

**STILL GOING STRONG**  
**The Shops and Services of Caerwys**



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Cover Picture: From an old postcard, courtesy of Will Hebson. The main building is Hereford House and beyond that, Melyd House: Anwyl's, Langley's, Medwyn Evans', Rees's, Will's of Caerwys and now Select Convenience.

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...AND NOW



Bell House on the left in the foreground with the Pharmacy further up the road. On the right, Hereford House with Melyd House beyond it.



'On The Corner', Compton House

Nearly two hundred people crowded into the Town Hall for the 2016 Christmas meeting of the Caerwys Historical Society. Mulled wine and cheerful recollections flowed freely as the townsfolk remembered and celebrated their shops. It was a great occasion, funded by the Big Lottery. The stars of the show were introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Roland Ward. First was Dr. Tim Erasmus, who set the scene with an overview of the historical background from 1840 until the present day. Following him, Mr. Meirion Morgan described how at the age of eighteen he had taken on the family butchery business with its shop and extensive delivery round. Mr. Will Hebson described how his store had developed from a small grocer and haberdashery shop into a thriving modern convenience store. After the formal presentations many people came forward with additional stories and these, too, are included in this booklet.

The message from this collection of stories is clear. Like most towns and villages, Caerwys was once blessed with very many shops and much duplication. Changes in transport and rapid developments in technology have led to the gradual loss of most of these businesses, leaving many communities with no shops at all. Not so Caerwys! The shops that remain do so because they have moved with the times. They are essential to this community and certainly a cause for celebration.



