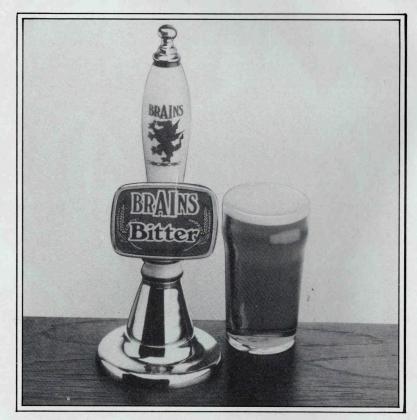


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Crawshay's Welsh R.F.C. is the only touring side, apart from the Barbarians, which fulfils regular fixtures annually, tours both home and overseas (which have included visits to Berlin on two occasions and to France for the last six years) Club Centenary, Charity and Special Celebration matches.

Founded in 1922 by the late Captain Geoffrey Crawshay, (a Bard and self-taught Welsh speaker), a President of London Welsh R.F.C. (and a Welsh Guards Company Commander), to give Welsh players the opportunity to play together away from the intense rivalry and pressure of Club Matches, the present officials (whose names include three Rugby 'greats') are the President, Colonel Sir William Crawshay, DSO, Legion d'Honneur and Croix de Guerre, Messrs. Arthur Rees OBE, DL., (Chairman), Vivian Jenkins (Vice-Chairman) and Judge Rowe Harding (Life Member and the only surviving 1922 Tourist). They are aided by Russell Jenkins (Honorary Secretary), Angus Evans (Honorary Treasurer) and W. Neville Walsh (Hon. Team Secretary) actively connected with Bridgend R.F.C. in various offices during the past 25 years, and Tony Browning (Newbridge) who appeared for the Club on a record 37 occasions, manages the Youth Side.

Well over 250 Welsh Internationals, five English Internationals, two Irish Internationals and one Scottish International have worn the famous maroon

Crawshay jersey with its leek emblem down the years.

Until September 1979, the Club journeyed to Devon and Cornwall annually when the famous initiation ceremony took place for new players and new Vice-Presidents alike. That tour was then replaced by visits to North Wales to foster rugby in areas such as Wrexham, Ruthin and Bangor, where there is increasing interest in the game and West Wales where Carmarthen and Pembrokeshire are making themselves a force.

During recent years, Crawshay's have entered 'Sevens' in the Harlequin Sevens at Twickenham, Bridgend and Aberavon (winning two tourneys). Last season, they were quarter-finalists in the Cathays Pacific Hong Kong World Sevens and quarter-finalists in the Gala R.F.C. Centenary Seven-a-side. Also last season they were honoured by being granted a fixture against the Welsh

Rugby Union President's World XV at Llanelli.

Since season 1977-78 the Club have played 33 domestic matches, winning 21, drawn 1, and lost 10. They have made seven visits to France and won 9 of their 13 matches against top opposition. On 11th August, 1984 they beat Bezier (nine times French Cup Winners, eleven times Champions and the current premier French side).

Crawshay's depend almost entirely on the subscriptions of their elected Vice-Presidents together with modest sponsorship, and players who have been on a Crawshay Tour state such an experience is unique in its enjoyment.

The spirit of the Club is well expressed in a letter from a leading English Club who wrote — "From time to time, your Club writes to ask us to release a certain Welsh player. We take the view that Rugby Union Football is still an

amateur game, that no such consent is of course necessary, and a player should be free to play for a properly representative side such as yours, who bring together Welsh players at the expense of your Rugby loving Vice-Presidents. Thank you, however, for your courtesy in notifying us."

The players are fortified by the encouragement and advice of ex-players, particularly such as Albert Fear (Newport and Wales), Bob Hughes (Newport), Doug Ackerman (Newport), Jack Knowles (Newport), Trevor Brewer (Newport

and Wales) and Tom Baxter-Wright (Newport).

Of the present Cardiff squad, the following players have represented Crawshay's — Alun Donovan, Kevin Hopkins, David Evans, Gerald Cordle, Gareth Davies, Terry Holmes, Jeff Whitefoot, Alan Phillips, Bob Norster, Bob Lakin, Owen Golding, Bob Newman, Nathan Humphreys, Terry Shaw, Steve Penry Ellis, Terry Charles and Andy Martin.

The last time in Cardiff's Centenary season, difficulty was experienced on a Boxing Day in the visitors fielding a strong side. This year club fixtures, International Squad calls, etc. as always dictate their selection, but nevertheless today we hope to field a side fully representative of the clubs record over the past few years.

Welcome to Crawshay's then we hope you enjoy your visit.

Finally, on behalf of the players and committee may 1985 be all that you would wish it to be.

P.N.



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It is a similar decision if the ball is sliced over the dead-ball line.

Question: A player with both feet in touch flicks the ball up to one of his own players who then scores a try.

Decision: A Try. If the ball is not in touch a player who is in touch may kick the ball or propel it with his hand but not hold it.

3. Question As a player from A team is about to throw the ball into a line-out, he is prevented from doing so by B team's outside-half.

Decision: If a player wilfully prevents the ball from being thrown in five metres a penalty kick should be awarded.

4. Question: A penalty kick has been awarded to team A. Before the kick is taken, time has expired for no side.

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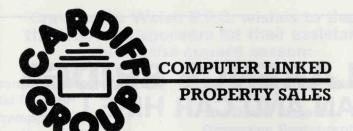
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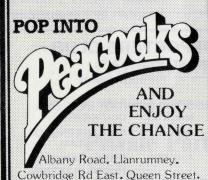
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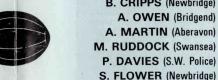
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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN

One way and another, it seems that most people were not sorry to hear the final whistle blown on the old year. They may well have regretted this morning the manner in which they saw it disappear, and George Orwell's somewhat pessimistic forcast for 1984 may not have come about, but for many today will give the chance to kick off afresh, to change tactics, to make it a genuinely happy and prosperous New Year.

Nineteen eighty-five.... a year of resolve, as the politicians may say. And it was with that in mind that Quidnunc went searching among the Christmas parties to see what New Year resolutions the mighty men of Cardiff Rugby Football Club ought to be making for the future.

Except that I did not ask the individuals for their lists: no, I went looking for the resolutions that players felt their colleagues might make.

First, then, to chairman Stan Bowes. In view of certain unfortunate incidents before the Bridgend match, just a few days ago, he should lay more booby traps in advance of games, and more especially might be considered as a secret weapon by the Welsh selectors against France, England, Scotland and Ireland, to remove star players before a ball has even been kicked. By the way, I am still trying to discover the **exact** whereabouts of President Spence when the glass of the Terry Holmes portrait was shattered. Photographic evidence suggests he was not within yards of the incident — but that is not, I submit, conclusive proof that he was in no way involved.

And talking of Holmesey, in view of the fact that he is currently skiing, perhaps he should resolve to stay off piste and avoid injury.

Alongside him, the top resolution of Gareth Davies should be to avoid those short 60-metre touch-finding kicks in 1985 and make them 70 metres.

Behind the scenes, it is suggested that coach Roger Beard should resolve to cease to impersonate Mr. Nasty and that Gary Samuel should stop trying to organise the singing.

As self-appointed choirmaster, Gary Sam is particularly concerned that he does not always receive total co-operation in his forwys into the Welsh language favourites.

His, then, should be a joint resolution in co-operation with our large No. 8. The Guinness-drinking Scott from Cardiff and England (thereby making him a true international) should resolve to learn Welsh, or at least the words of the National Anthem. When he is word-perfect, Gary Sam may then conduct again in Welsh.

In front of Scotty, various resolutions have been suggested for those in the strange and twilit world at the front of the scrum. It is proposed that they read something like this:

- lan Eidman: I will smile occasionally in 1985.
- Chris Collins: I will make a fleet-footed break in 1985, dummy several defenders and sprint to a runaway try.
- Kevin Edwards: I will no longer talk about the width of my neck and issue challenges in the clubhouse for supporters to attempt to strangle me.
- All supporters: I will not attempt to strangle Kevin Edwards even when he issues challenges in the clubhouse etc etc.
- Stephen Blackmore: I will be the most fashion-conscious prop in the Principality, even more so than Duran Duran (Who are they? Part of the new Penarth front-row? Editor).

Fashion, indeed, has a place in several of the resolutions put forward on behalf of various people.

For example, that long streak in the committee box (the tallest man to be capped by Wales since the war, I'm told, though they are unconfirmed reports) should resolve to give up trying to beat his brother at snooker and, instead, buy jackets in even more outrageous taste.

That, of course, for Big Robbo - Ian Robinson.

 Owen Golding: Seeing that no one apparently saw fit to fill his Christmas stocking with matching gear, he should resolve to wear, if only once a year, shirt, socks, tie and handkerchief that actually go together.

And Terry Charles, once he has given up his ambition to become an even more boring and bored Barry Newman on Film Night, should resolve not to detract consistently from the always nattily-dressed C.D. Williams's smartness by pouring beer over him. You may be fellow selectors,

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QUIDNUNC'S COLUMN continued

Terry, but there are better ways of getting on that first-team list. Learn the National Anthem in Welsh, for a start. (See also John Scott).

And talking of beer, the subject of drink inevitably crops up on the suggested list of resolutions for players.

Chris Webber should resolve to put his money where his mouth is, or alternatively his mouth where his heart is, and become a wine importer.

Adrian Hadley should either change his dark (sorry dairk) taste in beer or give up his Civil Service security to become a rep for Brains.

And Paul Rees should move up a place in the queue of team members trying to buy the next round (thus placing him at number 14).

Back on the field of play, Gerald Cordle, fresh from his two tries in the Boxing Day romp against Pontypridd, should resolve to prevent his delicate chips ahead from landing somewhere in Grangetown and Mark Ring must search (though no one can think where) to find some more confidence.

And now that 1985 is here — Julian O'Brien will be at least a year younger again, perhaps approaching 30 for the third of fourth time — Lawrence O'Brien should resolve to make it to 6 o'clock on match days before slurring. Then Bobby Newman might be encouraged to make it to 5.45 before having similar difficulties.

At a more intellectual level, Mark Hadley is resolving, I gather, to fill in correctly one crossword clue during 1985.

And Jose Souto has resolved to find out what a crossword is.

But seriously, as they say, quite apart from the sort of leg-pulling that leads to people inside the club offering these types of resolutions on behalf of each other and thereby suggesting a sense of real team spirit, the New Year does appear to be dawning well for Cardiff.

Let us hope so, anyhow. Not just for the club, but for all players, committee men, members and supporters.

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Wed. 5 Glam. Wanderers	H34-6	Sat.	29	Coventry	A
Sat. 8 Neath	A12-13		23	Coventry	A
Wed. 12 Bristol	A 30-26	1985			
Sat. 15 Coventry	H17-0	JANU			
Wed. 19 Penarth	H64-3	Tues.		Crawshays XV	H
Sat. 22 Aberavon	A 23-19	Sat.	5	Moseley	H
Wed. 26 Pontypridd	A 28-15	Sat.	12	Aberavon	H
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Sat. 13 Northampton	A44-10	Sat.	23		H
Wed. 17 Pontypool	H 9-9	Wed.		W.R.U. Cup 4th Round	
Sat. 20 Cambridge Univ.	A 13-16			S. Glamorgan Inst.	H
Wed. 24 Australia (all pay)	H16-12	MARC	CH		
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NOVEMBER		Sat.	23	Newport	A
Sat. 3 Leicester	H47-21	Sat.	30	Llanelli	A
Wed. 7 Oxford University	H15-13	APRIL			
Sat. 10 Ebbw Vale	A 13-22	Sat.	6	Barbarians	H
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