



## CHILTERN DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY

### Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 4th May 2012

**Present:** 64 Members attended

**Apologies:** None were received

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 2011 AGM had been circulated to all members. There being no points arising, they were signed by the Chairman, Gwyndaf John.

**Chairman's Report:** Gwyndaf John welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief review of the events which had taken place since the 2011 AGM, all of which had been well supported and thoroughly enjoyed. The recent St David's Day Dinner had been a great success, with Roy Noble giving a highly entertaining speech. Thanks were given to Jonathan & Jayne Pegler for hosting the Christmas Drinks and to Ralph & Margaret Broomby for hosting the Summer Lunch and to all members who had helped in organising Society events.

Members were reminded of events still to come which would include a June walk at the BB0WT Reserve at Warburg, with lunch at a nearby pub. In July a visit to The Houses of Parliament had been arranged. A theatre trip was also being planned for the Autumn. The chairman drew members' attention to the date of The Summer Lunch which would take place on June 10th, at the home of Tony & Irene Glyn-Jones. He confirmed that the popular Golf Day will be played at Oakland Park in September. Tickets had been obtained for the biennial Festival of Male Voice Choirs and the year would end with Christmas Drinks hosted by Jonathan & Jayne Pegler

The chairman then highlighted that the two new events, to Buckingham Palace State Apartments, Jewels & Garden and the Oxford College Tour are expected to be oversubscribed. He explained that in the interest of fairness, tickets would be allocated on "a first come first served basis" but members would be asked to mark their first choice. They would get priority for their first choice but would only get a ticket for their second choice event if sufficient places were available after first choices were satisfied. In this way, it was hoped, that everyone would receive a ticket for at least one of the events. Members were informed that an occasional informal evening, in a local pub, had been tried, to give the opportunity to of speaking in Welsh. Everyone was welcome, and those interested would be notified of the details of the next one.

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In conclusion Gwyndaf John expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to Ann Tennant for consistently providing delicious catering at Society events.

**Membership Secretary's Report:** Gwyndaf John confirmed that there were currently 83 paid up members. A new membership list will be produced.

**Treasurer's Report:** Graham Beavan presented the Accounts, which had been sent to all members and were available on each table. He explained that there was no profit on the Houses of Parliament trip as the figure shown was offset by the deposit of £280 in the previous year's accounts. He also confirmed that a float of £2,000 was needed for the issuing of deposits for future events. The treasurer reminded members that the Society year runs from April 1st and subscriptions are due by that date. He requested that future subscriptions be paid by Standing Order, the details of which had been sent to all members.

The Chairman thanked Graham and asked the meeting to accept the Accounts

Proposed: Gwyn Owen Seconded: Jean Owen Carried unanimously.

**Election of Officers and Committee Members:** Gwyndaf confirmed that he would remain as Chairman for a further year with Jonathan Peglar as Vice Chairman. Also, as there had been no nominations for new members to join the committee, the Chairman asked that the existing committee and officers continue in their roles.

Proposed: Muriel Knight Seconded: Verlie Heale Carried unanimously.

**AOB:** Gwyndaf offered thanks to David Powell for his excellent work on updating the Society's website and to the committee for their support and hard work. The formal business being completed the members then enjoyed a delicious buffet supper produced by Ann Tennant and entertainment from the Barbershop Quartet.

Kay Day. 11th May 2012