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AGM

The 2019 AGM was held at The Glamorgan Archives, Leckwith, Cardiff on Saturday, 11th May at 2.45pm. It was attended by members of both societies (SWRS and GHS -about 20 in total) who, after the business meeting, were entertained with a stimulating and informative presentation by Stanley Soffa, B.E.M entitled *the Voices and Images of the south Wales Jewish Community*. The lecture was well received as shown by the number of questions it raised but it is a pity, as always, that not more members of both societies were present.

Committee and Officers

This year we welcomed to the committee Dr. Lisa Snook the new Gwent Archivist and now its representative member, Tony Hopkins remaining on the committee as a personal member. This year also we sadly lost Richard Hutchings our former Treasurer for many years who died suddenly on 20 June. Condolences were sent to his wife Christabel, who as a remaining committee member was later to report that quite a large sum of money had been donated in his memory to the British Heart Foundation. Thanks were given to officers and committee for their work and the new post-holders welcomed.

Publications

Due to issues over publishing this year's volume *'The Diary of William Southern Clark, 1854 – Cardiff Steals a March'* there was no launch but distribution went ahead to members in early January 2020 along with an apology for its lateness. Further publications, along with their due year dates, will be outlined by the General Editor in his report.

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. We are currently considering this for the full version of *The Diary of Charles Morgan of Llanrhidian, 1834-1857* at some time in the future when it will not affect sales of the abridged version which is due to be published in late 2020.

As last year, downloadable versions of the Annual report 2019/20 and minutes of the 2019 AGM were initially put on the website prior to the 2020 AGM instead of being posted out. Having been notified on the agenda paper of this, one request for this provision was received in the form of a request for the papers by email which was satisfied. However, subsequently, due to the Covid-19 restrictions the 2020 AGM was cancelled, a paper consultation was set up and members were advised of this in a Chair's letter.

Sales

'*Charley's War*' is still selling well and some other publications are steady.

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 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**).