

# ***SOUTH WALES RECORD SOCIETY***

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### AGM

The 2018 AGM was held at The Glamorgan Archives, Leckwith, Cardiff on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. It was attended by members of both societies (about 30 in total) who, after the business meeting, were entertained with a stimulating and informative presentation by Dr. Adam Coward on his volume ‘**A Spiritual Botany**’ – an amplified version of his presentation given at the book launch. The lecture was well received but 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, Dr Richard Allen, currently teaching at Newcastle University but with a local base in Abergavenny, and Rachel Lock-Lewis of the University of South Wales who unfortunately after an introductory committee meeting felt that membership of it did not fit in with her current commitments. Richard Hutchings, for many years our treasurer, stood down as Kim Collis had come forward to replace him. Thanks were given to officers and committee for their work and the new post-holders welcomed.

### Publications

The launch of the Society’s 2018 publication, ‘**Charley’s War: the diary of Charles Parkinson Heare, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion the Welsh Regiment, 1914-1919**’ edited by Christabel Hutchings and Richard Frame was held on Friday 30 November at the Gwent Archives when the original volume was handed over to the archives by Michael Heare, grandson of Charles. The launch was extremely successful despite being held on a working day and the volume well received by all present.

As always, publishing on the web continues to be an option under consideration for smaller works of limited or specialist interest, or indeed, entire diaries or documents which are too long to publish on paper for reasons of bulk and cost. 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 2018/19 and minutes of the 2018 AGM were put on the website prior to the 2019 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

Apart from **'Charley's War'** which is selling well, the **'Diary of William Thomas'** is the next best seller 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.

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).**