

COED-Y-MWSTWR  
COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL

*Guest Directory*



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## *Welcome to the Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel*

On behalf of our team at the hotel,  
may I extend a very warm welcome to South Wales  
and to the Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel.

We appreciate that guests visit us for various purposes, and our aim is  
to provide a welcoming environment that feels like a home away from  
home.

Our Eliots Restaurant has an enviable reputation for delectable dishes,  
irresistible wines, and genuinely warm & friendly service.

During your stay, I sincerely hope that you feel like you are among  
friends, and if there is anything that my colleagues or I can do to assist  
you, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Please enjoy your stay with us.

Kindest regards,

*Melanie Hancock*

General Manager



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## *Guest Services*

On behalf of the team at The Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel, we wish you a very warm welcome, and we hope that your stay with us will be an enjoyable one. To enhance your stay, the following will outline some information that you may require throughout your stay.

### **Reception**

Please dial '0' for assistance.

### **Night Porter**

A Night Porter is on duty from 11 pm to 7 am each evening. If you require assistance during this time, please dial '0'.

### **Bedroom Key**

If your bedroom key is not returned to reception, you are liable to pay a £50 fee.

### **Security**

For added security & comfort of our guests, our front doors are locked at midnight each evening. Please notify reception if you will be returning after this time.

### **Emergency Procedure**

In the event of any emergency, please contact the Duty Manager via reception.

### **Fire Procedure**

For your safety during your stay at The Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel, please familiarise yourself with the Fire Procedure in your room which is located on your bedroom door.

If you would require assistance during the event of an emergency, please inform reception or the Duty Manager as soon as possible after check-in.

### **Smoking Policy**

Please could we remind you that 'Smoke-Free' legislation is in force throughout Wales, this includes vaping and other similar activities. All our bedrooms have become smoke-free, committing the entire hotel to a smoke-free building. Any person wishing to smoke or vape must do so outside on the hotel grounds. Any person found smoking on the premises will be asked to extinguish their cigarette. Any guest found smoking or vaping in their room will be subject to a £50 service charge to cover the additional cleaning and de-fuming costs.



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### **Payment of Account**

Account may be settled upon departure at the front desk. We accept the following cards: Mastercard, Visa

### **Wi-fi**

With our compliments, a wireless broadband connection is available in all bedrooms, the main lounge area, and our conference rooms. 'Coed-Y-Mwstwr Free Wi-Fi'. After connecting, you will be prompted to fill in a short form or connect through Facebook to gain access to the internet.

### **Fresh Towels**

Fresh towels can be provided on request.

### **Toiletries**

If you have forgotten any toiletries, we can provide Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Sanitary Products, Deodorant, and Hairspray subject to availability. Please contact reception. (A small charge will be made for any purchases)

### **Leisure Facilities**

Our gym, sauna & steam room are currently CLOSED.

### **Check out**

Rooms must be vacated by 11 am unless prior arrangements have been made with reception.

If you wish to depart prior to 7:30 am, please notify reception before 11 pm the previous evening.

### **Extending Reservations**

If you wish to extend your stay or book future visits, please speak with a member of the reception team and we will be delighted to check for availability.

### **Vouchers & Gifts**

Show someone that you care with the Town & Country Hotel Gift Vouchers. Buying our vouchers for a friend, relative, or colleague shows them that you care. You can purchase flowers, wine, or a fudge platter by speaking to our reception team.



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### **Wake up Calls**

To book alarm calls, please arrange with reception.

### **Luggage**

Reception can arrange for luggage to be collected from your room and held in storage prior to your departure.

### **Voltage**

The electrical current is 240 volts with a 120-volt supply for razors. An alternative adapter is available on request.

### **Radiator**

Your radiator is thermostatically regulated. Please adjust to your personal comfort.

### **Golf**

The Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel hold a membership at the adjacent golf club. If you wish to play during your stay, please ask at reception.

Please note that guests will require their own equipment, must wear the appropriate attire & adhere to the club rules.

### **Meetings, Private Hire Lunches & Dinner**

The Hotel has facilities to accommodate meetings, private lunches, and dinners. Our event coordinators will be pleased to discuss your requirements.

### **Local Activities**

Local tourism leaflets are in the front foyer. However, reception will be happy to help should you require any further

### **Taxis**

Should you require a taxi, please ask reception 30 minutes prior to your departure and are subject to availability. Alternatively, we suggest the local taxi company "Jackson Cabs", which can be contacted on 01656 650650.



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## *Room Amenities List*

### **Extras Bedding**

Extra blankets & pillows can be found in your wardrobe.  
If you require any additional bedding, please contact reception.

### **Toiletries**

We provide a selection of Myddfai products for you to use during your stay, including Shampoo & Conditioner, Shower Gel, Hand Wash, and Hand and body lotion.  
(available to purchase at reception at £19.99 per bottle or gift sets at varying prices)  
If any bottles are missing after your stay a charge per bottle will be added.

### **Hairdryer**

Hair dryers are in the drawer of the dresser, your wardrobe, or the lift-up section of your desk.

### **Iron & Ironing Boards**

An iron and ironing board are in your wardrobe.  
Please note that the irons have a safety timer; they will automatically switch off after 20 minutes and need to cool before they can be re-used.

### **Bathmat**

A non-slip bathmat is situated in your bathroom or wardrobe.

### **Selection of Teas, Coffees & Biscuits**

A selection of teas, coffees and biscuits can be found on your desk, table, or wardrobe.  
If you require extras, please contact reception.

### **Cysgu Dog**

Our friendly dogs will also guard your room. Please place them outside your room if you do not wish to be disturbed.  
(available to purchase at reception at £30.95 per dog)  
If our Cysgu Dog is missing after your stay a charge will be added



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## *Lounge Bar*

Our bespoke Lounge Bar is available for residents subject to a valid pre-authorisation taken on check-in and to non-residents between 11 am – 11 pm Monday — Saturday and between 12 am - 10 pm Sundays.

## *Eliot Restaurant*

### **Opening Times:**

#### **Breakfast**

Monday - Friday, 7am to 10am  
Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 10am

#### **Lunch**

Monday - Sunday, 12pm to 2:30pm

#### **Dinner**

Monday - Saturday, 7pm to 9:30pm  
Sunday, 7pm to 9pm

## *Room Service*

Room service is available from the restaurant menu until 9pm.

Please ask reception for a copy of the restaurant menu.

There is a £3 tray charge for room service per order.



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## *Hotel Proprietors Act 1956*

### NOTICE LOSS OR DAMAGE TO GUEST'S PROPERTY

Under the Hotel Properties Act 1956, a hotel proprietor may, in certain circumstances, be liable to make good any loss of or damage to a guests' property even though it was not due to any fault of the proprietor or staff of the hotel.

This liability however:

- a. Extends only to the property of the guest who have engaged in sleeping accommodation at the hotel.
- b. Is limited to £50.00 for any one article and a total of £100.00 in case of any one guest, except in the case of property which has been deposited, or offered for deposit, for safe custody.
- c. Does not cover motorcars or other vehicles of any kind or any other property left in them or horses or other wild animals.

This notice does not constitute an admission either that the Act applies to this hotel or that liability there under attaches to the proprietor of this hotel on any case.



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## *The Coed-Y-Mwstwr Story*

BY D.J. COLLIER

Surrounded by trees and overlooking the village of Coychurch is the splendid Victorian Mansion of Plas Coed-Y-Mwstwr. It stands 300 feet above the pleasant pastures of the Vale of Glamorgan with views of Treoes, Llangan and St. Mary Hill, westwards to Ewenny and Ogmores-by-Sea and far across the Channel to the shadowy hills of Exmoor.

Built in 1888 it was the home of Arthur John Williams, Barrister-of-Law and Liberal Member of Parliament for South Glamorgan from 1885 to 1895, his wife Rose Harriette and their two sons, Eliot, and Leslie. Until then, the family had resided in Eastbourne, Tunbridge Wells, Swansea and Miskin, and then the prospect of living in the Vale of Glamorgan delighted them.

They quickly settled and were very happy in their new home, yet; there must have been times when Arthur and Rose reflected on the events surrounding their courtship and marriage. Even by today's standards, they were quite remarkable.

Rose Harriette Crawshay was born in 1848. She was one of the five children and the eldest daughter of Robert Thompson Crawshay, the celebrated 4th Iron King of Cyfarthfa Castle, Merthyr Tydfil.

Rose, or Trotty as she was more popularly known within the family, had a happy childhood. Life in the Castle was convivial, added to which she was her father's favourite child.

However, in December 1859, when Trotty was 11, tragedy struck. Her father, at the age of 41, suffered a paralytic stroke. He recovered from the paralysis but for the remainder of his life was totally deaf. It was only possible to communicate with him by writing.

For the next 18 years, Trotty cared for her father, seeing it as her duty. She was his constant companion. But as time passed, he became cantankerous, demanding, and tyrannical. He even kept a dog whistle, which he blew to call his daughter, and the immediate response was the order of the day.

Trotty was tall, slim, and attractive. Recognising that marriage was always a possibility, Robert Crawshay continually pleaded with his daughter to remain single until after his death. To this Trotty agreed, but even so, any eligible bachelor was regarded with great suspicion.



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On one occasion, when she was 17, Trotty fell in love and wanted to get married. Emotional blackmail by her father soon put a stop to that. Despite this, Trotty always longed for marriage and a husband. The turning point came in May 1877, when she met a handsome barrister from Bridgend by the name of Arthur John Williams.

Trotty was 29 and Arthur was 41. It was mutual love at first sight. Her feelings were such that Trotty told her father that she was now unable to keep her promise of staying single during his lifetime. His response was predictable, and he tried all possible means to get her to change her mind. This time he failed, and by June, the couple were considered engaged.

So strong was her father's opposition that Arthur was forbidden to enter the castle again! The situation became more difficult. Normally, as the daughter of a wealthy farmer, Trotty could expect a substantial dowry on marrying.

But things were not normal, and her father was not disposed to making such a payment.

It took Trotty months of arguments and pleading to get him to change his mind. The amount was £100,000 but conditional on it being paid on his death and not Trotty's marriage. Though not ideal, she was satisfied with the arrangement.

Soon afterwards, on 5th December 1877, the couple were married in London.

Neither Trotty's father nor mother attended the ceremony.

Eighteen months later, on 10th May 1879, Robert Crawshay died. He was 62.

It was at this time that the drama heightened and shortly after the funeral, the contents of the will were revealed. It showed that in November 1877 and unknown to anyone, Robert Crawshay had added a codicil. It resulted in Trotty not receiving the £100,000 as had been promised, but the income from it. Furthermore, this was during her lifetime, only as the capital sum would revert to her brother and sister on her death.

Robert Crawshay was still not finished. He further willed and expressly forbade any of the money being used for Trotty's husband or any children of the marriage.

It all came as a bombshell to the family and seemed to be Robert Crawshay's final act of revenge on his daughter. The inscription on his extraordinary gravestone in Vaynor Church, of "God forgive me", seemed to fit the occasion.

The spiteful codicil could not be revoked. However, Trotty's brother and sister - who were very sympathetic - agreed to renounce all claims on the reversion in favour of Trotty's two children.





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Some years later, in June 1887 a legal document was drawn up, and when in 1943, at the age of 93, Rose Harriette Crawshay-Williams died the full inheritance passed to her sons.

Her father had been defeated.

Meanwhile, in September 1911, Arthur died at the age of 76.

Coed-y-Mwstwr has since been passed into other hands. Nevertheless, the events at the turn of the century could not mar the happy years Arthur John Williams, his wife Rose and their sons spent there.

During this time, they established close links with the village of Coychurch. Children's parties were a particular feature and hugely popular with the locals. The village school was also a frequent recipient of their generosity.

Perhaps the most lasting tribute to their benevolence is the Williams Memorial Hall. This was built and mainly financed by Arthur Williams' widow as a memorial to her husband.

It was completed in 1922 and, over the years, has been a wonderful asset to the community and social life of the village.

Mr and Mrs Williams were frequent visitors at St. Crallos church. There is an inscribed tablet to their memory on the church's North wall, near the pulpit.

