



CALNE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

The Presidency: Carole Browne

Calne Music and Arts Festival Society is a registered charity No.276875

AGM AGENDA

Thursday January 16th – 7.30 pm
Marden House - Calne

- 1. Present** - Carole Browne, Glenis Ansell, Lesley Hunt, Joan Woodman, Paul Woodman, Mary Gray, Robert MacNaughton, Gordon Burns, Anne Davey, Peter Grant, Mary Pilcher-Clayton, David Bowker-Praed, David Buckeridge, Mary Marsh, Diana Lowe, Mary Nash
- 2. Apologies:** Hilary Wright, Simon Parker, Jacquie Fox, Gillian Minter, Simon Parker, Edith Pearson, David Evans, Jane Rowell
- 3. President's Welcome** - Carole welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for coming. She opened the meeting.
- 4. Minutes of the last AGM** (see attached) the minutes of the 2013 AGM were approved. Prop. Joan Sec. David - Carried
- 5. Matters Arising:** A suggested change in wording in the constitution to include 'vulnerable adults' was deemed after due consideration as unnecessary. Also as we do not collect data we are not breaking the data protection act.
- 6. Treasurers Report:** (see attached)
Copies were distributed.
Paul reported a deficit of £1,930 in 2013 where there had been a profit of £4240 in 2012. He felt this was not a worry as we are essentially a non profit making group that provides art and music to the community. There had been a Patrons deficit - £405, a sponsors deficit £1080, ticket sales were down ££2705 and HMRC figures last year had included some catch up funds to give an unreal picture. All told £6223 down.
However our assets are good – a cushion of £13,149.
Simon has had £5,150 funding for the Wartime Memorial Project. This lottery money is a part of a payment of £13,500 and there are more stage payments to come.
Robert asked if we gave money to other charities – we do intend to sponsor a promising, musically talented student in JBS who needs funding for lessons – this would be for £500. This would uphold the purpose of CMAF which is to educate and promote Music and Art in Calne. However it is illegal for a charity to give money to another charity.
Diana Lowe asked if the festival folded where would the money go? Glenis said it has to go to another similar charity as stated in the constitution. Prop. Mary P-C Sec Mary Gray - Carried

At this point Peter was asked to explain the Music in Action - War Memorial project. As it is 100 years since the start of World War 1 the project is a celebration to all local people involved in the war. Simon and Peter -the organisers are working with Music In Action, Springfields, JBS, and St. Mary's to research the names of people on the Calne War Memorial. They will be trained to collect Oral History and Sue Boddington will help with research. Once the histories are collected a group of professional musicians from Bath will help the students to put together a musical concert. A professional film crew will help Springfields provide visual stimulus and the resulting Audio Visual performance will be publicly performed in June.



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Thoughts were expressed that if this succeeds well a similar project for WW2 could be a future project when more 1st hand information could be sought.

7. Art Director's Report – (see attached) Copies were circulated. Gordon reported that the Art exhibition had surpassed last year. It had profited well despite fewer entries – 248 (296 in 2012)

Submission revenue - £774. 32 were sold which is 13% and this earned £288 commission. Gordon reported that the Open Studios were poorly supported and questioned what to do. He explained that after discussion there will be a variable entry price dependent on picture size. It is always a problem to find stewards for the exhibition and suggested that the entry fee for a picture could be refunded if an artist volunteered to steward. He thanked Lydia and Mick for their tireless stewarding and enthusiasm. He felt the atmosphere of the exhibition could be improved with back ground music – live music from local people. This was met with enthusiasm. A café was also a suggestion (Lydia)

The Best Artist U25 was proving a difficult area as there are not any entries and he felt this prize given by the Calne Artist Group should be reviewed. Gordon also felt there should be an age limit for entries in Marden House and that work by very young artists should be put in the Children's Library exhibition – where prizes are also given by the festival and Gill and David Reeves.

Gordon then announced that due to work commitments he will have to stand down as the main Art Director but will remain on the committee and still run the main festival Art exhibition. He hopes that someone will take on the role of promoting Art in Calne and looked forward to more community Art outside of Arts Week. David B P said he was willing to help.

Carole and Diana Lowe both expressed their gratitude to Graham for all his hard work and were joined by all present. Prop Lesley, Sec Robert, Carried

8. Chairman's Report - Glenis proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon for his 6 years as Art Director and expressed delight that he is not disappearing.

She said that the 2013 Festival had been a great success with a varied and excellent programme. The committee had worked tirelessly and we were fortunate to have Carole as President. We were grateful to Edward Spearey and Robin who stepped up to man the bar during the festival as well Lydia, Mick and other festival helpers. We were very pleased that Joan and Paul Woodman had rejoined the committee and that Robert MacNaughton had joined as the Council representative. Glenis acknowledged the revamped programme and tickets and thought the 'flappy flags' had helped to promote and advertise the festival.

2014 is the 40th festival and Glenis announced that new celebratory events were planned. At this point she announced that due to Joan's diligent work we are to host the highly prestigious radio programme 'Any Questions' with Jonathon Dimpleby at JBS during the 2014 Festival on Friday 10th October. Joan said she was sure that there would be great support for this event and hoped for student involvement. Tickets would be free and the BBC donates £100 towards the cost of the venue. All political parties will be informed, given tickets and represented. Joan was thanked for her work in booking this event.

In the next festival Glenis wants to remember all the people who had helped with the festival during all the years and information from the archives so carefully kept by Audrey Currell will be



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researched. Glenis thanked all the venue promoters and sponsors – Bevirs, Calne Artists Group, Skylight Publishing and Gill and David Reeves. She also expressed a big thank you to Kevin and The Town Council for manning the box office and all audiences. Prop Gordon, Sec Lesley - Carried

9. Vote on Resolutions – there were no resolutions

10. Nominations for new committee members:

Mary Marsh has volunteered to join the committee and stand as secretary and the committee was unanimously voted to stay. Prop David BP , Sec Lesley - Carried

11. Present committee -

Glenis Ansell – chairperson and Town Council Representative.

Carole Browne - President

Lesley Hunt -secretary

Anne Davey Patrons -Secretary

Simon Parker -Music Advisor

Gordon Burns -Art Director

Peter Grant

Robert Mac Naughton – Town Council Representative

Mary Pilcher Clayton

Hilary Wright

Paul Woodman

Joan Woodman

David Bowker-Praed

12. AOB - It was suggested that we approached performers from 40years ago to perform in the next festival.

13. Paul thanked David Hubbard for auditing the accounts. He asks for payment to be a cheque to Cherhill PCC and the committee agreed to send wine also.

14. As there has been a glitch in the Friends information a new system will be used so that all Friends are informed of events.

Glenis thanked people for attending the AGM.

Meeting closed at **8-40** for refreshments.