



BOOK LAUNCH: THE COMMONPLACE BOOK OF JOHN GWIN

John Gwin lived at Llangwm near Usk in the middle years of the seventeenth century. His commonplace book is a treasure trove of medical remedies, snippets of local and family history, notes on the management of the Worcester estates, poetry by the leading Puritan William Wroth, advice on the choice of marriage partners, tips on good husbandry, and details of the ownership of church pews and the repair of the churchyard wall. It offers us an unparalleled insight into the cultural and intellectual world of south-east Wales in a period of civil war and continuing religious and political upheaval.

The South Wales Record Society will be launching its edition of the book in the Llangwm Village Hall from 2.30 on Saturday 10 December. There will be introductory talks by two of the editors and a chance to buy copies of the book at a

special reduced price of £12 for the paperback (cash or cheques only). Members of the Society can also pick their own copies up. The Village Hall is on the B4235 Usk-Chepstow road and there is a car park a little further along the road to Chepstow, at postcode NP15 1HQ.

All hardbacks are now spoken for but copies of the paperback can also be ordered through the Society's web site at <http://www.southwalesrecordsociety.co.uk/> or by post: £18 paperback for addresses in the UK. Complete and return the form to the West Glamorgan Archive Service, Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN.

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