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AGM

The 2017 AGM was again held at The Methodist Church, Tondy this year on Saturday, 13th 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 Paul Frame, entitled '**Liberty's Apostle: the life and times of Richard Price 1723-91**'. It is a pity, as always, that not more members were present.

Committee and Officers

We welcomed two new members to the committee this year, Lisa Tallis, a recent volume editor and Dr Simon John of Swansea University. Richard Hutchings, for many years our treasurer, signalled his intention to resign once a successor had been found and, during the course of the year, Christabel Hutchings handed over sales to the secretary. Thanks were given to officers for their work and the new post-holders welcomed.

Publications

The launch of the Society's 2017 publication, '**A Spiritual Botany: Shewing what of God Appears In the Herbs of the Earth; together with some of their natural virtues and uses...**', edited by Dr. Adam Coward was held on Saturday the 2nd of December at Pontypool Museum. The launch was successful despite there being only 15 present and Dr Coward's talk was well received. Hospitality was good at the museum for which thanks were conveyed. Sales of the volume have been slow but late in the year we were approached by Planet, a magazine with a large number of academic subscribers, and to which Dr. Coward had previously contributed, offering to distribute 1000 flyers for the volume in its next mailing. We hope for a good number of sales from this initiative.

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 2017/18 and minutes of the 2017 AGM were put on the website prior to the 2018 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 in the form of a request for the papers by email.

Sales

I hope to have a good passage... is still 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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