

# The Powys Society

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## SUMMER WEEKEND MEETING: 31st Aug. - 3rd. Sept

### Exeter University

Residence is in Hope Hall, Prince of Wales Road, Exeter. Delegates' telephone number Exeter 74839. Lecture rooms in Streatham Court. Sleeping accommodation is mainly in modern style single rooms of which a large proportion contain wash basins and shaver points. A limited number of twin-bedded rooms are also available. CAR PARKING is permitted in the Halls of Residence car parks. NO CAR PARKING is permitted in University roads.

### PROGRAMME

FRIDAY	6.00 pm.	Dinner	
	7.30 pm.	<u>Dr. Charles Lock:</u>	John Cowper Powys and James Joyce.
SATURDAY	8.30 am.	Breakfast	
	9.30 am.	<u>Dr. Cedric Hentschel:</u>	The Magic Mountain Syndrome: Thomas Mann and Llewelyn Powys.
	10.30 am.	Coffee and biscuits	
	11.00 am.	<u>Dr. David Goodway:</u>	The Politics of John Cowper Powys.
	1.00 pm.	Lunch	
	Afternoon:	Visit to Montacute or free.	
	6.00 pm.	Dinner	
SUNDAY	7.30 pm.	<u>Dr. Glen Cavaliero:</u>	John Cowper Powys - Space Traveller.
	8.30 am.	Breakfast	
	9.30 am.	<u>Mr. P. Foss:</u>	The Writings of Llewelyn Powys - Contexts and Methodology.
	10.30 am.	Coffee and biscuits	
	11.00 am.	<u>Dr. Charles Lock:</u>	From Dublin to Glastonbury.
	1.00 pm.	Lunch	
	2.30 pm.	AGM followed by Book Sale.	
	6.00 pm.	Dinner	
	7.30 pm.	<u>Mr. Francis Feather:</u>	T.F.Powys Manuscripts.
MONDAY	8.30 am.	Breakfast.	
		Departure	

This programme is subject to rearrangement.

A breakdown of the charges with Service and VAT included is given on the next sheet. The charges are slightly higher than those obtaining last year (as with everything else) but there are very good independent reports of the Exeter cuisine. There will be no

further notification of the Conference. Please send the completed booking form with the appropriate fee to the General Secretary at the above address by August 1st at latest. If you have any special accommodation or dietary needs please specify them on the form.

The total cost of the weekend, including all meals, morning coffees, afternoon teas, service and VAT is £49.40. The breakdown of this figure is as follows:

Each bed and breakfast	-	£9.66	-	(3 for weekend)
Each coffee & biscuits	-	.37	-	(2 for weekend)
Each lunch	-	£3.64	-	(2 for weekend)
Each tea and biscuits	-	.32	-	(2 for weekend)
Each dinner	-	£3.92	-	(3 for weekend)

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Powys Society will take place at Streatham Court, University of Exeter, on Sunday 2nd September, 1984, at 2.30pm.

#### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last AGM.
2. Matters arising therefrom
3. Chairman's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts
6. Election of Officers
  1. Chairman
  2. Secretary (the present Secretary will not be standing for a further term of office)
  3. Treasurer
7. Venue for 1984 Conference
8. Any other business

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting Mr. Francis Feather will hold a book sale as in previous years. This is always an interesting event and members are asked to bring along books of which they prepared to dispose to ensure a successful sale for donation to the Society's funds.

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### BOOKING FORM

Name: Susan Rands

Address: Victoria

I should like to attend the Exeter weekend in full and enclose cheque made out to The Powys Society for £49.40

I should like to attend part of the weekend and enclose exact details of when I shall attend, together with the appropriate cheque for £          .

Special Requirements with regard to diet, accommodation etc:

3) 49.40<sup>2</sup>  
19.36  
19.36  
38.72



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Important Information from Dr. Lukacher

Earlier this year we had every expectation that Dr. Ned Lukacher of the University of Illinois would be speaking to us at the Exeter Conference but unfortunately he is, for various reasons, now unable to do so. He expresses his great disappointment and sends us his "best wishes for a wonderful meeting." He also writes as follows:

"My chief reason for wanting to attend this year's meeting was to meet several of the contributors to a collection of essays on JCP that I am editing with Denis Lane. I have arranged this collection which is contracted for publication with the Duke University Press, Durham, North Carolina, USA. If our contributors submit their essays on time, i.e., September 1984, we shall have a book by 1985. ....The Duke University Press has agreed at my urging to make copies of the collection available to the Society at a discount. You will be hearing further from me on this matter into the Fall. Among the English contributors will be Glen Cavaliero, Timothy Hyman, John Hodgson, Carol Coates, and Belinda Humfrey. On the American side there will be essays by Denis and me, along with Ben Jones, Tom Southwick, Richard Maxwell, Ian Duncan and Anthony Low. And to cap it all, G. Wilson Knight has just given us an original essay on JCP and spiritualism."

Prof. Wilson Knight's new Publication

And that last sentence of Ned Lukacher reminds us sharply what a grand and ageless character we have in our President. His latest literary activity - apart from that mentioned above - is the publication of one of his early novels, *Klinton Top*, which was written in 1927 but has not yet appeared in print. The story centres round a hero for whom disaster in boyhood brought on acute mental suffering. His troubles are assuaged by love, the heroine pitting her strength against nature powers which function here as an agent in the drama. The solution approaches tragedy but ends with a strange yet positive conclusion, a higher state being adumbrated.

*Klinton Top* is published by The Redcliffe Press, Bristol, at £3.50 which represents unusually good value. Professor Wilson Knight will bring several copies with him\* which he will be happy to autograph for purchasers if desired.

An Interesting Powys Bookseller

H.J. Morgan, 28 Welham Manor, Dixons Hill Road, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts AL9 7EL, has sent us a copy of his Powys List 3 - May 1984 which contains a number of rare Powys and associated items. Amongst early works listed are *Confessions of two Brothers*, *Suspended Judgements* and *Samphire*. Magazines containing works by the Powys Brothers include various issues of the *Dial* and odd numbers of *The London Mercury*, *The Adelphi* and *the London Magazine*.

\* to the Conference, of course.

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