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**Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, NMW Cathays Park, Cardiff
at 10.30am**

The Tonypandy Riots: A talk by David Maddox OBE

A leading Welsh Historian has stated that the name Tonypandy is the place most mentioned in the indexes of books about Wales. What are the stories connected with events which occurred in this mining community in 1910-11 and has had a lasting impact and interest by politicians, historians and the media even to today?

The talk will provide the background to the industrial dispute triggered by a 'lock-out' of miners at the small Ely colliery Penygraig and why 12,000 miners in the Mid-Rhondda district similarly employed by the Cambrian Combine collieries owned by David Alfred Thomas Liberal M.P. elected to strike in support.

It will consider the major confrontations with police at the Glamorgan Colliery, Llwynypia where hundreds of miners and police were injured over 2 days of serious confrontation on the 7th the 8th November 1910 and the serious looting of over 60 businesses in the town of Tonypandy. It will also show how the events of Tonypandy have featured in major disputes in Parliament and subject to debate in the press ever since.

It will also critically examine the role of Home Secretary, Winston Churchill in the deployment of the military to the strike area and the use of 1500 policemen in the Rhondda & Cynon Valleys. How this miners' 'friend' who had been warmly received in the Rhondda in 1908 changed to one of bitterness two years later. The talk also will provide evidence relating to the impact the strike had on the role of women and families enduring the hardship of a 'lock -out and a 10th month strike.

David Maddox OBE taught history at Tonypandy Grammar School and Mid-Rhondda Comprehensive school before his appointment by Mid-Glamorgan County Council as the schools History & Economics Adviser. He retired in 2006 as Deputy Chief Adviser for Education Support & Improvement Service (ESIS) for Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil & Rhondda Cynon Taf.

He was formerly Chair of the Association of History Teachers in Wales and a key person in promoting the wider study of the history of Wales in schools and colleges.

The cost is £10. Please pay on the day. This includes coffee and biscuits in the Oriel Suite after the talk.

However, in order to assist in the ordering of the coffee/biscuits, it would be most helpful if you could let me know if you intend to come to the talk either by email or phone at:

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