



**South Wales West Local Section Trust**

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Dear Colleague,

**RSC Local Section Annual Dinner and 103<sup>rd</sup> AGM – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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 account 94441286** giving 'AGM22' and your surname as the reference, and email your menu choices together with your membership number to the address above.

**Please reply before Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 pro-forma.

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend this in person AGM and dinner. If you are not comfortable attending the AGM in person, we will of course be providing a virtual option. Please email [henry@swanseachem.org](mailto:henry@swanseachem.org) to confirm this is your preferred option to be added to the mailing list for this purpose only. We will be in touch closer to the time to confirm in person covid vaccination or testing requirements. For your reassurance if the event has to be cancelled, we will of course offer a full refund.

Yours sincerely

**Henry Apsey**  
Hon. Secretary

**Royal Society of Chemistry  
South Wales West Local Section Annual Dinner  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Norton House Hotel**

**Starters**

- S1. Soup of the Day with Bread Roll (VG) (GF\*)
- S2. Salmon & Smoked Haddock Fishcakes with Sweet Chilli Mayo  
and Crispy Rocket
- S3. Chicken Liver Pate with Red Onion Marmalade and a Garlic and  
Thyme Crostini
- S4. Beetroot, Walnut and Pear Salad with House Dressing (VG) (GF)

**Main Course**

- M1. Cardigan Bay Fish Pie, Creamy Mash Potato, Buttered Greens
- M2. Crispy Belly Pork, Burnt Apple Puree, Smoked Pancetta Mash,  
Red Cabbage and Sherry Jus (GF)
- M3. Breast of Chicken with a Red Wine Sauce Sauce, Seasonal  
Vegetables and Crushed New Potatoes
- M4. Coconut and Red Lentil Dhal, Spring Onion and Coriander Rice  
(VG) (GF)

**Desserts**

- D1. Caramelised Lemon Tart with Raspberry Sorbet
- D2. Espresso Crème Brûlée, Shortbread
- D3. Vegan Chocolate Brownie with a Raspberry Coulis (VG) (GF)
- D4. Trio of Ice Creams (GF)

*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 **S.Bott 429 Grove Extension, Swansea University, Singleton Park, Swansea SA2 8PP**

**2022 RSC Dinner:** I wish to attend the RSC Annual Local Section Summer 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 .....

I confirm that I will provide any testing/ vaccination proof requirements at the time of the event ☐

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

RSC News ☐ e-mail Attachment ☐ Postal Notification ☐

## **NOTICE OF THE 103<sup>rd</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 **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022** 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 2019-2021
3. Annual Report of the Treasurer for 2021 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. Treasurer
2. Ordinary Member
3. Chemistry Community Fund representative
4. Social Secretary

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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. 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 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 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 Liason) & 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.

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



## Royal Society of Chemistry South Wales West Local Section

### **Committee 2019 – 2020**

#### **Chairperson**

#### **Vice-Chairperson**

#### **Hon. Secretary**

#### **Hon. Treasurer**

#### **Regional Steering Group**

#### **Chemistry Community Fund**

#### **Schools Liaison**

#### **Social Secretary**

#### **Programme Secretary**

#### **Swansea Uni Chemistry Society President**

### **Term Began**

Dr E Joel Loveridge MRSC	2017
Prof. Simon Bott FRSC	2017
Dr. Andrew McKinley	2019
Mr Gordon C Hughes CChem MRSC	2010
Miss Emily Radley AMRSC	2018
<i>vacant</i>	
Mr Oscar Chess MRSC	2017
<i>vacant</i>	
Mr. Henry Apsey AMRSC	2018
<b>Subject to Internal Election</b>	2018

#### **Committee Secretary**

*vacant*

#### **Committee Members**

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

#### **Ex-Officio Committee Members**

Regional Coordinator	Dr Dayna Mason
Welsh Government & Parliamentary Liaison	Mr Leigh Jeffes

<u>Present Committee</u>	<u>2021 – 2022</u>	<u>Term Began</u>
<u>Chair</u>	Prof. Simon Bott FRSC	2017
<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>	Dr Emily Radley MRSC	2018
<u>Chemistry Community Fund</u>	<i>vacant</i>	
<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>	<i>vacant</i>	
<u>Swansea Uni Chemistry Society</u>	<b>President</b>	
	Subject to internal election	2021
<u>Committee Members</u>	Mr Oscar Chess MRSC	2017
	Dr 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	Niall Sommerville	
& Parliamentary Liaison		