

SOUTH WALES RECORD SOCIETY

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AGM

The 2012 AGM was held at the The Rest, Porthcawl on Saturday, 12th May. It was attended by about 25 members who, after the business meeting and along with members of the Glamorgan History Society, were treated to a most entertaining and informative presentation by Dr Martin Johnes of Swansea University *Sport and the Making of the Modern Welsh Nation*.

Publications

This year saw the final publication by Professor Chris Williams as General Editor - Christabel Hutchings edition of the letters of Thomas Henry Thomas the artist and cultural mover and shaker in late Victorian and Edwardian Wales. The launch was again poorly attended by our own members and was saved only by Christabel's forethought in inviting friends from the Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association. At the AGM members were asked whether they still wanted book launches and a unanimous 'yes' was recorded. It remains to be seen whether attendances will be better in the future. Publishing on the web still continues to be an option under consideration for smaller works of limited or specialist interest. A full report on the current situation will be given by the General Editor at the AGM. In a new venture this year a Newsletter was sent to all members with the AGM notice in an attempt to keep members up-to-date with society news. As this was well-received it was hoped that its production would be at least an annual event.

Sales

Sales continue much as last year in that they have been slow but steady, with the exception of certain popular titles. The website continues to be invaluable and to attract sales from non-members. Other forms of publicity both for the society and its works continue to be discussed. Please visit us at www.southwalesrecordsociety.co.uk Books can also be ordered and membership requests made by e-mail at southwalesrecordsociety@yahoo.co.uk

The future direction of the society

This was discussed recently at a special committee meeting as a number felt that the society had lost its way in recent years. The feeling of the meeting was that we should adopt the model of most other record societies which charge a rate of subscription which includes a copy of the current year's publication. This will be further discussed and put as a motion to next year's AGM.