

PAPERS READ AT POWYS SOCIETY MEETINGS

1968-81

Although the Society was founded in December 1967 the early meetings were mainly reminiscences by people who had known the Powys family. An account of the early development of the Society and the impetus given it by the John Cowper Powys Centenary Conference at Churchill College in 1972, was given in an early Newsletter in 1973.

March 1968	C. Benson Roberts and others	Recollections of John Cowper Powys (not published)
x 25/5/68	Glen Cavaliero	Wolf Solent
Spring 1969	Robert Adkinson	The literary criticism of J.C. Powys (not published)
Autumn 1969	Rosemary Manning	Llewelyn Powys: Some extracts from Alyse Gregory's Journal (not published)
x 21/3/70	Kenneth Hopkins	Louis Wilkinson (not published)
x 6/6/70	Timothy Hyman	Powys's World Book (not published)
November 1970	Kenneth Hopkins	A miscellany concerning the houses in which the Powyses lived (not published)
x 1/5/71	John Boulton	T.F. Powys's unpublished novel 'The Market Bell' (not published)
x 17/7/71	Timothy Hyman	The Modus Vivendi of John Cowper Powys (not published)
x 30/10/71	Harry Coombes	Reserve and Ebullience: Two Brothers in Literature (not published)
x 11/3/72	John Toft	Atlantis. (The Powys Review 1977, No.3)
x 21/10/72	Gwyneth Miles	John Cowper Powys: Landscape, Romance and the Regional Novel
September 1972	John Cowper Powys Centenary Conference at Churchill College, Cambridge:-	
x	George Steiner	The difficulty of Reading John Cowper Powys. (The Powys Review 1977, No.1)
x	Angus Wilson	John Cowper Powys as a novelist. (The Powys Review 1977, No.1)

- \* G.R. Wilson Knight John Cowper Powys as humorist  
(The Powys Review 1977, No.1  
also in Contemporary Review,  
Vol.222, No.285, Feb. 1973)
- \* Colin Wilson Powys the depth psychologist  
(not published)
- \* 31/3/73 Michael Roulstone Llewelyn Powys (The Powys  
Review 1977, No.2)
- 27/10/73 Ben Jones The disfigurement of Gerda:  
Some moral and textual problems  
in Wolf Solent. (The Powys  
Review 1977, No.2)

At the regional meeting in Swansea Sept. 1973 there  
were four papers:-

- Roland Mathias The poetry of J. C. Powys  
(Later enlarged and published  
as "The Hollowed-Out Elder  
Stalk", Enitharmon Press 1979)
- Kenneth Hopkins Will the real T.F. Powys stand  
up? (not published)
- \* Michael Roulstone Love and Death (not published)
- \* Jeremy Hooker John Cowper Powys - novelist?  
(not published)
- \* 30/3/76 Susan Huxtable Selly Mysticism, trivia and  
sensuality: a study of Weymouth  
Sands (not published)
- \* 26/10/74 A. B. Gourlay The Powys Brothers at Sherborne  
(Reminiscences read by Kenneth  
Hopkins from a script prepared  
by Mr. Gourlay a former master  
at the school) (not published)

At the regional meeting in Cheltenham, Sept 1974  
five papers were read:-

- \* Timothy Hyman Powys's transition to Myth  
(not published)
- Gerard Casey John Cowper Powys (not  
published)
- \* Rosemary Manning A man who used to notice such  
things (not published)
- Glen Cavaliero T.F. Powys (not published)
- \* Jeremy Hooker John Cowper Powys and David  
Jones. (Later enlarged and  
published by Enitharmon Press  
1979)
- 19/4/75 John Turner Powys's theatre: J.C.P. the  
actor-manager (not published)

8/11/75

Cicely Hill

Life, death, books and heroes:  
a study of Duddame and Rodmoor  
(not published)

Papers presented at the Centenary Conference, Weymouth  
on T. F. Powys, September 1975 were:-

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|   | Richard Luckett             | T. F. Powys: Aspects of his<br>language. (The Powys Review,<br>1977, No.2)  |
|   | Harry Coombes               | The first three books of T. F.<br>Powys. (The third part of the<br>paper was published in the<br>Powys Review 1979, No.5) |
| * | Mark Holloway               | With T. F. Powys at Mappowder<br>(not published)  |
| * | Michel Pouillard            | T. F. Powys and the theatre<br>(published in The Powys Review<br>1979, No.5)  |
| * | Glen Cavaliero              | The Powys family and Dorset<br>(published in The Powys Review<br>1980, No.7)  |
| * | 24/4/76<br>John Hodgson     | John Cowper Powys and Dorothy<br>Richardson (not published)   |
|   | 20/11/76<br>Kenneth Hopkins | The poetry of John Cowper Powys<br>(not published)  |

The regional meeting in Sept. 1976 was held in Buxton  
but no transcripts were received and none of the  
papers were published. The papers given were:-

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|          | Angus Wilson    | Presidential Address  |
|          | Francis Berry   | J. C. Powys's justification of<br>phantasy  |
|          | Susan Selly     | Llewelyn Powys - West Country-<br>man   |
|          | Timothy Hyman   | The religion of J. C. Powys   |
| 12/3/77  | R. L. Blackmore | An informal meeting in which<br>Robert Blackmore spoke about<br>John Cowper Powys in America<br>(not published) |
| 12/11/77 | Glen Cavaliero  | The Powys Brothers: three life<br>illusions (not published)   |

The regional meeting in Sept. 1977 was held in  
Sherborne School and the following papers were read:-

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| * | Michael Roulstone   | Llewelyn Powys - a reassessment  |
| * | G. R. Wilson Knight | Powys and the Kundalini spirit<br>(Published in The Contemporary<br>Review vol.233, No.1350 and<br>1351, July and August 1978) |

- 11/3/78 Kenneth Hopkins Game! Woolsey and Llewelyn Powys (not published)
- 25/11/78 Charles Lock Multiverse - Language that makes language impossible (The Powys Review 1979, No.5)

The regional meeting was held in Weymouth, September 1978. Two papers were unfortunately cancelled at the last minute but Timothy Hyman and Gerard Casey spoke about the religion of the Powys Brothers. The two papers thus substituted were published in The Powys Review 1978, No.4 as:-

- Gerard Casey Three Christian Brothers
- Timothy Hyman John Cowper Powys and Religion: Dostoevsky as the type of prophetic artist
- Peter Easingwood The pleasures of literature (The Powys Review 1978, No.4)
- Jeremy Hooker T. F. Powys: "The Bass Note" (The Powys Review 1978, No.4)
- Martyn Branford T. F. Powys and Kate Roberts. A comparative study. (The Powys Review 1979, No.5)
- 21/4/79 Francis Feather Book collecting with particular reference to the writings of the Powys family (a visit)
- \* 24/11/79 Ned Lukacher Cronos, Dostoyevsky and the role of myth in John Cowper Powys's "A Glastonbury Romance" (not published)
- \* June 1979 Peter Foss Llewelyn Powys: Towards a reconsideration

The 1979 September regional meeting was also at Weymouth with the following programme:-

- Ben Jones John Cowper Powys's Literary Criticism. (The Powys Review 1930, No.8)
- Kim Taplin Cruelty and kindness in the works of John Cowper and T. F. Powys. A Seminar. (not published)
- John Williams Theodore Powys .... all good books tell the same tale (not published)
- Cedric Hentschel The improbable belligerent: the role of John Cowper Powys in two world wars. Mainly a consideration of "War and Culture" and "Mortal Strife" (The Powys Review 1930, No.7)

- Bernard Jones                      John Cowper Powys's poetry  
(not published)
- 1/3/80                      Kenneth Hopkins                      Letters from Gamel Woolsey to  
Alyse Gregory. Read by Kenneth  
Hopkins (The Powys Review 1980  
No.8)
- 29/11/80                      Readings from The Powys Brothers  
by Kim Taplin, Cicely Hill,  
Cedric Hentschel and John  
Williams

The September 1980 regional meeting was held at the University of East Anglia, Norwich:-

- Mary Barham Johnson              The Powys Mother (The Powys  
Review 1980, No.8)
- Peter Foss                      Llewelyn Powys: The Lapsarian  
Vision (not published)
- Ian Hamilton                      T. F. Powys (not published)
- Lilian Ruf                      J. C. Powys's novels with  
special reference to Wolf Solent  
and Porius (not published)
- John Hodgson                      On reading Porius (The Powys  
Review 1980, No.8)
- 28/3/81                      Glen Cavaliero                      The influence of John Cowper  
Powys on the work of Elizabeth  
Myers (not published)
- 14/11/81                      Peter Foss                      The Topography of the Dorset  
and Somerset Essays of Llewelyn  
Powys (not published)

The 1981 Summer meeting was again at the Dorset Institute of Education, Weymouth with the following programme:-

- James Turner                      "Charlatanism" in the philosophy  
of J. C. Powys
- \* Oliver Holt                      Reminiscences of Littleton  
Powys
- Martin Pollock                      On Llewelyn Powys
- Stephen Powys Marks              On A. R. Powys
- Ingemar Algulin                      John Cowper Powys and the  
Sceptical Tradition

Transcripts of the papers marked with an asterisk and a copy of the 1973 Newsletter are available on application to the Secretary at a cost of 75p (inc. p.&p.). If any member has an interest in any paper either unpublished in The Powys Review or unavailable in transcript, please let the Secretary know and an endeavour will be made to try and procure a copy.