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AGM

The 2014 AGM was held at the The Waterfront Museum, Swansea on Saturday, 31st 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 Dean Powell entitled **Eccentric – the life of Dr. William Price**. It is a pity that not more members were present.

Publications

The launch of the Society's next publication, **The Diaries of Margaret Jones of Garth, 1871-97** edited by Peter Jackson, was held on Saturday the 5th of July in the Pontardawe Arts Centre with good level of support from the local history society and the local community amounting to an attendance of 50 to 60. Good initial sales of 45 copies were made. Engaging/combining with a local history society is obviously the way forward. The book, which presents a range of fascinating insights, is an attractive volume in our new style format.

A pivotal decision ratified by the AGM this year was to change the way the Society is funded. Informed by the member questionnaire held early in the year it was decided to follow the pattern of most other record societies and cost the annual subscription to include a complimentary copy of the current year's publication. Therefore from 1 April 2015 the subscription will be raised to £20 and the complimentary volume to members will be our first bi-lingual publication, **Cas gan Gythraul**, which will introduce readers to the fascinating world of magic and witchcraft in 18th century Wales.

As always, 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 at the AGM.

As last year, downloadable versions of the Annual report 2013/14 and minutes of the 2013 AGM were put on the website prior to the 2014 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

War Underground is now almost sold out though other sales continue to be steady but slow.

The website continues to be invaluable and to attract sales from non-members. The society also continues to maintain a presence 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 that this is the only functioning email address for the Society).**