

Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 5th 2005

1) Apologies were received from: Roy and Norma Garrington, the Lorrison's, Diane Bird, Maureen Silvester, David Mizen, Pauline Kinch, John and Jean Elliott

Attending the meeting were Pat and Jenny Crane, John and Margaret Pollard, Mary and Keith Oughton, Mike Bird, Ian and Patsy Paterson, Pauline and John Osband, Geoff Weston, Dorothy Winfield.

After making us a welcome drink, Pat Crane took the chair, welcomed everyone, and thanked Pauline and John Osband for unlocking the building on the absence through illness of John Elliott. We all signed a card for John, which John Osband agreed to deliver.

2) Minutes from AGM in September 2004 were circulated read and accepted, proposed by Pauline Osband, seconded by John Pollard.

3) Matters arising from those minutes - Pat Crane said we hadn't actually made any progress on additional Folk input to the Early Music Festival, but the Osbands reported that they had attended the enjoyable Saturday evening concert. They had also been at a successful Playford workshop.

All other matters would be dealt with later.

4) Reports from

(a) Secretary - reported on a busy year, and thanked Jenny Crane for her work with Diary Dates and Ian Paterson for publicity work - including lay out of the newsletters which seem to be popular.

(b) Treasurer - is attached. The auditor had made various comments for future action, and we were asked from the meeting to indicate in the Newsletter how events had done financially. The report was adopted, proposed Mike Bird, seconded Geoff Weston, with thanks to John Pollard.

Patsy would send a message of thanks and tickets for the Trafalgar Dance to Tom Smith for his auditor's duties.

(c) Membership secretary reported 80 members and 10 Club affiliations - slightly down on last year. There was discussion about persuading others to join EFDSS but most of us agreed that joining as an individual is something of 'an act of altruism'

(d) Local Clubs :

Burton Overy is thriving! Events had included the annual dance in February, an annual lunch, a Boxing Day get together, and one on New Year's Eve, and a highly successful evening with American caller Gene Murrow. John reported several dual members shared with other clubs.

Friday Folk had no representative present, Keith Clifton had got lost en route.

Glenfield Folk reported 'nothing very sensational', and Pauline pointed out that it runs more as a very friendly class than a club. We had had a Playford Party on New Year's Day, and the Woodhouse Waltz and Garden Dance had been very successful enabling a donation of £200 to go to Cecil Sharp House to help with staging for Trefusis.

Quorn Folk Dance Club has a membership of 56. Mike Bird referred to a busy social whirl as well as many dance initiatives, and the ongoing success of the CD produced and