

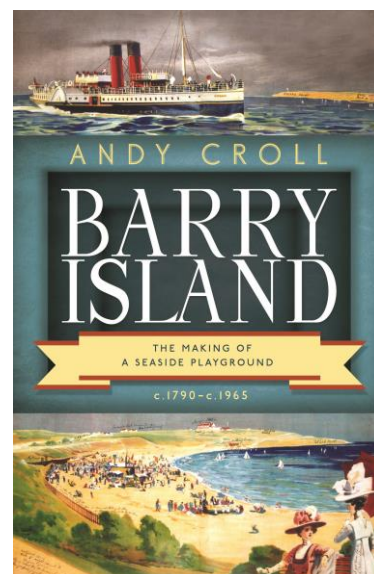
# Barry Island

The Making of a Seaside Playground, c.1790 - c. 1965

Andy Croll

July 2020

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Market:

The book has been written with a view to contributing to the academic study of the history of coastal tourism / seaside resorts, so academic researchers and undergraduate students will find it useful. However, it will also appeal to those interested in the history of seaside resorts generally – and Barry Island specifically.

Blurb:

Barry Island was one of the most cherished leisure spaces in twentieth-century south Wales, a playground of generations of working-class day-trippers. This book considers its rise as a seaside resort and reveals a history that is much more complex, lengthy and important than has previously been recognised. As conventionally told, the story of the island as tourist resort begins in the 1890s, when the railway arrived in Barry – in fact, it was functioning as a watering hole by the 1790s – yet decades of tourism produced no sweeping changes. Barry remained a district of ‘bathing villages’ and hamlets, not a developed urban resort. As such, its history challenges us to rethink the category of ‘seaside resort’ and forces us re-evaluate Wales’s contribution to British coastal tourism in the ‘long nineteenth century’. It also underlines the importance of visitor agency. Powerful landowners shaped much of the island’s development but, ultimately, it was the working-class visitors who turned it into south Wales’s most beloved tripper resort.

Key Selling Points:

- This study casts a revealing light on Wales’s contribution to coastal tourism in the nineteenth century.
- It argues that visitors had a powerful role in setting a resort’s social tone.
- It is also written in an accessible style.

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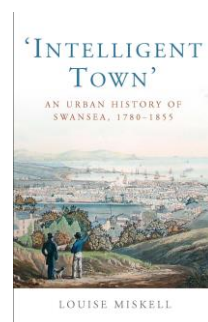
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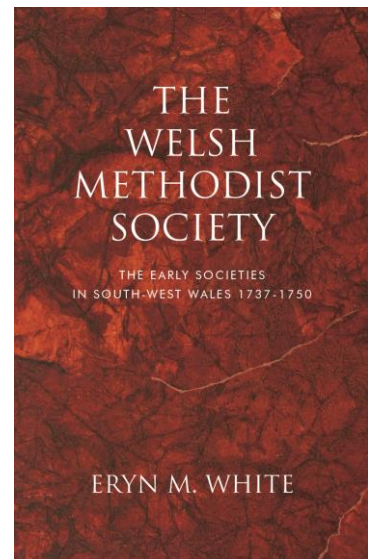
The Early Societies in South-west Wales 1737-1750

Eryn M. White

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Images: 14 (4 images and 10 charts/graphs)



Market:

This book will be of interest to academics as well as those interested in Welsh and religious history. It will be useful to undergraduates studying the history of Wales, history of religion and history of eighteenth-century Britain, as well as a broader readership interested in history of religion and Methodism more particularly.

Blurb:

The evangelical or Methodist revival had a major impact on Welsh religion, society and culture, leading to the unprecedented growth of Nonconformity by the nineteenth century, which established a very clear difference between Wales and England in religious terms. Since the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist movement did not split from the Church to form a separate denomination until 1811, it existed in its early years solely as a collection of local society meetings. By focusing on the early societies in south-west Wales, this study examines the grass roots of the eighteenth-century Methodist movement, identifying the features that led to its subsequent remarkable success. At the heart of the book lie the experiences of the men and women who were members of the societies, along with their social and economic background and the factors that attracted them to the Methodist cause.

Key Selling Points:

- A guide to understanding some of the aspects of modern Wales which obviously differ from England and other countries, including the singing of 'Bread of Heaven' at international rugby matches, as the legacy of the communal hymn singing which emerged as part of the eighteenth-century revival.
- The only work in English to discuss in detail what sort of people were drawn to the early Welsh Methodist movement, in terms of social background, age and gender. This will give a broader readership access to what has been more frequently discussed through the medium of Welsh.
- The focus on the grass-roots membership – most studies of Methodism in both Wales and England have tended to concentrate on the development of the movement largely from the perspective of the leadership. Although the influence of the leaders (Daniel Rowland, Howel Harris and William Williams) will be considered, the main focus is on the members and their social and economic background.
- The focus on the internal life of the societies, which is often missing from studies of Methodism. The book includes a careful examination of the activities of the societies in an attempt to explain their appeal.

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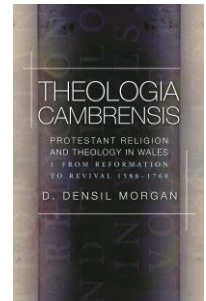
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