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PROGRAMME:

15th May: Our 2021 Programme now resumes as published, subject to Covid regulations permitting. There will be a maximum of 30 attendees per group - at times possibly necessitating a 'route B' or a 'group B' if, for instance great numbers turn up for the Llanelli Town Walk .

2022: Tentative ideas for 2022, include a Day School on Carmarthenshire's maritime heritage, a trip (day or residential), a visit to Pendine (essentially the Museum of Speed but potentially other attractions too), talks on Welsh costume, Carmarthenshire mills and early forges, the Black Mountain Limestone Workings Heritage Project, a Carmarthen Town Women's Walk, a speaker from the National Museum's Portable Antiquities Department, a visit to Tenby, visit to Abergwili Gardens. Do contact us if you have further suggestions/offers.....

The Griffith Jones Heritage Project (see below) was mentioned as a possible event during one of the summer months so that members appreciate the work of the project and the County's religious heritage.

A.G.M.:

The AGM was held, as planned, on 17 April but so as not to clash with the funeral service of Prince Phillip, Tom Lloyd's talk was deferred to the evening of 29 April via Zoom. The passing of the Reverend Towyn Jones as a friend and an inspiration to the Society was noted with sadness. The Executive's Council's recommendation that Mr Thomas Lloyd of Cwrt Henry be elected President was unanimously accepted by the AGM. Tom has been a mainstay of the Society for many years and his prolific work with historic buildings and wider heritage issues is well-known. He is an author and co-author, and has chaired the Historic Buildings Council for Wales, the Buildings at Risk Trust and the Cathedrals and Churches Commission. He has served as a Director of the Wales Tourist Board and Commissioner for Ancient and Historic Monuments in Wales, and for the past decade has been the Wales Herald of Arms Extraordinary. Tom was warmly congratulated on his unanimous election.

After long service Menna has stood down as Secretary. Sincere thanks were expressed to Menna, and Mary Thorley has kindly stepped in to the breach temporarily. Mary is well-placed to act as Hon. Secretary as she holds the email database and monitors the CAS mailbox. Byron Huws and Ruth Judge did not stand for re-election and gratitude was expressed for their contributions. Jeremy and Menna retain their seats on Council.

GRIFFITH JONES' LEGACY PROJECT:

The Society is applying for grants totalling over £13000 to update our website and to establish a tour route of seven locations in south west Carmarthenshire. They will tell the story of Griffith Jones and those he helped to inspire which led to the remarkable C18 surge across Wales in religious engagement, literacy, and Welsh language. More details will follow in later Newsheets. If successful the grant will include money for further development of our website.

THOMAS LLOYD'S TALK:

Tom shared with more than 50 members on zoom images of the title pages of of around 40 books in his collection of volumes relating to Carmarthenshire. They dated from 1600 through to 1900 and Tom's enthusiasm for and familiarity with them came strongly through as he related tales of their author's lives and gave brief commentaries on their contents. It was a most successful evening.