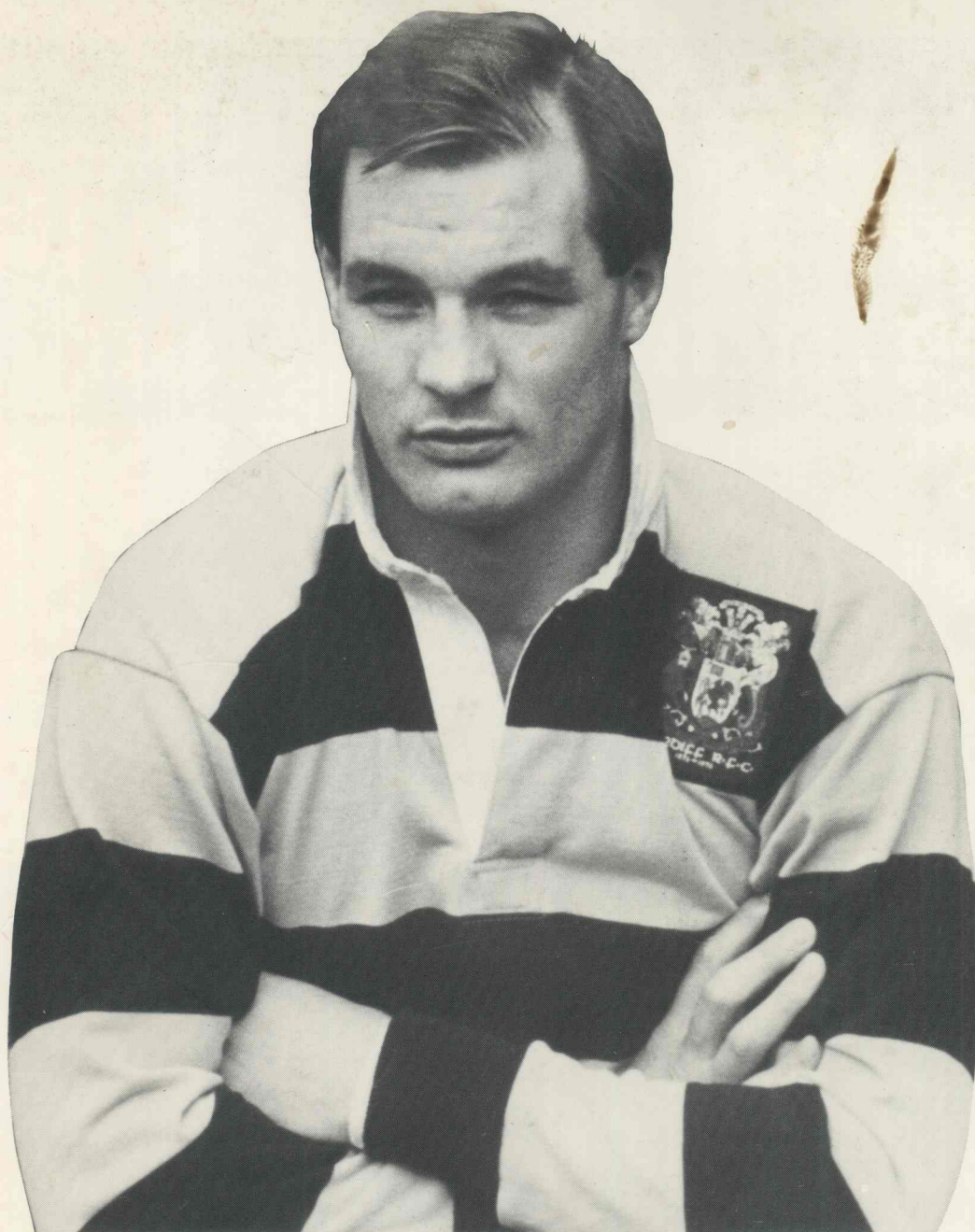


# VARIETY CLUB OF Gt. BRITAIN

Wales Regional Committee



## TERRY HOLMES TRIBUTE LUNCHEON



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**VARIETY CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**  
**WALES REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

present



**A TRIBUTE LUNCHEON**  
**to Honour**



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**TERRY HOLMES**  
Welsh Rugby Legend

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at

The Park Hotel, Cardiff

Friday, 11th April, 1986  
12.15 for 1.00 p.m.

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## Message from the Wales Chairman

# EWART MORGAN

My sincere thanks goes to all of you who are attending today's luncheon for you are not only paying tribute to the great 'Terry Holmes' but you are also helping the Wales Committee of The Variety Club of Great Britain in their work for the handicapped and underprivileged children of Wales.

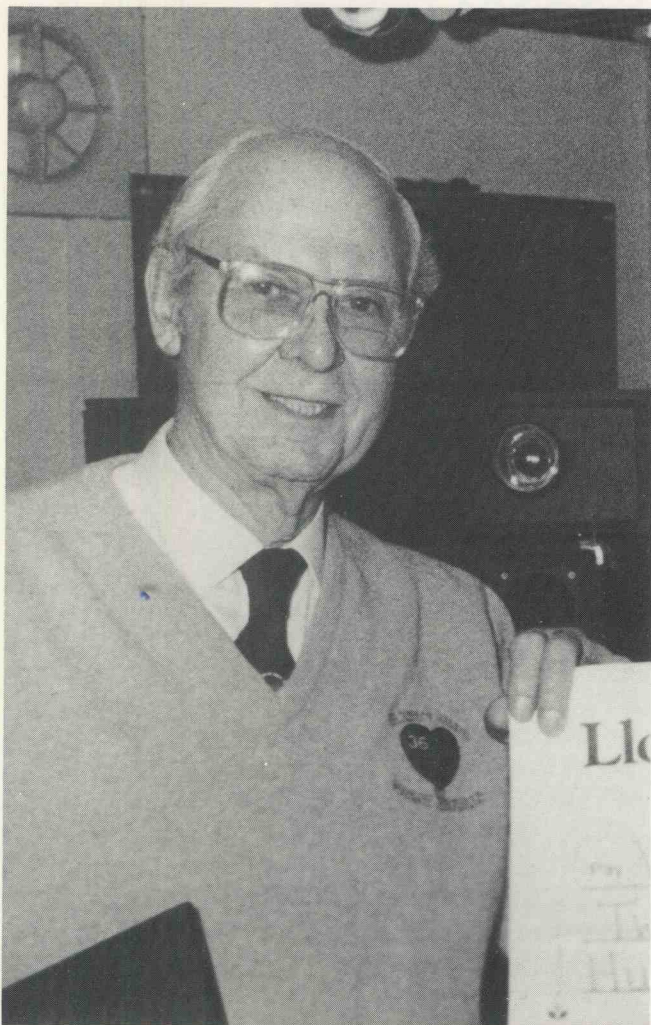
Over the years we have been able to provide life saving equipment for Children's Hospitals, we have supported the Special Services for physical and mental abnormalities, we have given mobility to children in special Schools through our Sunshine Coach Scheme and donated special equipment wherever the need arose.

In addition we have tried to bring happiness

to these children by taking them to Pantomimes, holding Christmas and Beach Parties and annually chartering the paddle steamer 'Waverley' for a cruise in the Bristol Channel.

Many children will benefit from your being here today.

I would like, however, to thank all who have contributed in some measure to make this luncheon the undoubted success that it is but, on behalf of myself and all those children who will benefit from this event, goes a very special thanks to Barker Tony Shapland who master-minded and organised this function single-handed, from us all we say "Well done Tony and thank you very much".



**EWART MORGAN, Wales Chairman**

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## A Tribute by Cliff Morgan

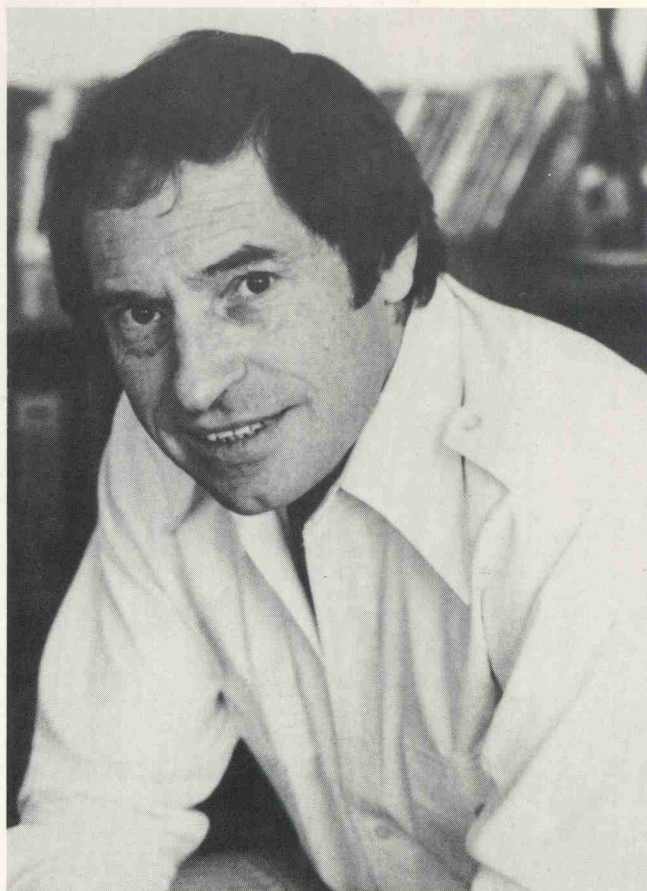
To his eternal credit, Terry Holmes won the hearts of the Cardiff supporters. It could not have been easy, for he had to follow in the footsteps of an International rugby genius, Gareth Edwards. Terry wore the mantle with distinction. My partner, Rex Willis had to do the very same thing for he lived in the shadow of the immortal Haydn Tanner. Greatness is revealed in adversity.

I have seen, or played with, every Cardiff scrum-half since the war. Billy Darch was the first I saw in a Cardiff jersey playing inside Billy Cleaver and Bleddyn Williams and Dr. Jack Matthews. Then came Haydn Tanner. He had, as a Swansea player, worn a Welsh jersey before the War and as a schoolboy with W. H. T. Davies (who, like Terry, moved to Bradford Northern) gave the 1935 All Blacks the run around. Haydn was Captain of Cardiff when I first joined the Club straight from school and my first and vivid memory is of addressing him as Mr. Tanner. I was just about to go on the treatment table when he walked in. Jack Powell (he was our 'rub-a-dub' man) turned to me and said . . . "you are a new boy. You can wait. Mr. Tanner do have priority here". I touched the forelock for Mr. Tanner was, and still is, a legend and to be honest I did not mind sitting and waiting and watching and listening and dreaming dreams of playing outside the great man. It never happened for Haydn cried off a Cornish Tour with severe toothache and I lost the chance of a lifetime.

Still, a fresh faced young man called Brian Mark played in his place and that started a lasting friendship which also gave our parents such pleasure. What more can you ask.

It was an odd experience being a reserve for the Cardiff first XV in the late forties and early fifties. The big crowds expected to see their favourites, Tanner and Cleaver and I have chilling memories of running on to the field as our secretary, Brice Jenkins, in his distinctive Cardiff accent, announced changes from the published programme.

"At number six delete W. B. Cleaver and insert C. I. Morgan," a long boo from the crowd. "At number seven delete H. Tanner and



**CLIFF MORGAN**

insert W. R. Willis." — another boo.

I must say it was about as welcoming as one of the valleys of the moon, but it is understandable that the supporters wanted the best.

Off hand, I'd say the followers of Cardiff have had this down the years. The man we honour today is one of them.

When you look back to Billy Darch and Haydn Tanner, Lloyd Williams and Howell Greenslade and Gareth Edwards and my 'protector' Rex Willis, it is a list of distinction.

Terry has taken his talents to Bradford Northern. He is not the first Welshman to do so. W. H. T. Davies was a shining star and few forwards have matched the power and style of Ike Owen and Trevor Foster and Frank Whitcombe.

The people of the North are a warm hearted people. I would essay a guess that they will grow to love Terry as we who support the Blue and Blacks have done for many years.

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## TERRY HOLMES

by  
Barry John

Terry Holmes was forced to pull out of a Cardiff-Newport game some years ago – and instantly all bets were off. That simple incident said it all, as far as I was concerned. Whether it be for Cardiff or Wales the team lacked presence and inspiration if Terry was absent. Suddenly, options were cut in half and the overall threat of the team was reduced from a roar to a mere squeak.

Terry easily qualifies as one of the genuine world class players and is right up there with the Going's, Loveridge's and Edwards's of this world – the great tragedy was that because of those injuries, he was not able to fully show his amazing talents to those in South America and New Zealand with the Lions.

They are the losers, for, like the rest of you here this afternoon I've marvelled at his exploits and applauded with the rest as Terry turned in another Holmes spectacular.

I don't believe one man makes a team, but there have been occasions when I've had to think twice about it – such has been Terry's contribution over the years and at a time when all was not well with Welsh Rugby.

Now and again, the old fly halves have the odd chat and from Phil, Dai and the others, we

all agree that we would have liked to have partnered Mr. Holmes.

However, it was the forwards who usually gave the appreciative nods as Terry went about clearing up poor possessions without showing any fuss and often, using his incredible strength to turn it into something fruitful.

As captain, Terry must be one of the best 'leaders by example' the game has known and the standard he set hardly ever faltered, even when the situation had a hopeless look about it.

Terry Holmes was the Rock on which Cardiff and Wales based their hopes and I suppose everyone of us can find a reason to thank Terry for making that trip to Dublin, Edinburgh or London that extra bit special – a timely intervention, whether it be with the ball or stopping someone in his tracks at a crucial moment, gave us a chance to celebrate and not drown our sorrows, even if on occasions it had looked highly improbable.

Terry, you have been a credit to Rugby, both on and off the field and I, for one, can vouch, that if there is a Charity event in the area the first face you see, is nearly always a smiling Terry Holmes.

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# Terry Holmes in action for Cardiff R.F.C.



*Newbridge v. Cardiff in the W.R.U. Cup — Terry digs out the ball and launches another attack.*



*Even with both teams playing in the same jerseys, it's Terry with the ball again.*



*The world famous action.*



*Perhaps the Trumpet would be a quieter pastime.*



*Determination all over Terry's face, as two rough boys from Pontypool try to wrestle the ball away in a W.R.U. Cup semi-final.*

## Terry Holmes in action for Wales



*Terry leads the Welsh team out at the National Stadium, against Ireland in March 1985.*



*No escape — Terry puts a neck lock on England wing Rory Underwood, while Paul Thorburn tries a new stance for his drop goal attempt.*



*A kick by Terry relieves the pressure on the Welsh line, with England's Andrew Dun too late to charge the kick down.*



*We've won.*



*Wales v. Ireland at the National Stadium in 1983, as Terry clears the ball from the base of the scrum under pressure.*

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# Terry Holmes – The Man

## INTERNATIONAL RECORD

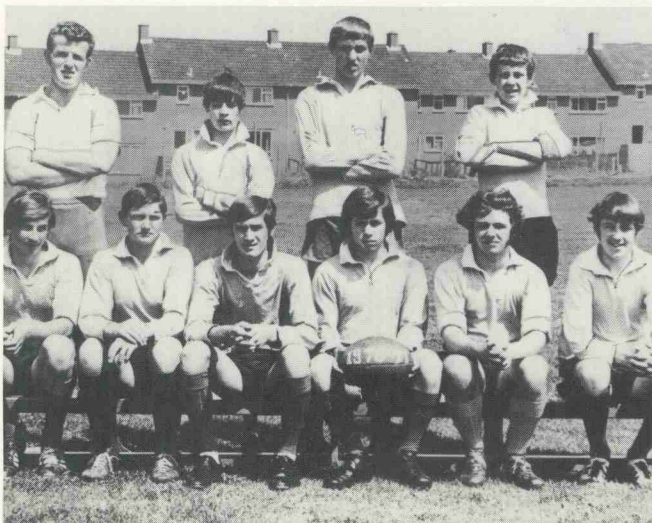
1978	Australia and New Zealand.
1979	Scotland, Ireland, France and England.
1980	France, England, Scotland, Ireland and New Zealand.
1981	Australia.
1982	Ireland, France and England.
1983	England, Scotland, Ireland and France.
1984	England.
1985	Scotland, Ireland, France, England and Fiji.



*Terry handing over the key of a mini bus to the Cartref-y-Gelli, Carmarthen. The mini bus was funded by the runners of the Western Mail's Marathon.*



*Determined to win in Superstars at Cwmbran: 100m in 12.50 seconds.*



*If they're good enough they're old enough – a young Terry Holmes elevated to the senior squad at Bishop Hannon School.*



*Terry at the most important match of his life – his marriage to Miss Susan Williams. Team-mate Gareth Davies swept Terry's new bride off her feet, but was quick to hand her back after this photo. Also pictured are Ray Gravell, Jeff Squire and Alan Phillips.*

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VARIETY CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN  
FRIDAY 11 APRIL 1986 : LUNCHEON  
WHITEHALL SUITE

Paté de Gibier en Croute  
aux Sauce Cumberland  
*A game paté served in pastry,  
accompanied with Cumberland Sauce*

★ ★ ★

Alloyau de Boeuf Duroc  
*Sirloin of prime beef, roasted and  
served with a sauce of white wine,  
mushrooms and tomatoes.*

Legumes de Jour a la Facon du Chef

★ ★ ★

Salade de Fruits  
*Fresh Fruit Salad*

or

Fromages Park Hotel  
*Chef's selection of Cheese and Biscuits*

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Coffee

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# THE TERRY HOLMES TRIBUTE LUNCHEON

- 12.15 p.m. Pre-Luncheon Drinks in the 'Princes Suite'
- 1.15 p.m. Luncheon in the 'Whitehall Suite'
- 1.20 p.m. Grace
- 2.15 p.m. The Loyal Toast
- 2.20 p.m. Tribute to Terry
- 3.00 p.m. Response by Our Honoured Guest
- 3.10 p.m. The world premier of 'The Ballad of Terry Holmes',  
'specially written and performed by Mr. Frank Hennessey
- 3.25 p.m. Lantern lecture on the topic 'The interpretation and  
modern understanding of E.E.C. regulation 499, sub-para (ii)  
as it relates to the playing of Ball Games in Ireland'  
by Mr. Frank Carson
- 3.40 p.m. Charity Auction
- 3.45 p.m. Grand Prize Raffle
- 4.00 p.m. Bar closes

**Toastmaster** Mr. Harry Poloway, B.E.M., O.St.J., F.I.T.G.B., M.I.P.R.

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# GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

Two flight seats to Majorca for Summer '86

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London weekend for two with theatre tickets

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Set of quality luggage

★

Occasional table with drop leaf

★

Set of cut glass whisky glasses

★

V.H.S. video 'Grand Slam'

★

Tregnum of Long John whisky

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4 tickets for Variety Club Monte Carlo Fun Night

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Lunch for two at the Caprice Restaurant

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Book – 'The History of the Royal Mail'

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Autographed Gareth Davies Rugby book

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John Hughes Grogg Sheep

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Plus many more exciting prizes, full details on the day.

# CHARITY AUCTION

Autographed Rugby ball, signed by  
Wales '86, England '86 and France '86

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A Microwave Oven

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Terry Holmes Grogg autographed

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High-back office chair

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Plus other interesting lots

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