

# ***SOUTH WALES RECORD SOCIETY***

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## **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

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### AGM

The 2016 AGM was again held at The Methodist Church, Tondu this year on Saturday, 21<sup>st</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 Lisa Tallis volume editor of our first bi-lingual publication *Cas gan Gythraul* entitled '**The Devil and the Preacher: Popular Magic and Demonological Thought in Wales 1500-1800**'. It is a pity, as always, that not more members were present.

### Committee and Officers

One new member was welcomed to the committee this year, David Leslie Davies of Aberdare, (though he had been on the committee a number of years ago). Louise Miskell accepted the office of President as Professor Ralph Griffiths was standing down after three years as per constitution. Thanks were given to retiring officers and the new post-holders welcomed.

### Publications

The launch of the Society's 2016 publication, **I hope to have a good passage...the business letters of Captain Daniel Jenkins, 1902-11**, edited by Dr. David Jenkins was held on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December at The Waterfront Museum, Swansea and was well attended by members of the society, as well as friends and colleagues of David Jenkins. Good initial sales were made. Thanks were due to David and the museum for organising the event and for their excellent hospitality.

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 2016/17 and minutes of the 2016 AGM were put on the website prior to the 2017 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. One request for this provision was received.

Sales

**I hope to have a good passage...** is selling well whilst other sales continue to be steady but slow.

The website continues to be invaluable, in particular in attracting sales from non-members. The society also continues to maintain a strong presence on Facebook and Twitter.

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