

# Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee

## Annual General Meeting September 5 2011

Doug Weston, deputising for Pat Crane, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Pat Crane and Roy and Norma Garrington. In attendance were Dianne and Mike Bird, Margaret and John Pollard, Keith and Mary Oughton, Jenny and Geoff Weston, Doug and Maggie Weston, Ian and Patsy Paterson, Richard and Elizabeth Spendlove, Jenny Crane, Pam Hood, Denis and Mary Bradley and Pauline Kinch.
2. Minutes from the AGM of Sept 6 2010 had been circulated and were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters Arising; there were no matters arising not on the agenda.
4. Treasurer's report  
The Financial statement was submitted showing a deficit in net funds of £591.05. This was mainly due to the purchase of a second maypole (a decision reported at last year's AGM) and an increase in the number of school sponsorships compared with previous years (details in secretary's report). A donation of £185 from Glenfield Folk's interval refreshment sales was gratefully acknowledged.
5. Secretary's Report  
Geoff Weston gave an oral report in which he outlined the events of the year and commended those involved with their organisation: Patsy Paterson (maypole co-ordinator, newsletter editor and Day of Folk organiser); John Pollard (Symonds Yat); Keith Oughton, (Playford Ball); Doug Weston, (Christmas Mix); Jenny Crane, (CSH visit). In addition to the regular activities the committee, lead by Keith Oughton, has been busy producing a Child Protection Policy. Keith has also been active in extending the website and keeping it up to date. The committee organised days of dance at 8 primary schools, six sponsored by the committee and one each by the Quorn and Burton Overy clubs. The schools were Market Harborough; Woolden Hill, Anstey; Richard Hill, Thurcaston; St, Bartholomews, Quorn; Fosse, Leicester; St, Michael and All Angels, Rearsby and Long Clawson. The committee will hold back on further sponsorships until uncertainties over the financing of some upcoming events are resolved.
6. Membership Secretary  
Pat Crane, the membership secretary, sent a report that membership within the county was 74, down from 77 last year. seven members had not renewed but there were 2 new ones. Group membership has gone up by one.

7. Reports from clubs were received from Quorn, Burton Overy, Friday Folk and Glenfield Folk.
8. Election of Treasurer.

Denis Bradley proposed and John Pollard seconded that Keith Oughton be elected treasurer and this received unanimous agreement.

It was pointed out that each of the Leicestershire clubs could send a member to the committee but several do not take this up. Members from non-represented clubs can be added to the committee at any time.

The present committee is: Chairman, Pat Crane; Secretary, Geoff Weston; Treasurer, Keith Oughton; with members Mike Bird, Keith Clifton, Jenny Crane, John Pollard, Richard Spendlove and Doug Weston..
9. Planned events were discussed. The Symonds Yat weekend is booked for Oct and John reported that a single room had become free due to a cancellation.

Doug had posters and tickets available for the Christmas mix on Dec 4.

Patsy confirmed that the next Day of Folk would be on Feb 4, 2012. Grant applications made so far had not been successful although the committee was still looking. This will obviously have an affect on prices, which will probably have to be considerably higher than the last one for which we received grants totalling £900.
10. Any Other Business:
  - NYFTE are looking for a venue for a concert. Whereas it is too late for us to be involved this year Pat and Patsy wondered if we would be able to offer to host them next year. Denis Bradley considered that we should support this group as part of the committee's commitment to youth activities. He proposed and Patsy seconded a motion that we should offer them deficit financing to a figure of £250. This was carried unanimously.
  - Geoff explained that the committee was considering replacing the display board which was showing signs of wear. He had received two quotes to replace it with a replica of the present board: a sturdy one at £125 and a lighter one for £95. Some members expressed the view that the lettering and images of dancers should be updated, but that the members responsible for the producing the original board should be consulted. This matter will be put on the agenda for an upcoming committee meeting.
  - Mike reminded the meeting of their tea dance on Sunday Sept 25 and their Masked Ball on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. A small number of tickets were available for the ball.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.