

HAY-ON-WYE LITERARY FESTIVAL 2016

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WORDSWORTH, COLERIDGE AND THELWALL AT LLYSWEN

FREE ENTRY Event 504 • Saturday 28 May 2016, 8.30am • Venue: Relish Restaurant
Join 'Coleridge in Wales' founder Richard Parry and scholar of the C18th Penelope Corfield in their discussion before they set off to walk to Llyswen (seven miles from Hay), where Coleridge and Wordsworth came to visit the notorious radical John Thelwall in 1798.
You are invited to join them on the walk. Breakfast will be available.

PROGRAMME

- 8.30 - 9.30 **Breakfast** (pay for own) at Hay's Relish Festival Restaurant, including
8.45 Welcome to the Journey: **A Poetic *Rendez-Vous* in Wales – Richard Parry**
9.00 **Three Extraordinary Personalities in 1798: The Young Wordsworth, Coleridge and John Thelwall – Penelope Corfield**
- 9.45 - 12.00 **Walk from Hay to Llyswen** (7.5 mile; or 12km)
An alternative bus shuttle will also be available (details to follow).
Those preferring to drive can get there in 15 mins, via the following route:
B4350 from Hay-on-Wye to Glasbury, continuing as A438 to Three Cocks;
Turn R at Three Cocks onto A4079 to roundabout junction with A479;
Turn R at roundabout junction onto A479 to Llyswen (Powys).
- 12.00 – 1.00 **Conducted Tour/Visit to Ty Mawr/Llyswen Farm** (assemble outside the Griffin Inn on main road through Llyswen – at junction of A479 and A470).

The rambling cottage where John Thelwall lived and worked as a poet-farmer 1797-1800 has been rebuilt but the tour will explore his romantic garden and will be shown (courtesy of the owner Lady Bingham) the original door-frame, relocated in 1894, through which Thelwall's guests S.T. Coleridge & William and Dorothy Wordsworth arrived.
- 1.00 – 3.00 **Self-provided Picnic Lunch in Llyswen Village Hall, with wine/soft drinks/tea/coffee, sponsored by the John Thelwall Society.**
- 1.30 **Thelwall's Adventures in Llyswen – Penelope Corfield**
2.00 **The Poetry of Rural Retreat – Three Readings:** from Coleridge, *This Lime-Tree Bower* (begun 1797), read by Richard Parry; from Thelwall, *Lines Written at Bridgewater* (1797), read by Steve Poole; and Wordsworth, *Anecdotes for Fathers* (1797), read by Penelope Corfield.
3.00 Conclusion of tour.

*For further information/reading,
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