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### **Norwich Society AGM: Chairman and Vice Chairman**

At tonight's Annual General Meeting the membership of the Norwich Society ratified **Alec Hartley as their Chairman** for the coming year. Alec Hartley is son of a former Lord Mayor of Norwich, Eric Hartley and of a former Chairman of the Planning Committee, Freda Hartley; he was educated at the City of Norwich School and St Catharine's College, Cambridge. His work as a journalist took him from the regional press in Halifax and Sheffield to the Guardian in Manchester and London where he was Assistant News Editor and a Senior Investigative Journalist. He moved into television news at Thames TV and became a producer for Anglia Television, from where he retired as Political and Business Editor.

The meeting also confirmed the Executive's nomination of **Professor Derek Burke CBE as the Vice Chairman of the Norwich Society for 2009-10**. Professor Burke is best known in Norwich as a former Vice Chancellor of the University of East Anglia from 1987-1995 and as Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk in 1992. He has a long and distinguished career as an academic in biological sciences and as an administrator, lecturer and author. He was Founding Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Warwick 1969-1982 and Vice-President and Scientific Director Allelix Inc., Toronto, Canada 1982-1986. He is an invited speaker at all the main interferon symposia and more recently he has been lecturing widely on ethical and consumer issues arising from genetic modification. His publications include: 'A Strategy for Pastoral Care in a Diocese' in 'Managing the Church? Order and Organisation in a Secular Age' edited by G.R. Evans and Martyn Percy, Sheffield Academic Press, 2000. 'Strategic Church Leadership' in 'Creative Church Leadership'. Modem, 2004. 'BSE, MMR and GM: who's telling the truth?' in 'Can we be sure about anything? Science, faith and postmodernism' edited by D. Alexander, Apollos, 2005.

The Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Jeremy Hooke chaired the AGM in the Music Room of the Assembly House after which Professor Howard Temperley, Emeritus Professor of History gave a most lively and entertaining talk on Thomas Fowell Buxton and the Niger Expedition of 1841. The AGM was well attended with about 100 members present.

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