

Extracts from John Carne's diaries 1762 –97.

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Tuesday 19th April 1762 – At Cowbridge Fair.

19th June 1765 – Went with Nelly to Cowbridge Races and lay at Mr. Edmundes. Expenses at ballplaying etc. 6s.0d.

28th August 1765 – Cowbridge Mabsant. Expenses £1 1s. 0d.

Friday 27th September 1765 – At Cowbridge Horse Races. Expenses £3 9s. 0d.

6th January 1789 – Dined at The Bear. Ordinary. *Meal provided regularly at fixed price.*

8th January 1789 – We went to Cowbridge assembly where Dr. Throckmorton and myself were stewards for the night. A very small meeting owing to the very cold weather. The ? Rea exhibited his Legerdeman.

24th February 1789 – Dined at Ordinary at Spread Eagle.

13th April 1789 – Received of Sally Simkin 1 ¾ years rent for the shop in Cowbridge.

21st April 1789 – Dined at the Generals.

5th May 1789 - Blooded for giddiness by Bates.

21st July 1789 – A county meeting at Cowbridge to consider a proper person to represent us in the room of Mr. Edwin, who means to resign at the end of Parliament. His son, Mr. Wyndham was proposed by Mr. Talbot and unanimously approved. Mr. Windsor, Lord Plymouth's brother, though he had publicly canvassed the County did not appear at the meeting, nor any of his friends, but most of the gentlemen of the County were there to support Mr. Wyndham.

27th August 1789 – Nelly and I rode to Cowbridge and heard a man imitate musical instruments with his voice.

11th October 1789 – My friend Mr. Curre had his right thigh broken by a tame deer at Itton and would have been killed by him had he not had a cane with a rapier in it with which he repelled the animal.

21st March 1797 – Great market at Cowbridge. Dined with Mr. John Thomas.

5th July 1797 – Went to Cowbridge to see the Volunteers. Drank tea at Miss Kerrs.

10th August 1797 – William David, the jockey, brought home my black colt, Comet, having had him three weeks in the breaking.