

Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 1st 2003

- 1) Apologies were received from: Roy and Norma Garrington. the Lorrison's, Pauline and John Osband, Mike Ward, P and L M StClair, Ian Paterson, Mr and Mrs Wade from Loughborough, Jenny Crane, Jenny Weston
Attending the meeting John and Jean Elliot, Pat Crane, Keith Clifton, John Pollard, G M Pollard, Mary and Keith Oughton, Mike Bird, Howard Fisher, Patsy Paterson, Anne Robinson, John Martin, Keith Clifton

- 2) Minutes from AGM in September 2002 were circulated read and accepted,(with apologies for the spelling of KEITH Oughton) proposed John Elliot seconded Jean Elliot.

- 3) Matters arising from those minutes - would be covered later.

- 6) Reports from
 - (a) Secretary - thanked John Martin for all his work for the District. He is retiring after 8 years and we sent best wishes. Successful events had been held during the year. There was a long discussion of the Licensing Act as it now is. Guidelines for the administration of the Act are in consultation stage and it is expected that 'in the course of time' new licenses will be necessary for premises, not individual clubs. Keith Clifton reported a city Licensing Officer who 'expects no change'. Keith Oughton will continue to monitor the situation for us, thankfully. Patsy paid tribute to Jenny Crane's task of collating entries for our, and National's, Diary Dates.
 - (b) Treasurer is attached. John Pollard asked for slightly greater sponsorship from Clubs for printing 'Diary Dates'. He reported that we expect a very small profit from the District Weekend of Dance at Symonds Yat with 47 folk staying in the hotel, 12 now in bed and breakfast accommodation and about 12 locals joining the Saturday evening dance. There is clearly a fair amount in the banks, and the committee will discuss a donation to Headquarters for a specific use such as Library funds. The report was adopted on the proposal of Geoff Weston, seconded by Keith Oughton. Patsy would send a message of thanks to Tom Smith for his auditor's duties, and ask him to continue.
 - (c) Membership secretary reported 93 members and 10 Club affiliations -Hobby Horse have not affiliated this year as they are effectively dormant. Geoff Weston referred to the up coming 'Weekend of Dance Outs' organised by a group based on Anstey Royale Chalfont Dancers and a local Song Club
We agreed that it is difficult to persuade fellow dancers to join EFDSS.
 - (d) Local Clubs :
Burton Overy now have 48 members, with some 30+ attending most weeks. They had enjoyed Christmas activities together with visitors, and had hosted Barrie Rullimore at the Annual Dance. The display team led by Bronwyn Taylor had performed at Christmas Mix, a Christmas Tree had been entered for the village Christmas Tree Festival, and there had been a donation to the Village Hall. Next February 14th would be the annual dance with Hilary Herbert and the Falconers.