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)

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)

21/3/70
Kenneth Hopkins
Louis Wilkinson (not published)

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)

1/5/71
John Boulton
T.F. Powys's unpublished novel 'The Market Bell' (not published)

17/7/71
Timothy Hyman
The Modus Vivendi of John Cowper Powys (not published)

30/10/71
Harry Coombes
Reserve and Ebullience: Two Brothers in Literature (not published)

11/3/72
John Toft
Atlantis. (The Powys Review 1977, No.3)

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:-

George Steiner
The difficulty of Reading John Cowper Powys. (The Powys Review 1977, No.1)

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,  

Colin Wilson  
Powys the depth psychologist  
(not published)

Michael Roulstone  
Llewelyn Powys (The Powys  
Review 1977, No.2)

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)

Susan Huxtable Selby  
Mysticism, trivia and  
sensuality: a study of Weymouth  
 Sands (not published)

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)

John Turner  
Powys's theatre: J.C.P. the  
actor-manager  (not published)
Cicely Hill

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

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

Richard Luckett
T. F. Powys: Aspects of his
language. (The Powys Review,
1977, No.2)

Harry Coombes
The first three books of T. F.
Powys. (The third part of the
paper was published in the
Powys Review 1979, No.5)

Mark Holloway
With T. F. Powys at Mappowder
(not published)

Michel Pouillard
T. F. Powys and the theatre
(published in The Powys Review
1979, No.5)

Glen Cavaliero
The Powys family and Dorset
(published in The Powys Review
1980, No.7)

John Hodgson
John Cowper Powys and Dorothy
Richardson (not published)

Kenneth Hopkins
The poetry of John Cowper Powys
(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:

Angus Wilson
Presidential Address

Francis Berry
J. C. Powys's justification of
phantasy

Susan Selly
Llewelyn Powys - West Country-
man

Timothy Hyman
The religion of J. C. Powys

R. L. Blackmore
An informal meeting in which
Robert Blackmore spoke about
John Cowper Powys in America
(not published)

Glen Cavaliero
The Powys Brothers: three life
illusions (not published)

12/3/77

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

Michael Roulstone
Llewelyn Powys - a reassessment

G. R. Wilson Knight
Powys and the Kudalini spirit
(Published in The Contemporary
Review vol.233, No.1350 and
1351, July and August 1978)
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: Dostoievsky 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)

Francis Feather

Book collecting with particular reference to the writings of the Powys family (a visit)

Ned Lukacher

Cronos, Dostoivevsky 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 Berham 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 programmes:-

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.