, by developing a game for the Over 90's and 60's that doesn't involve too much physical contact, but is still skill orientated."

"The fact that so many clubs want to play against a Welsh Golden Oldies side shows we have still got something to offer, and the large numbers who turn out to watch us add further proof to that argument. You only had to be in Dublin this year to hear the way people were talking about Phil Bennett to realise the old names still have a lot of value."

"And it is good value rugby we will be hoping to provide for you tonight as we continue our build up to Bermuda."

official Welsh Golden Oldies team that played against England in 1983 — and woon 30 -14. JPR, Dennis Hughes, Clive Shell, Dal Morris, Ian Stephens, Tony Faulkner, Phil Bennett, John Lloyd, Graham Price, Bobby Windsor and David Burcher are still regular members of the side and Wales are still among For the record, Allan Martin was one of the younger members of that first

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December. Carmarthen Druids (H); 15: Aberaeron (H); 22: Tregaron (A). 26: Llan-wrtyd Wells (H); 29: Llanybydder (H).

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March. 9: Lianwrtyd Wells (A); 16: Liandeilo (H); 23: Ferryside (H).

April. 1: Bonymaen (H); 5: New Dock Stars (A); 13: Llanelli & District 7's; 20: Ferryside (A); 27: New Dock Stars (H). February. 9: Laugharne 2nd (H)

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