

1) Apologies were received from: Roy and Norma Garrington, the Lorrisons, Mike and Cynthia Ward, Adrienne Burton, Pauline Kinch, Jenny Weston, Keith Oughton  
Attending the meeting were John and Jean Elliott, Pat and Jenny Crane, John and Margaret Pollard, Mary Oughton, Mike and Diane Bird, Howard Fisher, Ian and Patsy Paterson, Pauline and John Osband, Geoff Weston

2) Minutes from AGM in September 2003 were circulated read and accepted, (with apologies that the secretary had muddled Messrs. Bird and Ward again), proposed by Geoff Weston, seconded by John Pollard.

3) Matters arising from those minutes would all be dealt with later.

4) Reports from

(a) Secretary - regretted the resignation of Paul StClair from the committee and asked for more members! It had been a year of successful events: the Weekend of Dance, Christmas Mix at Oakham and the Countesthorpe Day of Dance. Keith Oughton continues to monitor the Licensing Act for us but all seems quiet at the moment.

(b) Treasurer - is attached. John Pollard commented that the District affiliation fee to EFDSS had been paid but not reimbursed from our funds. He explained that we took out extra insurance in case over 100 folk turned up to Christmas Mix, but that the cover in the EFDSS insurance is now for up to 200 people at one event. The final column on the financial report was explained by Howard Fisher as 'the deviation in spending over the two years'. The report was unanimously adopted. Patsy would send a message of thanks to Tom Smith for his auditor's duties.

(c) Membership secretary reported 85 members and 11 Club affiliations - slightly down on last year. There was discussion about persuading others to join EFDSS and making stronger links with Cecil Sharp House - secretary to try harder to send more information to the national chairman and our regional representative.

(d) Local Clubs :

**Burton Overy** Membership is up to 54, including Charles Bolton, with 36 to 40 dancing each week. There had been a very successful annual dance with Hilary Herbert and 3D (as the Falconers had health problems at the last minute,) and next February's dance would feature the Wrights and Stradivarius. The village barn dance had been a great success, as had the usual Christmas and New Year events.

**Friday Folk** had no representative present, we think they have a new lady chair.

**Glenfield Folk** have attendances of around 48 to 52. The demonstration team numbers are now up to 20. Donations have been sent to Cecil Sharp House for a piano cover and for the cushions in Kennedy Hall to be recovered, and to the Oncology Ward at Leicester Royal Infirmary. We helped celebrate Glenfield Memorial Hall's 40<sup>th</sup> year with a dance and a financial gift to the hall and the summer series of social dancing raised money which went to the East Midlands Air Ambulance.

**Quorn Folk Dance Club** are keeping up a similar level of activity to last year. Mike Bird reported that 'sad deaths sobered us up for some time'. The Playford Ball was a highlight and has now become institutionalised. There had been the usual Saturday dances, and no famous newcomers, just a Russian dentist. The usual social activities have continued. The