

**Minutes of Leicestershire and Rutland EFDSS District AGM
held on 19th September 2016 at Glenfield Memorial Hall**

1. Geoff welcomed all those **present**: Geoff & Jenny Weston, Ian & Patsy Paterson, Mike Bird, Pam Hood, Richard & Elizabeth Spendlove, Mary & Keith Oughton, Peter Meacock, Jean Emeny, John & Margaret Pollard, Pat Gibbs, Pat Crane, Doug Weston, Pauline & John Osband, Jenny Crane
Apologies were received from: Leicester Morrismen, Charlie Corcoran, Roy Garrington, Dr E Cawte, Pauline Kinch & Dianne Bird
2. **Minutes of the last AGM** (14/09/15): were unanimously accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising**: Geoff explained that following last year's AGM the committee had looked at De Montfort University Beaumont Hall but it was not available in term time and also very expensive. The committee have also recently visited Kibworth Grammar School. The hall is a suitable size and good flooring, however the location was not preferable. John Osband asked about the possibility of going back to the old Grammar School building in Leicester.
4. **Treasurer's Report**: Keith distributed a financial statement and report. Symonds Yat (£314.40) and Christmas Mix (£226.74) last year both made a profit. Grateful thanks to Glenfield Folk for their donation from their tea and coffee fund. The website hosting cost is shared with the local Scottish dancers for the next 3 years. We made a surplus of £412.14 for the last year. Thank you Keith for your clear accounts. Accepted and proposed by Pat Gibbs, Seconded by John Osband and all voted in favour.
5. **Secretary's Report**: Jenny said briefly that the committee have met 3 times in the last year. The usual events have been organised by a core of people and were all successful.
6. **Membership secretary's report**: In 2015 we had 65 individuals and 12 clubs/groups. In 2016 we have 60 individuals and 10 clubs. Jenny stated that Alice Little had left the county hence her two bands no longer members.
7. **Reports from the clubs**:
 - a. **Quorn FDC** – Mike Bird reported that although there has been a decline in numbers they still have lots of fun. A programme involving live and recorded music as well as club and visiting callers has been retained. Their next Playford Ball will be on 11th November 2017.
 - b. **Glenfield Folk** – Pauline & John Osband reported that they had covered 240 dances between September and March and numbers of dancers remained static. A highlight was receiving an Active for Life Health and Wellbeing Award from Blaby Sports Alliance in November. Social events included a skittles night and quiz.
 - c. **Elmesthorpe FDC** – Pat Gibbs reported that they continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays (apart from Easter and Summer) so have had 17 club nights, with an average of 18-20 people. The Hoedown made a profit this year and have had lots of fun, also encouraging new people to join. Social events included a walk at Market Bosworth and Skittles.
 - d. **Burton Overy Dancers** – Peter Meacock reported that they are thriving with 63 members. They have welcomed back returning members as well as new members. Over 41 evenings they have had 17 callers and 24 club callers. They have a new website and also trialled a core dance programme to be reviewed shortly. One highlight has been a 'Write a Dance' competition and they had 8 entries including one with written music. Social events have been well supported including the New Year tea dance and

Annual Dance in March. Future events include a Bonfire Night Barn Dance (5/11/16), 12th Night Tea Dance (8/1/17) and their 30th Annual Dance (4/3/17)

- e. **Rutland FDC** – Peter Meacock reported the club continues to thrive also with 50-60 members. The average attendance is 30+ dancers and have had 60+ evenings including live bands.
 - f. **Maypole** - Patsy Paterson reported that the district 2 maypoles, 1 playpole and Active Arts maypole continue to be well used. Geoff, Pat C and Patsy have all been calling at different schools, community groups and events. Ian went out and danced to 'We Will Rock You' as well as judging a maypole competition. One highlight was dancing at Oakham Castle reopening event. The youngest dancer this year was 4 months old at a Folk Meet. Live music has been provided by Peter Brine and big thanks to everyone involved and supporting. 1 booking received already for next year.
8. **Elections to the committee:** Geoff handed in his resignation and has served on the committee for over 10 years. Other members present (Jenny Crane, Doug Weston, Keith Oughton, Mike Bird, Peter Meacock and John Pollard) all stated they would remain on the committee. Keith was nominated as Treasurer by Geoff, Seconded by Pat Crane and voted unanimously.
9. **Planned Events:**
- a. **Playford Ball** (8/10/16) – so far only 37 tickets have been sold. PLEASE can everyone push and promote at clubs. (Past figures 2010 – 80+, 2012 – 55, 2014 – 59)
 - b. **Christmas Mix** (10/12/16) – tickets and posters were available
 - c. **District weekend** (13th – 15th October 2017) – a provisional booking of the hotel has been made and band and callers.
10. **AOB**
- a. **Children in Need Tea Dance** – the Jerusalem Jammers are organising an event at Countesthorpe VH on 19th November 2016, 2.30 – 5.30. Usual games, stalls, dancing tea and cake. Posters available.
 - b. Thanks were recorded to Geoff Weston for all of his work and time on the committee.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm