

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF DEVON'S ARCHIVES

Dear FODA member

Proposed Joint Heritage Trust for Devon and Somerset

Planning for a joint Heritage Trust between Devon Heritage Services (comprising the Devon Heritage Centre in Exeter and North Devon Record Office in Barnstaple) and the equivalent service in Somerset is currently underway. A consultation process will be taking place in January and February, as well as an awareness event at the Devon Heritage Centre on 20th January (11am to 1pm, all are welcome to attend). Please see the link below for more information, or contact the Devon Heritage Centre, Great Moor House, Bittern Road, Exeter, EX2 7NL.

www.devon.gov.uk/index/councildemocracy/record_office/heritage_trust.htm

Chairman of the Friends of Devon's Archives

At the AGM in October 2013, Todd Gray stepped down as Chairman of FODA. Nominations for this position were invited in advance of, and during, the AGM. However, no such nominations were received, and there have been no subsequent expressions of interest. At our last committee meeting Pete Best, currently FODA's Treasurer, volunteered to additionally take on the role of Acting Chairman in 2014. However, he is only able to take on this position until this year's AGM, and no other current committee members are able to take on the role. We therefore appeal again for anyone interested in the position to make themselves known to the committee. Without someone to take on the position on a more permanent basis at the next AGM the future viability of FODA could be compromised.

If you are interested, or would like to discuss the role further, please contact Pete Best, Acting Chairman (chairman@foda.org.uk), or Stuart Tyler, Secretary (stuart.tyler@devon.gov.uk), or write to either at c/o Devon Heritage Centre (address above).

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Todd, who was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List for his services to Devon's heritage, including his work as Chairman of FODA.

Plymouth in the First World War

A one-day conference organised by FODA is taking place on 29 March at the Sherwell Centre, Plymouth, 9.30am to 5pm. Please find a flyer for this event attached.