

Chiltern District Welsh Society

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Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting

at Coleshill Village Hall May 20th 2022 7.00pm

Present:

31 Members including committee members Colin Picton, David Powell, Gwyndaf John, Barrie Reece, Jonathan Pegler, Ruth Huckle, Merle Davies

Apologies:

Ann Evans, Ann Lawrence, Kay Day. Apologies also received from members Ann Thomas, John Breese, Graham and Anthea Turner, David and Anne Payne, Bridget Murray, Gail Thomas, Eileen Turner, Kerry and Frank Birbeck.

- Our Chairman Colin Picton opened the meeting by greeting everyone with a welcome to a live AGM after 2 years previously on Zoom. He introduced slides presented by David which represented events of the last 22 years. Colin expressed the feelings of all members in sending best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ann Lawrence.
- 2 Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting were unanimously approved

3 Chairman's Report

After saying how good it was to be meeting in person again, Colin reviewed the events of the past year.

The SUMMER LUNCH was a success - twice! Thanks were expressed to Peter and Beth Sykes-Johnson for hosting.

The GOLF DAY was again enjoyable thanks to Gwyndaf and Rob Britton The CHRISTMAS DRINKS event, hosted by Ralph and Margaret Broomby was, as usual, a convivial and cheering experience.

A formidable QUIZ, devised and presented by Jonathan, tested the little grey cells to the limit.

The ST. DAVID'S DAY dinner, held at Gerrards Cross Golf Club, was a huge success. Over 70 members enjoyed a delightful dinner in a very pleasant venue, with a wonderful recital from Angharad Rowlands.

The SPRING WALK, arranged by Gwyndaf and Janet, explored the floral delights of the Coleshill area.

Colin announced that Jonathan would be leaving his position as Treasurer. Over the years, Jonathan has worn many hats, including Quiz Master, and organiser of many enjoyable trips to Wales.

Diane and Colin Thomas will be hosting this year's Summer Lunch. Barrie proposed and Kate seconded approval of the Chairman's Report.



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4 Membership Report

Membership Numbers remain at 110.

5 Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Presented by Jonathan for the last time. For the year ending 31st March, assets were approximately £3000. Some money was used to subsidise events, but, in general, events are self-funded.

Barrie proposed and Merle seconded a vote of thanks to Jonathan for all his work. We are appealing for someone to replace Jonathan as Treasurer. David has agreed to fill the gap in the interim, but he also has several other commitments.

6 Committee

Election of Committee

CHAIR. Colin Picton. Proposed by Jonathan and Merle.

VICE CHAIR. Barrie Reece. Proposed by Kate Picton and Gwyndaf.

MINUTES SECRETARY. Merle Davies. Proposed by Kate and Jonathan.

MEMBERSHIP. Ann Lawrence. Proposed by David and Kate.

SECRETARY. Gwyndaf John. Proposed by Bill Jones and Rob Britton.

Kay Day, Proposed by David and Jonathan.

David Powell, Proposed by Merle and Ann Britton.

Ruth Huckle. Proposed by Bill and David.

7 AOB

Colin presented a bottle of wine to Jonathan, thanking him on behalf of the Society for all his efforts. Jonathan said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time in all his roles in the Society.

8 Post-AGM

After the conclusion of the business part of the evening, members enjoyed a delicious supper provided by Ann Tennant. Throughout the meal, we were entertained by a backdrop of David's slides, showing members at many Society events over the years...

The evening ended with a nostalgic visit to well-loved hymns and arias, accompanied by Barrie at the piano.

Noson fendigedig!