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**South Wales West Local Section Trust**

Hon. Secretary  
Henry Apsey

Dear Colleague,

**RSC Local Section Annual Dinner and 102<sup>nd</sup> AGM – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend this special evening at **Norton House Hotel, Swansea**.  
Please note the new venue from previous years.

<b>6.15 pm</b>	<b>Arrival and Informal Reception (open to all attendees)</b>
<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>7.15 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>

Enclosed are the AGM papers and a copy of the menu which gives a choice of starters and main courses, as well as a selection of desserts and coffee at a cost of **£30 per head**. We are pleased to be able to offer subsidies to reduce the cost to **£25 for retired members, £15 for student members**. Please quote your RSC membership number on correspondence to qualify for this reduction.

If you would like to attend please send a cheque, made out to **RSC South Wales West Local Section** along with the reply slip below indicating your menu choices. Alternatively you may make a payment by bank transfer to the same account using **sort code 60-04-23 and account number 94441286**, giving 'AGM20' and your surname as the reference, and email your menu choices together with your membership number to the address above.

**Please reply before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** so that we can let the restaurant know the numbers in good time. Information about food allergies / intolerances should be indicated on the attached pro-forma.

Yours sincerely

**Henry Apsey**  
Hon. Secretary

**Royal Society of Chemistry**  
**South Wales West Local Section Annual Dinner**  
**Tuesday 31st March 2020, Norton House Hotel**

Soup of The Day Served with Crusty Bread

Smoked Duck Salad with Orange, Walnut and Grain Mustard

Traditional Prawn Cocktail with Brown Bread and Butter

Goats Cheese & Red Onion Tart Topped with Balsamic Reduction

Mains

Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Pig in Blanket, Roast Potato, Parsnip, Carrots & Green Beans and Gravy

Oven Baked Fillet of Cod, Crushed Potato with French Style Braised Peas

Mushroom Wellington, Braised Red Cabbage and Creamed Mash Potato

Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Fondant Potato, Baby Carrots with an Apple & Cider Sauce

Desserts

Sticky Toffee & Date Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce

Vanilla Cheesecake Served with a Fruit Compote

White and Dark Chocolate Profiteroles

Lemon Posset with Homemade Shortbread

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*Please note that some dishes may contain nuts or other food allergens. If you have a food allergy please let us know when you book. Individual ingredients are subject to change due to seasonal availability.*

Please return to **Dr Joel Loveridge, 430 Grove Extension, Swansea University, Singleton Park, Swansea SA2 8PP**

**2020 RSC Dinner:** I wish to attend the RSC South Wales West Local Section Annual Dinner and

☐ enclose a cheque for £..... or ☐ paid by bank transfer (£30 per person)

Name ..... **Choice:** Starter ..... Main ..... Dessert .....

Address .....

Tel No ..... E-mail .....

RSC Membership number .....

Wife/Husband/Partner..... **Choice:** Starter ..... Main ..... Dessert .....

Details of Food Allergies/Intolerance .....

**For administrative purposes, please indicate the source of this information:**

RSC News ☐ e-mail Attachment ☐ Postal Notification ☐

## **NOTICE OF THE 102<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH WALES WEST LOCAL SECTION TRUST**

To be held in **Norton House Hotel, Mumbles, Swansea, SA3 5TQ** at **6.30 pm** on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020** followed by the **Local Section Annual Dinner**.

### **AGENDA**

1. Minutes of Previous AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019
2. Annual Report of the Secretary for 2019
3. Annual Report of the Treasurer for 2019 including
  - a. Audited Statement of Local Section Accounts
  - b. Audited Statement of Harry Hallam Memorial Trust Account
4. Election of Committee Members
5. Any Other Business

In connection with Agenda Item 4, notice is given that the South Wales West Local Section is looking for up to four members who would like to join the committee. Membership of the committee is open to all members of the Royal Society of Chemistry regardless of membership category or previous experience, although the RSC prefer that the Secretary is an existing committee member. RSC staff are on hand to support our volunteers and to offer guidance as required and training is available.

Our current committee members enjoy the opportunity to give something back to the wider community and welcome the chance to influence and take part in organising our programme of activities.

Nominations are open until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If you would like to nominate yourself for the committee, or would like more information, please contact the Secretary, Henry Apsey at [henry@swanseachem.org](mailto:henry@swanseachem.org), or the Chair, Joel Loveridge, on 01792 513199. If required we will hold a vote amongst members present at the AGM, and subsequently open up voting electronically via RSC Networks for 2 weeks.

The Royal Society of Chemistry is an inclusive organisation and we aim to ensure that our committees are representative of the breadth and diversity of our community. We welcome and strongly encourage all of our members, regardless of membership category, age, demographic or experience, to consider this opportunity.



# **Royal Society of Chemistry – South Wales West Section**

Minutes of AGM held at Sketty Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## **Present:**

S. Bott (Vice-Chair), J. McGettrick (Secretary), C. B. Buckley, P. Padley, M. Davies, O. Chess, B. Morgan, B Handford, V. Dickson, E. Radley, M. Carnie, P. Ansell, O. Guy, D. Mason, R. Owen

## **Apologies:**

J. Loveridge (Chair), G. Hughes (Treasurer), H. Apsey, G. van Keulen, C. de Castro, A. Davies, J. Rudd, E. Smith, J. Mason, A. McKinley, C. Batchelor, T. Wellington, W. (Bill) Griffiths, E. Rhodes.

### **1. Minutes of AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The minutes were confirmed as correct.

### **2. Annual Report of Secretary for 2018**

The largest item of discussion was the re-structuring of the Chemistry Olympiad from: a multiple stage knockout competition held over several months at schools, to: a single day competition held on Singleton Campus in conjunction with the Department of Chemistry. This was discussed in depth by Oscar Chess (Schools Liaison) & was viewed as a great success by schools & teachers. Overall the schools program has grown with traditional lectures such as Science and Energy continuing. Social events such as the AGM Dinner & Strawberry Tea for retired members continued.

### **3. Annual Report of Treasurer for 2019**

The audited accounts were supplied by the Treasurer and showed the balance at year end as an unusually low £966.89. It was noted that there were considerable one-off extra costs (such as Olympiad prizes 2017) and that Taliesin vs. Chemistry department for the Olympiad has a cost implication. The Harry Hallam memorial fund stands at £1166.23.

### **4. Elections of Officers**

Dr Catherine Suenne de Castro & Dr Lewis Berry have both resigned from the committee due to personal commitments. As yet no-one had volunteered to cover Dr. Berry's portfolio as Chemistry Community Fund Rep (a position RSC central require for the Local Section). Dr. Jennifer Rudd sent apologies, but stood for election to the committee and her statement was read out. Dr. James McGettrick resigned as Secretary, with Dr. Andrew McKinley having agreed to take over. All changes were taken unopposed.

### **5. Any other business.**

1. Dayna Mason highlighted a number of special events forthcoming & matters of general interest to the RSC:

- a. Bangor University Chemistry department is set to close.
- b. RSC is examining the new curriculum & is concerned about whether enough chemistry is included & is also arranging for a Teachers event.
- c. The 2020 Eisteddfod is in Mid-Wales, so other RSC regions will need to help.
- d. RSC will be at the Merthyr Science & Food Festival & plans to be involved in story telling events.
- d. Science and the Assembly is 4<sup>th</sup> June with the theme of Education.

2. Emily Radley invited members to consider the forthcoming LGBTQi STEM day on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

3. James McGettrick asked members for information about relatives of Harry Hallam as he had been contacted by Harry Hallam's former church with regards to a memorial.



## Royal Society of Chemistry South Wales West Local Section

Following the AGM, the Local Section Committee is as follows:

<b><u>Present Committee</u></b>	<b><u>2019 – 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Term Began</u></b>
<b><u>Chairperson</u></b>	Dr E Joel Loveridge MRSC	2017
<b><u>Vice-Chairperson</u></b>	Prof. Simon Bott FRSC	2017
<b><u>Hon. Secretary</u></b>	Dr. Andrew McKinley	2019
<b><u>Hon. Treasurer</u></b>	Mr Gordon C Hughes CChem MRSC	2010
<b><u>Regional Steering Group</u></b>	Miss Emily Radley AMRSC	2018
<b><u>Chemistry Community Fund</u></b>	<i>vacant</i>	
<b><u>Schools Liaison</u></b>	Mr Oscar Chess MRSC	2017
<b><u>Social Secretary</u></b>	<i>vacant</i>	
<b><u>Programme Secretary</u></b>	Mr. Henry Apsey AMRSC	2018
<b><u>Swansea Uni Chemistry Society President</u></b>	Subject to Internal Election	2018
 <b><u>Committee Secretary</u></b>	 <i>vacant</i>	
 <b><u>Committee Members</u></b>	Mr. Chris Batchelor AMRSC	2018
	Dr. Alan Davies MRSC	2018
	Prof. William J Griffiths CChem MRSC	2016
	Dr. James McGettrick MRSC	2016
	Mr. Brian G Morgan MRSC	2010
	Mr. Rhodri Owen MRSC	2016
	Dr. Jennifer Rudd	2019
	Mrs. Emma Smith CChem MRSC	2018
 <b><u>Ex-Officio Committee Members</u></b>		
Regional Coordinator	Dr Dayna Mason	
Welsh Government & Parliamentary Liaison	Mr Leigh Jeffes	