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DUKE AT RHONDDA VALLEY:

At Galligalid Park in the Rhondda Valley, the Queen's Charter of Incorporation is presented by the Duke of Edinburgh to the new borough of Rhondda.

As a souvenir of the occasion Councillor Iver Jones - Chairman of Rhondda Urban Council - presents the Duke with a silver ashtray.

A Union Jack is flown at the pit-head of Rhondda's Fernhill Colliery in honour of the Duke's visit there. On his way he passes the miners' cottages.

When he arrives His Royal Highness is still wearing his ceremonial dress uniform of the Colonel of the Welsh Guards, so he changes before going down the mine.

An impromptu concert by miners and their wives greets the Duke - now dressed in his old naval working rig and a safety helmet.

No official ceremony could have pleased the miners more than this cheerful descent to the pit bottom. While he is below, the Duke inspects the equipment with which the miners work. Their coal, he had said earlier, was "the very best coal to be found anywhere in the world".

Back at the top after his 900 foot descent, the Duke obviously enjoyed the experience and his enthusiasm is greeted by cheers.

More cheers for the man they call "a jelly good fellow"

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