

Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee

Annual General Meeting September 8 2014

1. Geoff Weston welcomed everybody to the meeting. **Apologies** were received from Doug Weston, Jeremy Searle, Charlie Corcoran, Leicester Morrismen, Pat Crane, Corinne Male, Malcolm Goodall and Pauline Kinch.  
**In attendance** were John & Margaret Pollard, Pauline & John Osband, Mike & Dianne Bird, Richard & Elizabeth Spendlove, Pamela Hood, Mary & Keith Oughton, Pat Gibbs, Pete Griffin, Ian & Patsy Paterson, Geoff & Jenny Weston and Jenny Crane.
2. **Minutes from the AGM** of September 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Margaret Pollard, Seconded by Mike Bird.
3. **Matters Arising**; there were no matters arising not on the agenda.
4. **Treasurer's Report**; The financial statement was submitted showing a surplus in funds of £14.73 for the year. Net funds stand at £1710.29. Two main sources of income the District weekend and Christmas Mix, both made a healthy surplus. Donation of £130 received from Glenfield tea and coffee fund, grateful thanks for the generous donation. £450 was spent sponsoring day workshops in 3 schools. A playpole has been purchased to accompany the maypole, thank you to Patsy for co-ordinating and organising the diary. Thank you to Brian Stevens for auditing the accounts. The accounts were proposed by Mike Bird, Seconded by John Osband.
5. **Secretary's Report**; Jenny gave a verbal report stating the committee continue to meet and have organised similar events but expressed disappointment at Cecil Sharp House changing the Customs and Carols concert which made it unviable to organise a visit from the district. Also no offers had come forwards to organise the Day of Folk, but thank you to Patsy for all her efforts in previous years. Jenny reminded people present that representatives were welcome to join the committee from all clubs!
6. **Membership Secretary**; Jenny reported that current membership is 71 individual members (74 in 2013) and 14 groups/sides/bands (15 in 2013).
7. **Reports from Clubs**  
Mike Bird reported that **Quorn** still meet regularly with a good number of attendees. Extra social events are also well supported. Report on the website.  
Richard Spendlove reported **Friday Folk** continue to meet on Fridays 8-10pm, apart from July and August. Membership is very low (13), so they no longer have outside callers. Frank G and Richard share the calling.  
Pat Gibbs reported that **Elmesthorpe** continue to meet in the Village Hall. They held one Hoedown which went well, rather than the 2 events in previous years. They held social events including a skittles evening and old fashioned games afternoon. Report on the website.  
John Pollard reported that **Burton Overy** have 53 members and 3 honorary members. They met over 42 evenings and had a successful 12<sup>th</sup> Night Tea Dance which will be repeated next year. Social occasions were affected by the weather but fun had by all. They are moving their annual lunch from February to November. Report on website.  
Pauline Osband reported that **Glenfield Folk** had a smooth and hopefully enjoyable season. Numbers are stable and dances provided a suitable varied diet! Social events were held as well as 'A Closer Look' coffee evening where people had opportunity to look through their

collection of dance magazines from 1922 – 2004 (minus 1930-34) and see a wildlife slideshow. £75 was sent to LOROS. Report on the website.

Patsy reported the **maypole** has had a busy season. The maypole has been used at over 28 events varying from schools, Beavers, camping clubs, summer playscheme and a wedding! Report is on the website. Big thank you to Patsy for co-ordinating. Keith added that maypole callers need public liability insurance, which is covered by EFDSS membership as long as you declare with CSH that you are doing 'maypole calling'.

8. The present **committee** who were present (Jenny Crane, Geoff Weston, Keith Oughton, Mike Bird, John Pollard) stated they were happy to remain on the committee, proposed by Patsy Paterson and Seconded by Pauline Osband. Keith Oughton was to remain as treasurer for the next year, proposed by Geoff Weston, seconded by Dianne Bird. It was noted the committee representatives are dominantly dance orientated and to look into representatives from other fields (song and music), there has been an increase in music activities advertising on the website.
9. **Planned Events** were discussed. The district **Playford Ball** is on 11<sup>th</sup> October, tickets still available. Strong advertising has been placed and it is estimated 60 tickets will be sold. Pauline Osband suggested a smaller venue may be sourced for 2 years time if numbers are dropping. **Christmas Mix** is on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Posters and tickets were distributed to clubs present. District weekend in **Symonds Yat** 9-11 October 2015. Kendall Green and Deo Volente are booked and booking forms will be available in February 2015. There is a dance in **Rugby** on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Kevin Downham playing, Ian Whitehead calling. Tickets £8  
**Quorn** have a dance on 29<sup>th</sup> November, Geoff Cubitt with Kurly Kale, at Humphrey Perkins. Quorn programmes were available for people to take with them.  
**Elmesthorpe Hoe Down** is on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Ashby Road Sports Club, Hinckley.  
**Burton Overy Dancers 12<sup>th</sup> Night Dance** is on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015
10. **Any Other Business....**
  - Pauline Osband wanted to ratify how important and valuable she thought supporting the sessions in school was and wanted to congratulate all the people involved.
  - Leaflets were available for dancing holidays to take back to clubs

The meeting closed at 9.00pm