



Registered Charity No. 1059537

Minutes of the AGM of the Glamorgan Family History Society held at The Len Evans Centre, Aberkenfig at 1 pm on Saturday 29th February 2020

The AGM commenced at 1:10 pm prior to the talk by Jeremy Konsbruck on “The Man May Be Not Exempted” The Military Appeals Tribunals of the Great War.

Officers: Michael Jones (Chairman), Ian Black (Vice Chair), Jane Jones (Secretary), Nicholas Davey (Treasurer)

Executive Committee Trustees: Nancy Thomas (Minutes Secretary)

Branch Trustees: Aberdare & Cynon Valley, Pat Rees; Bridgend, Sue Tiller. Cardiff & Vale, Stephen Fairhurst (for Jane Graves), Merthyr Tydfil, Mike Donovan (for Carolyn Jacob).

1. Chairman’s Welcome: The main business - the formal AGM - commenced with a warm welcome to the members by the Chairman, Meic Jones. A check was made that all members present had received a voting card and booklet of the agenda and reports when they arrived.
2. Apologies for Absence
 - 2.1 Apologies were received from: Jeff Coleman, Maureen Bullows, Carolyn Jacob, Anne Evans, Creighton Sims, Trish Righton, Cherry King, Sue Hamer, Susan Sear, and Susanne Doolan. Jane Graves, Linda Howard
 - 2.2 Prior to the meeting proceeding the issue of having a quorum was raised. There were 21 members present in the room. The Chairman asked for permission to proceed with the meeting with 4 members short of a quorum for both the meeting and to make the amendments being proposed in item 4 of the agenda. It was emphasised that the proposed amendments had been widely circulated both in the Society journal, on the website and via a Mailchimp email that the AGM could continue. This was approved unanimously
3. Minutes of the last AGM (2nd March 2019) and Matters Arising:
 - 3.1 Nick Davey clarified that 6.3 read that he would “...resign from August 2020... and would be around for a transition period...”. This should read that he would be “standing down from 31st August 2019...”.
 - 3.2 Also, in 6.3 “This will mean that the Society will cease...” should read “This could mean that the Society will cease...”.
 - 3.3 There were no other matters arising not dealt with elsewhere and the minutes for the 2019 AGM were agreed. (Prop: David Barnard; Sec: Pat Rees)

4. Proposed amendments to the Society Constitution. These have been widely circulated via both the Society Journal and a Mailchimp email to members. The amendments clauses of;
 - 4.1 7.13: Concerning Branch Representatives being confirmed at the next Executive Meeting following the Branch Annual General Meeting
 - 4.2 7.6: Concerning the maximum period of time elected officers can hold a post
 - 4.3 7.10: concerning the length of membership before a member can take up an Honorary position
 - 4.4 18.2: Concerning the number of members needed for a quorum

The amendments were read out in full to those present and were then approved unanimously by all present. (Prop: Meic Jones; Sec: Nick Davey).

5. Chairman's Report - Mike Jones - see Appendix
6. Secretary's Report - Jane Jones - see Appendix
7. Treasurer's Report - Nicholas Davey - see Appendix for Unaudited Accounts
 - 7.1 A copy of the accounts which have been audited are in the AGM Information pack and once that has been agreed our Auditor, Mr Guy Bevan, will sign them off.
 - 7.2 Thanks go our previous Auditor Mrs Katharine Harris who until last year had checked out accounts. She has been seriously ill since the summer of 2019, so it was felt it best to ask another suitably qualified person. Guy is a member of the society who had expressed in the Society's Treasurer role; however, he lives in Wiltshire so undertaking the role to the same level as the current post would be difficult. His qualifications include ACMA, CGMA. His Audit report is contained in the unaudited accounts that you have in front of you.
 - 7.3 As you are aware the Society has been trying, since I first announced my impending retirement 2 years ago, to replace me unfortunately, (at the time of writing of this report) no one has come forward even after the administration of the accounts has been redesigned so after today there will be no Treasurer of the Society.
 - 7.4 This means that the duties carried out by the Treasurer will now be carried out by the Treasury Team, with Ian Black & Elaine Romain undertaking the bookkeeping and processing the payments but there will have to be systems in place to ensure the continuing security of the Accounts. I will be here for 3 months to ensure a smooth transition in changing signatories, internet banking Administration.
 - 7.5 We have a volunteer to administer the Gen-Fair Web shop once the new catalogue is completed.
 - 7.6 What will not be covered is the Treasurer's supervision role which included the quarterly and annual reports to the EC & the Society.
 - 7.7 The maintenance of the Asset register so that each item identifiable, this has not been undertaken to the level that I would have wished due to pressure of maintaining the accounts.
 - 7.8 The role of the Charity Commission co-ordinator has also been brought under the umbrella of the Treasurer but as there is no one available to undertake this essential role, the Society could be found in breach of our statutory duties as I will not be updating our entry on the Charities commission register of any Trustees appointed by this meeting. I will upload the Audited accounts.
 - 7.9 Finally, I would like to thank the Society to allow me to be your treasurer for the last

5years. When I took over this role the Society was making a significant deficit and in the last reporting year we have a small surplus, which I hope will continue. However we can all do our bit to support the society by Gift aiding our subscriptions and supporting the Society in using our online resources on Findmypast for which the Society receives royalties of approximately £150 per month, and volunteering to help run the Society either by supporting your local branch or assisting in the Resource centre that some of you have used it today with some success.

8. Membership Report - see Appendix

9. ARC Report - see Appendix

10. Projects Report - see Appendix

11. Events Report - see Appendix

12. Journal Report - see Appendix

13. Website - see Appendix

14. Branch Reports - see Appendices

- 14.1 Aberdare & Cynon Valley
- 14.2 Bridgend
- 14.3 Cardiff & Vale
- 14.4 Merthyr Tydfil
- 14.5 Pontypridd and Rhondda
- 14.6 Swansea

15. Appointment of Auditor: This is on hold due to the past auditor's ill health. To be confirmed.

16. Election of Officers and Committee Members

16.1 The Chairman read out the nominations (proposed and seconded in writing) that had been received by the Society Secretary for the following Society Officers/Executive Committee Members. A vote was taken on each and the following were elected:

Chairman:	Meic Jones
Vice Chairman:	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Secretary:	Jane Jones

Committee Members: Ian Black, Nick Davey, Susan Hamer, Nancy Thomas.

17. Branch Representatives:

The following representatives, having been elected by their branches, were confirmed as Executive Committee Trustees:

Aberdare & Cynon:	Pat Rees
Bridgend:	Sue Tiller
Cardiff & Vale:	Jane Graves
Merthyr Tydfil:	Carolyn Jacob
Pontypridd & Rhondda:	Creighton Sims
Swansea:	Jeff Coleman

18. A.O.B:

Meic Jones Gave a speech and read out comments from Sue Hamer to thank Nick Davey for his work with the Society over the years and in particular his dedication to the role of Treasurer in recent years. It is thanks to his hard work that the Society is now in a healthy position to be able to move forward. A presentation of a W.H. Smith's gift voucher was may as a token of thanks.

19. Date & Time of Next AGM

2021 Annual General Meeting: Date to be confirmed. TBA The Chairman explained that it was not yet possible to identify the date of next year's AGM until the Six Nations fixture dates had been agreed. He thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 13:53

APPENDIX 1 : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 29 February 2020

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Dear Member

At the Annual General Meeting it is proposed to make the following amendments to the Society Constitution:

- Amend Clause 7.1.3 as shown below
- add two additional clauses 7.6 and 7.10.
- Amend Clause 18.1 as shown below.

The sections of the Constituion which include the relevant clauses are copied below.

6 Honorary Officers

At the Annual General Meeting of the Charity the members shall elect from amongst themselves a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

7 Executive Committee

7.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- 7.1.1 the four honorary officers specified in the preceding clause (6);
- 7.1.2 a maximum of five Executive Committee Members elected at the Annual General Meeting, who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting;

AMENDED CLAUSE

7.1.3 ~~one member from each branch, elected at each Branch Annual General Meeting, and confirmed at the Society Annual General Meeting, who shall hold office from the conclusion of the Society Annual General Meeting; and confirmed at the beginning of the next Executive Committee Meeting/ Society General Meeting following the Branch Annual General Meeting.~~

7.2 The above members of the Executive Committee will comprise the Trustees of the Society, ie four Honorary Officers, five (max) Executive Committee Members, six Branch Representatives.

7.3 The Executive Committee will also include up to five nominated members appointed as follows:

7.3.1 One each from the Glamorgan Record Office and the West Glamorgan Archive Service as ex-officio members.

7.3.2 Such other nominees as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

7.3.3 Nominated members shall have no entitlement to vote.

7.4 The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to fill vacancies (up to the next General Meeting) on the Executive Committee, as well as to invite individuals on an annual basis to undertake other tasks which are deemed to be necessary for the proper and effective administration of the Society's affairs.

7.5 All the members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the Annual General Meeting next after the date on which they came into office but they may be re-elected or reappointed.

NEW CLAUSE:

7.6 The four Honorary Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) can serve on the Executive Committee for a maximum of five consecutive years from the date of their appointment in their role, unless they wish to serve in another role on the Executive Committee

7.7 The proceedings of the Executive Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.

7.8 Nobody shall be appointed as a member of the Executive Committee who is aged under 18 or who would if appointed be disqualified under the provisions of the following clause.

7.9 No person shall be entitled to act as a member of the Executive Committee, whether on a first or on any subsequent entry into office, until after signing a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the trusts of the Charity.

NEW CLAUSE:

7.10 It is recommended that no-one should serve as an Honorary Officer of the Society (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) until they have been a fully paid up member of the Society for two full years.

18. Procedure at General Meetings

18.1 The secretary, or other person specially appointed by the Executive Committee, shall keep a full record of proceedings at every general meeting of the Charity.

AMENDED CLAUSE:

18.2 There shall be a quorum when ~~twenty five~~ fifteen members of the Charity for the time being are present at any general meeting.

APPENDIX 2 - Chairman's Report for AGM 29th February 2020

All the branches have been working hard, despite problems, especially lack of volunteers, which is a general thing with all societies.

Our Family History Fair in October went well, better than last year, as we didn't have such bad weather, but still with fewer visitors unfortunately. We have attended various Fairs, but can't attend as many as we would like because of the usual problem – Lack of Volunteers.

Membership is around 1360 at the moment with people joining all the time. Many send requests via Facebook, which is excellent. I would like to thank Nancy and Sue T for all their work in keeping up with all the work it entails.

Our Resource Centre continues to work with a faithful hard working group, who spend their time helping researchers with their family history, but as always we need more helpers so we keep trying to persuade others to come along.

At the last AGM I expressed my wish to stand down as Chairman. However, there were no volunteers so I am willing to stay on another year, as least until someone volunteers to take over. Many thanks to everyone for the support you have given me.

*Meic Jones, Chairman
Glamorgan Family History Society*

APPENDIX 3 – SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AGM 29TH FEBRUARY 2020

As usual the Society has attended a number of Family History Fairs during 2019. Many thanks to all those volunteers who represented the Society at these events.

Our Fair in Merthyr went reasonably well although with fewer visitors but those who came complimented us on the organisation. This was well received as organising such an event is not a five minute job.

Membership is around 1360 at present, but we have people joining all the time. I have seen many new requests from people on Facebook wanting to join us, so that is good news. Many thanks to Nancy and Sue T who work very hard keeping up with all the applications and all the work that goes with them. Like many things in the Society we lack volunteers so if there is anyone who would be willing to help, please let us know. At this time of year it is busier than normal, so offers of help would be much appreciated.

I receive many e-mails and phone calls from people regarding research, most of which I pass on to others, in the appropriate areas. I am grateful to those who help by answering the queries, with excellent information. Also I am very appreciative of all the help I have been given by other members, when I have a problem.

At the last AGM I tried to step down as Secretary as I had been "in office" for 13 years! But there were no takers so I carried on, and will do, until someone comes forward to volunteer.

Jane Jones, Secretary, GFHS

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1059537

Glamorgan Family History Society

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 August 2019

Glamorgan Family History Society

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 August 2019

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Glamorgan Family History Society

Charity registration number 1059537

Principal office United Kingdom

The trustees

Mrs Jane Jones

Mr Michael Jones (Chair)

Mrs Nancy Thomas

Mrs Caroline Jacob

Mr J.S. Coleman

Mrs Sue Hamer

Mr Nicholas J. Davey

Mr Ian Black

Mr Creighton Sims

Mrs Jane Graves

Independent examiner Mr Guy Bevan

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Leaze Road, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1JU

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2019

Structure, governance and management

The Society is administered by the Executive Committee which consists of four elected Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer); five Executive Committee Members and six Branch Trustees. Branch Trustees are elected at the Branch Annual General Meetings. The Society Officers and Committee Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting. All Trustees hold office for one year only but can be re-elected.

The Executive Committee meets four times a year in March, June, September and December. Additional sub-committees meet as required and report to the quarterly Executive Committee meetings.

Objectives and activities

Society's Objectives

As a registered charity the main objective of the Glamorgan Family History Society is to encourage and stimulate research into genealogy and allied subjects with particular reference to the historic county of Glamorgan; to assist members in their private research; encourage the transcription and preservation of records of family history and the deposit of original documents of value in approved repositories; publish papers of genealogical value and interests; establish, to mutual advantage, relations with other organisations interested in genealogy and allied subjects; maintain a library and to publish a journal regularly.

Achievements and performance

The total income from the Membership subscriptions and Donations is £27,735 and as many of the subscriptions are gift aided, we have included claim a total of £3,671 in the total. The adjusted income is £24,064 is slightly lower than for 2018 which reflects on a slightly lower membership but an increase in donations as a result of Branch meetings, our annual Fair and the use of the Resource centre at Aberkenfig

It is from this income that the main expenses of the Society are paid and in this year those expenses were:

Production of the Quarterly Journal	£8,325
Branch's Previous year's 2016-2017 Room Hire	£972
50% of the Branch's previous year's 2016-2017 Speakers Fees	£383
Rent and running costs of the Resource Centre	£4,872
The GLFHS website	£361
Cost our Fair & attendance at other societies events	£3,785
Essential costs such as Insurance & Professional fees for the smooth running of the Society	£2,269
Total	£20,966

The income generated from the sales of the society's publications and the royalties derived from the use of our online data is £6,324. The amount is less than last year's which was £8,534 and reflects the trend away from purchasing a book to researchers relying on online sources. The costs of producing the 500+ publications was £1,233 though the re-editing of our publications to comply with the GDPR regulations will incur re-publication costs in the coming year.

The annual accounts also include the summaries of the Branch accounts and this year their combined income less the reimbursements outlined above was £1,507, while their combine expenses were £1,936.

As a Society we are continuing to streamline the publication costs and with the demise of the Parishchest webshop we are remaining with Genfair and once the new stock control system is in place a new publications Catalogue will be produced.

This year we have been successful in continuing to reduce the net outgoings of the society however in the coming year as a result of an audit of the Resource centre library we are intending to spend up to £2,000 of society's reserves to ensure there are copies of our paper publications.

As in previous years I would encourage members to use the Society's online resources, as that increases our royalties, use the new website as it is now online, to continue to participate in the various projects to increase our resources and to help to bring our publications into modern formats. I would also ask those members who pay Income tax to consider gift aiding your subscription.

Nick Davey
Treasurer

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2019

Financial review

Society publications:

Work is progressing with the new catalogue so that both the stock held in the Resource Centre and Web shop on Genfair.co.uk have the same Titles and code numbers. In parallel, a number of the Society's publications have been withdrawn from sale (and are currently held at nil value) to ensure that the data contained complies with our obligations under the GDPR. Once these activities are completed, we will implement a new Stock take and adjust the Stock records accordingly.

Use of Reserves in the coming year.

In the short term:

a) The reserves will be used to cover any shortfall in the accounts. We will continue

to look at ways in which we can reduce our costs by approximately 5%. b) Having undertaken an audit of our assets we have set a target of replacing 1 computer in the resource centre each year.

c) The Society's new website is online and the first phase is nearly complete, we intend to develop the second phase in the coming year

In the medium term:

a) We intend to convert our current Publications into downloadable formats. This will commence this year with the various burial records.

In the longer term:

a) We will continue to seek different ways to raise awareness of the Society and the need for the involvement of the private sector, especially in the light of the contribution by the public sector in the libraries and museums being reduced. b) We will also consider the possibility that some of the Society's activities may need to be outsourced, at additional costs.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 8 February 2020 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr N. Davey

Glamorgan Family History Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Glamorgan Family History Society

Year ended 31 August 2019

Report to the trustees of	Glamorgan Family History Society		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2019	Charity no	1059537
Set out on pages	Six to Fifteen Inclusive		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

02/03/2020

Name:

Guy Alan Bevan

Professional qualification:

Associate, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (Retired)

Glamorgan Family History Society

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2019

		2019		2018
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	27,735	27,735	26,227
Other trading activities	5	6,324	6,324	7,507
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Total income		34,059	34,059	33,734
		=====	=====	=====
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of raising donations and legacies	6	5,753	5,753	9,236
Costs of other trading activities	7	11,272	11,272	15,285
Expenditure on charitable activities, 8,9,10, 11		14,940	14,940	14,079
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Total expenditure		31,966	31,966	38,600
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Net expenditure and net movement in funds		2,093	2,093	(4,866)
		=====	=====	=====
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		73,477	73,477	78,343
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Total funds carried forward		75,570	75,570	73,477
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Glamorgan Family History Society

Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2019

		2019		2018
	Note	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	13		5,595	6,182
Current assets				
Stocks	14	11,279		12,102
Debtors	15	5,416		2,977
Cash at bank and in hand		54,787		53,104
		—————		—————
		71,481		68,183
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	1,506		888
		—————		—————
Net current assets			69,975	67,295
			—————	—————
Total assets less current liabilities			75,570	73,477
			—————	—————
Net assets			75,570	73,477
			=====	=====
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds			75,570	73,477
			—————	—————
Total charity funds	17		75,570	73,477
			=====	=====

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2 March 2019, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Jane Jones

Glamorgan Family History Society

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 August 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net expenditure	2,093	(4,866)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,399	1,740
Accrued expenses	-	-
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Stocks	823	(39)
Trade and other debtors	(2,439)	(2,648)
Trade and other creditors	<u>618</u>	<u>(914)</u>
Cash generated from operations	2,494	(6,727)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>2,494</u>	<u>(6,727)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(812)	(2,368)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(812)</u>	<u>(2,368)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	1,682	(9,095)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	53,104	62,199
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>54,786</u>	<u>53,104</u>

Glamorgan Family History Society

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2019

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is United Kingdom.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There were no judgements, estimates or assumptions involved in the preparation of the financial statements other than those disclosed under the fixed assets policy note.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

The Society currently has no Designated or Restricted Funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2019

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions is treated as a donation and accounted for when received.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- 20% p.a. on Reducing Balance Basis

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2019

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£
Donations				
Gift Aid donations	3,671	3,671	2,458	2,458
Non Gift Aided donation	348	348	117	117
Donations via ARC	148	148	88	88

Sponsorship

Advertising income	60	60	45	45
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Subscriptions

Membership Fees	20,646	20646	20,791	20,791
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Other donations and legacies

Income from Branch Activities	2,860	2,860	2,728	2,728
Society support income	—	—	-	-
	—	—	—	—
	27,735	27,735	26,227	26,227
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Gift Aid claim made for the year ended 31st August 2018 has been made for £1,920.

A Gift aid claim has been made for the year ended 31st August 2019 has been made for £1,751.

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£
Merchandise Sales	2,838	2,838	4,361	4,361
Fairs Income	1,010	1010	685	685
Royalties from use of Historic Records	2,437	2,437	2,274	2,274
ARC - Printing and internet	39	39	187	187
Miscellaneous	—	—	-	-
	—	—	—	—
	6,324	6,324	7,507	7,507
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6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£
Room hire	971	971	2,157	2,157
Other sundry costs	-	-	4,034	4,034
Grants to Branches	-	-	-	-
Speakers	432	432	609	609
Venue hire costs	2,981	2,981	256	256
Travel, accommodation and sundry	565	565	818	818
Sundry Fair costs	804	804	1,362	1,362
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	5,753	5,753	9,236	9,236
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7. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£
Merchandise Production costs	9,790	9,790	13,561	13,561
Shop costs - other office costs	1,126	1,126	1,128	1,128
Website costs	355	355	596	596
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	11,271	11,271	15,285	15,285
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8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£
Resource Centre	6,162	6,162	9,577	9,577
Support costs	8,778	8,778	4,502	4,502
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	14,980	14,980	14,079	14,079
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9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken		Total funds 2019	Total fund 2018
	directly	Support costs		
	£	£	£	£
Resource Centre	6,162	8,778	14,980	14,079
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10. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2019	2018
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets included in Note 8	1,398	1,740
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11. Independent examination fees

	2019	2018
	£	£
Fees included in Note 8 for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	907	600
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12. Trustee remuneration included in Note 8

- a) £697 in total has been paid to reimburse six trustees for travel, stationary expenses, and personal computer use incurred in undertaking their duties as trustees.

- a) No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were paid to the trustees other than a £200 Honorarium to one Trustee in recognition of support activities provided to the Society as Secretary.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 September 2018	14,186	14,186
Additions	812	812
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At 31 August 2019	14,998	14,998
	=====	=====
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2018	8,004	8,004
Charge for the year	1,399	1,399
	_____	_____
At 31 August 2019	9,403	9,403
	=====	=====
Carrying amount		
At 31 August 2019	5,595	5,595
	=====	=====
At 31 August 2018	6,182	6,182
	=====	=====

14. Stocks

	2019	2018
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	11,729	12,102
	=====	=====

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Year ended 31 August 2019

15. Debtors

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,916	2,740
Prepayments and accrued income	237	237
Prepayments ARC Rent, D Evans Hall	1,263	-
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	5,416	2,977
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16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	640	640
Other creditors	866	248
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	1,506	888
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17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2018	Income	Expenditure	At 31 August 20 19
	£	£	£	£
General funds	73,477	34,060	(31,966)	75,570
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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,595	5,595	6,182
Current assets	71,481	71,481	68,183
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,506)	(1,506)	(888)
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Net assets	75,570	75,570	73,477
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Glamorgan Family History Society

REPORTS

APPENDIX 5 - MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership team have continued to work well together, I would like to thank Nancy, Sue H and Jane Jenkins for their help in this regard.

Overall membership currently stands at 1360 [as of 14th February 2020]. The membership team continues to have a busy time since the launch of the new website we have had over 440 new members since its launch, who we hope you are enjoying using the resources. We are also finding that members are also renewing their membership via the Website.

We still have a considerable number who are still underpaying, although the new automatic reminders do seem to be helping with some of these. To address those members who have not changed their standing orders for some considerable time we are now restricting the number of journals members received to correspond with the payment made. For example, if a member only paid the old amount of £10 their journals will finish with the December issue and if they have paid less, as quite a few have, their journals will finish in September.

We have been working closely with the web site manager since its launch in November 2017. There is a new automatic system for new and renewals to the membership. The membership section of the website appears to be working well.

Membership Team
GFHS AGM Report: 2020

APPENDIX 6 - ABERKENFIG RESOURCE CENTRE [ARC] REPORT

The ARC management team continue to work effectively to maintain the ARC and wider society functions. Visitor numbers continue to be rather low. Volunteers from the branches and the wider membership are always welcome and volunteers should be aware that travelling expenses are available.

Work is continuing to develop a database of Fiche holdings. The current Fiche stock is extensive; this has implications for storage in the ARC. A master set now resides in the CD cabinet draw.

The publication sales stock is being re-priced to reflect current postage rates. The new pricing structure is moving ahead well. Genfair stock has been re-priced. The publications are also being re-ordered to make it easier for the sales team. The Publication sales booklet is on hold until re-organisation of the stock and updating items on GF has been completed.

The ARC library is being reviewed to provide the hard copies of all of the publications for reference only use by visitors. The stock has also been checked for GDPR compliance.

The ARC holds a stock of index card that were compiled many years ago. These cards hold interesting and possibly unique information. These cards continue to be scanned and will, at some point be available as a resource in the ARC.

Maps: The stock has grown this year with a sizable donation. This stock is being indexed and storage options are being identified. The index will be added to the existing ARC stock lists.

Exchange journals are now being held in the ARC. Owing to limited space restrictions these will be held for a two year and then disposed.

Marketing: it is being proposed to hold quarterly Saturday sessions / coffee mornings in the ARC to raise the profile of the Society. Detailed plans have not been developed yet but members views on this would be welcomed. A volunteer to help with general marketing of the Society is being sought, support and training can be offered.

The team continues to support various open days and Fairs.

ARC Team March 2020

APPENDIX 7 - PROJECT REPORT

The Society continues to operate without a formal Projects Officer, while this is disappointing it remains a positive fact that projects in the branches and main society are continuing to support activities. Any member interesting in this role should be aware that support & training will be available.

A small team continues to manage the main functions which are co-ordinated from the ARC and all branches remain supported should the need arise. Branch activity is generally strong and a few new publications have/ are emerging during this year.

Aberdare & Cynon

- Aberdare Cemetery Transcribing is on hold
- MI transcribing of Bryngaer, Hirwaun
- Obituaries ongoing
- Society Database1] Scanning of GRO Certificates 2] Google maps Ceremonial locations and Burial places for the results of searches

Bridgend

- Area information files continuing to be developed

Cardiff update -

- Transcription and checking of the Bute papers is now finished.
- Work is underway on cross checking the burials for the St Marys and St Johns Cardiff.
- There has been some interest in transcribing the 1915 Conscription diary.

Sully The Memorial Inscriptions in Section S, Barry Cemetery is ongoing

Pontypridd & Rhondda

- School admission registers for Dinas is progressing well.
- The records for Salem Chapel, Llwynypia are ready for checking.
- Obituaries require formatting.

Merthyr Tydfil

- Transcribing of Obituaries is ongoing the first ten-year section is ready for publication and it is hoped to launch a CD of this at the AGM

Swansea

- Are working on School admissions, some of which have been transcribed but are awaiting checking.
- Also transcribing St Gabriel Church, Swansea, baptisms.

ARC

- Publications – re numbering in progress & library copies / GDPR completed. Awaiting re-stocking
- Publications sales list – on hold until renumbering completed
- Card index - going being digitised
- Fiche - ongoing
- Maps - inventory underway
- Exchange journals - stored in ARC, any older than 2yrs being filtered out
- Database Training - this is available if sufficient numbers

Nancy Thomas
GFHS Projects Report
2020

APPENDIX 8 - EVENTS REPORT

We have attended a few Fairs, and are grateful for those who were willing to give up their time volunteer. Sue H attended the Family Tree Live in London, Pontypridd and Rhondda branch attended the Family History Fair in the National Library in Aberystwyth in May. Swansea branch attended the Swansea Historical Event in Swansea also in May. Sue H and Nick attended the Genealogy Show in the NEC in June, Merthyr Branch attended the Dyfed fair in Carmarthen. Pontypridd and Rhondda branch were due to attend the Bristol and Avon Fair but had to pull out due to illness.

Our Fair was on October 12th and was relatively successful, with a number of new exhibitors. Thanks to all who took part. Nick and Jeff had a table where they helped researchers with their queries. This was a new venture, although Kathleen and Gwyn used to do the same a few years ago. Anyone wishing to spend time with them had to book beforehand. They were busy throughout the day. Hopefully they will do the same this year.

We had some help the night before the Fair, which helped a lot. Thanks to those who offered their time. It made a lot of difference. We shall be asking for help again this year.

We were asked if we could hold the Fair this year at an earlier date. We did try but the only available date was the 26th September. I have had some replies to our invitations, but unfortunately one or two regulars had to decline as the date clashes with an event in Kempton Park Racecourse.

Date	Venue	Attending
17/18 April	Family Tree Live Alexandra Palace	
16 th May	Family & Local History Trehafod	P & R Branch etc
26/27 Jun	Genealogy Show Alexandra Palace	
29 th Aug	Mayflower Genealogical Conference	
19 th Sept	Somerset & Dorset Fair Bridport	
26 th Sept	Glamorgan Fair Merthyr	All
26 th Sept	London FH Show Kempton Park	
3 rd Oct	Oxford Fair Woodstock	

Jane Jones

APPENDIX 9 - JOURNAL REPORT

2019 brought forth some fascinating articles from all parts of the globe, just proving how far Welsh people have travelled in the last 2 centuries looking for work, for opportunities and better lives for themselves and their families. In telling their stories to us, their descendants have introduced a new generation to the hardships and difficulties encountered, as well as enlightening us on subjects about which I, for one, knew nothing about. Who knew about the Welsh ironworkers in France in the early 19th century for example (see latest journal no 137), or the role a Welshman played in the uprising in Ballarat's Eureka stockade in Australia (journal no 134)?

As well as people leaving of course we had people arriving, in their thousands, and the articles on Merthyr Tydfil in journals 135 and 136 showed a Melting Pot indeed, of all nationalities coming here for the same reasons perhaps that others have left - better lives. These incredibly resourceful people all settled and made vibrant communities with their own new stories to tell. Our Sports issue recently published showed just some of the activities that brought out the best in individuals and enabled people to join together,

It is also very gratifying to know, from enquiries and follow-ups received, that readers are enjoying the Journal and appreciate the experiences of others who have had difficulties in their own family research (see the Brickwall article in the latest journal for more tips).

Our Journal therefore is incredibly important for posterity, not only for its individual family history accounts but for setting them in context and describing societies as they were then. These accounts, if not recorded, will die, and it is up to us to preserve them, so our plea as ever is to 'Keep them Coming!'

Archive copies of our Journal from #100 onwards are available on our website and we are currently looking for a volunteer to tidy and upload copies of our journal from numbers 1-99.

During the past year we also commenced uploading electronic copies of exchange journals from other societies worldwide. Joe Evans, a member who lives in Denmark, volunteered to act as our online Exchange Journals Coordinator and he sends electronic copies of our journal to societies worldwide each quarter who have agreed to exchange e-journals.

As well as Joe, we would also like to thank other members of the Journal team: Sue Tiller, our Data Manager, who administers the Mailing and paper Exchange Journals lists, new volunteer, Megan George, who administers our Members Interests and Help Wanted Section and Pete Spencer who each quarter updates the online journal index.

A reminder that the deadline dates for the submission of journal articles are:

March Issue	20 th Jan	June Issue	20 th April
September issue	20 th July	December Issue	20 th Oct

Forthcoming themes: June 2020 - General; September - Focus on a Place: Barry; December - London Branch - London Welsh.

If anyone has any ideas for themes for 2021 please get in touch.

Jean Fowlds & Sue Hamer
editor@glamfhs.org.uk

APPENDIX10 - WEBSITE REPORT

As with other areas of Society administration a lack of volunteers has meant that the development of the resources on the website has been very slow.

The Baptisms Index, containing 550K entries required considerable format editing in order for it to be included on our website but happily this has just been added to the resources in our Members Only Area to join the other 'master' indexes: Marriages, Burials and Memorial Inscriptions. This completes Phase One of the website development.

Under Phase 2 we shall be adding more of our published material and discussions are currently being held with our website developer in order to identify the best way of providing this information. We shall also be looking at changing the way that our 'Members Interests' are displayed, submitted and accessed by our members.

One of the developments which happened this year, which is proving popular, is our 'Exchange Journals' section. Nineteen societies world-wide currently provide us with an E-journal, mostly on a quarterly basis, and these are available in our Members Only Area. Formerly such journals were only available at some branch meetings and at the Aberkenfig Resource Centre but now these are available to all via a computer. Joe Evans, who lives in Denmark, is our Exchange Journals Coordinator and he sends a copy of our journal to the contributing societies each quarter showing that you do not need to be local to South Wales to help in the Society administration. With a big thanks to Joe for his help this year.

Thank you also to Theresa Holland, a volunteer that lives near Swindon, who is our Memorial Inscriptions Look Up volunteer. Once members find an item in our Memorial Inscriptions Index Theresa sends them the full inscription from our publications.

Another new volunteer is Megan George, who has now taken over as our Members Interests Coordinator. Megan lives in London. With thanks to all three volunteers who help with elements of the website.

Job descriptions for the type of administrative roles that are still needed with regard to the website are available on the website under 'Society Vacancies' and these include uploading pdf documents and updating membership details.

If anyone can help with the administration or has any thoughts on additional material that could be added please get in touch.

Sue Hamer, website@glamfhs.org.uk

APPENDIX 10 - BRANCH REPORTS

ABERDARE & CYNON VALLEY BRANCH

December Ann Watts gave us a talk on a Victorian Christmas, Ann has given a number of talks to our branch and as always delivered a very interesting and entertaining talk on past Christmas customs.

No meeting was held in January

Feb 7th our Guest speaker was Steve Brewer his topic was The Taff Valley Tornado 1913. This was Steve's first visit to our branch. Steve's talk was very entertaining with members joining in discussing power point presentation and photographs.

After 24 years in Green Street, we have moved to our new venue in Cynon Valley Museum based in Aberdare. We hope this will encourage members to attend branch meetings on a more regular basis.

We will shortly be re-starting our research evenings as the facility offers full access to the internet. Also a storage cupboard to hold our branch research material.

Research afternoons in Aberdare Library have continued monthly, however no-one has taken up on the offer of support.

Projects

Work on MI's for Bryngaer Cemetery has been on hold during the winter months, but will be resuming shortly, we are grateful that a volunteer has come forward to assist in this project.

David Barnard – Projects.

The transcribing for Aberdare Cemetery burial records is currently on hold having reached 1886 from its start in October 1860. All these records have been added to The Society's Master Database. It is hoped to resume this project in the coming months.

The bulk of the Obituaries from the Aberdare Leader from 1901 to 1950 have been indexed and added to the database as have those from the Merthyr Express for the years 1900 to 1909.

David's latest venture is the scanning and transcribing of the Society's collection of birth, marriage and death certificates.

Pat Rees, GFHS

BRIDGEND BRANCH

The branch membership numbers have remained at 150, with 20 being the usual and up to 30 members attending the monthly meetings.

During the year 2018-2019 a January social night for members and quiz hosted by Roy was once again a success. Our annual June trip to Ty Ardd in Bridgend was cancelled due to the offices re-locating to Maesteg Library. It is hoped to visit the new site this coming year. As an alternative the meeting was moved forward and a speaker was found.

We continue to have had a varied speaker programme thanks to Paul, our programme officer. In August we hosted a very successful members research evening, many of those present found missing links or discovered a way forward. It is hoped to repeat this again this year.

Open days attended this year were the Society Fair in October. Liz, Paul and Vicky have represented the branch at this event. We were kept quite busy for the day.

Projects have once again taken a back seat due to limited volunteers, although the Coity and Bridgend folders have been completed thanks to Liz, Vicky and Paul.

A 'brickwalls' scheme is still available to members. A mailchimp e-mail is sent monthly to local members to notify them of forthcoming meetings and events.

Once again, an appeal for volunteers to aid meetings, suggestions for speakers for meetings, or any visits/activities that would interest members is always welcomed.

Once again, no one came forward for the role of treasurer consequentially, the finance post has been undertaken by three members of the committee. The accounts have been scrutinised and verified.

The committee was reinstated on block for the forthcoming year, with a new member being co-opted at the end of the meeting.

Since the Branch AGM meetings have continued and the members card with information on speakers has been circulated to all those attending the monthly meetings. The January 2019 social was once again a success, although attendance numbers were a little lower than normal.

Confirming that our E.C representative for this coming year is Sue Tiller.

Nancy Thomas, GFHS, 2020

CARDIFF AND VALE BRANCH

Cardiff Branch currently meet on the first Tuesday of the month in Stable Room 1, The Stable Yard, Insole Court, Llandaff, Cardiff. Attendance at the meetings fluctuates between 13 – 33 people.

Sully Group meet at 7 pm on the third Thursday of the month in The Old School Sully where there are regular talks and discussions on family history topics. During the past year topics have included: recording family history, migration resources, DNA and an introduction to the 'Domesday' 1910 Valuation Survey documents prior to a visit to Glamorgan Archives. Group members are encouraged to share their experiences and knowledge and there are regular sessions where group members relate their own family stories or interesting resources they have used.

Activities

Members have been involved in the following activities: -

- Session on Family History research at the 50+ Active Body Healthy Mind Event organised by Cardiff Council (September 2019)
- Visit to the National Archives, Kew (October 2019)
- Branch stand at the Glamorgan Family History Society Fair (October 2019)
- Providing beginners workshop on 'Introduction to Family History' sessions in Aberdare (November 2019)
- Monthly free advice sessions at Cardiff Central Library Hub
- Ongoing transcription projects
- Visit to Glamorgan Archives (February 2020).

The branch Twitter account is still active, and you can follow us on @Cardiff_GFHS. The account is used to advertise the meetings and other family history events and resources.

We are currently planning

- A visit to the National Library of Wales in May 2020.
- A visit to Cardiff Jewish Reform Synagogue

Speaker programme

Speakers have included: -

- Roger Swann (Memorial Manager, Thornhill Cemetery & Cardiff Crematorium) spoke about Cathays Cemetery in '**Cardiff's Victorian cemetery and the importance of burial records**'. Attendees took the opportunity to ask a wide of questions, amongst which we discovered what current burial options are available.
- Dr Jean Jenkins (Cardiff University), gave a fascinating account on '**Families and the Factory: The life of Burberry in the Rhondda**'. The factory was started and partially

funded by a Jewish migrant – Alfred Polikoff from the Ukraine in the 1930s. He was ahead of his time in the design of the factory and its facilities.

- Dr Ian Beech (Swansea University) presented his research on **'Whitchurch Hospital: Life for patients and staff 1908-1930'**. It was the story of the creation of Whitchurch Hospital by Cardiff Borough Council; the life led by the early patients and the work of the staff. The hospital was used during both World Wars to treat the effects of shellshock.
- We had a welcome return visit from Robert and Gillian Lawson who gave the second part of their talk on **'E Turner & Sons: Building Cardiff's heritage'**: a beautifully illustrated talk which reflected the huge number of buildings in South Wales that the company had built. In its heyday the company employed 1000 workers who possessed all the skills required to create some magnificent stone – and some not so inspiring - modular buildings. There were certainly some surprises amongst the company's constructions which included some buildings long demolished and some still standing including the impressive three clock towers for Cardiff (City Hall), Newport (Civic Centre) and Swansea (Guildhall).
- Jeremy Konsbruck who gave an excellent talk on **'The Man Be Not Exempted': Conscription and the Military Appeals Tribunals of the Great War'**. He was one of 100 volunteers involved on a transcription project for the National Library of Wales and the results of the Ceredigionshire conscription project will eventually be available via a searchable database. Most of the country's conscription records have been destroyed which is why the 10,000 A4 items held in the National Library are of significant value.
- Trevor Godbold (The Heritage and Cultural Exchange Tiger Bay and the World) shared findings on the organisations research project **'1914-18 The War at Sea - the heavy losses of Cardiff shipping and Butetown seafarers'**. At the start of WW1 as much as 10.5 million tons of coal were being exported from the port of Cardiff, with 75 firms managing 320 ships. @TigerBayWorld
- David Cohen a trustee of the Jewish History Association of South Wales (JHASW) shared **Voices and images of the South Wales Jewish community**. It was an enlightening evening discovering the introduction of the Jewish people in 1067 after William the Conquerors victory over Harold Godwinson; followed by their expulsion under Edward I and then return during Oliver Cromwell. JHASW discovers, documents, preserves and shares the cultural heritage of the Jewish communities in South Wales, they have an excellent website <https://jhasw2018.wixsite.com/news> and their digital archive can be found on the People's Collection Wales website at <http://www.peoplescollection.wales/users/31091> findings also appear on the Peoples Collection Wales. @JHASW2018
- Branch member, Sue Hamer gave a very practical talk on **'Migration Sources'** with some additional contributions from members; she also provided a resources list on 'Migration Sources'. Diane Brook gave an encouraging talk on **'Things turn up'** reminding us that brick walls found during one's genealogy research can be revisited and solved because information thought lost is being recreated as alternative documents are discovered and are being made available for research.
- We had one evening which we used to discuss some **'Top tips'** for researching, storing and recording our family history.

Branch AGM

The short October branch AGM brought some changes to the committee. Ted Richards stepped down from the committee, Sue Hamer from the role of Branch Vice Chair and Jane Graves from the role of programme coordinator.

By the end of the meeting the committee comprised of:

Jane Graves – Branch Chair

Treasurer – Stephen Fairhurst

Committee members – Diane Brook, Sue Hamer, Ann Konsbruck and Graham Read

Co-opted member – Nick Davey

We are delighted that Sandra Robinson and Sian Stenner agreed to be the programme coordinators. Thanks to Ted Richards for contribution to the committee in the last year.

Remembering

#281 David Digby Mullin Clark (1921 - 2019)

The Cardiff branch was very sad to learn of the death of Mr David Clark on Sunday 5 May 2019 at the University Hospital of Wales. At 97, Mr Clark was one of our oldest branch members who was able to attend the evening meetings. He had very much enjoyed the February 2019 meeting '*Death by poison: An unfortunate end to Welsh sporting legend Norman Biggs*', who it turned out had been one of his cousins. Mr Clark served as the Treasurer for the Glamorgan Family History Society for many years and had enjoyed the comradeship and so many of the wonderful events organised by the society.

#2372 Margaret Doble, a Cardiff and Sully Group member who died suddenly in October. Margaret had for many years been an active volunteer at Society events and had regularly attended Sully Group meetings. We send our condolences to her family.

Jane Graves

MERTHYR TYDFIL BRANCH

Our meetings at 2pm in Soar were well attended in 2019 and have continued to be supported in 2020, always attracting a number of none members.

In January we had an excellent talk on 'Surviving Auschwitz' by Edwyn Parry and he was able to bring in many Glamorgan references in his talk.

Mary and Wilf Owen brought along their new book on the first Merthyr Tydfil Ironmaster, Anthony Bacon, who came from Cumberland.

In February we had a very well illustrated talk 'Merthyr's Lost Buildings' with Steve Brewer and his subject attracted quite a crowd of local historians.

We are still working on Obituaries 1910 to 1920. The Merthyr Tydfil Branch began transcribing the obituaries and death notices recorded in the Merthyr Express newspaper so long ago that the exact date the project started is forgotten. It has been a long and, at times, strange process. We are delighted that the work can now be made available to researchers. The newspaper obituary can be anything from 400 to less than 15 words in the Merthyr Express. This project is still continuing thanks to the endeavours and hard work of Michael Donovan and Andrea Hegerty. The Merthyr Tydfil Family History Branch would like to thank all the volunteers and especially Nancy Thomas for her kind help, patience in overseeing this work to this conclusion.

PONTYPRIDD AND RHONDDA BRANCH

We have had a number of speakers over the past year on a variety of topics but attendance remains lower than in previous years. But it seems that we are not the only branch with that problem. At every meeting we hold a raffle, and provide refreshments, which gives members a chance to converse with the speaker, and chat with other members. We have had a couple of new members.

We represented the Society at Fairs in the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth, but although we were supposed to represent the Society at the Bristol and Avon Fair, we had to cancel due to ill health.

At the Glamorgan Fair in Merthyr we had more help with setting up which helped greatly. On the day as David was not feeling well, Neil helped with research, with Deborah. Jan and Eira took charge of the raffle and tombola again and did very well. Fortunately the weather was not too bad.

At our branch AGM in October we had a poor attendance once again, as per usual. However, most of the committee members were returned unopposed, with David Shewring being our Vice- Chairman, Chairman - Mike Jones, Secretary - Jane Jones, Treasurer - Creighton Sims, Projects Officer - Deborah Cooke, and Library - Jan Johnson.

We met as usual in January this year. David Maddox was our speaker and gave his usual entertaining and interesting talk, this time on Pontypridd under Siege 1910. Keith Jones was due to come to us this month, February, but as everyone will know by now, Pontypridd was flooded so the Museum where we hold our meetings was affected. We have lost some of our papers but hopefully none of the books. Therefore our meeting had to be cancelled. More than likely so will our March meeting. So we hope that Dean will be able to come in April. In May we intend to have a Party as it will be the 25th Anniversary of the inauguration of the branch. So with any luck it will go ahead and we will have lots of members from other branches join us.

Jane Jones, GFHS, 2020

SWANSEA BRANCH

Our September meeting was a research session held in Swansea library. Due to uncertainty with their financial situation, the Library was experiencing difficulty in taking advance bookings for the Discovery Room with any certainty in 2019. This now appears to have stabilised and the room is booked at least until September 2020. We can now advertise this facility to the general public again.

The October AGM took place on Monday Oct 8th. 11 members attended. As we had anticipated Jeff Coleman resigned as our Chairman. We fully understand Jeff's wish to lessen his commitments and are very grateful for his contribution to the running the Branch. He has promised to continue his interest in the Branch and I am sure we will be consulting his expert knowledge on occasions. As no one volunteered to take his place to take his place, we are now without a Chairman.

Following the AGM, Mr Ivor Rees gave us an informative talk on five prominent men from Morriston, They were John Jones Jenkins, William Williams, Brynmor Jones, Jeremiah Williams and lastly David Matthews. They all played prominent roles in the industrial, political and religious life of Swansea.

Our last speaker of the year was one of our members Janet Neilsen, who continued with the second part of her talk on 'Blue Plaques in Swansea.' Thanks to Janet we no longer have an excuse to pass these plaques by.

The transcription team continues to work on Thursday mornings. The focus still remains on school admission registers. Work is also progressing on Baptisms at St Gabriel's Church, Swansea.

C. King, GFHS, 2020