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Chairman's Comment

The lazy days of summer will be at their apogee when you get this, but plans are well advanced for another winter programme for UKSA.

I have been going to more UKSA company meetings, and beginning to realise how valuable they are both to the company and to shareholders and potential shareholders. These meetings are usually born out of private contacts between individual UKSA members and Company Chairmen or other senior officials (bearding the Chairman after an AGM is a good move). The London team, headed by Nick Steiner, is almost at capacity. Did you realise that if there is a company that interests you and you take the trouble to meet the Chairman and get him interested then we can cement the relationship and help you make the arrangements? And boy, can the insight that our members gain thereby be rewarding!

In this issue you will find Eric Chalker in cracking form as he marks your card for getting the most out of AGMs; and on page 10 you will have the pleasure of a **step-by-step analysis by Peter Parry of what he calls 'the pretence of shareholder governance'**.

To switch to other matters we are getting some professional help with our website. We are limited by money and, in my case, by time. Help in either direction would be greatly appreciated. And welcome by the way to new member Brian Hargreaves who recently sold up his brand communications company and is looking for something to keep himself interested. He has offered to help us with our branding and marketing - particularly welcome as we consider how to use our space at the **London Investor Show**.

You will find more details about the latter on page three. UKSA has a long history of attendance at the show and in addition to its specific purpose you might ponder on the fact that an active stand will be a good advertisement for UKSA and will help our wider objectives.

Good luck

John Hunter