

# *Cowbridge Record Society*

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This society was set up to collect, record, preserve and publish information relating to the history of Cowbridge and district. Part of this task includes encouraging people to treasure their own records and information, and to get our help in finding out how these can best be preserved. We have already been instrumental in depositing in the Glamorgan Record Office some valuable material - the first Cowbridge Board School admissions book for 1876-1885, plans of Cowbridge Market, details of war damage in the Cowbridge RDC area, and three account books of the Griffiths family of blacksmiths, dating around the mid-nineteenth century. Other donations have been received - such as some interesting family and other photographs - and it is very much hoped that these could be placed in the Cowbridge Museum where they will be available for public inspection.

We hold occasional meetings, publish newsletters to keep members informed of developments, and have also published five books:

**COWBRIDGE: BUILDINGS AND PEOPLE** : a study of the main buildings of the centre of the town, with information about their owners and occupiers. This was awarded the Elsie Pritchard prize by Cardiff University in 1999, and a Glamorgan County History Trust prize for popular history in 2001. For most properties there is a line drawing and a page of information. ISBN: 0 9537029 0 1

**AT COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1949 - 1966**, by PETER COBB. This is a reminiscence, an attempt to bring back into sharp focus the blurred and haphazard mental snapshots of life in the boarding house of a country grammar school, albeit one of the best-known grammar schools in Wales. Peter Cobb taught at CGS when Anthony Hopkins was a pupil there. ISBN: 0 9537029 1 X

**LLANBLETHIAN: BUILDINGS AND PEOPLE**. This book contains over 100 pages of information about the historic buildings of the village of Llanblethian and some properties to the west - Cross Inn and Pentwyn, Marlborough and Breach farms, and Crossways. This book is illustrated with photographs, old and new. ISBN:0 9537029 2 8

**COWBRIDGE AND DISTRICT REMEMBERED, 1900 - 1950** is a collection of reminiscences of people of the area around Cowbridge, including Llanblethian, Llysworney, Aberthin, Maendy, Ystradowen and Cowbridge itself. The contributors give a vivid and most interesting picture of life in the first half of the last century; there are many personal photos. ISBN: 0 9537029 3 6

**INNS AND ALEHOUSES OF OLD COWBRIDGE**: the history of innkeeping in Cowbridge, with a detailed study of all the inns which we have identified. Some of these date back to the seventeenth century. Illustrated by photographs. ISBN: 0 9537029 4 4

All books cost £4.00 to members; otherwise £4.95 (or £6 by first class post in UK from the Record Society, £6.80 to other EC countries)  
Members: UK - £5 by post; EC - £6 by post

**Membership** of the Society costs £3 pa.

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