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South Wales West Local Section Trust

Hon. Secretary
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Dear Colleague,

RSC Local Section Annual Dinner and 104th AGM – Thursday 4th May 2023

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend this special evening at **Norton House Hotel, Swansea.**

6.15 pm **Arrival and Informal Reception (open to all attendees)**
6.30 pm **Annual General Meeting**
7.15 pm **Dinner**

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 subsidised cost of **£20 per head**. We are pleased to be able to offer further subsidies to reduce the cost to **£15 for retired members**, £5 for student members. Please quote your RSC membership number on correspondence to qualify for this reduction. We believe this provides excellent value for money through these difficult times and a brilliant networking opportunity for members.

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 account 94441286** giving 'AGM23' and your surname as the reference, and email your menu choices together with your membership number to the address above.

Please reply before Wednesday 19th April so that we can let the restaurant know the numbers in good time. Information about food allergies / intolerances should be indicated on the attached proforma.

Yours sincerely

Henry Apsey
Hon. Secretary

Royal Society of Chemistry South Wales West Local Section Annual Dinner Thursday 4th May 2023, Norton House Hotel

Starters

- S1. Soup of the Day served with Crusty Bread (V, GF*, VG*)
- S2. Duck Croquette served with Gooseberry Jam
- S3. Classic Prawn Cocktail served with Bread & Butter (GF*)
- S4. Beetroot, Apple and Walnut Salad with House Dressing (VG, GF)

Main Course

- M1. Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes, Honey Parsnips, Apple Puree and Gravy (GF)
- M2. Pan Fried Cod with New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and a Beurre Noisette (GF)
- M3. Spinach and Asparagus Risotto with Grilled Brie (V, VG* GF)
- M4. Pan fried Chicken Breast with Crushed Potatoes and a Provençal Sauce (GF)

Desserts

- D1. Vanilla Cheesecake with Honeycomb
- D2. White and Dark Chocolate Profiteroles
- D3. Raspberry and Chocolate Brownie served with Raspberry Sorbet (VG, GF)
- D4. Trio of Ice cream/ Sorbet (GF, VG*)

V = Vegetarian. VG = Vegan. GF = Gluten Free.
GF* = can be adapted to be GF. VG* = Can be adapted to be Vegan

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 henry@swanseachem.org

or Engineering Central Pigeonholes **Henry Apsey 214 ESRI Swansea University Bay Campus SA1 8EN**

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2023 RSC Dinner: I wish to attend the RSC Annual Local Section Summer Dinner and

enclose a cheque for £..... or paid by bank transfer (£20 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 104TH 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 **Thursday 4th May 2023** followed by the **Local Section Annual Dinner**.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous AGM held on 23th April 2022
2. Annual Report of the Secretary for 2022
3. Annual Report of the Treasurer for 2022 including
 - a. Audited Statement of Local Section Accounts
 - b. Audited Statement of Harry Hallam Memorial Trust Account
4. Elections of Officers
5. Any Other Business

In connection with Agenda Item 4, notice is given that the South Wales West Local Section is looking for members who would like to join the committee and help organising events and activities as outlined below:

1. Programme Secretary
2. Social Secretary
3. Regional Steering Group Officer
4. Ordinary Member

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 advise prefer that the treasurer 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 **Wednesday 26th April 2023**. 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 or 01792 606230. If a vote is 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 Norton House Hotel on 12th May 2022**Present:**

S. Bott (Chair), J. Loveridge (Vice-Chair), G. Hughes (Treasurer), H. Apsey (Secretary), T. Ansell, E. Studholme, A. Catton, J Matthews, R. Angelini, J. McGettrick, R. Evans, E Andreoli, C. Jones, D. Willock, M. Olateju, C. Brian Buckley, B. Morgan, P Rees, M, Carnie, J. Mason, M. Carta, G. Bezzu, P. James, R. Phillips, W. Griffiths, E. Winrow, E. Pean, R. Leveton, M. Bennett, S. Ferla, C. Kershaw, O. Chess, C Llewellyn, C. Batchelor, A. Jones, S. Alexander, M. Davies.

Apologies:

G. Howell, R. Owen, A. Meha, C. Charbonneau, C. Skinner, G. Van Keulen.

1. Minutes of AGM held on 16th April 2019

The minutes were confirmed as correct.

2. Annual Report of Secretary for 2019-2021

Membership of the local section has decreased, hopefully due to the pandemic and we will attempt to regrow in the coming years. The lecture program made expansive progress pre-pandemic with fortnightly seminars through the year and hosted RSC award winners and esteemed scientists. There are none currently scheduled.

The outreach program has been the busiest part of the local section. Science and energy lectures were hosted in 2019 by Joel Loveridge and Oscar Chess. Pre pandemic over 4500 school pupils from Years 6 to 13 visited the Chemistry department lab while approximately 1000 students attended the workshops by March 2020. The Chemistry Carnival attended the Waterfront Museum for super science Sunday in March 2020. The lockdown that began in March 2020 resulted in the cancellation of all events planned for the rest of the academic year (3 lab-based contests, 17 schools booked for lab visits, 12 workshops).

Top of the bench was hosted in an online format in 2020 and 2021 with 37 schools competing and us providing winners for both West and East Wales.

Chemical Analyst competition was hosted online in 2021 with a simulated redox titration. 244 pupils from 21 schools took part.

In 2022 we hosted a number of A level days. 231 students (224 unique) from 25 schools took part in the days carrying out 1126 experiments. As always these were very well received. Financially the RSC local section provides schools transportation grants in addition to central RSC outreach grants.

3. Annual Report of Treasurer for 2019-2021

The audited accounts were supplied by the Treasurer and showed the balance at year end of £6838. This is very high due to lack of activity and spending during the pandemic.

Therefore, the committee agreed to increase engagement to subsidise the cost of the AGM Meal for members at an expected cost of £1700. A call was made for any projects that may require one off funding. The Harry Hallam memorial fund stands at £3126

5. Any other business.

1. Call for any science outreach stalls at the Broadlands Fun Fair in Bridgend on Sat Sep 3rd
2. R Owen is running for the RSC Inclusion and Diversity Committee
3. The committee was delighted by the high attendance at the AGM with a record 55 attendees to the AGM or meal.

3. S Bott provided the table with a set of questions for discussion on how to reactivate the local section after the pandemic with the aims:

- a) To organise and financially support a thriving programme of talks associated with the chemical science-related work being conducted in the area. We hosted Prof. Yang Yang right before COVID and were set to host Matt Beard. The new programme would include similar RSC award winners but also local speakers – both residents and visitors.
- b) To reactivate the “Science and Energy” lecture series for Year 6 students, incorporating increased discussion of “alternative” sources of energy. This will provide opportunities for members interested in teaching as well as possible impact examples for researchers.
- c) To organise and to host special interest groups for seminars, discussions, talks and even joint research projects
- d) To lead and to support efforts to increase the equality, diversity and inclusivity within the local chemical science community.
- e) To collaborate with the South Wales East section in efforts associated with points (a), (c) and (d).

Following the AGM, the Local Section Committee is

as follows:

| <u>Present Committee</u> | <u>2022 – 2023</u> | <u>Term Began</u> |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Chair</u> | Prof. Simon Bott FRSC | 2019 |
| <u>Vice-Chair</u> | Dr Marcella Bassetto MRSC | 2020 |
| <u>Hon. Secretary</u> | Mr Henry Apsey AMRSC | 2018 |
| <u>Hon. Treasurer</u> | Mr Gordon C Hughes CChem MRSC | 2010 |
| <u>Regional Steering Group</u> | vacant | |
| <u>Chemistry Community Fund</u> | vacant | |
| <u>Schools Liaison</u> | Dr E Joel Loveridge MRSC | 2017 |
| <u>Social Secretary</u> | Miss Anna Catton AMRSC | 2021 |
| <u>Programme Secretary</u> | Dr Francisco Martin-Martinez MRSC | 2020 |
| <u>Committee Secretary</u> | vacant | |
| <u>Swansea Uni Chemistry Society President</u> | Subject to internal election | 2021 |
| <u>Committee Members</u> | Mr Oscar Chess MRSC | 2017 |
| | Mr Chris Batchelor AMRSC | 2018 |
| | Dr Alan Davies MRSC | 2018 |
| | Dr James McGettrick MRSC | 2016 |
| | Mr Brian G Morgan MRSC | 2010 |
| | Mr Rhodri Owen MRSC | 2016 |
| | Dr Jennifer Rudd MRSC | 2019 |
| | Mrs Emma Smith CChem MRSC | 2018 |
| | Dr Richard Phillips CChem MRSC | 2020 |
| | Dr Tony Wickham FRSC | 2020 |
| <u>Ex-Officio Committee Members</u> | | |
| Program Manager RSC | Dr Dayna Mason | |
| Welsh Government & Parliamentary Liaison | Niall Sommerville | |