



County of South Glamorgan Sir De Morgannwg

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Chairman's Secretary T. Catterson

My ref	Your ref	Tel Ext	Date
TC/VEM		3500/2	11th August, 1976.

Councillor N. Williams,
The Poplars,
Cowbridge.

Dear Councillor Williams,

Official Opening of Old Hall Community College, High Street,
Cowbridge - Saturday, 28th August, 1976.

The Chairman of South Glamorgan County Council, County Councillor John D. Leonard, OBE., conveys a cordial invitation to you to attend the official opening of the Old Hall Community College, High Street, Cowbridge, by County Councillor Mrs. G. M. Webber, JP., Vice-Chairman of the County Council, on Saturday, 28th August, 1976, at 2.30 p.m.

A sketch map, showing the location of the Community College and car park, is enclosed together with car sticker. Please display car sticker to assist in car parking arrangements.

An addressed card is enclosed for the convenience of your reply, which I would be pleased to receive by Wednesday, 25th August, 1976.

Yours sincerely,

T. Catterson

Chairman's Secretary.

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c.c. Mrs. Mary Webber.

I am very pleased to have been asked to second County Councillor Gwyn Thomas' vote of thanks to, especially in view of the fact that seven years ago, after pestering the Council because Old Hall was in a ruinous state and advocating it's conversion into a Library and Health Centre, I was invited to join the Joint Glamorgan County Council, Cowbridge Borough Council and Cowbridge R.D.C., ^{Joint Consultative} ~~Planning~~ Committee for ^{the} ~~its~~ eventual re-design ^{of Old Hall} into the *marvellous* ~~fabulous~~ complex we see here today. // The nice thing about the re-planning of Old Hall has been the attitude of the top tier of local government, that is South Glamorgan County Council to the suggestions and wishes of the local town and community councils.

In the first instance they invited comments on their suggestions to use it as an Adult Centre and they involved not only local councillors but local organisations in the Steering Committee.

All this has been a most unusual step by a top tier of local government and it is a move greatly appreciated by all local organisations.

The Community College has integrated itself into the local scene in a manner that has commended it to everyone and this has been due in no small way to the attitude of its principal, Mr. Vernon Goddard. Vernon has, I know, tried very hard not to tread on local corns and he has achieved this with commendable tact and the success of this venture is due, in no uncertain way, to his untiring efforts.

Already a number of local organisations, such as The Bridge Club and the Cowbridge Arts Society, Cowbridge Photographic Workshop, Cowbridge Badminton Club, the Rugby Football Club, Amateur Operatic, the St. Quentin Singers have affiliated themselves with the Old Hall Community College and this will undoubtedly have the double effect of strengthening these societies and integrating Old Hall into the local scene.

During the very short time that the Cowbridge Community Concern has been inaugurated, help has been received from the Principal towards publicising ~~Community Concern~~ ^{Community Concern} and by permitting meetings to be held here and also a Coffee Evening which will be held on

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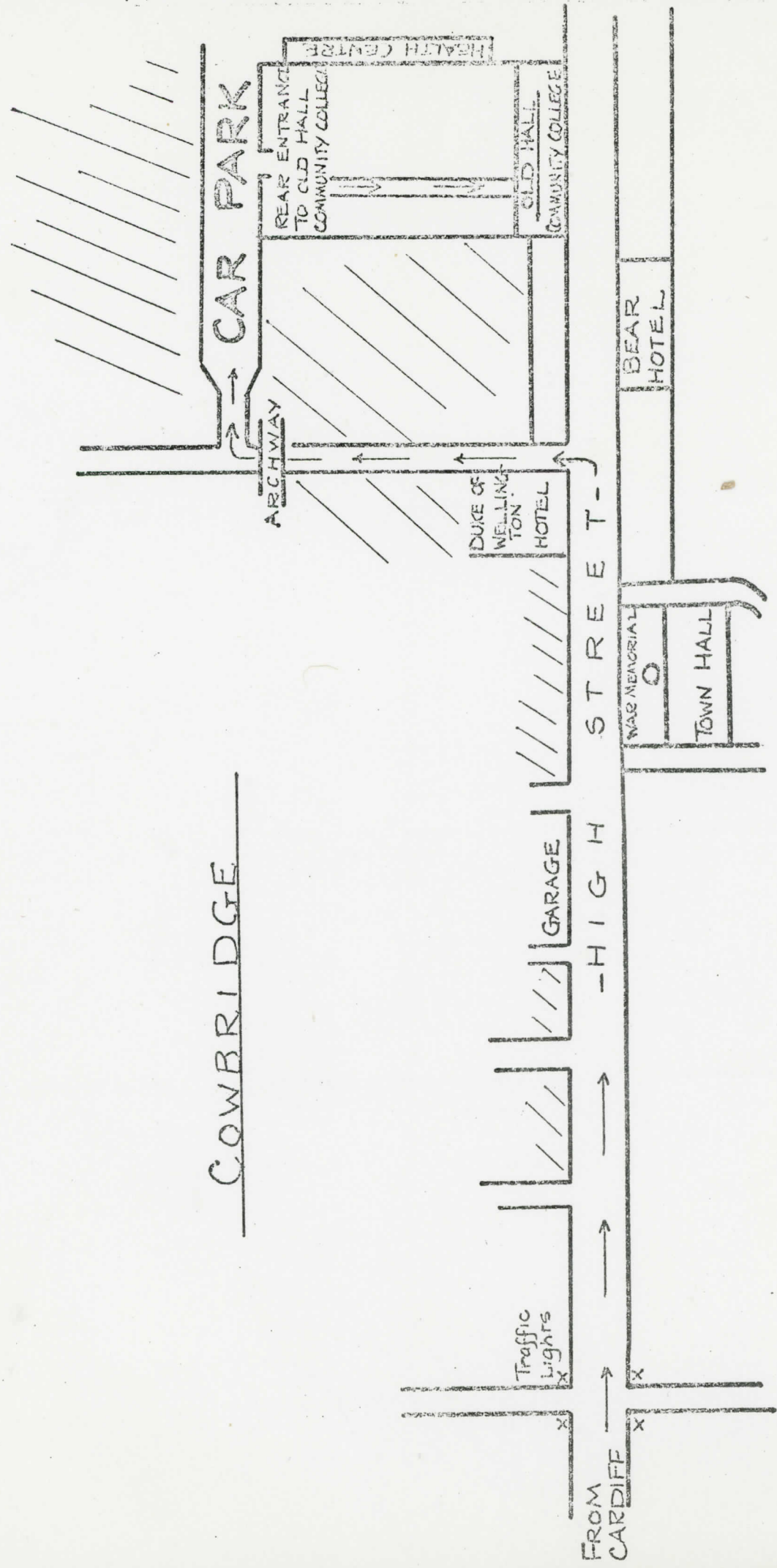
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COUNTY OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN

SIR DE MORGANNWG

Official Opening

of the

**Old Hall Community College,
Cowbridge**

BY

County Councillor Mrs. G. MARY WEBBER, J.P.,
Vice-Chairman of the County Council

SATURDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

County Councillor Mrs. E. JOY DAVIES, J.P.

*Immediate Past Chairman of the County Council and a Vice-Chairman
of the Education Committee*

will preside

AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE

County Councillor Mrs. G. MARY WEBBER, J.P., will formally declare open the building.

INSIDE THE BUILDING

County Councillor Mrs. G. MARY WEBBER, J.P., will unveil a Commemorative Plaque

Canon S. H. MOGFORD, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Cowbridge, will dedicate the building.

County Councillor Mrs. E. JOY DAVIES, J.P., Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee will extend a welcome to the gathering.

ADDRESS BY

County Councillor Mrs. G. MARY WEBBER, J.P.,

VOTE OF THANKS

Proposed by: County Councillor R. GWYN THOMAS

Seconded by: Councillor N. E. WILLIAMS, T.ENG. (C.E.I.)

At the conclusion of the Ceremony guests are invited to inspect the building.

Light Refreshments

Old Hall Community College was opened in September 1975 to provide additional facilities in the Cowbridge district for Adult Education.

The College, an 18th Century Grade 2 listed building of architectural and historical interest, was occupied originally by the Edmondes family, who were prominent locally, particularly in connection with the Church.

From 1932 to 1964 it housed part of the former Cowbridge Grammar School but was then unused for some years.

Glamorgan County Council repaired and redesigned the building, intending to re-open Old Hall as offices. After Local Government re-organisation, however, the South Glamorgan County Council, on the advice of the Education Committee, decided that the building would be ideal as a centre for cultural, social and educational activities. With this in mind it was remodelled as a Community College with offices, a refreshment area and ten general purpose rooms.

Following the closure of the former boarding house (the old Cowbridge Grammar School) it is anticipated that additional facilities for the College will be provided in this building.

During 1975 - 76 Old Hall Community College has become the focal point of new developments locally in the provision of leisure and recreational classes. Over 900 students have taken part in activities, ranging from practical to academic courses preparing them for higher education. The College staff has organised exhibitions, shown films, encouraged community drama, run weekend courses and been involved generally in local events.

Facilities in what is now the Cowbridge Comprehensive School have been used extensively by the College and some classes have been provided in outlying districts. Since its formation, the Steering Committee of the College's Adult Association has worked enthusiastically with the Principal and staff to develop the College and its activities.

South Glamorgan County Council welcomes you to the official opening of the College.

