Dear Cymmrodor

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, 14 May at the Medical Society of London, 11 Chandos Street, London W1G 9EB.

The Society continues to flourish with many papers of significance being presented during the year. The Secretary has almost completed the programme for next season and that, too, promises to be sparkling with interesting talks.

The Society continues to prosper with 30 new members joining in 2012. As you will note from the enclosed set of Accounts the Society generated a surplus last year of just over £10,000. Whilst this seems a lot, last year was unusual in that over half the surplus was the result of the Gift Aid Tax Refund that covered three years. The Council has also worked assiduously to keep our costs down.

Some years ago the Society helped create the Dictionary of Welsh Biography and you will be pleased to note, I am sure, that the Society is currently working with others to establish another project (probably in the field of education). We are pleased that some of the resources that have been built up over the years are being applied in a way that contributes meaningfully to the future of Wales.

As indicated by the following, the Society has been developing its activities on the web. First, as a result of a partnership with the National Library of Wales (that undertook the work with support from JISC and the Welsh Government) we can now provide access to digital editions of the Transactions published from 1900 to 2004. These can be seen at “welshjournals.llgc.org.uk”. Additionally, as a result of another joint initiative with the National Library of Wales, The Dictionary of Welsh Biography is also now available at “wbo.llgc.org.uk”. The Editor, Dr Brynley F. Roberts is always grateful for suggestions of people whose names might be included in the Dictionary (as well as for volunteers to submit or translate entries).

Do take the opportunity to explore our own website “www.cymmrodorion.org” where you will find information about the Society, its history, the programme for the rest of the present session and details of our past talks (some of these are now available as a “podcast” so that you can listen to the talk – even if you were not able to attend). The website is very much a “work-in-progress” and if you have any thoughts as to how it might be improved then let us know of your ideas by contacting “membership@cymmrodorion.org”.

With my best wishes

Prys Morgan
President

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