

# Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee

## Annual General Meeting September 9 2013

1. Geoff Weston welcomed everyone to the meeting. **Apologies** were received from Roy and Norma Garrington, Doug Weston, Charlie Corcoran, Leicester Morris Men, Joy Duncan, Dianne Bird and Elizabeth Spendlove.

**In attendance** were Mike Bird, Margaret and John Pollard, Keith and Mary Oughton, Jenny and Geoff Weston, Ian and Patsy Paterson, Richard Spendlove, Pat & Jenny Crane, Pam Hood, Pauline Kinch, John & Pauline Osband and Pat Gibbs.

2. **Minutes from the AGM** of September 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 had been circulated and were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike Bird, Seconded by Pat Crane.

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 £350.39. The deficit made at the Playford Ball was due to lower numbers (55 attendees in 2012, 90 in 2010). A healthy profit was made at Christmas Mix. Symmonds Yat is fully booked and there have been no school sponsorships this year. A donation of £130 from Glenfield Folk's interval refreshment sales was gratefully acknowledged. Keith was thanked for his continuous work and clear paperwork. The accounts were accepted and proposed by Richard Spendlove, seconded by Mary Oughton.

#### 5. **Secretary's Report**

Jenny gave an oral report stating the usual programme of events had happened through the year. Thanks to everyone who helps organise them. Work is still on-going for a new district sign and if anyone can help with graphics please get in touch. Enquiries had been made about a trip to CSH for the Tea Dance and Carol Concert but found that this event has been replaced by a different concert. Disappointment was expressed and Jenny will send an email to CSH to express this on the districts behalf.

#### 6. **Membership Secretary**

Jenny reported that current membership is 74 individual members and 15 groups/ sides/ bands.

#### 7. **Reports from clubs**

John Pollard reported that **Burton Overy Dancers** AGM was this week and so no further report available.

Mike Bird gave a report on behalf of **Quorn**; Trevor Brown is the new chair, they have had 43 events during the last year with 22 callers and 10 bands. They've held 3 public dances and are currently preparing for their 6<sup>th</sup> Masked Ball. They have donated £200 to EFDSS as well as sponsored a local school workshop, leading to a small deficit in club funds.

Richard Spendlove gave a report on behalf of **Friday Folk**; they have a membership of 18 dancers and average 11/12 each week. They no longer have outside callers, Frank Gallagher and Richard share the calling. They are financially sound despite lower numbers.

Pat Gibbs gave a report on behalf of **Elmesthorpe**; they continue to meet at the Village Hall on most 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays. Numbers are not great but they are afloat financially. They held 2 Hoedowns last year, 1 made a loss, 1 made a profit, so are organising 1 this year. They have also enjoyed several social events including a garden party with old fashioned games, a walk and skittles. New dancers are always welcome!

Pat Gibbs gave a report on behalf of **Burbage FDC**: they meet on alternate Thursdays at Sketchley Primary School. They have had 3 Saturday dancers, Ian Smith is the new chair. There is a Folk Dance workshop organised for the Over 50s day which is being held at Green Towers, Hinckley on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Pauline & John Osband had sent in a report from **Glenfield Folk**, Jenny read it out. Numbers have remained largely the same, please and surprised to see 20-30 dancers on the first snowy evening. The second snowy evening was cancelled but led to a witty anthology of poems being circulated. Members enjoyed a skittles social evening and the end of term party. Sad to lose two members whom will be remembered with great affection.

#### 8. Election of Treasurer

Keith Oughton said he would be willing to continue as Treasurer, accepted and proposed by Geoff Weston, seconded by Mike Bird.

The present committee is: Chairman, Geoff Weston; Secretary, Jenny Crane; Treasurer, Keith Oughton; with members Mike Bird, Keith Clifton, John Pollard and Doug Weston.

9. **Planned events** were discussed. The Symonds Yat weekend is full as stated in the Treasurer's report, there are 50 residents (including band and caller) and 12 day visitors. There is no-one on a waiting list. John Osband requested that chairs were arranged in the hall so that it was more 'cosy' and not so spread out. Geoff had received posters and tickets for the Christmas mix on December 7<sup>th</sup> which were distributed to club representatives.

#### 10. Any Other Business:

- **Website** – Keith reminded people that articles and club news are always welcome to add onto the website. Send using the forms on the website. Leaflets are available to advertise the site. [www.leicestershireandrutlandfolk.org.uk](http://www.leicestershireandrutlandfolk.org.uk)
- **Quorn Tea Dance** is on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at Quorn Village Hall, 3pm – 6pm. Roy Garrington with Kevin Downham. Tickets £7, cakes in the interval!
- **Quorn Playford Ball** is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Humphrey Perkins. Tickets £19 include Sherry reception and supper. Ian Jones with Kendall Green
- **Archive Evening** – Pauline spoke about the previous archive evening where people have been invited to look at their collection of EFDSS magazines from near the beginning. Pauline asked if another one would be welcome, possible to include and share other archive materials/memories. Would anyone be willing to take over possession of the collection? Contact Pauline and John if interested.
- **Hoedown** will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November at Ashby Road Sports Club in Hinckley. American Supper, Mike Tissington with Kurlly Kale.
- **Rutland Dance Weekend** – spaces available to attend part or all of the weekend (13-15<sup>th</sup> September). Contact Doris Buchanan

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