

**Glamorgan History Society autumn day school  
Heronston Hotel, Bridgend  
Saturday 30 October 2021**

***Printing and the Press in Glamorgan***

*To mark the 251st anniversary of the first press in Glamorgan  
which was started at Cowbridge in 1770*

- 10.00 Tea/coffee and bookstalls
- 10.30 Chairman's welcome (Professor Prys Morgan)
- 10.45 Professor E Wyn James  
***Ballad printing in the Vale of Glamorgan***  
*North-east Wales was the main centre for Welsh ballad printing in the 18th century, and it was not until 1770 that the first printing press was established in Glamorgan. However, by the 19th century, industrial Glamorgan had supplanted the north-east as the focus of ballad-leaflet production in Wales. This paper will discuss the handful of ballads (mainly in Welsh) that have survived from presses in Cowbridge and Bridgend. One of those printers, John Griffiths, also published the Bridgend Chronicle from 1857 to 1868, and this is indicative of the way newspapers increasingly superseded ballad leaflets as the Victorian era progressed.*
- 11.45 Dr Dylan Foster Evans  
***'A yrr dân drwy wasg Caerdydd' ('driving fire through the Cardiff press'): constructing Welshness in the daily and weekly press, 1840–1914***
- 1.00 Lunch and bookstalls
- 2.30 Mr Gareth Richards  
***The equipment and operations of a traditional press***  
*A brief history of the development of printing including the equipment and operations of a 19-20th century press at Neath. Artefacts and some equipment will be on show.*
- 3.30 Raffle  
*We will once again have the customary raffle which Nigel Williams has kindly agreed to organise. If you feel able to do so, please bring a suitable prize. Funds raised in this way go towards covering the cost of the event. Thank you very much.*
- 4.00 Tea/coffee and disperse

The attendance fee will be **£20.00 per head** to include a hot buffet lunch  
and tea/coffee and biscuits in the morning and afternoon.

*or*

**£12.00 per head** without lunch.

***To book a place or for further information, please [contact the Hon Secretary](#)***