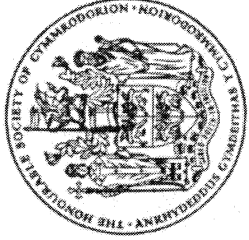


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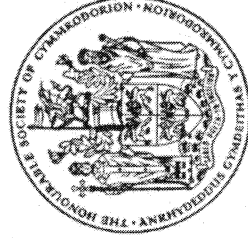
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# **Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts**

**for the period**  
**1 January 2015**  
**to**  
**31 December 2015**

The Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion  
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# Reference and Administrative Information

**Charity Name:** The Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion  
**Welsh name of Charity:** Anrhydeddus Gymdeithas y Cymmrodorion  
**Charity Registration Number:** 313141  
**Registered Office:** 157-163 Gray's Inn Road  
London WC1X  
**Website:** [www.cymmrodorion.org](http://www.cymmrodorion.org)  
**Royal Patron:** His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales

## Members of Council (Charity Trustees)

Dr Elizabeth Allen (until 12 May 2015)	Mr Robert John (from 18 February 2015) (2018)Mr R
Mrs Anne Arnold (2018)	Kenneth Kyffin CEng MIEE (2016)
Professor Thomas M O Charles-Edwards FRHistS FBA FLSW (2017)	The Rev'd Dr Adrian Morgan (2016)
Professor W Stuart Cole FCIT FILT (2017)	Professor Prys Morgan FSA FRHistS FLSW (2016)
Dr Rhian Davies (2016)	Ms Ceridwen Roberts OBE FACSS FLSW (2018)
Mrs Elinor Talfan Delaney (2018)	Ms Rhian Medi Roberts (2018)
Professor John Elliott FCIIPD (2017)	Dr Sara Elin Roberts (2016)
Mr David Morgan Evans (2017)	Mrs Gwenda Sippings FCLIP (2017)
Professor Helen Fulton FLSW (2017)	Mr Jenkin Thomas (2016)
Mr Arwyn Lloyd Hughes FRHistS FSA (2018)	Professor Gruffydd Aled Williams FLSW (2017)
Mr Peter Jeffreys (2018)	Dr Lynn Williams (from 18 February 2015) (2018)
	Mr Huw Wynne-Griffith (2017)

Except where indicated, the persons listed above served as Charity Trustees and Directors throughout the period covered by this Report (1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015) and occupied these positions on the date (24 February 2016) on which the Report was approved. The year shown in parentheses after each name is that during which the member's current term of office will end.

## Independent Examiner

R W Lewis, Lewis & Co., 19, Goodge Street, London W1T 2PH

## Bankers

HSBC Bank plc, 196 Oxford Street, London W1D 1NT

# Governance

## Governing Document: the Royal Charter

The Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion was founded in 1751 and was granted its Royal Charter in 1951. The Charter and Bye-Laws now in force are as amended by Order of the Privy Council dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 1999.

## Responsibilities of the Council

The Charter provides for the Council to “have the management and control of the Society and the administration of all the property and income thereof”. As such, the Council has responsibility for exercising the powers of the Society in furtherance of its objects. The Society’s powers and objects are defined in the Charter. The Society is a Registered Charity (Number 313141) and the members of the Council serve as Charity Trustees for the purpose of charity law. All members of Council give of their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The Council is required to meet on no fewer than three occasions each year.

## Recruitment and Appointment of Members of the Council

The Society’s Charter and Bye-Laws provide for:

- the Council to comprise not less than twelve and not more than thirty Members;
- one third of the Council members to retire in rotation each year;
- members of the Council to be eligible for re-election without restriction;
- vacancies to be filled by election by the Annual General Meeting of the Society;
- the Council to have power to fill vacancies on the Council during the year subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting.

Members may nominate one or more persons from amongst their number for election to the Council by the Annual General Meeting.

The following Council members were elected for a period of three years during the Annual General Meeting in May 2015: Anne Arnold, Elinor Talfan Delaney, Peter Jeffreys, Robert John, Arwyn Lloyd Hughes, Ceridwen Roberts, Rhian Medi Roberts and Lynn Williams. The Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the service provided by Dr Elizabeth Allen, who decided not to seek re-election to the Council for a further term beyond the Annual General Meeting in 2015.

## Trustee Induction and Training

Trustees have been provided with access to the documentation relevant to their responsibilities under the Charities Act and the Council has undertaken to receive an annual update on the role and responsibilities of Charity Trustees. Members of the Council have wide experience of governance and matters relating to the administration of charities and are fully familiar with the objects and aims of the Society and with its work.

## The Annual General Meeting

The business of the Annual General Meeting of members of the Society includes the receipt of the statement of Accounts for the year ended the previous 31st day of December and of associated reports, as well as the election of certain of the Society’s Officers and of the members of the Council.

## **Related Parties**

The Society is a fully independent organisation but pursues constructive interaction with representatives of a range of other bodies, notably societies and national and local organisations in Wales and in London.

## **Organisational Structure**

### **Officers**

#### ***President***

The Society's President is a member of the Council, *ex officio*, and is elected each year by the members in the Annual General Meeting. Professor Prys Morgan was re-elected to the office of President on 12 May 2015.

#### ***Vice-Presidents***

The Bye-Laws provide for there to be (an unspecified number of) Vice-Presidents who are subject to election or re-election each year by the Annual General Meeting. Twenty-three Vice-Presidents were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 12 May 2015. The office of Vice-President is an honorary office and the Vice-Presidents are not *ex officio* members of the Council.

It was with great sadness that the Society recorded the deaths of five of its Vice-Presidents during 2015: Trefor M Owen MA FSA (ob. 25 February 2015); Emeritus Professor R Geraint Gruffydd DPhil DLitt FLSW FBA (ob. 24 March 2015); the Honourable Emlyn I Griffith (ob. 12 April 2015); His Honour Dewi Watkin Powell MA LLD (ob. 6 May 2015); and the Rt Hon The Lord Howe of Aberavon CH QC PC LLD (ob. 9 October 2015). All had served the Society with great distinction. The President represented the Society at the funerals of Professor Geraint Gruffydd and His Honour Watkin Powell.

#### ***Chair of Council***

The Chair of Council is appointed by and from amongst the members of the Council for a period of three years, which is renewable. The Chair of Council throughout the period covered by this Report was Gwenda Sippings.

#### ***Honorary Treasurer***

The Honorary Treasurer is appointed by and from amongst the members of the Council for a period of three years, which is renewable. The Honorary Treasurer throughout the period covered by this Report was Huw Wynne-Griffith.

#### ***Honorary Secretary***

The Honorary Secretary is appointed by and from amongst the members of the Council for a period of three years, which is renewable. The Honorary Secretary for the period 1 January 2015 to the close of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 May 2015 was Peter Jeffreys; the Honorary Secretary for the remainder of the year 2015 was Lynn Williams.

The Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the considerable contribution that Mr Jeffreys made to the Society during his period of office as Honorary Secretary since October 2009. It wishes, in particular, to acknowledge the fact that he agreed at short notice to take on the role at a difficult time in the Society's development, the importance of his role in helping to modernise the Society and make it more effective, and his estimable work on the organisation of the Society's lecture programme. Mr Jeffreys remains a valued member of the Council.

### ***Honorary Editor***

The Honorary Editor (who edits the Society's journal, the *Transactions*), is appointed by and from amongst the members of the Council for a period of three years, which is renewable. The Honorary Editor throughout the period covered by this Report was Professor Helen Fulton.

### ***Membership Secretary***

During the period 1 January 2015 to the close of the meeting of the Council held on 28 October 2015, Adrian Morgan continued to serve as the Membership Secretary. On that date, the Council resolved that this office should be subsumed within that of Honorary Treasurer. The Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the valuable service provided by the Reverend Dr Morgan during his period of office. The Rev'd Dr Morgan remains a valued member of the Council.

### ***Secretary to the Council***

Elinor Talfan Delaney continued to serve as the Secretary to the Council during the period 1 January 2015 to the close of the meeting of the Council held on 28 October 2015. On that date, the Council resolved that this office should be subsumed within that of Honorary Secretary. The Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the valuable service provided by Mrs Delaney during her period of office. Mrs Delaney remains a valued member of the Council.

### ***Committees of Council***

The Council has established the following Committees to support it in its work, with members during the period covered by this Report as indicated:

#### ***Executive Committee***

Members *ex officio*:

Lynn Williams (Honorary Secretary) (Chair); Gwenda Sippings (Chair of Council); Huw Wynne-Griffith (Honorary Treasurer)

Members appointed by

Elinor Talfan Delaney; Ceridwen Roberts

and from Council:

#### ***Events Committee***

Members *ex officio*:

Professor Prys Morgan (President) (Chair); Lynn Williams (Honorary Secretary)

Members appointed by

Professor Stuart Cole; Adrian Morgan; Rhian Medi Roberts; Jenkin Thomas

and from Council:

#### ***Awards and Medals Committee***

Member *ex officio*:

Professor Prys Morgan (President) (Chair)

Members appointed by

Elinor Talfan Delaney; Professor John Elliott; Jenkin Thomas;

and from Council:

Professor Gruffydd Aled Williams

#### ***Investment Committee***

Members *ex officio*:

Huw Wynne-Griffith (Honorary Treasurer) (Chair); Lynn Williams (Honorary Secretary)

Member appointed by and

Professor John Elliott

from Council:

The Council has the power under the Charter to delegate all or any of its powers to committees or sub-committees and has approved terms of reference for the Executive Committee which prescribe the conditions under which the latter may exercise certain powers of the Council in furtherance of the Society's objects.