



CALNE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

The Presidency: Carole Browne

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

AGM AGENDA **Thursday February 28th – 7.30 pm** **Marden House**

Present: Carole Browne, Glenis Ansell, Maggie Garratt, Anne Davey, Simon Parker, Gordon Burns, Peter Grant, Mary Pilcher- Clayton, Christina Cook, Mary Gray, David Bowker Praed, Michael Benson, David Evans, Paul Woodman, Joan Woodman, John Forsyth, Tim Buckeridge, Gillian Duggan, Jackie Schuman, Hilary Wright, Lesley Hunt.

1. **Apologies:** Jackie Fox, Bob and Dawn Straker-Cook, Audrey Currell, Hugh Pilcher-Clayton, Jane Bowker- Praed
2. **President's Welcome** - (see attached)
Carole thanked the committee for all their hard work and support before and during the 2012 festival. She remarked that it had been a very successful festival and there was a very good variety of good quality events. As Hugh Pilcher-Clayton had had to resign from the Chairman's position Carole welcomed Glenis as the new Chairperson. She explained that Glenis is a past festival performer. Carole announced that sadly Maggie is leaving the committee and her post as Treasurer. She thanked Maggie for all her diligent work in getting the accounts on a firm, professional footing. Tokens of appreciation were given to Hugh and Maggie.
3. **Minutes of the last AGM** (see attached) passed- proposed Glenis Ansell, seconded Lesley Hunt.
4. **Matters Arising:** At the last AGM Michael Benton had proposed that a Boogie-Woogie evening should be held during the festival. It was held and a great success, Michael was thanked for organising the event and gaining sponsorship from Rupert Bolt Electrical Contractors and a keg of beer from Moles Brewery.
5. **Treasurers Report:** (see attached)
Maggie reported that the year had begun with £4051 and ended with £8324 - thus a surplus in excess of £4000. The reasons given were; a lighter budget was set for the festival. There was an increase in ticket sales – the box office in the Calne information Centre was thanked for all their help – in particular Kevin. Gift Aid – 4 years' worth of money was all reimbursed this year. A sponsorship increase, the Town Council waved their fee for the Town Hall hire – thanked. Maggie said that it had been a good financial and artistic year. She thanked David Hubbard for his prompt action in auditing the accounts. £4000 has been transferred to the Charity a/c (with a slightly more favoured interest) due to the healthy excess. £4827 is in the a/c today (28th Feb) Accounts acceptance proposed by Glenis, seconded by Lesley.



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6. **Art Director's Report** –(see attached)

Gordon Burns thanked all those who had helped to organise the Art exhibition. He reported that the revenue was down on last year and suggested it was due to the impact of the UK's poor economy.

He felt that the standard of work was higher; there was the same number of paintings as exhibited as last year as well as the same number of visitors. The paintings that were sold were of a lower value than last year.

There had been 296 submissions of work, giving revenue of £870. 4% (12) had sold as against 30 last year. Catalogue sales were £143.

Gordon suggested that next year we should try to record numbers visiting the exhibition. He also suggested charges could be made according to the size of a painting.

Competition winners – Public vote Weston Pier – John Harris

- a. Bowood Lake – Peter Collier
- b. St Edmund – Paul Blake

Skylight Publishing award - Brian Dunlop

Children's Art Anna Bunton (Cherhill)

- ii. Isobel Hutchins (Holy Trinity)

Lesley was thanked for organising the Children's Art Exhibition.

Accepted - proposed Lesley seconded Joan

7. **Chairman's Report:** (see attached)

Glenis reported that she had had a very busy year. Losing Hugh, Joan and Paul Woodman (bar) and Maggie were bitter blows. However it had been a good festival. It had started a day earlier. Glenis spoke of the concern over less festival friends and felt the festival profile needed to be raised. She thought events could be held throughout the year and outside the usual Festival time. She would like the festival to raise money for After School children's clubs. This necessitates the addition of the Child Protection Policy to the constitution. As well as thanking all the committee for all their hard work Glenis thanked her son Oli for bar work and Michael Benson for organising such a successful and entertaining Boogie Woogie night.

Report accepted – Proposed Peter, seconded Gordon.

8. **Vote on Resolutions** – Two new resolutions were suggested as additions to the constitution (see attached) – Adding the child Protection Policy, Setting up a charitable trust for Young Musicians should the festival committee fold - both passed – proposed by Carole and seconded by David Evans.

It was then suggested that policies for Vulnerable Adults, data protection policy and equal opportunities should also be added.



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9. **Nominations for new committee members:**

Hilary Wright, Paul Woodman, Joan Woodman and David Bowker -Praed volunteered to be added to the committee.

Paul has agreed to take on the post of Treasurer.

All these nominations were accepted - proposed Carole seconded Lesley. Mary Gray said she could help at evening events.

10. **Election of Committee.**

The committee was accepted - proposed Mary seconded John Forsyth.

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

Mary Pilcher Clayton

New members

Hilary Wright

Paul Woodman

Joan Woodman

David Bowker-Praed

AOB - There was a suggestion that The Irish Evening should be re-instated in the programme.

Simon gave a brief outline of a few events that are booked for this year's festival but explained that there were still proposed events to be confirmed.

It was suggested that the committee should be more pro-active in ticket sales and publicity.

It was explained that Calne Choral had made a decision not to perform in this year's festival due to difficulties with timing rehearsals after a summer break.

It was suggested a survey could be made to canvas people's ideas for the Festival events – perhaps involving Sainsbury.

Michael Benton said that Moles Brewery would like to be involved in the festival again and that he would explore this.

Meeting ended at 8-40. Refreshments were served and musical entertainment was provided by Mary Pilcher-Clayton.