**AGM 29th September 2018**

**FoDA Membership Secretary's report 2018.**

The Friends’ membership “year” runs from January to December. I hope that we have now ironed out the teething problem that we had in switching from the old system. Where members have not paid their subscriptions for a year and have not responded to my chasing letters or e-mails, I have treated their membership as having lapsed.

Our total paid-up membership at 23rd September 2018, counting Family members as 2, stands at 162 – compared with 169 this time last year. These include:

108 individual members - a loss of 1

17 Life members – the same as last year

11 Group members – the same as last year

13 Family members – ie 26 members – a loss of 6 members.

 People who volunteer at the archives in Exeter and Barnstaple have also been invited to sign up to receive details of the Friends’ events without subscribing. So far 11 have taken advantage of that offer.

Sadly I have to report that one member died during the year, Dr Jean Shields.

At this AGM it is not necessary for me to collect next year’s subscriptions. They are not due, under the new arrangements, until 1st January 2019.

Anyone who normally pays by cash or cheque and wants to pay me for 2019 now, please buttonhole me today. In case you are not sure, I have a list with me.

Peter Towey

Membership Secretary

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