

Leicestershire & Rutland District Folk Committee

Annual General Meeting September 8th 2008

Pat Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Richard Parsons, Roy and Norma Garrington, Keith Clifton, Adrienne Burgess, Corinne Male, Mr and Mrs Lorrison, Pauline and John Osband, Baz Butler, Jean Forrester, Pauline Kinch and David Mizen.

In attendance were Margaret and John Pollard, Mary and Keith Oughton, Jenny and Geoff Weston, Doug and Maggie Weston, Ian and Patsy Paterson, John Fear, Mike and Dianne Bird, Richard and Elizabeth Spendlove, Dennis and Mary Bradley, Jenny Crane, Pat Crane, Pat Gibbs, and Joy Noble-Rollin.

2. Minutes from the AGM of Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 had been circulated. Mike Bird proposed their acceptance; seconded by Doug Weston and carried unanimously.
3. Matters Arising; there were no matters arising not on the agenda.
4. Treasurer's report  
The Financial statement was presented. It was proposed (Denis Bradley) and seconded (John Pollard) that the statement be accepted and this was passed unanimously.
5. Secretary's Report  
Geoff Weston read out his report in which he described some of the events of the year. A successful Day of Folk was, once again, organised by Patsy. The 2008 Playford ball would be at Braunstone Civic Centre and the 2009 Symonds Yat weekend would be directed by Ian Jones with Cumbrian Gap. Pat Crane had attended a consultation event for a Manifesto for Public Participation in the Arts and Crafts which promised an as yet unreceived framework document. The committee had decided to sponsor two school days of dance to be run by Jane Pfaff, a professional folk dance teacher. The first of these was held at Glebelands primary school in June, with great success. That at St Margaret's, Stoke Golding, had been arranged for Oct.
6. Membership report  
Pat Crane, reported that membership within the county had increased from 83 to 88.
7. Election of Officers and committee members.  
All members of the committee were prepared to stand again. Margaret Pollard proposed and Denis Bradley seconded the re-appointment of the whole committee and this was accepted unanimously.  
Patsy Paterson proposed and Jenny Crane seconded the election of Keith Oughton as treasurer- accepted unanimously.
8. In addition to the planned events referred to above it was decided to visit Cecil Sharp House for the annual tea dance and carol concert. Jenny Crane would organise this.
9. Any Other Business  
Patsy thanked those clubs which had submitted reports and she, herself, was thanked for the work she does on the newsletter.  
Jenny Crane is still working on updating the lists of callers and bands.  
The meeting closed at 8.55.