



THE FIRST MEETING THIS YEAR

is on Friday, September 14th, in the Lesser Hall. The meeting will not only include the A.G.M., but also a film, 'Before the Romans'. The AGM is important - not only to elect officers and committee, but this year we must consider increasing the subscription to at least £1. 50 a head (75p for students and over-65s). So come along and air your views!

PROGRAMME FOR 1979 - 1980

Gwynneth Keay has organised a tremendously varied and interesting programme this year. In nearly every case, we are meeting on the first Friday in the month, at 8pm in the Lesser Hall.

Please note, however, that the October meeting is to be in the Town Hall and will start at 8.30pm.

October 5: The Engineer and the Iron Capital - an introduction to Brunei in South Wales; Mr Stephen K. Jones, L.R.P.S. South Wales representative of the Brunel Society.

November 2: John Montgomery-Traherne, 1788 - 1860; Lady Rowena Traherne.

December 7: The Maud Gunter Memorial Lecture - 'Some Local Clergymen, their times and difficulties';
Revd Canon S.H Mogford, M.A., R.D.

January 4: Medieval Pots and Pans;
Mr Nigel A. Kerr, B.A., University College, Cardiff.

February 1: Merchants and Mariners - Cardiff 1660-1800; Mr Philip Riden, Staff Tutor in Local History, University College, Cardiff.

March 7: The Study of Church History;
Revd T.G. Hughes, Warden of St Michael's College, Llandaff.

***** Family Excursion *****

On Sunday, 16 September - to Llantwit Major. Details overleaf.



April 11: The Artist and Tourist in Industrial Wales; Mr Richard Keen, Assistant Keeper of Industrial Archaeology, National Museum of Wales.

May 2: Members' Evening.

*****Family Excursion*****

Nona Ginn has arranged a Llantwit Major Walkabout, led by Elwyn Gibbs of the Llantwit Local History Society - he spoke to us about Llantwit last year - on Sunday 16 September. We'll go by car; if we meet at Cowbridge Town Hall car park at 2.15pm, lifts can be organised for those without their own transport. This is a family, picnic excursion, so bring your own cucumber sandwiches and bottles of rosé, or whatever. Old Llantwit is a fascinating area, and I look forward to learning something about our great rival.

EVENING CLASSES

After all the talk about evening class fees going up to £20, it is a relief to see that the extra-mural classes still cost a great deal less. On Tuesdays in Old Hall, Philip Riden is continuing his Local History Group, researching into Cowbridge and Llanblethian; new members are very welcome. On Wednesdays in the Autumn Term, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, 'Glamorgan before the Romans'; in the Spring Term, Wednesday evenings, 'The Archaeology of Roman Wales'. Further information from Old Hall.

In Bridgend, Yvonne Weeding continues with a course on Local History, following on to her very successful course last year. The class will build up a picture of Bridgend in the 1840's, using tithe map and census.



Those members of the society who missed a talk given by Mr Raymond Bowen on The Railways of Glamorgan will be pleased to know that they have another chance to hear him on the subject. He will be speaking at Aberthin Community Centre (the old chapel) on September 17 at 7.30pm; all are welcome. Highly recommended!



The Department of Extra-Mural Studies of University College, Cardiff is in the process of bringing out a pamphlet on the Parish of Llanblethian in the mid-nineteenth century, in large part related to the course conducted by Mr Philip Riden in Old Hall last year. Look out for the booklet - publication is imminent.

Another pamphlet in the same series, Penmark and Forthkerry Families and Farms in the seventeenth century Vale of Glamorgan, by Matthew Griffiths, has already been published, and is a good 75p-worth. The paper examines the probate records of these two parishes, and discusses family relationships, the pattern of local farming and the standard of living of the inhabitants, to show what can be done with these documents. That may sound dry, but it proves to be fascinating reading.

ODDS AND ENDS

Recent discoveries in the Cowbridge area include a very well-preserved bronze coin, a sestertius, of Hadrian - found to the east of the town; and Romano-British pottery in the fields to the west. Keep your eyes open when digging, or when walking!

It is pleasant to see that Verity's Court is being re-paved in the traditional cobblestones. Concrete would have been cheaper and easier - so, well done, whoever is responsible!