

GLAMORGAN ARCHIVES/ARCHIFAU MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 0214 D1254

Title: Cowbridge History Society Records

Dates : 1902-1962

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 0.002 cubic metres (1 volume, 8 photographs, 2 cards, 2 booklets)

Name of creator(s): Cowbridge History Society

Administrative/biographical history

The Cowbridge and District Local History Society was formed on the 25 October 1974. Its constitution declared the new Society would 'foster interest in the history of Cowbridge and District', 'promote research into local history' and 'preserve documents and other records'. An early stalwart of the Society was Yvonne Weeding who became the Society's Chairman in 1977, a post she was to hold for more than 20 years. By 1978, membership had doubled to over 100. A formative influence on developments was the fact that the Cardiff University's Extra-mural Department began classes in local history in Old Hall, the first series given by Philip Riden in 1977. Later, Brian Ll. James took over, to be succeeded by Jeff Alden when he retired as Head of the Sixth Form at Cowbridge Comprehensive School. The Extramural activities exposed the need for detailed research on Cowbridge, especially on its town plan and its wealth of ancient buildings. This resulted in the founding of the Cowbridge Record Society which had as its main purpose to research and record the history of people and places in and around Cowbridge and to publish the results in a series of books. However by 2007 a considerable overlap existed between the two societies and the decision was made to create a merger which led to the creation of the Cowbridge History Society with a revised constitution and retained charitable status.