

# ***SOUTH WALES RECORD SOCIETY***

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*President:* Professor Ralph Griffiths

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## *Committee:*

Dr. Madeleine Gray	Kim Collis	Daryl Leeworthy	Rhian Diggins
Kerry Evans	Tony Hopkins	Dr. Richard Watson	Dr Louise Miskell
Dr. David Jenkins	Katrina Legg	Gerald Gabb	Elizabeth Bennett
Richard Edwards	Paul Reynolds	Professor Ray Howell	

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### AGM

The 2015 AGM was held at The Methodist Church, Tondu on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 interesting and informative presentation by Dr Adam Chapman (Victoria County History) entitled **‘The contribution of the Welsh archers, especially those from Glamorgan, to the Agincourt campaign of 1415’**. It is again a pity that not more members were present.

### Committee and Officers

Two new members were welcomed to the committee this year, Richard Edwards the Librarian at The Welsh Museum of Rural Life at St. Fagan’s and Daryl Leeworthy an academic and free-lance researcher. Louise Miskell stood down as Chairman as per constitution and was succeeded by Jeff Childs whilst Ray Howell stood down as General Editor and was succeeded by Dr Ben Curtis. Thanks were given to retiring officers and the new post-holders welcomed.

### Publications

The launch of the Society’s next publication, **Cas gan Gythraul: Demonology, Witchcraft and Popular Magic in 18<sup>th</sup> century Wales by TP** and edited by Lisa Tallis, was held on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October at Swansea Museum during the Annual Book Fair and was well attended by family, friends and members of the society. Good initial sales were made. Lisa’s presentation on the volume was thought-provoking as well as informative and could be developed into a future AGM lecture. Combining with a local history event is obviously the way forward as it attracts a larger number of attendees and does not solely rely on the attendance of members. The book, which presents a range of fascinating insights into non-religious as well as religious practices in 18<sup>th</sup> century Wales, is an attractive volume in our new style format.

As always, publishing on the web still continues to be an option under consideration for smaller works of limited or specialist interest. A healthy number of publications proposals are under consideration and a full report on these and future publications will be given at the AGM.

As last year, downloadable versions of the Annual report 2014/15 and minutes of the 2014 AGM were put on the website prior to the 2015 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

**Cas gan Gythraul** is selling well whilst 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](http://www.southwalesrecordsociety.co.uk) Books can also be ordered and membership requests made by e-mail at [thesouthwalesrecordsociety@gmail.com](mailto:thesouthwalesrecordsociety@gmail.com) **(please note that this is the only functioning email address for the Society).**