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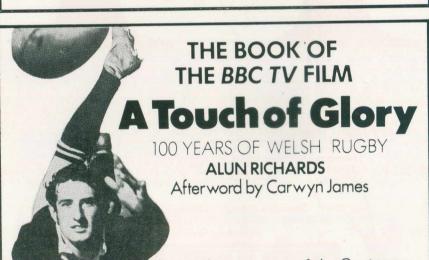


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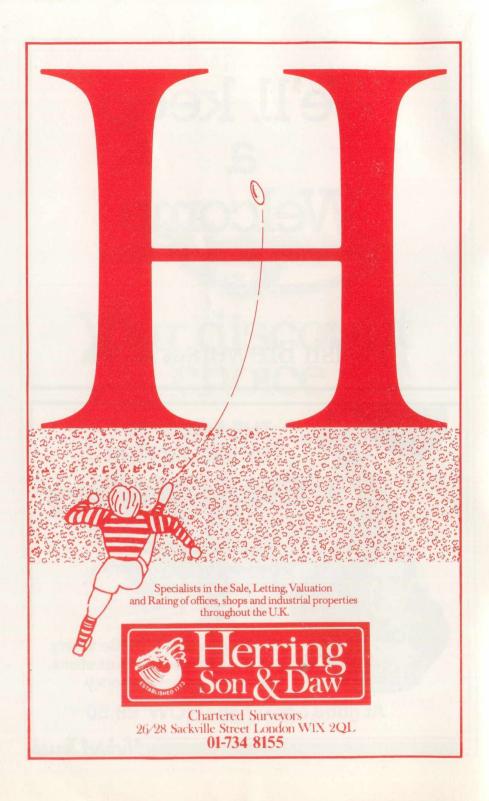




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15	Haydn Davies	Full Back	Chris Webber	15
14	Mark Titley	Threequarters	Derrick Preece	14
13	Joe Davies		David Burcher†	13
12	Gareth Lewis HOWARD (U	845	David Barry	12
11	†Clive Rees		Steve Evans	11
10	Richard Owen	Fly Half	Gareth Davies†	10
9	Ian George	Scrum Half	Terry Holmes†	9
1	John Deacon AM BONKS	Forwards	PLAN KOWAND Jeff Whitefoot	1
2	Byron Light		Alan Phillips†	2
3	Bruce Bradley		Ian Eidman	3
4	Richard Thomas		Kevin Edwards	4
5	Peter Ellis		Tony Mogridge	5
6	*Kevin Bowring		Bob Lakin	6
7	Simon Page		MARK HADA Bryan Lease	7
8	Ted Lewis		Howard Stone	8
		Replacement		
	Howard Evans		Neil Hutchings	
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#### club notes

#### NADOLIG LLAWEN A BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

For our last home game of 1980 we are delighted to welcome CARDIFF to Old Deer Park this afternoon. What can one say of Cardiff that has not been said a thousand times before? Certainly the Cardiff-London Welsh connection is as old as the hills, dating back to 1885 when the Exiles were just three months old. It was the last leg of the four-game Xmas tour, and with the Welsh having already overcome Swansea and a strong South Wales XV, a huge crowd came to the Arms Park to see, among others, Arthur Gould and Pryce-Jenkins playing for the Welsh who fielded eight internationals but lost by two tries to nil.

The magazine 'Pastime', tongue in cheek, no doubt, commented that "The Londoners did quite up to expectations considering they had been keeping late hours". It was not until 1907 that Cardiff were persuaded to come and play us in Town. The venue was the Essex County Ground in Leyton and the great Gwyn Nicholls and Rhys Gabe, who won his first cap in 1901 while with the Welsh, led the home side a merry dance to win 22-0. Later when the Welsh moved to the 70,000 capacity West Ham Memorial Ground, the 'Hammers' having gone to Upton Park, a stirring game saw Cardiff "win by a whisker". Although the balance of victories is overwhelmingly in Cardiff's favour the Exiles have had their moments such as in 1928 when Cymro of the 'Western Mail', writing under the heading "The genius of W. C. Powell" spoke of the Exiles scintillating football in their victory, and much the same was said in 1932 when the Welsh had won at the Arms Park for the fourth time in five years. Since our move to Old Deer Park the Cardiff 'bogey' has been overcome six times, the last occasion three years ago when John Taylor's fiery leadership and the boot of Neil Bennett saw our first win in the Welsh capital for 13 years.

We were delighted to hear that Cardiff are guests at the Middlesex Sevens on 9 May next; they won the competition in 1939 and were runners-up in 1946.

The London Welsh side shows three changes, one positional, from that which took the field last Saturday. Ian George and Richard Thomas are back and Joe Davies moves to centre again.

#### CASTELLA SPORTSNIGHT AT OLD DEER PARK

We were delighted when we heard the news that the Castella/Welsh Rugby Magazine team were to visit London Welsh for their fourth sportsnight of the season. As the arrangements were finalised between home match programmes we were, unfortunately, unable to give the fullest publicity possible to the event but all reasonable steps were taken to acquaint members of the arrangements and we were rewarded with a goodly and most enthusiastic audience at ODP on Thursday, 4 December. First we had the quiz and the Forum with a panel comprising Fred Croster (in the chair), Carwyn James, John Dawes, John Taylor and Clive Rees (an able stand-in for Bobby Windsor, who was unable to be present because of sickness in the family); more will be

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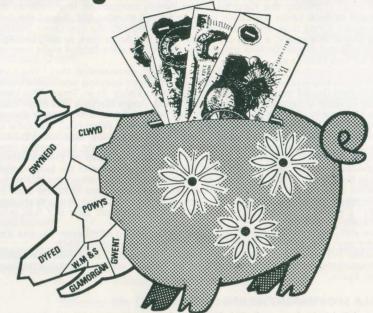
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Aer Lingus + Gulliver to the States! For further details, contact Mike Burton, John Hall or John Davison written about these in a later programme. Then came the highlight of the evening, the presentation of the Castella Award to an outstanding London Welshman over the years — the chosen recipient Delme (The Voice) Thomas. Carmarthen born, Delme came to Surrey in 1935, joining London Welsh immediately. After just three games in the lower ranks Delme was promoted to the A XV (now the Druids) and, except for an occasional game with the senior side, he remained with the A's (Vice-captain for two seasons) until the outbreak of the war. Before joining the forces in 1940 he played for the Shamleeks (London Welsh/London Irish). From 1946 onwards he has done all manner of jobs for the Club, baggage man and trainer, kit repairer, General Committee member (1954-1977), International Tickets Secretary (1954-1980), etc., etc. Service to London Welsh is in the family as Delme's wife Wyn, who joined us in 1954, has been a familiar figure on the catering side ever since, in addition to helping Delme with Rugby'.



#### MISCELLANY

Clubhouse — Xmas arrangements. The Clubhouse will be closed from Tuesday, 23 December to Sunday, 28 December inclusive. '400' Club £5 winners last week: No. 49 A. Clement; No. 93 T. Mollard. Draw for the annual £500 early in the New Year — see Dr. Ken Thomas today if you want to join the Club in time to participate. Clerical Assistance is needed to help with the ever-increasing volume of administration work, please contact Roland Hobbs if you are able to help.

#### GROUND AND CLUBHOUSE STAFF - CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

As is customary at this time of the year we are today making our annual collection for the paid ground and clubhouse staff and we know that members and supporters of the Club will wish to show their appreciation of the sterling work done by **Ken Sayles and his staff** on the ground, and by **Les and Margaret James** in the Clubhouse by making a generous contribution when the collecting boxes are passed round.

#### **CLUB SHOP**

After today there are nine general shopping days to Xmas, the maximum for those who wish to use the Club Shop is SIX, but if you are one of the many who visit ODP only on 1st XV match days today is your last chance. Don't miss it!

#### **NEXT HOME GAMES**

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Anon.

