

Primary Sources 1857

Wrexham Advertiser – Editorial – February 21st 1857

Golygyddol – Wrexham Advertiser – Chwefror 21^{ain} 1857

Charter of Incorporation – The Public Inquiry

The inhabitants of Wrexham will not now be kept much longer in suspense as to whether they are to have a Charter of Incorporation or not. Most of us have been for some time aware that before any answer could be received from the Privy Council in answer to the Petition forwarded to them in November last; a public inquiry would have to be instituted by a Commissioner, appointed by the Queen.

On Thursday last, Major Warburton attended the Town Hall and commenced the Inquiry in due form. The professional gentlemen of the town mustered strongly on the occasion and conducted the inquiry on the part of the town. Mr Buckton detailed at full length, and in an able manner, the 'grievances' under which the town labours, and we must say that his category of complaints was fearfully complete. There is no recognised head, no unanimity amongst the public officers when appointed; the Regis is divided from the Abbot, and even the Lighting Department is divided into four districts, each separate and distinct. Pigstyes and slaughter-houses abound, and the Nuisances Removal Committee, it appears, are powerless to check the evils, or even to remove the cesspools, which are to be found in every part of the town. Everything depends on the exertions of private individuals, and therefore are fitful and incomplete. Every person does that which is right in his own eyes, consequently nothing is done as it should be.

This is rather a gloomy picture of affairs, especially of a town, which makes pretensions to being the 'metropolis' of North Wales, but we do not think that Mr Buckton overcoloured the picture very much. If then a corporation will rectify all, or even a greater portion of these evils – if, with a recognised 'head', the charter will bestow printers to regulate our streets, lay down sewers, and consolidate the different conflicting bodies, which exist, at present,

in a friable, if not in, an antagonistic state of profusion, it will really prove a blessing to Wrexham.

Wrexham Advertiser - Editorial - May 16th 1857

Golygyddol – Wrexham Advertiser – Mai 16^{eg} 1857

Information was received on Wednesday last that the Privy Council had decided upon granting a Charter of Incorporation to the town of Wrexham. The matter is now placed beyond doubt and henceforth Wrexham will be classified amongst the Incorporated towns of England and Wales.

As to expense, we are afraid it will not be by any means light, but Corporations have at last this advantage – they have the power of managing their own affairs; and if they be wasteful or extravagant they have to thank no one but themselves.

Wrexham Advertiser – Notice - October 3rd 1857

Hysbysiad – Wrexham Advertiser – Hydref 3^{ydd} 1857

A meeting of the Corporation Committee was held on Monday last in the Town Hall for the purpose of presenting the town with the Charter of Incorporation, which arrived on the previous Friday.

Wrexham Advertiser - Editorial - October 17th 1857

Golygyddol – Wrexham Advertiser – Hydref 17^{eg} 1857

The election of Town Councillors is to take place on the fifth of November (an ominous day in our national annals), when Wrexham for the first time in its history will have a representative body of men to watch over its interests, and a responsible local head.

Self-government is one of the greatest privileges of which a Briton can boast, and of which he may be proud. Centralisation is the bane of the Continent, and is the great instrument by which despotism manages to maintain itself. Local self-government, however, is a greater privilege still, as it brings liberty to our very streets and firesides. Upon the discretion and the sound judgment

displayed by the inhabitants of any town in the choice of its representatives, will the welfare and prosperity of the town mainly depend. Is it not then of some moment, that the ratepayers take steps to secure the return of those persons whom they believe will best represent them, and who will have the interest of the corporation at heart, to the exclusion of mere party advantage or self-interest? We think the majority of our readers will answer in the affirmative.

Well, then, what have the inhabitants of Wrexham done as yet to accomplish this purpose? The answer is – nothing, absolutely nothing. We put it to the judgment of the ratepayers of Wrexham whether this indifference is wise. We would remind our readers (and especially the ratepayers of Wrexham) that the Town Council is not intended to represent the monied, professional and landlord interest of the borough exclusively and solely: it should represent it as a whole – the humble mechanic and day labourer as well as the owner of half a street or he who can boast of £10,000 in the funds.

**Electoral Appeals - Wrexham Advertiser - October 31st
1857**

**Apeliau Etholiadol – Wrexham Advertiser – Hydref 31^{ain}
1857**

TO THE BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF WREXHAM

GENTLEMEN – At the solicitation of many of the Burgesses, and being one of the largest Ratepayers of the Borough, I beg to offer myself as a Candidate in the forthcoming Municipal Election for Town Councillor.

I am no stranger amongst you, and should you deem me worthy of your confidence, I shall exert myself to the utmost to promote your interests, which are identical to my own.

The question of LOCAL TAXATION would receive my special attention and I should oppose the levying of any rate, which was not urgently and imperatively required. I am myself a sufferer from Income Tax, being called upon to pay more in proportion than any other Brewer in North Wales; I have, therefore, a

personal interest in not being a party to lavish and wasteful expenditure.

I am opposed to the erection of WATER WORKS out of the ratepayers' money, and should strenuously oppose any proposition which might be brought forward to effect that object.

I am no party man, but should you return me to the Council, I shall be anxiously solicitous to promote the prosperity and further the interests of the general Ratepayers of the Borough.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,

THOMAS ROWLAND

Nag's Head Brewery, October 27th 1857

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TO THE BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF WREXHAM

GENTLEMEN, I beg respectfully to announce to you that I am a Candidate for the honour of being one of your Representatives in your First Council of the Borough.

I have already filled the Offices of Guardian of the Poor of Wrexham Abbot, and Surveyor of the Highways of that Township as well as of Wrexham Regis, and it may therefore be presumed that I have some knowledge of the local requirements of the Borough.

I have in conjunction with many of my Fellow Townsmen assisted to relieve the Regis from the continued imposition of a TOLL, which is now no longer paid by those upon whom it was a burden.

There are other Monopolies in the Town which will require the utmost energy on the part of the Burgesses to resist, and you may rest assured that I should give my most strenuous opposition to any undue influence being used in favour of such Monopolies.

Believing that Improvements beneficial to the Borough must be made with great consideration and due regard to economy, I shall

(if elected) support only such measures as I believe to be for the benefit of ALL CLASSES.

I am, Gentlemen, your faithful servant,

EDWARD GRIFFITH

Bryn-y-ffynnon, October 29th 1857.

**Election Results – Wrexham Advertiser – Editorial –
November 7th 1857**

**Dewis y Bobl – Golygyddol – Wrexham Advertiser –
Tachwedd 7^{fed} 1857**

GLORIOUS TRIUMPH OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

EIGHT LIBERALS RETURNED

The Official Return of the Election which took place on Thursday last, was announced this day at half-past one o'clock by James Buckton, Esq., the Returning Officer, in the Town Hall, Wrexham, and has resulted, as we anticipated, as giving a marked and decided majority for the Liberals. The Tories put forth their whole strength upon the occasion, with what result the following return will show –

Names	No. of Votes
Thomas Edgworth	371
John Bury	324
Daniel Jones	321
George Bayley	304
Edward Griffith, auctioneer	302
Charles Hughes	291
John Clark	286
Thomas Painter	268
William Rowland, surgeon	267
Joseph Clark	263
Meredith Jones	260
Thomas Rogers	233

The foregoing are the persons elected to act as Councillors for the Borough of Wrexham for the year 1857.

The following are the names of the other parties polled for and the result:

John Beale, chemist	208
Thomas Rowland, brewer	206
John Parry Hughes	200
Michael Gummow	198
Dr. Edward Williams	195
John Taylor, Penybryn	194
Daniel McCoy	193
Thomas Taylor Griffith	192
Tubal Cain Jones	187
Charles Griffiths, King's Mills	165
Robert Jones, High-street	149
John Morgan, Priory	145
Price Vaughan, King-street	142
William Pierce, tanner	125
Ephraim Knibbs	119
Thomas Heywood	101
John Davies, druggist	98
James Davenport	92
Alexander Wilson Edwards	64
William Overton	38
Edward Rogers	22
James Jackson	19
Owen Owen Williams	17
John Dickenson	6
Evan Powell	4
Samuel Giller, Hope-road	4
Thomas Francis, grocer	3
Joseph Price	3
Edward Williams, builder	3
Thomas Hughes, solicitor	3
Thomas Cross	2
Robert Humphreys-Jones	2
John Randles, shoemaker	2
John Thomas, brewer, Hope-street	2
Joshua Broughton, druggist	1
Edward Williams, Grove-park	1
Edward Jones, plumber	1
James Ollerhead	1

Edward Powell	1
John Lewis, solicitor	1

After scanning the above return, it will be impossible for anyone to affirm that Wrexham is at all tainted with the leprosy of Toryism. Mr Edgworth, the respected and consistent Liberal has polled 371 votes, whilst the significant number of *One* has been given to Mr. John Lewis, the leader of the Tory Party. Even the four Councillors who have been elected have had that honour conferred upon them not because they are Conservatives, but because they are known to be honest, talented and conscientious townsmen, who will have to interests of the town at heart, and will do their utmost to promote its prosperity. Principle and personal worth have triumphed over beer, coercion and barefaced impudence – Hurrah!

**The first Borough Council Officials - Wanted Adverts -
Wrexham Advertiser – November 28th 1857
Swyddogion Cyngor Bwrdeistref Newydd– Hysbysebion –
Wrexham Advertiser – Tachwedd 28^{ain} 1857**

WANTED by the Council of this Borough a TOWN CRIER.

Information as to his duties and emoluments may be obtained at my office.

Applications stating references are to be sent to me on or before the 8th of December next.

JOHN JAMES
Town Clerk

Wrexham, 27th November 1857

WANTED by the Council of this Borough a SERGEANT AT MACE.

His duties will be to summon and attend Meetings of the Council and of Committees, and to act generally as Bailiff, Messenger and Porter to the Mayor and Corporation.

His age must not exceed 50 years. Salary £8 per annum.

Applications stating references are to be sent to me on or before the 8th of December next.

JOHN JAMES
Town Clerk

Wrexham, 27th November 1857

The first Borough Council Officials - Wanted – December 5th 1857

Swyddogion Cyngor Bwrdeistref Newydd– Yn Eisiau – Wrexham Advertiser – Rhagfyr 5^{ed} 1857

WANTED by this Corporation, an INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES. Also an INSPECTOR OF COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

Information on the duties to be performed by the above officers may be obtained at my office. It will be competent for the same person to hold both appointments, and also that of Sergeant at Mace.

Applications in writing, stating qualifications and references, with tenders for Salary, must be sent to me on or before Tuesday , the 8th of December next.

In case of a union of the three appointments, the entire services of the officer will be required by the Corporation.

By order of the respective Committees.

JOHN JAMES
Town Clerk

Wrexham, 30th November 1857

Market Trading – March 28th 1857

Newyddion Busnes – Marchnad – Wrexham Advertiser – Mawrth 28^{ain} 1857

Wrexham March Fair

This fair commenced on Monday last, and was ushered in by one of the murkiest, severest and most miserable days which it is possible to have in this land of fog and leaden skies. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, there was rather a large attendance of country people and we believe a moderate share of business was gone through. There was but scanty supply of fat cattle and sheep, for which rather high prices were obtained. There was a very good show of horses, amongst which were many first class, and useful, animals; but a comparatively small business was done, purchasers holding back for lower prices. There was also a great number of pigs – stores especially; but the prices had a downward tendency, the market being evidently overstocked.

Wrexham Petty Sessions – Wrexham Advertiser – May 2nd 1857

Sesiwn Fach Wrecsam – Wrexham Advertiser – Mai 2nd 1857

A MAN WITH TWO FAMILIES

Robert Williams, an old man, with a rather lugubrious countenance, was summoned by Hannah Jones, a young buxom lass, for not 'paying up' for the maintenance of a young 'illegitimate' which was born to them some eighteen months ago. Hannah Jones it appears obtained an order 1s 8d a week on this youthful swain, shortly after 'the event', which was paid for some time, but of late it was neglected or forgotten, and there remained now £1 1s 8d for arrears for which she now applied.

Mr Williams pleaded poverty as the cause of his not continuing the pension which the magistrates had settled on Hannah. He had married another party a month or so before Hannah became a mother and he had had one child as the first fruits of this unfortunate union. Being a poor man he could hardly manage to support one.

The Bench told him that he would be sent to Ruthin for three months in case the arrears were not forthcoming, and as that

would only be the beginning of his sorrows his sister-in-law paid the money and he was released a sadder, and we think, wiser man.

FEMALE PUGNACITY

Elizabeth Letsome, from the 'Adwy' appeared to answer to a summons charging her with assaulting Thomas Owens. On the 15th inst. Mrs Letsome holds a cottage adjoining the crossroad at Adwy'r Clawdd on the same side of which she boasts of having a pig-stye. Being a careful person she looks after the manure, which she seems to be in the habit of making a mixen across the lane, and adjoining a field belonging to Mr Lowe, of Fron Colliery.

The heap in process of time mounted so high that pigs were enable to mount over it into Mr Lowe's field. Mr Owens was deputed by Mr Lowe to complain of it, and to insist on the heap being removed, which intimation, however, the defendant, disregarded. In consequence of this, Owen was ordered to shift it away. Seeing him busy throwing her manure about the road, Mr Letsome instantly made an attack on the intruder, and according to his version of the matter, she knocked him down, took the spade out of his hand, and peppered him well while he was on the ground. Mrs Letsome denied the assault, but admitted attempting to take the spade off him. Several witnesses were examined as to the details of the affray, after which the Bench dismissed the case as one which was 'not worth talking about.'

Wrexham Petty Sessions – Wrexham Advertiser – May 30th 1857

Sesiwn Fach Wrecsam – Wrexham Advertiser – Mai 30^{ain} 1857

RUNNING AWAY FROM THE WORKHOUSE

Four boys were in custody charged by Mr Bragger, the governor, with running away from the Wrexham Workhouse. Mr Edgworth, who appeared on behalf of the Union, said that Mr Bragger had sent to him on Sunday that the four boys had absconded. This they had repeatedly done before, and were in the habit of going to

some kind Guardian to ask him to intercede with the master and to get them in again.

The statute which they proceeded under was the 33rd of George the Third, which enacted that persons leaving the workhouse having on the clothes belonging to the Union should be liable to be sent to the House of Correction for three calendar months. The act also of 13 and 14 Vic. enacted that they may be put to hard labour. Mr Bragger than handed in a paper stating how many times the boys had run away during the past six months, but which was not read in court. Three of the runaways said nothing in their defence, but the fourth gave as a reason that he had been beaten by the schoolmaster.

The chairman said this sort of thing must be prevented, and he should send them to Ruthin for 21 days each to see what that would effect with hard labour.

Wrexham Petty Sessions – Wrexham Advertiser – August 22nd 1857

Sesiwn Fach Wreccsam – Wrexham Advertiser – Awst 22^{ain} 1857

Striking a Woman

John Jones, a collier, was summoned for striking a girl named Sarah Williams, who is employed at one of the Bersham paper mills, on Sunday night last in High-street, Wrexham. The girl did not appear against the defendant, but P.C. Evans, who took him into custody, saw him striking her, and gave evidence accordingly. Jones told 'all about it' and what the nature of the provocation was; but the Bench held that striking a woman was anything by a manly act, and fined him 6s with 4s costs, or in default 10 days imprisonment. The money was paid.

Wrexham Board of Guardians – Wrexham Advertiser – October 10th 1857

Bwrdd Gwarcheidwaid Wreccsam – Wrexham Advertiser – Hydref 10^{fed} 1857

The Children's Dietary

The committee recommended that a change be made in the girl's dietary. Mr Brough explained that he considered the present dietary of the girls had a tendency to injure their constitution, and to make them permanent paupers. They had too much slop on the same day, and in consequence the weakest of them injured the beds at night, adding thereby to the unhealthiness of the rooms, which were at present too much crowded to be healthful. He would recommend that when they had a good substantial dinner that potatoes be given for supper, but when they had soup, that their supper should be oatmeal porridge.

The Chairman then made some remarks on the supply of bread to the paupers which in some instances was too much. The boys were allowed to have 6oz. at a meal, but many of them could not eat it all, so that it was wasted. He thought, therefore, that it could be reduced from 6oz. to 5oz., as it was a pity that bread should be wasted. He thought the old men could eat more, as could the able-bodied paupers. He thought altogether the rations were much too high, as during the last half-year, each pauper cost 3s. 6d. per week, whereas, in other Unions it was as low as 2s. 9d. He wished the Clerk to write to several Unions to ascertain from them the cost of their rations and also a copy of their dietary tables. The Clerk promised to do so. This finished the business of the board.

**Wrexham Board of Guardians – Wrexham Advertiser –
November 21st 1857**

**Bwrdd Gwarcheidwaid Wrecsam – Wrexham Advertiser –
Mai 30^{ain} 1857**

Treat for the Schoolchildren

Mr Burton laid before the Board a programme of an exhibition of pictures to take place in the Music Hall that day, and said the master was anxious for the schools to attend if the Board would give their consent, the proprietors having offered to admit then 1d. per head. In reply to questions put to him the Clerk said there were about 70 children in the house – therefore the cost would be somewhere about 6s, but he was doubtful whether the Auditor would allow it. The Guardians were about to discuss the legality of

the item, when Mr Daniel Jones threw down sixpence – an example which was promptly responded to by the other guardians, and the question was settled at once.

Number in the house 223 – 1 less than last week; corresponding week of last year 216.

Wrexham Workhouse – Wrexham Advertiser – December 1857

Wycrws Wrecsam – Wrexham Advertiser – Rhagfyr 1857

Contracts for Flour, Meat, Groceries etc

The Guardians of the above Union are desirous of receiving Tenders from persons willing to contract for supplying the Wrexham Workhouse with any of the undermentioned articles for the periods following:-

From the 24th of December inst., to the 25th of March next

Flour, best seconds, and fine, per sack of 240lbs

Best Oatmeal, per sack of 240lbs

Peas, best boilers, at per bushel of 60lbs

Butter, at per lb

Tea, at per lb

Coffee, at per lb

Treacle, at per lb

Cocoa, at per lb

Sugar, brown and lump, at per lb each

Rice, at per cwt.

Soda and Starch, at per lb each

Soap, brown and soft, at per lb each

Dip candles, at per lb

Beef and Mutton, at per lb each

Coals at per cwt.

Sealed tenders must be sent to the Workhouse before ten o'clock on Thursday, the 24th of December inst.

Payments quarterly

John Bury

Clerk to the Union

Wrexham, December 3rd, 1857

Ladies fashions – Wrexham Advertiser – Advert – May 2nd 1857

Newyddion Ffasiwn – Wrexham Advertiser – Hysbyseb – Mai 2^{il} 1857

New Shop High-Street, Wrexham

R.Lloyd begs to announce to the ladies of Wrexham and neighbourhood, that on TUESDAY next, his various kinds of Stock for the Summer season will be ready for inspection. Every attention has been paid in combining great novelty and superior style in the MILLINERY DEPARTMENT, and the best talent has been procured for the management of its various branches – STRAW, SILK, and LACE BONNETS, and DRESS CAPS of the richest fancies, and of both FRENCH and BRITISH manufacture.

The MANTLE STOCK is considerably larger than usual, and comprises great variety and the best and newest styles; also a stock of MANTLE CLOTHS.

The STOCK of FLOWERS and FEATHERS will be the largest he has ever shown, and will contain the choicest assortment which can be obtained in the English or French markets.

SHAWLS as worn in Paris and London.

DRESSES – the most elegant in style of – SILKS – FLOUNCED BARAGES, MUSLINS and various other materials.

RIBBONS, PARASOLS, UMBRELLAS, GLOVES, &c, &c.

All the good have been selected with the nicest care, and will be offered at such prices as to induce larger purchases.

An early inspection is invited.

May 1st 1857

Classifieds – Wrexham Advertiser – June 27th 1857
Hysbysebion – Wrexham Advertiser – Mehefin 27^{ain} 1857

Notice

I, JOHN ROWLAND, labourer, now residing at Marchwiell, and late of Cefn Mawr, hereby Give Notice that I will not be answerable for any debts which may be contracted by my wife ANNE ROWLAND, after this date.

Dated this 27th day of June, 1857

P.S. This is the second notice that has been given to this effect by me.

SODA WATER, LEMONADE AND GINGER BEER

CEFN MAWR, NEAR RUABON

JOSEPH DAVIES, begs respectfully to inform the inhabitants of Cefn Mawr, Rhos-y-medre, and their respective neighbourhoods, that he has commenced the manufacture of AERATED SODA WATER, LEMONADE and GINGER BEER, which is he is enabled to supply in any quantity in first-rate condition, and which for effervescence, brilliancy and sharpness (qualities in these beverages so essential and so difficult to obtain) cannot be surpassed by any other manufacturer.

Innkeepers waited upon at their places of business, and supplied promptly, carriage free, at wholesale prices.

Classifieds - Wanted– Wrexham Advertiser – July 4th 1857
Hysbysebion – Yn Eisiau – Wrexham Advertiser –
Gorffennaf 4^{ydd} 1857

MATRIMONY

WANTED A WIFE by a Young MAN who is about to emigrate to Canada. She must be about 25 years of age; and as the Advertiser

intends to devote himself to agricultural pursuits, it is essential that she should be a good Dairy Maid.

Apply care of Mr Bayley, Bookseller, Wrexham.

Classifieds - Wrexham Advertiser – November 21st 1857
Hysbysebion – Yn Eisiau – Wrexham Advertiser –
Tachwedd 21^{ain} 1857

WREXHAM UNION

SCHOOLMASTER WANTED

WANTED by the Board of Guardians of the Wrexham Union a SCHOOLMASTER for the Workhouse School.

He must be competent to instruct the children in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and the principles of the Christian religion. A person accustomed to industrial training will be preferred.

He will be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties, and to reside in the House, also to assist the Master in keeping the books.

Salary £36 per annum, with rations.

Applications in the handwriting of the Candidate, stating references to be sent to me on or before the 25th day of November next.

The Election will take place on the 26th November next, and Candidates are requested to appear personally at 12 o'clock at the Workhouse on that day.

Classifieds - Wrexham Advertiser – November 21st 1857
Hysbysebion – Wrexham Advertiser – Tachwedd 21^{ain} 1857

LOST

LOST on Friday, the 20th inst. on the Turnpike Road, between Overton and Ruabon, about noon, a CRIMEAN MEDAL, with one clasp, on which is written 'Sebastapol'. Whoever has found, and will restore the same to Enoch Williams, Cloy, near Bangor, shall receive an award of Five Shillings.

Local News – Wrexham Advertiser – June 20th 1857
Newyddion Lleol – Wrexham Advertiser – Mehefin 20^{fed} 1857

MINERA

TREAT TO THE MINERS - The workmen in the employ of the Minera Mining Company, together with their wives and a portion of their families, were treated on Saturday last to a visit to the Art Exhibition in Manchester. The directors at a previous meeting has kindly voted £60 to defray the expenses, Mr Mackintosh, one of the directors making arrangements with the railway company, and Mr Frazer, secretary, and Captain Darlington accompanying them to the Exhibition to pay their admission. About 8 o'clock in the morning between 300 and 400 had assembled at the Railway Station, Wrexham, and shortly afterwards they were being whisked away in their great journey to the great manufacturing emporium of England. Arriving at Manchester, they proceeded at once to the Exhibition Hall, and viewed the splendid paintings, sculptures &c. Satisfied with picture seeing, they then moved off to Peel park, where they scattered themselves in small groups, and discussed with much gusto the contents of their wicker baskets as well as that of their celebrated resort. The day being a fine one, they enjoyed the trip very much.

We are glad to record acts such as the above on the part of employers, believing as we do, that they are calculated to have a most beneficial effect on the minds of the employed, which £60 spent in any other way would fail to accomplish. It demonstrates to the labouring classes that they are looked upon by their masters, not as mere machines out of which a certain quantity of work is to be extracted in a given time for a certain sum, but that labourers as they are, they have feelings and passions which required gratifying equally with those who employ them.

News – Wrexham Advertiser – September 12th 1857
Newyddion – Wrexham Advertiser – Gorffennaf 4^{ydd} 1857

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Men have been employed for the last few days on clearing away the rubbish and levelling the ground around the new Roman Catholic Church, and masons are at work laying the stones upon which will be placed the ornamental railing in front.

The building since the removal of the unsightly fence and other partial improvements just affected, already appears to much greater advantage, and when the railing is completed in unison with the general design and ornate character of the building, the Roman Catholic Church will be the most beautiful object amongst the numerous edifices that have sprung up along the road to the railway station.

ST MARK'S CHURCH – *The Builder* for Saturday last contains a beautiful engraving of St Mark's Church, now in course of erection in the town. From a descriptive account accompanying the sketch we learn that the tower and spire is 56 feet at the base. The timber of the roof, and all the internal and external woodwork, is to be stained a light oak colour. The pulpit will be executed in bath stone. The floors are to be laid with black and red Staffordshire tiles. The entire cost will be about £6,000 and the church will be capable of accommodating about 800 persons. It is expected the whole of the work will be completed about the close of next Spring or the commencement of the Summer.

Local News – Wrexham Advertiser – August 22nd 1857
Newyddion Lleol – Wrexham Advertiser – Awst 22^{ain} 1857

RHOSLLANERCHRUGOG

COAL PIT ACCIDENT

On Saturday last, a collier named Hezekiah Hughes was severely burnt by firedamp, whilst inspecting the works in the Brandy Colliery. He incautiously carried his safety lamp uncovered, and in

consequence the gas ignited and endangered his life. If colliers who should know better, will thus persist in acting in this careless manner, accidents must occur, let government and the proprietors establish what regulations they may.

Correspondence – Wrexham Advertiser – October 10th 1857

Gohebiaeth – Wrexham Advertiser – Hydref 10^{fed} 1857

THE RUSSIAN GUN

Mr Editor, On seeing the captured Russian gun paraded the other day through the town [from the Railway Station down King Street, through Lambpit Street, around Chester Street into Holt Road, on to the Beast Market, High street, Hope Street and finally to the Depot yard] and supposing its weight with the carriage to be 3 tons, thoughts arose in me to ascertain how many such guns, made with pure gold, would the £100,000,000 spent by England in that war purchase? I was not a little astonished to find the answer to be 300 pure gold guns! Surely this whistle was dearly bought!

Another more serious thought followed, that supposing the 40,000 English soldiers destroyed by the same war, had been sent to Australia to dig for gold for our nation, and each one to collect 1 oz. per week, they would by this means have just enough to support our poor without the aid of the rates, but instead of that, in addition to the rates, we have their widows and orphans to support. The soldiers' valuable lives would then have been spared, instead of now resting in a foreign land, unwept over, and unpitied by passers by, while we, the other day, were rejoicing, and adorning this bauble, the weapon of their destruction! Was this, Mr Editor, a sober act?

Ap Thomas