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Parliament Invades Montgomeryshire

Powysland Lecture: Saturday, 12th November 2016 3pm

The Town Hall, Montgomery. Corn Exchange, Welshpool. 'Parliament's Invasion of Montgomeryshire, 1644-1645: Projecting Ideology and Logistics during the Civil Wars', by Dr Jonathan Worton.

The Welshpool Society Tuesday 8th November 2016 7.30pm Entry £2.50

The Corn Exchange Welshpool. A miscellany of short talks by three Powysland members.

Peter Barton: "The murder of Piers Gaveston: A Welshpool Connection."

Bob Silvester: "Montgomeryshire's Earliest Estate Map".

Roger Brown: "Music at St Mary's Church from medieval to modern times."

The Welshpool Society Tuesday 10th January 2017 7.30pm Entry £2.50

The Corn Exchange Welshpool Roger Brown 'Pictures & Prints of Welshpool'

NEW BOOK

IN PLACES WHERE THEY SIT
A social history of the Church Pew in Wales
Roger L. Brown

In Places where they Sit is a revised and much enlarged edition of a monograph published in 1998, *Pews, Benches and Seats*. People were seated according to their social rank, but over the course of time pews became appropriated to families with the result that they felt able to prevent others from making use of their pew. As a consequence, the accommodation in churches could be technically full but in reality was half empty. The poorer people were excluded or placed in out-of-the-way places, while others, unable to find accommodation, found their way to Nonconformity. This study shows how the Church endeavoured to address this issue by erecting galleries, repewing or even building a daughter church, and suggests that many churches were rebuilt or restored, not because they were in poor repair, but in a desire by their clergy to end this system of the appropriated pew. It also looks at the legal issues involved and the

disputes which were caused by this system, and the renting of pews, in many cases illegally. Although the study is of churches in Wales, with an appendix noting those churches which still contain their earlier pews, it is also applicable to England.

DETAILS

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177 pages (including endnotes), illustrated, indexed, and with an appendix listing by county churches where historic pews may be found in Wales.

PRICE, including postage, £12.00. **BUT £10.00 if bought at meetings of the Welshpool Society.**

TO ORDER PLEASE contact to Roger Brown, 14 Berriew Road, Welshpool, SY21 7SS (01938 552161), together with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to Roger Brown (apologies, I am unable to accept credit or debit cards).

Powysland Excursions 2017

John Davies organises the annual Powysland excursion programme and would like your views on his plans for next year. Visit our website by clicking [this link](#) to read about John's plans.

If you think there are any lectures or events that may be of interest to Powysland members, do please let me know. E-mail richardwchurch@btinternet.com. Depending on when we are publicising Powysland lectures and events we may be able to include other lectures in our regular email.

Richard Church