

which they hope "will allay fears residents have concerning the use of the bridge." They admit that the lower phalanges of the main girders are corroded and have sections missing.

people are walking underneath the bridge on the new path are safe from falling debris." Despite the county council's assurances that the six coaches providing free

and his neighbours are the extra number of heavy vehicles which will be using the narrow streets, not only the buses but the supply vehicles to the school and lorries going to the council

## Home plight

THE Ystrad couple homeless after fire gutted their house two weeks ago, are still without a house.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alpin of William Street turned down council offers of accommodation because they wanted to stay in Ystrad.

They have threatened to sit in their gutted house unless the council offers them alternate accommodation in their area.

The council have said they have no houses available in Ystrad. Mr. Alpin told the Leader that they were still staying with relatives.

# Interpol in search to help Ton man on drugs charge

INTERPOL have launched a search for the two people Rhondda man, Alan Jones, claims framed him in a £30,000 drugs smuggling case.

Alan, from Ton Pentre, is in a Spanish gaol awaiting trial.

He was arrested on July 11 in the Spanish Moroccan port of Cuetra and accused of smuggling £30,000 worth of

hashish over the border. He says he is innocent and the drug was planted on him by two people from London he gave a lift to.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones, of Wyndham Street, he writes: "Interpol is interested because they have asked my solicitor about the people I

met from London and what relationship I had with them if any. I'm not sure, but I think they might be onto something."

Alan has been in Cordoba gaol for five months. No trial date has been set although the latest information is that it could be before Christmas.

But Alan, aged 36, has told his parents not to raise their hopes too high.

The court cases, he says, are usually cut and dried beforehand.

"You cannot really call it a fair trial. For a start I'm not fluent in Spanish and the court case usually takes five minutes, in and out so to speak — There's no such thing as a jury and free speech is out of the question."

But to help him a Frenchman friend in prison has written a statement for him in Spanish to give to the judge and he does now have a Spanish lawyer.

A Foreign Office spokesman said it was possible that Alan might have the trial date set soon. The delay he said, was partly because of the long summer recess of the Spanish courts and also partly because in Spain they make extensive inquiries before a case goes to trial.

## Two injured in accident

TWO Rhondda factory workers were taken to hospital on Sunday night when they were involved in a road accident at Pontypridd Road, Porth.

Mr. Gethin Davies, aged 49, of Primrose Terrace, Llwyncelyn, and Mr. Idris Rees, aged 32, of Gethin Terrace, Porth, were both "satisfactory" in hospital this week, with serious head injuries.

Police said the car failed to stop, driving off in the direction of Pontypridd.

## MP's surgery

RHONDDA'S M.P. Mr. Alec Jones will be available to meet constituents on Saturday, November 18 at Treorchy Junior School, Glyncoili Road, Treorchy, between 10 a.m. and 12 a.m.

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# Cutting down

THE first group of unemployed youngsters could be starting employment with the Rhondda Workshop Enterprise Scheme by early next year.

Work on converting an old school in Porth into a workshop is still taking place and it could be some time before it is completely finished.

But organisers of the scheme believe a machine section could be opened immediately after Christmas with work for around 12 youngsters from the dole queue.

The scheme was set up more than a year ago in response to the high number of valley young people unable to find work.

The organisers planned to

able to employ a research team to plan the operation.

They were responsible, among other things, to find a suitable product the Workshop could produce which would not bring it into competition with other valley factories.

