

PRESENTATION TO MR WALTER CARSWELL.

APRIL 1972

There are few people in this world of whom it is possible to say with confidence he hasn't an enemy in the whole world. Mr Walter Carswell is one of them. He is respected by everyone in Cowbridge and it was a thrill to all of us to be present when the Borough Council, through the Mayor, Councillor David Jones, presented him with a Plaque bearing the Coat of Arms of Cowbridge and an inscription in appreciation of his years of service to the Borough, in particular as a mace bearer but for his many other gifts and acts of service as well. It was a fitting honour, no one has more richly deserved. May he have many happy years yet to come.

IN MEMORIAM. 5 MARCH 1982

WALTER CARSWELL died in his 95th year, having lived a long and active life. He was one of the oldest inhabitants of Cowbridge, notable and much loved. He came to Holy Cross Church in 1910 from Shropshire, and never missed a Sunday but for illness. For nearly 17 years he was Churchwarden of Holy Cross, an office that gave him great pleasure. His work at Holy Cross is legend, and he was a thorough churchman. He will be remembered as a man of great integrity, of unswerving loyalty, of high principle, a man of God. He had a deep faith and a true prayer life. His lively sense of humour and love of people was apparent to everyone. We thank God for his life, his work and his witness. "Well done, good and faithful servant." He was an example to us all.

MARJORY HISCOCKS was also a daughter of Holy Cross, a native of Cowbridge, and a notable character. We thank God for her generosity to her Church and her friends, and all of us mourn her passing. We pray for her that Peace of the Resurrected Lord in which she lived and died.

Thank you, all of you, for what you are and do in His Name and Strength.

A very happy Easter to you all.

In the Love of God,

CWILYM WILLIAMS.

## Cowbridge thanks its Mr. Mace



THE Cowbridge Borough Council has presented a plaque to 85-year-old Mr. Walter Carswell, of West Gate, Cowbridge, who has been a mace bearer in the town for the

past 50 years. Mr. Carswell (pictured above) is one of the town's two official mace bearers and hopes to go on doing the job. He is photographed outside the town hall with one of the maces.



Mr. Walter Carswell and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for their beautiful floral tributes and kind letters of sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement.

14 Westgate Street  
Cowbridge

**FUTURE CIVIC** functions in the ancient borough of Cowbridge will hardly be the same to the residents for their 88-year-old official mace bearer, Mr. Walter Carswell (pictured above), has had to relinquish the proud position he has held since 1947.

Walter, who lives in Westgate Street, explained: "I am still in good health, but my walking has got a little unsteady and I feel I would not be doing justice to Cowbridge at future civic functions, although I still have a few more to do."

"It has been a great honour to carry the solid silver mace, which dates back to 1666."

Walter has led hundreds of colourful civic processions to the Town Hall and the Church of the Holy Cross.

He recalls the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to Cowbridge several years ago.

He said: "The Duke came over to me in the mayor's parlour and expressed great admiration for the mace because of its age, weight and design."

The Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun. Norman Williams, said: "Walter is one of the grand old characters of Cowbridge. Unfortunately, he now finds difficulty to walk along the High Street in regulated time during official ceremonies. We shall all miss him very much."

The mayoress, Coun. Mrs. Betty Wi-

## Walter and the town mace part at last

lliams, said: "Walter has endeared himself to everyone in the town through his 28 years' service as mace bearer."

Coun. Selwyn Davies said: "Mr. Carswell has been a loyal and faithful old servant of this town."

Walter will be invited to a special meeting of the council next month to receive the authority's thanks and appreciation of his work.

The new mace bearer will be Mr. Tom Jenkins, of Borough Close, whose father was also a mace bearer in the town.

Walter, who served over 50 years in the Cowbridge Fire Service, will still carry on his duties as vicar's warden at the Church of the Holy Cross.

## Mace bearer dies

THE former mace bearer for the old Cowbridge Borough Council, Mr Walter Carswell, has died, aged 88, at the South Way Home for the Elderly, Cowbridge.

Mr Carswell, who lived for a time with his son Trevor in Quarella Road, Bridgend, was a plate layer with the Taff Vale Railway and the GWR Cowbridge from 1918 until 1966. For more than 30 years he was a volunteer fireman with the borough council and later the Qlamorgan Fire Service and was presented with a silver axe and the Queen's Coronation Medal.

He was a mace bearer until he retired in 1972 and was presented with a

council Mr Carswell was church warden for many years at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, and did a good deal of work for the church. He also helped at the church in Llan-methan.

2-3-82



In Loving Memory  
of  
Walter Carswell

19 QUARELLA ROAD, BRIDGEND

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Died Tuesday, 2nd March, 1982

Aged 95 years

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Service at

Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge

on Friday, 5th March, 1982

at 2.30 p.m.

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“ At Rest ”

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF COWBRIDGE

BY VIRTUE of the Powers conferred on Local Authorities  
 by Act of Parliament, 42 & 43, cap 31, and the other  
 Acts incorporated therewith, to grant exclusive Rights of  
 Burial, WE THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF COWBRIDGE, in the  
 County of Glamorgan, in consideration of the sum  
 of.....<sup>Two</sup>.....pounds.....shillings and.....  
 pence to us paid by.....**WALTER CARSWELL**.....  
 .....14 Westgate Street, Cowbridge, Glam.....  
 .....DO HEREBY GRANT  
 unto the said.....**Walter Carswell**.....  
 the exclusive Right of Burial in the Grave Space No. <sup>143</sup>.....  
 ..... on the Grave Space Plan of the Cemetery  
 at COWBRIDGE, in the said County, at the said Cemetery, being  
 part of the Ground provided by the said Council TO HOLD the  
 said.....**Walter Carswell**.....  
 his or her executors, administrators, or assigns, for the purpose  
 of Burial, subject to the Regulations now in force, or which  
 may hereinafter be issued with regards to Interments in the  
 said Cemetery by the Minister of Health, or by the said Council,  
 or any other competent authority.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Cowbridge Borough  
 Council, this.....<sup>Thirteenth</sup>.....

day of <sup>October</sup>.....<sup>One thousand</sup>  
 nine hundred and.....<sup>Seventy</sup>.....

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 Town Clerk

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 Mayor

