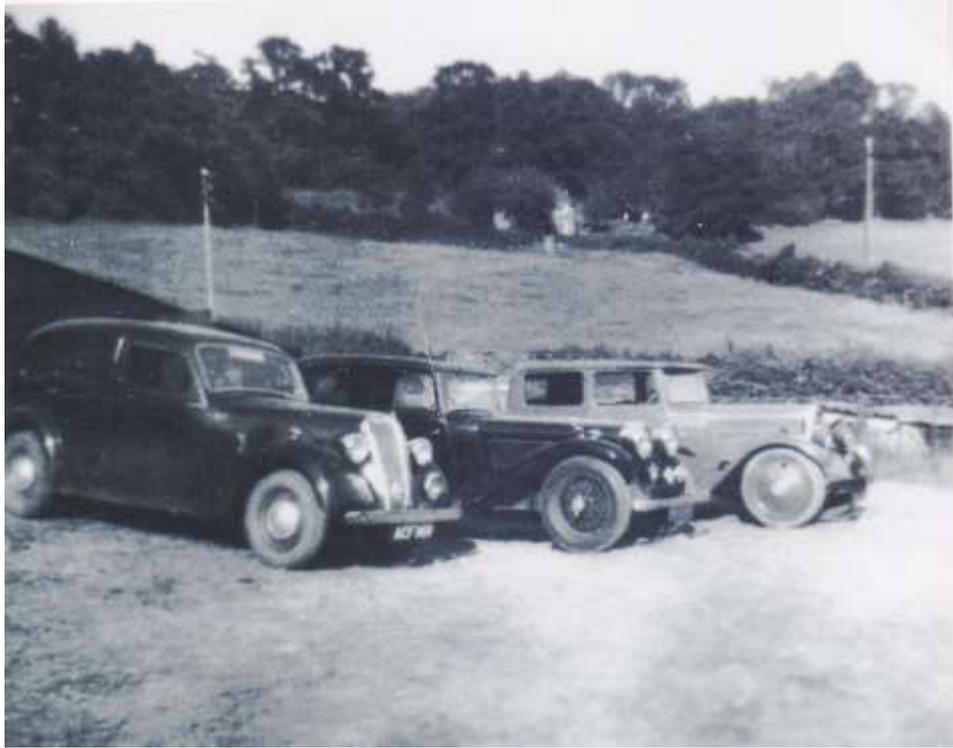


Newtown Miscellaneous



A small plane landing at the post war flying club air strip at Heldre in Buttington/Trewern Richard Christmas is reported to have said that the Trewern aircraft was ex Belgian and he was correct. Avion Fairy Topsy build for Aeronautique Militaire (Belgium Airforce) as tandem trainer. Many ground and aircrew plus planes evacuated to France and then to England in 1940. Attempts to set up production again in 1946 failed due to poor sales because of surplus ex-military light craft. It would not be known if the plane shown was pre or post war.





Three cars, two probably pre 1939.



Two pre-war Rolls Royce's.



This car has a mascot but is not a Rolls Royce but an Alvis Grey Lady. The bumper shows a display of badges that was common at the time.



Dolerw, off the Milford Road, Newtown



View on the original main road heading down into Staylittie. The view in 2019 would look at Llwyngog, surrounded by the Hafren Forest. Llwyngog forestry village had just been built in 1950.



Repairing the railway line.



Remnants of a siding and jetty at Aberdyfi built in the 1870s for the projected Waterford packet.



Hounds to the meet venue at Ysgafell. The foxhounds wait in the trailer hauled by an early Landrover having come for the kennels at Llandinam.



Rolland Fernyhough's (the Olympic equestrian competitor) father with the fox hounds.



Transport of hounds to meet venue at Ysgafell. The otter hounds came by lorry with Border County Otter Hounds from kennels at Aberbechain. Otters were already rare by 1954 so it really was a day out for hounds and supporters. The hunt voluntarily disbanded in late 1960s. The hunt covered Montgomeryshire, much of Radnorshire and South Denbighshire as well as the Shropshire Marches, hence the lorry.





Bob Bresnen from the Pentre, Aberhafesb on the family pony. The quarry is one of many freestone (easy to cleft) in the area with the hardened Penstrowed stone used for building material especially bedstone in the 19th century.



Morris Marshall & Poole requested Richard to photograph for sales brochures. This is Llwnderw at Llandinam originally named Tempest Villa. It was built for a retired army officer in 1867 and then became the home of Edward Davies so the two Gregynog sisters were born here prior to moving to Plasdinam in 1886.



View from Longbridge Newtown looking at the then main sewage pipe from Penygloddfa to the sewage farm. Many say this was a weir but there was no sluice gate and mill here. Penygloddfa had several outbreaks of cholera around 1870 until the wells and earth closet toilets were phased out.



Richard attended a hill climb between Churchstoke and Church Stretton and recorded several cars tackling the route. No 96 is a Bugatti, an interwar Bugatti now trades for a huge sum so no one

would risk bending such a vehicle today. A hill climb still take place in 2019 at Loton Park near Middletown and attracts enthusiasts.



This is bridge 4 on the Kerry branch line from Abermule known as Captain's Pitch. It gives access to Fronfraith Hall and Lodge. This first two arches are over the Mule with extra space for flood, there is then a hidden culvert for the mill race and then the rise to clear the railway. The line closed to passengers in 1931 and for freight in 1956 so the track would have still been in place. This is one of several now Grade II listed bridges on the long-closed line.



View across the Severn to Penstrowed Hall farm building and up one of the numerous side dingles that are such a feature of the various rivers of Montgomeryshire.

At the end of his career as a photographer Richard starts to experiment with colour, however the prints seem to have lost some colour over the years.