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AGM

The 2013 AGM was held at the The Rest, Porthcawl on Saturday, 11th May. It was attended by about 25 members who, after the business meeting and along with members of the Glamorgan History Society, were entertained by an absorbing and informative presentation from Dr Rhianydd Biebrach entitled **Saints, Stones and Stories: Thoughts on the Bishops' tombs at Llandaff Cathedral**. It is a pity that not more members were present.

Publications

Dr. Ray Howell took over as General Editor this year and his first publication was the very successful **War Underground: Memoirs of a Bevin Boy in the South Wales Coalfield**. The launch at Pontypridd Museum in April 2013 was extremely well attended by friends and family of the author as well as our by own members plus those drawn by the subject and, I suspect, those who were keen to hear one of the other invited guests, Kim Howells, speak.

Thoughts from a special meeting of the committee in March 2013 (called to consider the future funding of the society) resulted in a questionnaire being sent out to all members by post and email in January 2014. Results will be given at the AGM to which a committee motion for change will be proposed.

As last year, publishing on the web still continues to be an option under consideration for smaller works of limited or specialist interest. A full report on future publications will be given by the General Editor at the AGM.

In a new venture this year downloadable versions of the Annual report 2012/13 and minutes of the 2012 AGM were put on the website prior to the 2013 AGM instead of being posted out. Members were advised of this on the Agenda paper notifying them of the AGM arrangements with the rider that copies could be mailed out if required. No such requests were received.

Sales

With the exception of **War Underground** sales continue to be slow but steady. The website continues to be invaluable and to attract sales from non-members. The society is now on Twitter and Facebook. For details of this and other useful information, please visit us at www.southwalesrecordsociety.co.uk Books can also be ordered and membership requests made by e-mail at thesouthwalesrecordsociety@gmail.com (please note this is a new email address)